## Eternal Domination in Grid-like Graphs

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## Domination in Graphs

## Dominating set in $G=(V, E)$

$D \subseteq V$ such that $N[D]=V$
i.e., for all $v \in V, v \in D$ or $\exists w \in D$ with $v w \in E$.
$\gamma(G)$ : minimum size of a dominating set in $G$.


Computation of $\gamma(G)$ : NP-complete [Karp 72], W[2]-hard, no $c \log n$-approximation (for some $c<1$ ) [Alon et al. 06]
Graph classes: $\gamma\left(P_{n}\right)=\left\lceil\frac{n}{3}\right\rceil, \gamma\left(C_{n}\right)=\left\lceil\frac{n}{3}\right\rceil, \gamma\left(P_{n} \boxtimes P_{m}\right)=\left\lceil\frac{n}{3}\right\rceil\left\lceil\frac{m}{3}\right\rceil$
$\gamma\left(P_{n} \square P_{m}\right)=\left\lfloor\frac{(n+2)(m+2)}{5}\right\rfloor-4(16 \leq n \leq m)$ [Goncalves al. 11]
Vizing conjecture: $\gamma(G \square H) \geq \gamma(G) \gamma(H)$

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- Deciding whether $\gamma_{\text {all }}^{\infty}(G) \leq k$ is NP-hard
[Bard et al. 2017]
- Linear-time algorithm for trees
[Klostermeyer, MacGillivray, 2009]
- $\gamma_{a l l}^{\infty}(G)=\alpha(G)$ for all proper interval graphs $G$
[Braga et al. 2015]
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## Cartesian Grids

- $\gamma_{\text {all }}^{\infty}\left(P_{2} \square P_{n}\right)=\left\lceil\frac{2 n}{3}\right\rceil$
- $\left\lceil\frac{4 n}{5}\right\rceil+1 \leq \gamma_{\text {all }}^{\infty}\left(P_{3} \square P_{n}\right) \leq\left\lceil\frac{4 n}{5}\right\rceil+5$
- $\gamma_{\text {all }}^{\infty}\left(P_{4} \square P_{n}\right)$ is known
- Bounds for $\gamma_{a l l}^{\infty}\left(P_{5} \square P_{n}\right)$
[Messinger, 2017]
[Beaton et al. 2014]
[Goldwasser et al. 2013]
[van Bommel et al. 2016]


## Theorem

[Lamprou et al. 2017]
$\gamma_{\text {all }}^{\infty}\left(P_{n} \square P_{m}\right)=\gamma\left(P_{n} \square P_{m}\right)+O(n+m)$.

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Easy in the torus because we can wrap around $\rightarrow$ impossible in the grid!

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Multi-set $C=\left\{v_{i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq k\right\}$ giving the positions of the $k$ guards.

Configurations of the winning strategy: SetWinConf
Set of configurations that dominate the grid.
Attacks split into 3 types: Horizontal, Vertical, and Diagonal.
We show: for any attack at a vertex $v \in V\left(P_{n} \boxtimes P_{m}\right)$, the guards can move from a configuration $C \in \operatorname{SetWinConf}$ to a configuration $C^{\prime} \in$ SetWinConf where $v \in C^{\prime}$.

## Configuration $C \in$ SetWinConf



1 guard on vertices in light gray.
$O(\sqrt{n})$ guards on vertices in dark gray.
$\gamma\left(P_{n} \boxtimes P_{m}\right)+O(m \sqrt{n})$ guards total.

## Block of Configuration $C \in$ SetWinConf



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Only guards in same row and block move (except borders maybe).

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Vertical attacks may only occur at vertices in red.

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## Diagonal attacks



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Guards in closest row (and block) move like in Horizontal and Vertical case at once and the rest in the same block move like in Vertical case.

## At most 1 guard at each vertex



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Vertices dominated by $>1$ guard, and/or some guards dominate $\leq 6$ vertices
Double counting argument leads to result.

## Further Work

- Tighten bounds for strong grids.
- All-guards move model is NP-hard but unknown if in NP.
- Is it PSPACE-complete? EXPTIME-complete?
- For all Cayley graphs $G$ obtainable from abelian groups, $\gamma_{\text {all }}^{\infty}(G)=\gamma(G)$ [Goddard et al. 2005].
- Prove $\gamma_{\text {all }}^{\infty}(H)=\gamma(H)+o(\gamma(H))$ for truncated Cayley graphs $H$ obtained from abelian groups by generalizing our technique.


## Gen. tech. - Cartesian Grid $\gamma_{\hat{\sim}}^{\infty}\left(P_{n} \square P_{n}\right)=\gamma\left(P_{n} \square P_{n}\right)+O\left(n^{\frac{5}{3}}\right)$



## Thanks!

