# Double Roman domination in graphs: algorithmic complexity 

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#### Abstract

Let $G=(V, E)$ be a graph. A double Roman dominating function (DRDF) of $G$ is a function $f: V \rightarrow\{0,1,2,3\}$ such that, for each $v \in V$ with $f(v)=0$, there is a vertex $u$ adjacent to $v$ with $f(u)=3$ or there are vertices $x$ and $y$ adjacent to $v$ such that $f(x)=f(y)=2$ and for each $v \in V$ with $f(v)=1$, there is a vertex $u$ adjacent to $v$ with $f(u)>1$. The weight of a DRDF $f$ is $f(V)=\sum_{v \in V} f(v)$. Let $n$ and $k$ be integers such that $3 \leq 2 k+1 \leq n$. The generalized Petersen graph $G P(n, k)=(V, E)$ is the graph with $V=\left\{u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{n}\right\} \cup\left\{v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n}\right\}$ and $E=\left\{u_{i} u_{i+1}, u_{i} v_{i}, v_{i} v_{i+k}: 1 \leq i \leq n\right\}$, where addition is taken modulo $n$. In this paper, we firstly prove that the decision problem associated with double Roman domination is NP-complete even restricted to planar bipartite graphs with maximum degree at most 4. Next, we give a dynamic programming algorithm for computing a minimum DRDF (i.e., a DRDF with minimum weight along all DRDFs) of $G P(n, k)$ in $O\left(n 81^{k}\right)$ time and space and so a minimum DRDF of $G P(n, O(1))$ can be computed in $O(n)$ time and space.


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## 1. Introduction

Let $G=(V, E)$ be a graph with the vertex set $V$ and the edge set $E$. Here, we study finite, simple and undirected graphs. The open neighborhood of a vertex $v \in V$ is $N_{G}(v)=\{u \in V: u v \in E\}$ and the closed neighborhood of $v$ is $N_{G}[v]=N_{G}(v) \cup\{v\}$. The degree of $v \in V$, denoted by $\operatorname{deg}_{G}(v)$, is the cardinality of $N_{G}(v)$. For any $S \subseteq V$ the induced subgraph $G[S]$ is the graph whose vertex set is $S$ and whose edge set consists of all edges in $E$ that have both endpoints in $S$. If $\operatorname{deg}_{G}(v)=1$, then $v$ is called a pendant vertex of $G$.
The graph $G$ is called a bipartite graph if $V$ can be partitioned into two subsets $X$ and $Y$ such that each edge in $E$ has one end in $X$ and one end in $Y$, denoted by (C) 2023 Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University
$G=(X, Y, E)$. A tree is a connected graph with no cycles. A tree $T=(V, E)$ is called a star if $|V|=2$ or $|V| \geq 3$ and $T$ contains exactly one vertex that is not pendant that is called the central vertex of the star. A path is a tree with exactly two pendants and a triad is three paths with a common end.
A function $f: V \rightarrow\{0,1,2\}$ is called a Roman dominating function of $G$ if for every vertex $v \in V$ with $f(v)=0$, there is a vertex $u \in N(v)$ with $f(u)=2$. Roman domination was initially motivated by the defence of the Roman empire. In the main problem, a city may be defended by using one of the two legions from a neighboring city. Beeler et al. [5] first initiated the study of double Roman dominating functions, a stronger version of Roman domination functions that can defend any attack by at least two legions. A double Roman dominating function (DRDF) of $G$ is a function $f: V \rightarrow\{0,1,2,3\}$ such that:
(i) for each $v \in V$ with $f(v)=0$, there is a vertex $u \in N_{G}(v)$ with $f(u)=3$ or there are vertices $x, y \in N_{G}(v)$ with $f(x)=f(y)=2$, and
(ii) for each $v \in V$ with $f(v)=1$, there is a vertex $u \in N_{G}(v)$ with $f(u)>1$.

For a DRDF $f$ of $G$, we use the notation $f=\left(V_{0}, V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)$, where $V_{i}$ is the set of all vertices of $G$ with label $i$ under $f$ for each $i \in\{0,1,2,3\}$. The weight of a DRDF $f$, denoted by $w(f)$, is $f(V)=\sum_{v \in V} f(v)$. The double Roman domination number of $G$, denoted by $\gamma_{d R}(G)$, is the minimum weight of a DRDF of $G$ between all DRDFs of $G$. A minimum DRDF of $G$ is a DRDF $f$ of $G$ with $w(f)=\gamma_{d R}(G)$.
Variants of double Roman domination of graphs have been studied extensively in the literature, for example $[2,3,6,8,9,13]$. The decision problem associated with the double Roman domination is NP-complete even when restricted to bipartite graphs and chordal graphs [1, 7], star convex bipartite graphs and tree convex bipartite graphs [11] and undirected path graphs, chordal bipartite graphs and circle graphs [4]. There are linear time algorithms for computing the double Roman domination number of special classes of graphs such as proper interval graphs and block graphs [4], trees [15], and unicyclic graphs [12].
Let $n$ and $k$ be integers such that $3 \leq 2 k+1 \leq n$. Watkins [14] has introduced the generalized Petersen graph $\operatorname{GP}(n, k)=(V, E)$ as the graph with the vertex set $V=\left\{u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{n}\right\} \cup\left\{v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n}\right\}$ and the edge set $E=\left\{u_{i} u_{i+1}, u_{i} v_{i}, v_{i} v_{i+k}\right.$ : $1 \leq i \leq n\}$, where the subscripts are added modulo $n$.
In this paper, we first prove that the decision problem associated with the double Roman domination is NP-complete even when restricted to planar bipartite graphs with maximum degree at most 4. Then, we propose an algorithm to compute a minimum DRDF of $G P(n, k)$ in $O\left(n 81^{k}\right)$ time and space. For this purpose we first propose an algorithm based on a dynamic programming approach to compute $\gamma_{d R}(G P(n, k))$ and then using a backtracking search algorithm we find a minimum DRDF of $G P(n, k)$ in $O\left(n 81^{k}\right)$ time and space. As a result, we can compute a minimum DRDF of $G P(n, O(1))$ in $O(n)$ time and space.


