

# Locating- and Distinguishing-Total Domination in Graphs

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- By construction, the graph G<sub>k</sub> is a connected cubic graph that is twin-free.

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