

On the Zeros of Domination Polynomials

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Let G be a simple graph of order n . The domination polynomial of G is the polynomial $D(G, x) = \sum_{i=1}^n d(G, i)x^i$, where $d(G, i)$ is the number of dominating sets of G of size i . A root of $D(G, x)$ is called a *domination root* of G . We denote the set of distinct domination roots by $Z(D(G, x))$. In this paper, we obtain the domination roots of certain graphs, and discuss the location of domination zeros of the families of paths and cycles. We show that if a graph G has two distinct domination roots, then $Z(D(G, x)) = \{-2, 0\}$. Also, if G is a graph with no pendant vertex and has three distinct domination roots, then $Z(D(G, x)) \subseteq \left\{0, -2 \pm \sqrt{2i}, \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{3i}}{2}\right\}$.

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