

## SOME PROPERTIES OF VON NEUMANN REGULAR GRAPHS OF RINGS

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**Abstract.** Let  $R$  be a ring with unity. Taloukolaei and Sahebi [2] introduced the Von Neumann regular graph  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  of a ring, whose vertex set consists of elements of  $R$  and two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent if and only if  $x + y$  is a Von Neumann regular element. In this article, we investigate some new properties of  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  such as the traversability, pancyclic, unicyclic, chordal and perfect. We also investigate the domination parameters of  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  such as the dominating set, the domination number, the total domination number, the connected domination number and give the condition when the  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  is an excellent graph. Finally we determine the bondage number.

*Key words and Phrases:* Von Neumann regular ring; Von Neumann regular graph; Domination parameters.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $R$  be a ring with unity. An element  $x \in R$  is called Von Neumann regular if there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $x = xrx$  (If  $R$  is commutative then  $x = x^2r$ ). The set of all Von Neumann regular elements of  $R$  is denoted by  $Vnr(R)$ . Clearly 0 and units of  $R$  are Von Neumann regular elements of  $R$ . Von Neumann regular ring is a ring where all the elements of  $R$  are Von Neumann regular element. Von Neumann regular graphs associated with rings was first introduced by Taloukolaei and Sahebi [2]. The Von Neumann regular graph of a ring  $R$  denoted by  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  is the graph with  $R$  as the vertex set and distinct  $u, v \in R$  are adjacent if and only if  $u + v \in Vnr(R)$ . The unit graphs studied in [3] are subgraphs of  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$ . In this article, we consider all the rings  $R$  to be generated by  $Vnr(R)$  as a group,

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and we denote  $U(R)$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $I$  as the set of units, maximal ideal and an ideal of  $R$  respectively. We refer [5], for undefined terminology of ring theory.

Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be an undirected graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$ . The number of vertices in  $G$  denoted by  $|G|$  is called the order of  $G$ , and the number of edges of  $G$  denoted by  $|E(G)|$  is called the size of  $G$ . For  $v \in V(G)$ , we denote degree of  $v$  by  $deg(v)$ . The minimum degree and maximum degree of  $G$  is denoted by  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively. A closed trail of length three or more in a graph  $G$  is called circuit. A circuit  $C$  in a graph  $G$  is called an Eulerian circuit if  $C$  contains every edge of  $G$ . A connected graph  $G$  is said to be Eulerian if it contains an Eulerian circuit. A graph  $G$  is said to be Hamiltonian if it has a circuit which contains all the vertices of  $G$ . A graph  $G$  of order  $n \geq 3$  is called pancyclic if  $G$  has cycles of all lengths from 3 to  $n$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be unicyclic if  $G$  contains exactly one cycle. A simple graph  $G$  is said to be a chordal graph if every cycle in  $G$  of length 4 and greater has a chord. A graph  $G$  is perfect if and only if no induced subgraph of  $G$  is an odd cycle of length at least five or the complement of one. A nonempty subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set if every vertex in  $V \setminus D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$ . A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called a total dominating set if every vertex in  $V$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ . A dominating set  $D$  is called a connected dominating set if the subgraph induced by  $D$  is connected. The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set in  $G$ . In a similar way we define the total domination number  $\gamma_t(G)$  and the connected domination number  $\gamma_c(G)$ . A Graph  $G$  is called excellent if for every vertex  $x \in V(G)$ , there is a dominating set  $D$  which contain  $x$ . The bondage number  $b(G)$  is the minimum number of edges whose removal increases the domination number. A domatic partition of  $G$  is a partition of  $V(G)$  into dominating sets in  $G$ . The maximum number of classes of a domatic partition of  $G$  is called the domatic number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $d(G)$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be domatically full if  $d(G) = \delta(G) + 1$ . We refer [6] and [11] for undefined terminology of graph theory.

The organisation of this paper is as follows: In Section 2, we begin with an obvious remark that  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is a complete graph if and only if  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring, we also investigate the traversibility of  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  for certain conditions. Finally, we characterize all the rings for which  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is pancyclic, unicyclic, chordal and perfect. In Section 3, we attempt to study the domination numbers in the graph  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  and we prove the domination number of  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is 1 if and only if either  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring or  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ . We also determine that domination number is 2 if  $R$  is a local ring (not Von Neuman regular ring) and  $R \times S$ , where  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring and  $S$  is a local ring which is not a Von Neumann regular ring. Finally, we determine the bondage number of  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$ .

