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# The Open-Locating-Dominating Number of Some Convex Polytopes

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**Abstract.** In this paper we will investigate the problem of finding the open-locating-dominating number for some classes of planar graphs - convex polytopes. We considered  $D_n$ ,  $T_n$ ,  $B_n$ ,  $C_n$ ,  $E_n$  and  $R_n$  classes of convex polytopes known from the literature. The exact values of open-locating-dominating number for  $D_n$  and  $R_n$  polytopes are presented, along with the upper bounds for  $T_n$ ,  $B_n$ ,  $C_n$ , and  $E_n$  polytopes.

# 1. Introduction

Let G = (V, E) be an arbitrary graph and for any  $v \in V$  let us denote N(v) and N[v] the open and closed neighborhoods of v. The open locating dominating set S of graph G = (V, E) is a set of vertices that dominates G and for any  $x, y \in V$  holds  $N(x) \cap S \neq N(y) \cap S$ . Set S will be denoted an *OLD-set of* G. The cardinality of minimal such set S will be denoted as  $\gamma_{old}(G)$ .

The motivation for introduction of *OLD*-*set* and similar sets arose from security and protecting concerns. Different types of networks of facilities, or computer networks or network of routers could be theoretically represented by graphs. The aim is to define and determine the locations in such networks in order to identify and locate any "intruder" or fault in some location in the network. Consider that in any location of the network, which means in any vertex of the corresponding graph there is some detecting device which can detect an intruder in this and in all neighboring locations.

The locating dominating set is a set  $L \subset V$ , where a detection device in location  $x \in L$  can determine if intruder is in that location or in N(x), but could not determine in which element of N(x). It follows, as introduced in [15–17],  $L \subset V$  is *locating dominating set* of *G* if *L* dominates *G* (i.e.  $\bigcup_{x \in L} N(x) = V$ ) and for any  $x, y \in V \setminus L$  holds  $N(x) \cap S \neq N(y) \cap S$ .

If a detection device can determine whether there is an intruder in the closed neighborhood of N[x], but could not locate in which location, then we are interested in the *identifying code*. As introduced in [9], identifying code *I* is a vertex subset of *V* which dominates *G*, and for any  $x, y \in V$  holds  $N[x] \cap S \neq N[y] \cap S$ .

Finally, if a detection device can detect an intruder in N(x) without ability to detect it in x we are considering *open neighborhood locating dominating set*, as defined above. The problem of *OLD* sets was independently introduced by [5] on k-cubes  $Q_k$  and generally on graphs in [11, 12].

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In [10] is presented a bibliography, currently with more than 350 entries, for work on distinguishing sets.

If two vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$  such that N(x) = N(y) exist, it follows that  $N(x) \cap S = N(y) \cap S$  for any  $S \subset V$  and *G* could not have an *OLD* set. This is proposed in

**Proposition 1.1.** [11]. A graph G has an OLD set if and only if G has no isolated vertex and  $N(x) \neq N(y)$  for all pairs x, y of distinct vertices.

For a tree there is more detailed characterization presented in the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.2.** [3, 12]. For a tree T of order  $n \ge 3$ , T has an OLD set if and only if T does not contain a strong support vertex, where a strong support vertex is a vertex which has two or more vertices of degree one as the neighbors.

Some other connection between values  $\gamma_{old}(G)$  and order of *G* are given in [3].

**Proposition 1.3.** Assume  $k \ge 2$ , and suppose  $k + 1 \le n \le 2^k - 1$ , then there exists a connected graph G of order n with  $\gamma_{old}(G) = k$ .

In the special case where graph *G* is a tree there are following results.

**Theorem 1.4.** [12] If tree T of order  $n \ge 5$  has an OLD set, then  $\lceil n/2 \rceil + 1 \le \gamma_{old}(T) \le n - 1$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** [13] For  $n \ge 5$  and  $\lceil n/2 \rceil + 1 \le j \le n - 1$  there is a tree  $T_{n;j}$  of order n with  $\gamma_{old}(T_{n;j}) = j$ .

Naturally, finding *OLD*(*G*) is hard, and corresponding optimization problem is NP-hard which was proved in [11].

In paper [3], authors characterize graphs *G* of order *n* with OLD(G) = 2, 3, or *n* and graphs with minimum degree  $\delta(G) \ge 2$  that are  $C_4$ -free with  $\gamma_{old}(G) = n - 1$ .

In the case of finite graphs *G*, there are some theoretical results concerning bounds for values of  $\gamma_{old}(G)$  in some cases.