Figure 1. Illustrating the gadget $G_{e}$, where $e=u v$.

## 2. Hardness

In this section we study the computational complexity of the following decision problem.

## Double Roman Domination (DRD) problem:

Instance: A graph $G$ and a positive integer $t$.
Question: Is there a DRDF $f$ on $G$ with $w(f) \leq t$ ?

We prove that the DRD problem is NP-complete even when restricted to planner bipartite graphs with maximum degree at most 4. We introduce a reduction from the vertex cover (VC) problem to the DRD problem, where VC is the problem of deciding whether given a graph $G=(V, E)$ and a positive integer $k$, there is a vertex cover (i.e., a set $S \subseteq V$ such that each edge has at least one endpoint in $S$ ) in $G$ with cardinality at most $k$. The VC problem is NP-complete even when restricted to 2 -connected planar cubic graphs [10].
For a given 2-connected planar cubic graph $G=(V, E)$, let $H$ be a graph constructed from $G$ by replacing each edge $e=u v$ in $G$ by a gadget $G_{e}$ illustrated in Figure 1. The graph $H$ is a planar bipartite graph with maximum degree at most 4 that can be constructed in polynomial time of $|E|$. Let $\beta(G)$ denote the vertex covering number of a graph $G$. In the rest of the paper, we need the following result of Beeler et. al. [5].

Corollary 1. For any graph $G$, there is a minimum DRDF $f=\left(V_{0}, V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)$ with $V_{1}=\emptyset$.

Lemma 1. Given a 2-connected planar cubic graph $G$, let $H$ be a graph constructed from $G$ by replacing each edge $e=u v$ in $G$ by a gadget $G_{e}$ illustrated in Figure 1. Then, $\gamma_{d R}(H)=\beta(G)+2|V(G)|+6|E(G)|$.

Proof. Let $D$ be a vertex cover of $G$ with $|D|=\beta(G)$. Let $e=u v$ be an edge in $E(G)$. At least one of vertices $u$ and $v$ is in $D$. We construct a DRDF $f$ of $H$ as follows. Initially, set $D_{3}^{\prime}$ to be the empty set. Add $w_{e}$ to $D_{3}^{\prime}$. If $v \notin D$, then add $v^{\prime \prime}$ to $D_{3}^{\prime}$, if $u \notin D$, then add $u^{\prime \prime}$ to $D_{3}^{\prime}$, and if both $u$ and $v$ are in $D$, then add $u^{\prime \prime}$ to $D_{3}^{\prime}$. Thus, $\left|D_{3}^{\prime}\right|=2|E(G)|$. Let $f=\left(V(H) \backslash\left(D_{3}^{\prime} \cup V(G)\right), \emptyset, V(G) \backslash D, D_{3}^{\prime} \cup D\right)$. We obtain that $f$ is a DRDF of $H$ with $w(f)=2|V(G) \backslash D|+3\left|D_{3}^{\prime} \cup D\right|=\beta(G)+2|V(G)|+6|E(G)|$ and so $\gamma_{d R}(H) \leq w(f)$.
On the other hand, by Corollary 1 , let $g=\left(V_{0}^{g}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{g}, V_{3}^{g}\right)$ be a minimum DRDF of $H$. Let $e=u v \in E(G)$. If $g\left(x_{e}\right)+g\left(y_{e}\right)>0$, then $g\left(x_{e}\right)+g\left(y_{e}\right)+g\left(w_{e}\right)>3$. By replacing both $g\left(x_{e}\right)$ and $g\left(y_{e}\right)$ by 0 and $g\left(w_{e}\right)$ by 3 , we obtain a new DRDF of $H$ with weight less than $w(g)$, contradicting that $g$ is a minimum DRDF of $H$. Hence, $g\left(x_{e}\right)=g\left(y_{e}\right)=0$ and $g\left(w_{e}\right)=3$. Similarly, $g\left(a_{e}\right)=g\left(b_{e}\right)=0$ and so either at least one of vertices $u^{\prime \prime}$ and $v^{\prime \prime}$ is in $V_{3}^{g}$ or both $u^{\prime \prime}$ and $v^{\prime \prime}$ are in $V_{2}^{g}$. Assume $g\left(u^{\prime \prime}\right)=g\left(v^{\prime \prime}\right)=2$. If $g(u)=3$ (respectively, $g(v)=3$ ), then by replacing $g\left(u^{\prime \prime}\right)$ and $g\left(v^{\prime \prime}\right)$ by 0 and 3 (resp., 3 and 0 ), respectively, we obtain a new DRDF of $H$ with weight less than $w(g)$, a contradiction. So, both $u$ and $v$ are not in $V_{3}^{g}$. If $g(u)=0$ (respectively, $g(v)=0$ ), then $g\left(u^{\prime}\right)=a>1$ and so by replacing $g(u)$ and $g\left(u^{\prime}\right)$ (respectively, $g(v)$ and $g\left(v^{\prime}\right)$ ) by $a$ and 0 , respectively, we obtain a new DRDF of $H$ with weight less or equal to $w(g)$. Hence, we may assume $g(u)=g(v)=2$. By replacing $g(u), g\left(u^{\prime \prime}\right)$, and $g\left(v^{\prime \prime}\right)$ by 3,0 , and 3 , respectively, we obtain a new DRDF of $H$ with weight less or equal to $w(g)$. Hence, we may assume either $g\left(u^{\prime \prime}\right)=3$ and $g\left(v^{\prime \prime}\right)=0$ or $g\left(u^{\prime \prime}\right)=0$ and $g\left(v^{\prime \prime}\right)=3$. Let $S=\left\{u^{\prime \prime}, v^{\prime \prime}, w_{e}: e=u v \in E(G)\right\}$, let $S_{3}=\{x \in S: g(x)=3\}$, let $V^{\prime} \subseteq V(H)$ be the set of vertices that are not adjacent to some vertex in $S_{3}$, and let $H^{\prime}$ be the induced subgraph $H\left[V^{\prime}\right]$. All vertices $a_{e}, b_{e}, x_{e}, y_{e}, w_{e}, u^{\prime \prime}, v^{\prime \prime}$ and either $u^{\prime}$ or $v^{\prime}$ (not both) are not in $V^{\prime}$ and so $H^{\prime}$ is a forest of trees with $|V(G)|$ components that each component is a star whose central vertex is a vertex in $V(G)$. Let $T$ be a component of $H^{\prime}$. If $T$ is a single vertex, then $g(z)=2$, where $V(T)=\{z\}$ and if $T$ is not a single vertex, then $g(z)=3$, where $z$ is the central vertex of $T$ and so at least one of two vertices $u$ and $v$ is in $V_{3}$. Let $D=V(G) \cap V_{3}^{g}$. We obtain that $D$ is a VC of $G$ and $w(g)=3|D|+2(|V(G)|-|D|)+6|E(G)|=|D|+2|V(G)|+6|E(G)|$. Thus, $\beta(G) \leq|D|=w(g)-2|V(G)|-6|E(G)|=\gamma_{d R}(H)-2|V(G)|-6|E(G)|$. This completes the proof of the lemma.