2. SOME RESULTS OF  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$ 

In this section, we attempt to study some new results of  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  such as the traversability, pancyclic, unicyclic, chordal and perfect. In order to study some new results of  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$ , we state the following Theorem 2.1 from [2].

**Theorem 2.1.** [2, Proposition 2.2] *Let  $R$  be a finite ring and  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  be a Von Neumann regular graph of  $R$ . Then the following hold:*

- (1) *If  $2x \notin Vnr(R)$ , then  $deg(x) = |Vnr(R)|$ .*
- (2) *If  $2x \in Vnr(R)$ , then  $deg(x) = |Vnr(R)| - 1$ .*

*Therefore  $\Delta = |Vnr(R)|$  and  $\delta = |Vnr(R)| - 1$ .*

**Remark 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a finite ring. Then  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is a complete graph if and only if  $R$  is Von Neumann regular ring.*

In the following, we characterize the ring whose Von Neumann regular graph  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is Eulerian and Hamiltonian.

**Remark 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a Von Neumann regular ring. Then  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is Eulerian if and only if  $|R| = \text{odd}$ .*

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring with  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$ . Then  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is not Eulerian.*

*Proof.* Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$ . Then by Theorem 2.1  $deg(0) = |Vnr(R)| - 1$ . Also there exist  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$  such that  $deg(x) = |Vnr(R)|$ , hence  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is not Eulerian.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a finite ring such that  $|R| \geq 3$ . If  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is connected, then  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is Hamiltonian.*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a finite ring such that  $|R| \geq 3$ . Then the following two cases complete the proof:

**Case 1.** If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring, then  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is a complete graph and so  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is Hamiltonian.

**Case 2.** If  $R$  is a non-Von Neumann regular ring, then  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is not a complete graph. Now by Theorem 2.1,  $deg(x) = |Vnr(R)|$  or  $|Vnr(R)| - 1$ . Let  $x, y \in V(G_{Vnr^+}(R))$  such that  $x \approx y$  in  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$ , then we have the following conditions:

- (1)  $deg(x) + deg(y) = 2|Vnr(R)|$ , for all  $2x, 2y \notin Vnr(R)$ .
- (2)  $deg(x) + deg(y) = 2|Vnr(R)| - 2$ , for all  $2x, 2y \notin Vnr(R)$ .
- (3)  $deg(x) + deg(y) = 2|Vnr(R)| - 1$ , for  $2x \in Vnr(R)$  and  $2y \notin Vnr(R)$ .

It is clear that  $deg(x) + deg(y) \geq |V(G_{Vnr^+}(R))|$  since  $2|Vnr(R)| > |R|$ . Hence by Ore's theorem of Hamiltonian,  $G_{Vnr^+}(R)$  is Hamiltonian.  $\square$

Bondy [8] gave us a useful little theorem that relate Hamiltonicity and pancyclicity of a graph, which is stated in the following in a more modified version as per our need to prove the next Theorem:

**Theorem 2.6.** [8] *Every Hamiltonian non-bipartite graph  $G$  of order  $n$  with  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}$  is pancyclic.*

**Remark 2.7.** *We make the following observations about  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  which in turn will help us in proving Theorem 2.8.*

- (1) *By using Proposition 4.4 in [2] we conclude that  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is not bipartite for  $|R| \geq 3$ .*
- (2) *Also  $\delta(G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)) = |V_{nr}(R)| - 1 \geq \frac{|R|}{2}$ .*

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $R$  be a finite ring. Then  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is pancyclic if and only if  $|R| \geq 3$ .*

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  be a pancyclic graph. If  $|R| = 2$ , then  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Therefore  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R) = K_2$  which is not a cycle and so it contradict our assumption.

$\Leftarrow$  Assume that  $|R| \geq 3$ . Then by Theorem 2.5 and Remark 2.7, we see that  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is a Hamiltonian and non-bipartite graph with  $\delta(G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)) \geq \frac{|R|}{2}$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.6 the proof follows directly.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.**  *$G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is a unicyclic graph if and only if either  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$  or  $R \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{x^2}$ .*