**Theorem 1.6.** [3] Let G be a connected graph with minimum degree  $\delta(G) \ge 3$  and  $C_4$ -free. Then  $\gamma_{old}(G) \le n - \rho(G)$ , where  $\rho(G)$  is the maximum number of vertices which are pairwise at distance at least 3.

**Theorem 1.7.** [3, 11] For a graph G of order n and maximum degree  $\Delta(G)$ , if G has an OLD set, then  $\gamma_{old}(G) \geq \frac{2n}{1+\Lambda}$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** [4] If G is a cubic graph of order n, then  $\gamma_{old}(G) \leq \frac{3n}{4}$ .

There are results for *OLD* sets and values of  $\gamma_{old}(G)$  for some classes of infinite graphs but since convex polytopes, the class of graphs considered in this paper, are finite they are out of scope.

In this paper we will consider finding *OLD* sets with minimal cardinality and  $\gamma_{old}(G)$  values, as well as bounds for some classes of nontrivial planar graphs. In the literature these classes are for the first time considered in [2] where they were denoted as  $R_n$  and  $Q_n$ . Some other classes are also considered, denoted  $B_n$  and  $C_n$  introduced in [8],  $D_n$  introduced in [6] while  $T_n$  were introduced in [7]. All these classes are called convex polytopes and for all of them in the mentioned papers were given their metric dimensions. As introduced in [14], the problem of binary locating domination is related to that of open locating domination. In [14] the exact values of the binary locating-dominating number for convex polytopes  $D_n$ , and  $R''_n$  are determined as well as the tight bounds for  $R_n$ ,  $Q_n$  and  $U_n$ .



Figure 1: The graph of convex polytope  $D_n$ 

# 2. The exact values

#### 2.1. Convex polytope $D_n$

The graph of convex polytope  $D_n$ , in Figure 1, was introduced in [1]. It consists of 2n 5-sided faces and a pair of *n*-sided faces. Mathematically, it has vertex set  $V(D_n) = \{a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i \mid i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1\}$  and edge set  $E(D_n) = \{(a_i, a_{i+1}), (d_i, d_{i+1}), (a_i, b_i), (b_i, c_i), (c_i, d_i), (b_{i+1}, c_i) \mid i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1\}$ . Note that indices are taken modulo *n*.

**Theorem 2.1.**  $\gamma_{old}(D_n) = 2n$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $D_n$  is a regular graph of degree 3, with 4n vertices. Then, by Theorem 1.7 it holds  $\gamma_{old}(D_n) \ge \left\lceil \frac{2\cdot 4\cdot n}{1+3} \right\rceil = 2n.$ 

Let  $S = \{a_i, d_i\}|i = 0, ..., n - 1\}$ . It is easy to see that all intersections  $S \cap N(a_i) = \{a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}\}$ ;  $S \cap N(b_i) = \{a_i\}$ ;  $S \cap N(c_i) = \{d_i\}$  and  $S \cap N(d_i) = \{d_{i-1}, d_{i+1}\}$  are non-empty and distinct. Since S is a open-locating-dominating set of  $D_n$  and |S| = 2n therefore,  $\gamma_{old}(D_n) \le 2n$ . Having in mind previous fact that  $\gamma_{old}(D_n) \ge 2n$ , it is proven that  $\gamma_{old}(D_n)$  is equal to 2n.  $\Box$ 

### 2.2. Convex polytope $R_n$

Mathematically, the graph of convex polytope  $R_n$  have vertex set  $V = \{a_i, b_i, c_i | i = 0, ..., n - 1\}$  and edge set  $E = \{(a_i, a_{i+1}), (a_i, b_i), (a_{i+1}, b_i), (b_i, b_{i+1}), (b_i, c_i), (c_i, c_{i+1}) | i = 0, ..., n - 1\}$ .



Figure 2: The graph of convex polytope  $R_n$ 

**Theorem 2.2.**  $\gamma_{old}(R_n) = n$ .

Table 1: <i>OLD</i> -set <i>S</i> for $T_n$						
Case	S	S				
n = 4k	$\{b_{4i}, b_{4i+1}, b_{4i+2}, c_{4i}, c_{4i+1}, c_{4i+2},   i = 0, \dots, k-1\}$	6k				
n = 4k + 1	$\{b_{4i}, b_{4i+1}, b_{4i+2}, c_{4i}, c_{4i+1}, c_{4i+2},  i = 0, \dots, k-1\} \cup \{b_{4k}, c_{4k}\}$	6k + 2				
n = 4k + 2	$\{b_{4i}, b_{4i+1}, b_{4i+2}, c_{4i}, c_{4i+1}, c_{4i+2},   i = 0, \dots, k-1\} \cup \{b_{4k}, c_{4k}, b_{4k+1}, c_{4k+1}\}$	6k + 4				
n = 4k + 3	$\{b_{4i}, b_{4i+1}, b_{4i+2}, c_{4i}, c_{4i+1}, c_{4i+2},  i = 0, \dots, k-1\} \cup \{b_{4k}, c_{4k}, b_{4k+1}, c_{4k+1}, b_{4k+2}, c_{4k+2}\}$	6k + 6				