By Lemma 1 and the fact that $H$ is a planar bipartite graph with maximum degree at most 4 that can be computed in polynomial time of $|E|$, where $G=(V, E)$ is a given 2-connected planar cubic graph, and the fact that the DRD problem is in NP, we have the following result.

Theorem 1. The decision version of the double Roman domination problem is NPcomplete even when restricted to planar bipartite graphs with maximum degree at most 4.

(a)
(b)

Figure 2. Illustrating (a) $G P(8,3)$ and (b) $S G P(8,3)$ and $G_{7}^{3}$.

## 3. Computing $\gamma_{d R}$ of generalized Petersen graphs

In this section, we give an algorithm to compute the double Roman domination number of the generalized Petersen graph $\operatorname{GP}(n, k)$. Before we begin our algorithm, we need the following notations.

### 3.1. Notations needed for the Algorithm

In the rest of the paper, we fix integers $n$ and $k$ such that $3 \leq 2 k+1 \leq n$. Let $G P(n, k)=\left(V_{G P}, E_{G P}\right)$ be the generalized Petersen graph with $V_{G P}=\left\{u_{1}, \ldots, u_{n}\right\} \cup$ $\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{n}\right\}$ and $E_{G P}=\left\{u_{i} u_{i+1}, u_{i} v_{i}, v_{i} v_{i+k}: 1 \leq i \leq n\right\}$, where addition is taken modulo $n$. The semi generalized Petersen graph $\operatorname{SGP}(n, k)=\left(V_{s}, E_{s}\right)$ (corresponding to $G P(n, k))$ is a graph with the vertex set

$$
V_{s}=V_{G P} \cup V_{l} \cup V_{r},
$$

where $V_{l}=\left\{v_{1-k}, v_{2-k}, \ldots, v_{0}, u_{0}\right\}$ and $V_{r}=\left\{u_{n+1}, v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, \ldots, v_{n+k}\right\}$ and the edge set

$$
E_{s}=\left(E_{G P} \backslash\left\{u_{1} u_{n}, v_{n-k+i} v_{i}: 1 \leq i \leq k\right\}\right) \cup E_{l} \cup E_{r},
$$

where $E_{l}=\left\{v_{1-k} v_{1}, v_{2-k} v_{2}, \ldots, v_{0} v_{k}, u_{0} u_{1}, u_{0} v_{0}\right\}$ and $E_{r}=\left\{u_{n+1} v_{n+1}, u_{n} u_{n+1}\right.$, $\left.v_{n-k+1} v_{n+1}, v_{n-k+2} v_{n+2}, \ldots, v_{n} v_{n+k}\right\}$. See Fig. 2.

Remark 1. We have $\operatorname{deg}_{S G P(n, k)}(v)=3$ for every vertex $v \in V_{G P}$ and $\operatorname{deg}_{S G P(n, k)}(v)<3$ for every vertex $v \in V_{l} \cup V_{r}$.

Let $G^{\prime}=\left(V^{\prime}, E^{\prime}\right)$ be a connected subgraph of $\operatorname{SGP}(n, k)$. A function $f: V^{\prime} \rightarrow$ $\{0,1,2,3\}$ is a semi double Roman dominating function (SDRDF) of $G^{\prime}$ such that for each vertex $v \in V^{\prime}$ with $\operatorname{deg}_{G^{\prime}}(v)=3$,
(i) if $f(v)=0$, there is a vertex $u \in N_{G^{\prime}}(v)$ with $f(u)=3$ or there are vertices $x, y \in N_{G^{\prime}}(v)$ with $f(x)=f(y)=2$, and
(ii) if $f(v)=1$, there is a vertex $u \in N_{G^{\prime}}(v)$ with $f(u)>1$.

