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# Domination and Independent Domination in Direct Products of Graphs

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The distance  $d_{G \times H}((g, h), (g', h'))$  is the smallest d such that there is an g, g'-walk of length d in G and an h, h'-walk of length d in H. In particular, if such walks do not exist, then (g, h) and (g', h') are in different connected components of  $G \times H$ . • A graph is prime (with respect to the direct product) if it cannot be represented as the direct product of two nontrivial graphs.

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$$\{e(u, v) \mid u, v \in X, u \neq v\} = \{j_1, \ldots, j_r\}.$$

Then we say that X is a  $T_{j_1,...,j_r}$ -set.

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# $T_{1,2}$ -partitions

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form an idomatic partition of G.



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# $T_{1,2,3}$ -partitions cont'd

For  $K_2 \times K_2 \times K_2 \times K_2$ ,

$$\begin{split} H_1 &= \{(0,0,0,0), (1,0,0,0), (0,1,0,0), (0,0,1,0), \\ &\quad (0,0,0,1), (1,1,0,0), (1,0,1,0), (1,0,0,1)\} \end{split}$$

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# Characterization of $T_1$ -partitions

#### Theorem

 $K_{n_1} \times K_{n_2} \times K_{n_3} \times K_{n_4}$  admits an idomatic partition into  $T_1$ -sets if and only if  $n_i \ge 3$  and there exist indices  $j, k \in [4], j \ne k$ , such that  $3|n_j$  and  $3|n_k$ .

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Let  $G = \times_{i=1}^{t} K_{n_i}$  with  $t \ge 3$  and  $n_i \ge t - 1$  for all i and let  $0, 1, a_2, ..., a_{t-2}$  be pairwise different (all) elements from  $GF[p^k]$ . If  $t - 1 = p^k$  for some prime number p and some positive integer k, then the set

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Identifying codes of the direct product of two (or more) complete graphs (of the same size).

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# Thank you.

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