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{b_i | i = 0, ..., n - 1\}$ . It is easy to see that all intersections  $S \cap N(a_i) = \{b_{i-1}, b_i\}$ ;  $S \cap N(b_i) = \{b_{i-1}, b_{i+1}\}$  and  $S \cap N(c_i) = \{b_i\}$  are non-empty and distinct. Since *S* is an open locating-dominating set of  $R_n$ 

and |S| = n therefore,  $\gamma_{old}(R_n) \leq n$ .

On the other hand, by Theorem 1.7 it holds  $\gamma_{old}(R_n) \ge \left\lfloor \frac{2\cdot 3\cdot n}{1+5} \right\rfloor = n$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_{old}(R_n) = n$ .  $\Box$ 

# 3. The upper bounds

#### 3.1. Convex polytopes $T_n$

The graph of convex polytope  $T_n$ , in Figure 3, was introduced in [7]. It consists of 4n 3-sided faces, n 4-side faces and a pair of n-sided faces. Mathematically, it has vertex set  $V(T_n) = \{a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i\}$ , and the set of edges

 $E(T_n) = \{a_i a_{i+1}, b_i b_{i+1}, c_i c_{i+1}, d_i d_{i+1}, a_i b_i, b_i c_i, c_i d_i, a_{i+1} b_i, c_{i+1} d_i\}$ 



Figure 3: The graph of convex polytope  $T_n$ 

**Theorem 3.1.**  $\gamma_{old}(T_n) \leq l_n$ , where

$$l_n = \begin{cases} 6k, & n = 4k; \\ 6k + 2, & n = 4k + 1; \\ 6k + 4, & n = 4k + 2; \\ 6k + 6, & n = 4k + 3. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We shall prove that set *S* 

$$S = \{b_i, c_i | i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1 \land i \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}\}$$

is an *OLD*-set for a graph  $T_n$ . The cardinality of set *S* depends on *n*, which is described in Table 1, where the congruency of |S| on modulo 4 is given in the first column, elements of set *S* and its cardinality in the second and third columns, respectively.

Depending on *n* we will consider the following four cases:

<u>Case n = 4k</u>: Intersection of open neighborhood of the vertices and set *S* are given in Table 2, where vertex *v* is given in the columns labeled with *v* and the intersection of open neighborhood of the vertex

U	$\mathcal{N}(v) \cap S$	v	$\mathcal{N}(v) \cap S$
$a_{4i}$	$\{b_{4i}\}$	$a_{4i+2}$	$\{b_{4i+1}, b_{4i+2}\}$
$b_{4i}$	$\{b_{4i+1}, c_{4i}\}$	$b_{4i+2}$	$\{b_{4i+1}, c_{4i+2}\}$
C <sub>4i</sub>	$\{c_{4i+1}, b_{4i}\}$	$c_{4i+2}$	$\{c_{4i+1}, b_{4i+2}\}$
$d_{4i}$	$\{c_{4i}, c_{4i+1}\}$	$d_{4i+2}$	$\{c_{4i+2}\}$
<i>a</i> <sub>4<i>i</i>+1</sub>	$\{b_{4i+1}, b_{4i}\}$	$a_{4i+3}$	$\{b_{4i+2}\}$
$b_{4i+1}$	$\{b_{4i+2}, b_{4i}, c_{4i+1}\}$	$b_{4i+3}$	$\{b_{4i+2}, b_{4(i+1)}\}$
C4i+1	$\{c_{4i+2}, c_{4i}, b_{4i+1}\}$	$c_{4i+3}$	$\{c_{4i+2}, c_{4(i+1)}\}$
$d_{4i+1}$	$\{c_{4i+1}, c_{4i+2}\}$	$d_{4i+3}$	$\{C_{4(i+1)}\}$