Let $G_{i}^{k}$ be the subgraph of $\operatorname{SGP}(n, k)$ induced by $\mathrm{V}_{i}=V_{l} \cup\left\{u_{1}, \ldots, u_{i}\right\} \cup$ $\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{i+k-1}\right\}$ for each $1 \leq i \leq n+1$. We obtain that $G_{n+1}^{k}=\operatorname{SGP}(n, k)$. See Fig. 2(b). Let $b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{2 k+2} \in\{0,1,2,3\}$ and let $i \in\{1,2, \ldots, n+1\}$. In the following, we define $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} b_{2 k+1} \cdots b_{1}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$. Here, $b_{2 k+2}, b_{2 k+1}, \ldots, b_{1}$ are corresponding to vertices $v_{i-k}, v_{i-k+1}, \ldots, v_{i-1}, u_{i-1}, u_{i}, v_{i}, v_{i+1}, \ldots, v_{i+k-1}$, respectively, of $G_{i}^{k}$. Let $j \in\{1, \ldots, 2 k+2\}$. The value $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$ is the weight of a minimum SDRDF $f=\left(V_{0}, V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)$ of $G_{i}^{k}$ such that if $b_{j}=x \in\{0,1,2,3\}$, then the corresponding vertex of $b_{j}$ is in $V_{x}$. Let $S$ be the set of vertices corresponding to $b_{j}$ for all $j \in\{1, \ldots, 2 k+2\}$. Note that each vertex $w \in S$ with $d_{G_{i}^{k}}(w)=3$ is adjacent to at least one vertex in $V\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$ that is not in $S$ and so $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$ is well-defined. Since there are $4^{2 k+2}=16^{k+1}$ different cases for defining $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$, in the following we give the complete formal definition of some cases.

- $\gamma_{d R}^{0 \ldots 0}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{w(f): f=\left(V_{0}, V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)\right.$ is a SDRDF of $G_{i}^{k}, v_{i-k} \in V_{0}$, $v_{i-k+1} \in V_{0}, \ldots, v_{i-1} \in V_{0}, u_{i-1} \in V_{0}, u_{i} \in V_{0}, v_{i} \in V_{0}, v_{i+1} \in V_{0}, \ldots$, $\left.v_{i+k-1} \in V_{0}\right\}$,
- $\gamma_{d R}^{1 \cdots 12}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{w(f): f=\left(V_{0}, V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)\right.$ is a SDRDF of $G_{i}^{k}, v_{i-k} \in V_{1}$, $v_{i-k+1} \in V_{1}, \ldots, v_{i-1} \in V_{1}, u_{i-1} \in V_{1}, u_{i} \in V_{1}, v_{i} \in V_{1}, v_{i+1} \in V_{1}, \ldots$, $\left.v_{i+k-1} \in V_{2}\right\}$, and
- $\gamma_{d R}^{3 \cdots 3}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{w(f): f=\left(V_{0}, V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)\right.$ is a SDRDF of $G_{i}^{k}, v_{i-k} \in V_{3}$, $v_{i-k+1} \in V_{3}, \ldots, v_{i-1} \in V_{3}, u_{i-1} \in V_{3}, u_{i} \in V_{3}, v_{i} \in V_{3}, v_{i+1} \in V_{3}, \ldots$, $\left.v_{i+k-1} \in V_{3}\right\}$.

A $\gamma_{d R}^{0 \ldots 0}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$-function is a minimum $\operatorname{SDRDF} f=\left(V_{0}, V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)$ of $G_{i}^{k}$ such that $v_{i-k} \in V_{0}, v_{i-k+1} \in V_{0}, \ldots, v_{i-1} \in V_{0}, u_{i-1} \in V_{0}, u_{i} \in V_{0}, v_{i} \in V_{0}, v_{i+1} \in V_{0}, \ldots$, $v_{i+k-1} \in V_{0}$. Similarly, we define the others. See Fig. 3. Let $X_{n, k}$ be the set of all minimum SDRDF $f=\left(V_{0}, \emptyset, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)$ of $S G P(n, k)$ such that
(i) $f\left(u_{j}\right)=f\left(u_{n+j}\right)$ for each $j \in\{0,1\}$, and
(ii) $f\left(v_{j}\right)=f\left(v_{n+j}\right)$ for each $j \in\{-k+1,-k+2, \ldots, k\}$.

The following proposition is clear.
Proposition 1. $\left|X_{n, k}\right|=9^{k+1}$.


Figure 3. Illustrating (a) a $\gamma_{d R}^{0000323}\left(G_{3}^{3}\right)$-function and (b) a $\gamma_{d R}^{00000000}\left(G_{4}^{3}\right)$-function.

Now, we can present our algorithm (Algorithm 3.1) for computing the double Roman domination number of the generalized Petersen graph $\operatorname{GP}(n, k)$. The main idea of our algorithm is as follows. We first show that by using every function in $X_{n, k}$, we get a DRDF on $G P(n, k)$. The algorithm tries to find all $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{2} b_{1}}(S G P(n, k))$-functions in $X_{n, k}$ for all $b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{2 k+2} \in\{0,2,3\}$. A minimum DRDF on $G P(n, k)$ exists between these functions. The algorithm uses a dynamic programming approach to compute the weight of these functions.