*Proof.* If either  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$  or  $R \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{x^2}$ , then  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is isomorphic to  $K_3$  and  $C_4$  (cycle graph of length four) respectively. Conversely, let  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  be a unicyclic graph. From [[5], p.95], we may write  $R \cong R_1 \times \dots \times R_n$ , where  $R_i$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_i$ . If  $i \geq 2$ , then Von Neumann regular elements  $(0, \dots, 0), (1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, 0, \dots, 1), (1, 1, \dots, 1)$  form a complete sub graph of  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$ , which contradict our assumption. Therefore,  $R$  is a local ring. If  $|R| = 2$ , then  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is  $K_2$ . If  $|R| = 3$ , then  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is  $K_3$ . If  $|R| = 4$ , then  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring,  $\mathbb{Z}_4, \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{x^2}$ . The cases that  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring and  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$  are ruled out since  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is not unicyclic graph. If  $|R| \geq 5$ , and  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring then  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is a complete graph, and hence it is not unicyclic. If  $|R| \geq 5$ , and  $R$  is not a Von Neumann regular ring, then there exist  $x \in V_{nr}(R) \setminus \{0, 1\}$  and  $y \notin V_{nr}(R)$  such that the induced subgraphs form by the sets  $S_1 = \{0, x, -x\}$  and  $S_2 = \{1, -1, y\}$  are two different cycles of length 3 in  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$ . Therefore,  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is not unicyclic. Hence, the result.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $R$  be a ring such that  $|R| \geq 4$ . Then  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is a chordal if and only if either  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring or  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ .*

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$  Assume that  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is a chordal graph. If  $R \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{x^2}$ , then  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is  $C_4$ . If  $|R| > 5$ , let us take the set  $S = \{0, 1, z, u\}$  where  $z \notin V_{nr}(R)$  and  $u \in U(R) \subset V_{nr}(R)$ . Then  $\langle S \rangle = C_4$  is a chordless cycle in  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$ , which contradict our assumption. However, if  $R$  a Von Neumann regular ring,

then  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is a complete graph which implies that  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is a chordal graph. Similarly, if  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$  then  $0 \sim 1 \sim 2 \sim 3 \sim 0$  is a cycle of length 4 with  $1 \sim 3$  as the chord. Hence, the result.

$\Leftarrow$  If  $R$  is either a Von Neumann regular ring or  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ , then it is clear that  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is a chordal graph.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $R$  be any ring. Then  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is perfect.*

*Proof.* The following two cases complete the proof:

**Case 1.** If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring. Then  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is a complete graph and so  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  does not have any induced subgraph of odd cycle of length at least 5.

**Case 2.** If  $R$  is not a Von Neumann regular ring. Let  $S \subset V(G_{V_{nr+}}(R))$  with  $|S| \geq 5$ , then there exists at least one  $s \in S$  such that  $\deg_{<S>}(s) > 2$ . Therefore, there is no induced cycle subgraph of length at least 5 in  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$ . Hence  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  is perfect.  $\square$

### 3. DOMINATION PARAMETERS OF $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$

In this section, we study the domination parameters. The study of domination number has been a topic of interest for graph theorists in the recent past, infact the dominating set problem is a classical NP-complete decision problem and there is no efficient algorithm to find a smallest dominating set of a given graph. We start our discussion on domination parameters of  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$  with the following Lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring, then  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr+}}(R)) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a Von Neumann regular ring, then every element is a Von-Neumann regular element. Therefore, for every  $x \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , we have  $x + 0 \in V_{nr}(R)$ . So, every  $x \neq 0$  is adjacent to 0 and so  $D = \{0\}$  is a dominating set of  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$ . Hence,  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr+}}) = 1$   $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.**  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr+}}(R)) = 1$  if and only if either  $R$  is Von Neumann regular ring or  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr+}}(R)) = 1$ . Let  $D = \{x\}$  be a dominating set of  $G_{V_{nr+}}(R)$ . Hence,  $x \sim y$  for all  $y \in R$  which implies that  $\deg(x) = |R| - 1$ . By Theorem 2.1  $\deg(x) = |V_{nr}(R)| - 1$  or  $|V_{nr}(R)|$ . If  $\deg(x) = |R| - 1 = |V_{nr}(R)| - 1$ , then  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring. If  $\deg(x) = |R| - 1 = |V_{nr}(R)|$ , then  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ .

$\Leftarrow$  If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring, then by Lemma 3.1 we get the result. If  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ , then either  $\{1\}$  or  $\{3\}$  is the dominating set. Hence, the result hold.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** (1) If  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \prod_{i=1}^n R_i$ , then  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is a Von-Neumann regular element if and only if  $x_i \in V_{nr}(R_i)$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

(2) If  $R_i$  are Von Neumann regular rings, then  $\prod_{i=1}^n R_i$  is also a Von Neumann regular ring.

(3) If  $R = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i$ , where  $R_i$  are Von Neumann regular rings, then  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)) = 1$ .