Table 2: Intersection of open neighborhoods and set *S* where n = 4k

Table 3: Special cases of intersections of open neighborhoods and set S

n=4k+1		n=4k+2		n=4k+3	
υ	$\mathcal{N}(v) \cap S$	υ	$\mathcal{N}(v) \cap S$	v	$\mathcal{N}(v) \cap S$
$a_0$	$\{b_0, b_{4k}\}$	<i>a</i> <sub>0</sub>	$\{b_0, b_{4k+1}\}$	<i>a</i> <sub>0</sub>	$\{b_0, b_{4k+1}\}$
$b_0$	$\{b_1, b_{4k}, c_0\}$	$b_0$	$\{b_1, b_{4k+1}, c_0\}$	$b_0$	$\{b_1, b_{4k+1}, c_0\}$
<i>c</i> <sub>0</sub>	$\{c_1, c_{4k}, b_0\}$	<i>c</i> <sub>0</sub>	$\{c_1, c_{4k+1}, b_0\}$	<i>c</i> <sub>0</sub>	$\{c_1, c_{4k+1}, b_0\}$
$d_0$	$\{c_0, c_1\}$	$d_0$	$\{c_0, c_1\}$	$d_0$	$\{c_0, c_1\}$
$a_{4k}$	$\{b_{4k}\}$	$a_{4k}$	$\{b_{4k}\}$	$a_{4k}$	$\{b_{4k}\}$
$b_{4k}$	$\{b_0, c_{4k}\}$	$b_{4k}$	$\{b_{4k+1}, c_{4k}\}$	$b_{4k}$	$\{b_{4k+1}, c_{4k}\}$
$c_{4k}$	$\{c_0, b_{4k}\}$	$c_{4k}$	$\{c_{4k+1}, b_{4k}\}$	$c_{4k}$	$\{c_{4k+1}, b_{4k}\}$
$d_{4k}$	$\{c_0, c_{4k}\}$	$d_{4k}$	$\{c_{4k+1}, c_{4k}\}$	$d_{4k}$	$\{c_{4k+1}, c_{4k}\}$
		$a_{4k+1}$	$\{b_{4k+1}, b_{4k}\}$	$a_{4k+1}$	$\{b_{4k}, b_{4k+1}\}$
		$b_{4k+1}$	$\{b_0, b_{4k}, c_{4k+1}\}$	$b_{4k+1}$	$\{b_{4k+2}, b_{4k}, c_{4k+1}\}$
		$c_{4k+1}$	$\{c_0, c_{4k}, b_{4k+1}\}$	$c_{4k+1}$	$\{c_{4k+2}, c_{4k}, b_{4k+1}\}$
		$d_{4k+1}$	$\{c_0, c_{4k+1}\}$	$d_{4k+1}$	$\{c_{4k+2}, c_{4k+1}\}$
				$a_{4k+2}$	$\{b_{4k+1}, b_{4k+2}\}$
				$b_{4k+2}$	$\{b_0, b_{4k+1}, c_{4k+2}\}$
				<i>c</i> <sub>4k+2</sub>	$\{c_0, c_{4k+1}, b_{4k+2}\}$
				$d_{4k+2}$	$\{c_0, c_{4k+2}\}$

*v* with set *S* in columns labeled with  $N(v) \cap S$ . In Table 2, where i = 0, ..., k - 1, it can be seen that all intersections are nonempty and distinct.

<u>n = 4k + 1</u>: The intersections of open neighborhood of a given vertex and the set *S* are the same as given in Table 2, with exception for the cases with indices i = 0 and i = 4k. The intersection sets for vertices with indices i = 0 and i = 4k are given separately in Table 3. From Tables 2 and 3 it can be concluded that intersection sets are nonempty and distinct.

<u>n = 4k + 2</u>: The intersections of open neighborhood of a given vertex and the set *S* are the same as given in Table 2, with exception for the cases with indices i = 0, i = 4k and i = 4k + 1. The intersection sets for vertices with indices i = 0, i = 4k and i = 4k + 1 are given separately in Table 3. From Tables 2 and 3 it can be concluded that intersection sets are nonempty and distinct.

<u>n = 4k + 3</u>: The intersections of open neighborhood of a given vertex and the set *S* are the same as given in Table 2, with exception for the cases with indices i = 0, i = 4k, i = 4k + 1 and i = 4k + 2. The intersection sets for vertices with indices i = 0, i = 4k, i = 4k + 1 and i = 4k + 2 are given separately in Table 3. From Tables 2 and 3 it can be concluded that intersection sets are nonempty and distinct.