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Algorithm 3.1: DRDN(GP(n,k))
    Input: The generalized Petersen graph GP(n,k)=(V,E).
    Output: The duoble Roman domination number of GP(n,k).
    1 Let SGP(n,k) be the semi generalized Petersen graph corresponding to GP(n,k).
2 for }\mp@subsup{b}{1}{},\ldots,\mp@subsup{b}{2k+2}{}\in{0,2,3} d
    3 Initialize }\mp@subsup{\gamma}{dR}{\mp@subsup{b}{2k+2}{*}\cdots\mp@subsup{b}{1}{}}(\mp@subsup{G}{1}{k})\mathrm{ to be }\mp@subsup{b}{1}{}+\cdots+\mp@subsup{b}{2k+2}{}\mathrm{ ;
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    Initialize }\mp@subsup{\gamma}{dR}{\mp@subsup{x}{2k+2}{*}\mp@subsup{}{}{(2x1}}(\mp@subsup{G}{1}{k})\mathrm{ to be }\infty\mathrm{ ;
    for }i=1\mathrm{ to }n\mathrm{ do
    for }\mp@subsup{x}{1}{},\ldots,\mp@subsup{x}{2k+2}{}\in{0,2,3}\mathrm{ do
    Compute }\mp@subsup{\gamma}{dR}{\mp@subsup{x}{2k+2}{*}\cdots\mp@subsup{x}{1}{}}(\mp@subsup{G}{i+1}{k})\mathrm{ by Lemma 3.
    \mp@subsup{\gamma}{\mp@subsup{b}{2k+2}{\prime}\cdots\mp@subsup{b}{1}{}}{\prime}=\mp@subsup{\gamma}{dR}{\mp@subsup{b}{2k+2}{*}\cdots\mp@subsup{b}{1}{}}(\mp@subsup{G}{n+1}{k});
10 return min{\mp@subsup{\gamma}{\mp@subsup{b}{2k+2}{\prime}\cdots\mp@subsup{b}{1}{}}{\prime}-(\mp@subsup{b}{1}{}+\cdots+\mp@subsup{b}{2k+2}{}):\mp@subsup{b}{1}{},\ldots,\mp@subsup{b}{k}{}\in{0,2,3}};
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### 3.2. Correctness of Algorithm 3.1

In order to prove Algorithm 3.1 works correctly, we need the following lemmas. The next lemma is the main idea of our algorithm.

Lemma 2. Let $G P(n, k)=(V, E)$ and let $f$ be a function of $X_{n, k}$ such that $w\left(f_{V}\right) \leq$ $w\left(g_{V}\right)$ for every function $g \in X_{n, k}$, where $f_{V}$ and $g_{V}$ are restrictions of $f$ and $g$, respectively, to $V$. Then, $f_{V}$ is a minimum DRDF of $\operatorname{GP}(n, k)$.

Proof. Recall $V_{l}=\left\{v_{1-k}, \ldots, v_{0}, u_{0}\right\}$ and $V_{r}=\left\{u_{n+1}, v_{n+1}, \ldots, v_{n+k}\right\}$. Let $f=$
$\left(V_{0}^{f}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{f}, V_{3}^{f}\right)$ and let $f_{V}$ be the restriction of $f$ to $V$. We first prove that $f_{V}$ is a DRDF of $G P(n, k)$. By Note 1 , we have $\operatorname{deg}_{S G P(n, k)}(w)=3$ for every vertex $w \in V$. Let $v$ be a vertex of $V$ with label 0 under $f$. Since $f$ is a $\operatorname{SDRDF}$ of $\operatorname{SGP}(n, k)$, there is a vertex $u \in V_{3}^{f}$ adjacent to $v$ or there are vertices $x, y \in V_{2}^{f}$ adjacent to $v$. We first assume that there is a vertex $u \in V_{3}^{f}$ adjacent to $v$. If $u \in V$, then there is nothing to be proven. Assume that $u \notin V$. So, $u \in V_{l} \cup V_{r}$. Assume without loss of generality that $u \in V_{l}$, that is, $u=v_{j}$ for some $1-k \leq j \leq 0$ (respectively, $\left.u=u_{0}\right)$. By the definition of $\operatorname{SGP}(n, k), N_{S G P(n, k)}\left(v_{j}\right)=\left\{v_{j+k}\right\}$ if $j \neq 0$ and $N_{S G P(n, k)}\left(v_{0}\right)=\left\{v_{k}, u_{0}\right\}$ (respectively, $\left.N_{S G P(n, k)}\left(u_{0}\right)=\left\{v_{0}, u_{1}\right\}\right)$ and so $v=v_{j+k}$ (respectively, $v=u_{1}$ ) because of $v \in V$. Since $f \in X_{n, k}$ and $v_{j} \in V_{3}^{f}$ (respectively, $u_{0} \in V_{3}^{f}$ ), we deduce that $v_{n+j} \in V_{3}^{f}$ (respectively, $u_{n} \in V_{3}^{f}$ ). Because $v_{n+j} \in N_{G P(n, k)}\left(v_{j+k}\right)$ (respectively, $u_{n} \in N_{G P(n, k)}\left(u_{1}\right)$ ), hence, $f_{V}$ is a DRDF of $G P(n, k)$. Similarly, if we assume that there are vertices $x, y \in V_{2}^{f}$ adjacent to $v$, then we deduce that $f_{V}$ is a DRDF of $G P(n, k)$.
Now, we prove that $f_{V}$ is a minimum $\operatorname{DRDF}$ of $G P(n, k)$. Suppose for a contradiction that $f_{V}$ is a not a minimum DRDF of $G P(n, k)$. By Corollary 1, assume that $h=$ $\left(V_{0}^{h}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{h}, V_{3}^{h}\right)$ is a minimum $\operatorname{DRDF}$ of $G P(n, k)$ with $w(h)<w\left(f_{V}\right)$. We construct $h^{\prime}$ as a SDRDF of $\operatorname{SGP}(n, k)$ as follows. We set $h^{\prime}(v)$ to $h(v)$ for each $v \in V, h^{\prime}\left(u_{n+1}\right)$ to $h\left(u_{1}\right), h^{\prime}\left(u_{0}\right)$ to $h\left(u_{n}\right), h^{\prime}\left(v_{n+j}\right)$ to $h\left(v_{j}\right)$ for each $j \in\{1,2, \ldots, k\}$ and $h^{\prime}\left(v_{j-n}\right)$ to $h\left(v_{j}\right)$ for each $j \in\{n-k+1, n-k+2, \ldots, n\}$. So, $h^{\prime} \in X_{n, k}$. Clearly, $h$ is the restriction of $h^{\prime} \in X_{n, k}$ to $V$ with $w(h)<w\left(f_{V}\right)$, a contradiction. This completes the proof of the lemma.

In order to compute $w(f)$ of all functions $f \in X_{n, k}$ we need the following lemma.
Lemma 3. Let $b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{2 k+2} \in\{0,2,3\}$, let $i \in\{1,2, \ldots, n+1\}$ and let $b_{k+3}+b_{k+2} \in\{3,5,6\}$. Then,
(a) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 0}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$,
(b) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{x b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x \in\{2,3\}\right\}+2$,
(c) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 3}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{x b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x \in\{0,2,3\}\right\}+3$,
(d) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 002 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 0}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} x 00 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x \in\{2,3\}\right\}+2$,
(e) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 002 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{x b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} y 00 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x, y \in\{2,3\}\right\}+4$,

(g) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 003 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 0}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} x 00 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x \in\{0,2,3\}\right\}+3$,
(h) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 003 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{x b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} y 00 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x \in\{2,3\}, y \in\right.$ $\{0,2,3\}\}+5$,
(i) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 003 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 3}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{x b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} y 00 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x, y \in\{0,2,3\}\right\}+6$,


Figure 4. Illustrating the subgraph $G_{i+1}^{k}$.
(j) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 02 b_{k+1} b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 0}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{x b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} y 20 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x \in\{2,3\}, y \in\right.$ $\{0,2,3\}\}+b_{k+1}$,
(k) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 02 b_{k+1} b_{k} \cdots b_{2} x}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{y b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} z 20 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): y, z \in\{0,2,3\}\right\}+$ $b_{k+1}+x$, where $x \in\{2,3\}$,
(l) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 200 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} b_{1}}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{x b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} y 02 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x \in\{0,2,3\}, y \in\right.$ $\{2,3\}\}+b_{1}$,
(m) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 20 x b_{k} \cdots b_{2} b_{1}}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{y b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} z 02 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): y, z \in\{0,2,3\}\right\}+x+$ $b_{1}$, where $x \in\{2,3\}$,
(n) $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{2} b_{1}}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)=\min \left\{\gamma_{d R}^{x b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} y b_{k+2} b_{k+3} b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right): x, y \in\{0,2,3\}\right\}+b_{k+1}+$ $b_{1}$.

Proof. In the rest of the proof assume that $j \in\{2, \ldots, k-1, k, k+$ $4, \ldots, 2 k+1,2 k+2\}$. We first prove (a). Let $f=\left(V_{0}, \emptyset, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)$ be a $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 0}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)$-function. So, all vertices $v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}, v_{i+k}$ are in $V_{0}$, the corresponding vertex to $b_{j}$ is in $V_{0}$ if $b_{j}=0$, is in $V_{2}$ if $b_{j}=2$ and is in $V_{3}$ if $b_{j}=3$. See Fig. 4. Since $N_{G_{i+1}^{k}}\left(v_{i}\right)=\left\{u_{i}, v_{i-k}, v_{i+k}\right\}, N_{G_{i+1}^{k}}\left(u_{i}\right)=\left\{u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, v_{i}\right\}$ and $f$ is a SDRDF of $G_{i+1}^{k}$, we deduce that both vertices $v_{i-k}$ and $u_{i-1}$ are in $V_{3}$. Let $f^{\prime}=\left(V_{0}^{\prime}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{\prime}, V_{3}^{\prime}\right)$ be the restriction of $f$ to $\mathrm{V}_{i}=V\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$. Hence, $f^{\prime}$ is a SDRDF of $G_{i}^{k}$ such that the corresponding vertex to $b_{j}$ is in $V_{0}^{\prime}$ if $b_{j}=0$, is in $V_{2}^{\prime}$ if $b_{j}=2$, is in $V_{3}^{\prime}$ if $b_{j}=3$, both vertices $v_{i-k}$ and $u_{i-1}$ are in $V_{3}^{\prime}$ and both vertices $v_{i}$ and $u_{i}$ are in $V_{0}^{\prime}$ and so $\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right) \leq w\left(f^{\prime}\right)=w(f)$, that is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right) \leq \gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 0}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conversely, let $g=\left(V_{0}^{g}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{g}, V_{3}^{g}\right)$ be a $\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$-function. We deduce that $h=\left(V_{0}^{h}=V_{0}^{g} \cup\left\{u_{i+1}, v_{i+k}\right\}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{h}=V_{2}^{g}, V_{3}^{h}=V_{3}^{g}\right)$ is a SDRDF of $G_{i+1}^{k}$ such that the corresponding vertex to $b_{j}$ is in $V_{0}^{h}$ if $b_{j}=0$, is in $V_{2}^{h}$ if $b_{j}=2$, is in $V_{3}^{h}$ if $b_{j}=3$ and all vertices $v_{i}, u_{i}, v_{i+k}$ and $u_{i+1}$ are in $V_{0}^{h}$ and so
$\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 0}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) \leq w(h)=w(g)$, that is, $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 0}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) \leq$ $\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$. This, together with Inequality (1), completes the proof of (a).