From the previous discussion we can conclude that the set *S* is OLD set for graph  $T_n$  and consequently  $\gamma_{old}(T_n) \leq |S_n|$ .  $\Box$ 

# 3.2. Convex polytope $B_n$

The graph of convex polytope  $B_n$  (Figure 4) is introduced in [2] and consists of 2n 4-sided faces, n 3-sided faces, n 5-sided faces and a pair of n-sided faces. The set of vertices is

$$V(B_n) = \{a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i, e_i \mid i = 0, \dots, n-1\}$$

and the set of edges is

 $E(B_n) = \{a_i a_{i+1}, b_i b_{i+1}, d_i d_{i+1}, e_i e_{i+1}, a_i b_i, b_i c_i, b_{i+1} c_i, c_i d_i, d_i e_i \mid i = 0, \dots, n-1\}$ 



Figure 4: The graph of convex polytope  $B_n$ 

**Theorem 3.2.**  $\gamma_{old}(B_n) \leq 2n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{b_i, d_i\}|i = 0, ..., n - 1\}$ . It is easy to see that all intersections  $S \cap N(a_i) = \{b_i\}$ ;  $S \cap N(b_i) = \{b_{i-1}, b_{i+1}\}$ ;  $S \cap N(c_i) = \{b_i, b_{i+1}, d_i\}$ ;  $S \cap N(d_i) = \{d_{i-1}, d_{i+1}\}$  and  $S \cap N(e_i) = \{d_i\}$  are non-empty and distinct. Since *S* is a open-locating-dominating set of  $B_n$  and |S| = 2n therefore,  $\gamma_{old}(B_n) \le 2n$ .  $\Box$ 

## 3.3. Convex polytope $C_n$

Convex polytopes  $C_n$  (Figure 5) were introduced in [8] consisting of 3n 3-sided faces, n 4-sided faces, n 5-sided faces and a pair of n-sided faces. There sets of vertices  $V(C_n)$  and sets of edges are given as

$$V(C_n) = \{a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i, e_i \mid i = 0, \dots, n-1\}$$

and

$$E(C_n) = \{a_i a_{i+1}, b_i b_{i+1}, d_i d_{i+1}, e_i e_{i+1}, a_i b_i, b_i c_i, b_{i+1} c_i, c_i d_i, d_i e_i, d_{i+1} e_i \mid i = 0, \dots, n-1\}.$$

**Theorem 3.3.**  $\gamma_{old}(C_n) \leq 2n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{b_i, d_i\}|i = 0, ..., n - 1\}$ . It is easy to see that all intersections  $S \cap N(a_i) = \{b_i\}$ ;  $S \cap N(b_i) = \{b_{i-1}, b_{i+1}\}$ ;  $S \cap N(c_i) = \{b_i, b_{i+1}, d_i\}$ ;  $S \cap N(d_i) = \{d_{i-1}, d_{i+1}\}$  and  $S \cap N(e_i) = \{d_i, d_{i+1}\}$  are non-empty and distinct. Since *S* is a open-locating-dominating set of  $C_n$  and |S| = 2n therefore,  $\gamma_{old}(C_n) \le 2n$ .  $\Box$ 

## 3.4. Convex polytope $E_n$

The graph of convex polytope  $E_n$  (Figure 6) is similar to the  $C_n$  and is introduced in [8] consisting of 5n 3-sided faces, n 5-sided faces and a pair of n-sided faces, where:

$$V(E_n) = \{a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i, e_i \mid i = 0, \dots, n-1\}$$

 $E(E_n) = \{a_i a_{i+1}, b_i b_{i+1}, d_i d_{i+1}, e_i e_{i+1}, a_i b_i, a_{i+1} b_i, b_i c_i, b_{i+1} c_i, c_i d_i, d_i e_i, d_{i+1} e_i | i = 0, \dots, n-1\}$ 



Figure 5: The graph of convex polytope  $C_n$ 



Figure 6: The graph of convex polytope  $E_n$ 

# **Theorem 3.4.** $\gamma_{old}(E_n) \leq 2n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{b_i, d_i\}|i = 0, ..., n - 1\}$ . It is easy to see that all intersections  $S \cap N(a_i) = \{b_{i-1}, b_i\}$ ;  $S \cap N(b_i) = \{b_{i-1}, b_{i+1}\}$ ;  $S \cap N(c_i) = \{b_i, b_{i+1}, d_i\}$ ;  $S \cap N(d_i) = \{d_{i-1}, d_{i+1}\}$  and  $S \cap N(e_i) = \{d_i, d_{i+1}\}$  are non-empty and distinct. Since *S* is a open-locating-dominating set of  $C_n$  and |S| = 2n therefore,  $\gamma_{old}(C_n) \le 2n$ .  $\Box$ 

## 4. Conclusions

In this paper we solved the problem of finding open-locating-dominating number of polytopes  $D_n$  and  $R_n$ . The upper bound of the open-locating-dominating number for certain classes of convex polytopes is given, along with the appropriate open-locating domination sets.

In the future work the problem of finding open-locating-dominating number for other classes of graphs could be considered. Another direction of future research could be to determine other graph invariants for considered convex polytopes.

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