Now, we prove (b). Let $f=\left(V_{0}, \emptyset, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)$ be a $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)$-function. So, all vertices $v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}$ are in $V_{0}, v_{i+k} \in V_{2}$, the corresponding vertex to $b_{j}$ is in $V_{0}$ if $b_{j}=0$, is in $V_{2}$ if $b_{j}=2$ and is in $V_{3}$ if $b_{j}=3$. Recall that $N_{G_{i+1}^{k}}\left(v_{i}\right)=\left\{u_{i}, v_{i-k}, v_{i+k}\right\}$ and $N_{G_{i+1}^{k}}\left(u_{i}\right)=\left\{u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, v_{i}\right\}$. Because $f$ is a SDRDF of $G_{i+1}^{k}$, we deduce that $u_{i-1} \in V_{3}$ and $v_{i-k} \in V_{2} \cup V_{3}$. In the following we consider these cases. Let $f^{\prime}=$ $\left(V_{0}^{\prime}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{\prime}, V_{3}^{\prime}\right)$ be the restriction of $f$ to $\mathrm{V}_{i}=V\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$. We have $w\left(f^{\prime}\right)=w(f)-2$.

- Assume $u_{i-1} \in V_{3}$ and $v_{i-k} \in V_{2}$. So, $f^{\prime}$ is a $\operatorname{SDRDF}$ of $G_{i}^{k}$ such that the corresponding vertex to $b_{j}$ is in $V_{0}^{\prime}$ if $b_{j}=0$, is in $V_{2}^{\prime}$ if $b_{j}=2$, is in $V_{3}^{\prime}$ if $b_{j}=3$, $v_{i-k} \in V_{2}^{\prime}, u_{i-1} \in V_{3}^{\prime}, u_{i} \in V_{0}^{\prime}$ and $v_{i} \in V_{0}^{\prime}$ and so $\gamma_{d R}^{2 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right) \leq$ $w\left(f^{\prime}\right)=w(f)-2$, that is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{d R}^{2 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)+2 \leq \gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

- Assume $u_{i-1} \in V_{3}$ and $v_{i-k} \in V_{3}$. So,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)+2 \leq \gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conversely, let $g_{0}=\left(V_{0}^{0}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{0}, V_{3}^{0}\right)$ be a $\gamma_{d R}^{2 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$-function and let $g_{1}=\left(V_{0}^{1}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{1}, V_{3}^{1}\right)$ be a $\gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$-function. We deduce that $h_{0}=$ $\left(V_{0}^{3}=V_{0}^{0} \cup\left\{u_{i+1}\right\}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{3}=V_{2}^{0} \cup\left\{v_{i+k}\right\}, V_{3}^{3}=V_{3}^{0}\right)$ is a SDRDF of $G_{i+1}^{k}$ such that the corresponding vertex to $b_{j}$ is in $V_{0}^{3}$ if $b_{j}=0$, is in $V_{2}^{3}$ if $b_{j}=2$, is in $V_{3}^{3}$ if $b_{j}=3$, all vertices $v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}$ are in $V_{0}^{3}$ and $v_{i+k} \in V_{2}^{3}$ and so $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) \leq$ $w\left(h_{0}\right)=w\left(g_{0}\right)+2$, that is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) \leq \gamma_{d R}^{2 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)+2 . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $h_{1}=\left(V_{0}^{4}=V_{0}^{1} \cup\left\{u_{i+1}\right\}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{4}=V_{2}^{1}, V_{3}^{4}=V_{3}^{1} \cup\left\{v_{i+k}\right\}\right)$. Similarly, we obtain that $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) \leq w\left(h_{1}\right)=w\left(g_{1}\right)+3$, that is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 000 b_{k} \cdots b_{2} 2}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right) \leq \gamma_{d R}^{3 b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{k+4} 300 b_{k} \cdots b_{2}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)+3 . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Inequalities (2)-(5) complete the proof of (b).
Similarly, we can prove the other cases, i.e., (c)-(n). This completes the proof of the lemma.

Now, we are in a position to compute all functions of $X_{n, k}$. Let $i \in\{1,2, \ldots, n+$ 1\}. Note that, in Lemma 3, for all $b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{2 k+2} \in\{0,2,3\}$ we compute $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{2} b_{1}}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)$ by using some values $\gamma_{d R}^{a_{2 k+2} \cdots a_{2} a_{1}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$, where $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{2 k+2} \in$ $\{0,2,3\}$.

Lemma 4. Let $b_{1}, \ldots, b_{2 k+2} \in\{0,2,3\}$ and let $g=\left(V_{0}^{g}, \emptyset, V_{2}^{g}, V_{3}^{g}\right) \in X_{n, k}$ be a $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}(S G P(n, k))$-function. We can compute $g$ in $O\left(n 9^{k}\right)$ time and space.

Proof. Recall that $X_{n, k}$ is the set of all minimum $\operatorname{SDRDF} f=\left(V_{0}, \emptyset, V_{2}, V_{3}\right)$ of $S G P(n, k)$ such that
(i) $f\left(u_{j}\right)=f\left(u_{n+j}\right)$ for each $j \in\{0,1\}$, and
(ii) $f\left(v_{j}\right)=f\left(v_{n+j}\right)$ for each $j \in\{-k+1,-k+2, \ldots, k\}$.

Since $g$ is in $X_{n, k}$ and a $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}(S G P(n, k))$-function, $g\left(u_{j}\right)=g\left(u_{n+j}\right)=b_{k+2-j}$ for $j \in\{0,1\}, g\left(v_{j}\right)=g\left(v_{n+j}\right)=b_{k+3-j}$ for $j \in\{-k+1,-k+2, \ldots, 0\}$, and $g\left(v_{j}\right)=g\left(v_{n+j}\right)=b_{k+1-j}$ for $j \in\{1, \ldots, k\}$. By Lemma 3 and using a dynamic programming approach, we compute $w(g)$. We initialize $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}\left(G_{1}^{k}\right)$ to be $b_{1}+\cdots+$ $b_{2 k+2}$ and $\gamma_{d R}^{x_{2 k+2} \cdots x_{1}}\left(G_{1}^{k}\right)$ to be $\infty$ for each $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{2 k+2} \in\{0,2,3\}$ and $x_{2 k+2} \cdots x_{1} \neq$ $b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}$. Then, by Lemma 3, compute $\gamma_{d R}^{x_{2 k+2} \cdots x_{1}}\left(G_{i+1}^{k}\right)$ in a constant time for all $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{2 k+2} \in\{0,2,3\}$ and each $i=1, \ldots, n$, respectively. In the end of this process, we obtain that $w(g)=\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}\left(G_{n+1}^{k}\right)$, where $S G P(n, k)=G_{n+1}^{k}$.
When we obtain $w(g)$, then using a backtracking search algorithm on values $\gamma_{d R}^{x_{2 k+2} \cdots x_{1}}\left(G_{i}^{k}\right)$ for all $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{2 k+2} \in\{0,2,3\}$ and $i \in\{1, \ldots, n+1\}$, we can compute $g$. This process needs $O\left(n 9^{k}\right)$ time and space. This completes the proof of the lemma.

Example 1. In Table 1, we see all steps of the execution of Algorithm 3.1 on $G P(4,1)$ for computing a function $g=\left(V_{0}, \emptyset, V_{2}, V_{3}\right) \in X_{4,1}$ such that $g$ is a $\gamma_{d R}^{0003}(\operatorname{SGP}(4,1))$ function, i.e., for $\left(b_{4} b_{3} b_{2} b_{1}\right)=(0003)$ in the for-loop of Line 2. As seen from Table 1, $w(g)=9$ and by using a backtracking search algorithm (circled integers), we get that $\left[\begin{array}{llllll}g\left(v_{0}\right) & g\left(v_{1}\right) & g\left(v_{2}\right) & g\left(v_{3}\right) & g\left(v_{4}\right) & g\left(v_{5}\right) \\ g\left(u_{0}\right) & g\left(u_{1}\right) & g\left(u_{2}\right) & g\left(u_{3}\right) & g\left(u_{4}\right) & g\left(u_{5}\right)\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{llllll}0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right]$.

Theorem 2. There is an algorithm to compute a minimum DRDF of the generalized Petersen graph $G P(n, k)$ in $O\left(n 81^{k}\right)$ time and space.

Proof. Let $b_{1}, \ldots, b_{2 k+2} \in\{0,2,3\}$ and $G P(n, k)=(V, E)$. By Lemma 4, Algorithm 3.1 on input $G P(n, k)$ in Line 9 computes $w\left(g^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}\right)$, where $g^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}=$ $\left(V_{0}, \emptyset, V_{2}, V_{3}\right) \in X_{n, k}$ is a $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}(S G P(n, k))$-function. Let $g_{V}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}$ be the restriction of $g^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}$ to $V$. By the definition of $\gamma_{d R}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}(S G P(n, k))$-function and $X_{n, k}$, we deduce that $w\left(g_{V}^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}\right)=w\left(g^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}\right)-\left(b_{1}+\cdots+b_{2 k+2}\right)$. By Lemma $2, \gamma_{d R}(G P(n, k))=\min \left\{w\left(f_{V}\right): f \in X_{n, k}\right\}=\min \left\{w\left(f_{V}^{x_{2 k+2} \cdots x_{1}}\right): x_{1}, \ldots, x_{2 k+2} \in\right.$ $\left.\{0,2,3\}, f \in X_{n, k}\right\}$. So, Algorithm 3.1 on input $G P(n, k)$ in Line 10 returns the double Roman domination number of $G P(n, k)$.
By Lemma 4, we obtain $g^{b_{2 k+2} \cdots b_{1}}$ in $O\left(n 9^{k}\right)$ time and space and so we can compute a minimum DRDF of $G P(n, k)$ in $O\left(n 81^{k}\right)$ time and space. This completes the proof of the theorem.

| $i$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $i$ |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $i$ |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Table 1. Some steps of the execution of Algorithm 3.1.

By Theorem 2 we have the following result.

Corollary 2. There is an algorithm to compute a minimum DRDF of the generalized Petersen graph $G P(n, O(1))$ in $O(n)$ time and space.

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