**Remark 3.4.** If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring, then we have the following results:

- (1)  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr^+}}) = \gamma_t(G_{V_{nr^+}}) = \gamma_c(G_{V_{nr^+}}) = 1$ .
- (2) By Remark 2.2 we see that  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is a complete graph, therefore  $D = \{x\}$  is a dominating set of  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Hence, we see that  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is an excellent graph.

In the following, we determine the domination parameters for a local ring  $R$ , which is not Von Neumann regular ring. We begin with the following Lemma.

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m} \neq 0)$  be a local ring and let  $x \in R$ . If  $x \notin \mathfrak{m}$ , then  $x \in V_{nr}(R)$  and if  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$ , then  $1 + x \in V_{nr}(R)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring with  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$  such that  $R \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ . Then  $\gamma(G_{vnr^+}(R)) = 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a local ring with  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$  as the maximal ideal. If  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ , then by Theorem 3.2  $\gamma(G_{vnr^+}(R)) = 1$ . Therefore, we assume that  $R \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ . If  $x \notin \mathfrak{m}$ , then by Lemma 3.5  $x \in V_{nr}(R)$  therefore,  $x \sim 0$  in  $(G_{vnr^+}(R))$ . If  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$ , then again by Lemma 3.5  $1 + x \in V_{nr}(R)$  therefore,  $x \sim 1$  in  $(G_{vnr^+}(R))$ . Hence,  $D = \{0, 1\}$  is a dominating set in  $G_{vnr^+}(R)$ . This yields  $\gamma(G_{vnr^+}(R)) = 2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring with  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$ . Then the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)) = \gamma_t(G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)) = \gamma_c(G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)) = 2$ .
- (2)  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is an excellent graph.

*Proof.* (1) The proof follows directly from Theorem 3.6.  
 (2) If  $x \in V_{nr}(R)$ , then  $D = \{0, x\}$  is a dominating set in  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$ . If  $x \notin V_{nr}(R)$ , then  $D = \{1, x\}$  is a dominating set of  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$ . Therefore, for every  $x \in R$  we obtain a dominating set of  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  which contain  $x$ . Hence, we conclude that  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R)$  is an excellent graph.  $\square$

In the following, we find the domination parameters for the ring  $R' = R \times S$ , where  $R$  is any Von Neumann regular ring and  $S$  is a local ring which is not a Von Neumann regular ring.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $R$  be a Von Neumann regular ring and  $S$  be any local ring such that  $S$  is not a Von Neumann regular ring. Then  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr^+}}(R \times S)) = 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x, y) \in R \times S$ . If  $(x, y) \in V_{nr}(R \times S)$ , then  $(0, 0) + (x, y) = (x, y) \in V_{nr}(R \times S)$  i.e.  $(0, 0) \sim (x, y)$ . If  $(x, y) \notin V_{nr}(R \times S)$ , then it implies that  $y \notin V_{nr}(S)$ . Therefore, by Remark 3.5  $(0, 1) + (x, y) = (x, 1 + y) \in V_{nr}(R \times S)$  and so  $(x, y) \sim (0, 1)$ . Hence,  $D = \{(0, 0), (0, 1)\}$  is a dominating set in  $G_{V_{nr^+}}(R \times S)$ . Thus,  $\gamma(G_{V_{nr^+}}(R \times S)) = 2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $R$  be a Von Neumann regular ring and  $S$  be any local ring which is not a Von Neumann regular ring. Then the following conditions hold:*

- (1)  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)) = \gamma_t(G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)) = \gamma_c(G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)) = 2$ .
- (2)  $G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)$  is an excellent graph.

*Proof.* (1) From Theorem 3.8 we obtained that  $D = \{(0, 0), (0, 1)\}$  is a dominating set of  $G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)$ . Also  $(0, 0) \sim (0, 1)$ , thus  $\gamma_t(G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)) = \gamma_c(G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)) = 2$ .

(2) If  $(x, y) \in Vnr(R \times S)$ , then  $D = \{(0, 0), (x, y)\}$  is a dominating set of  $G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)$ , and if  $(x, y) \notin Vnr(R \times S)$ , then  $D = \{(0, 1), (x, y)\}$  is a dominating set of  $G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)$ . Therefore, for every  $(x, y) \in R \times S$  we have a dominating set  $\{(0, 0), (x, y)\}$  in  $G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)$ , which contain  $(x, y)$ . Hence,  $G_{Vnr+}(R \times S)$  is an excellent graph.  $\square$

Next we obtain a relationship between the domination number of a ring  $R$  and its quotient ring  $R/I$ , where  $I$  is any ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $R$  be any ring and  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ , then*  
 $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R/I)) \leq \gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = n$  and  $D = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be the dominating set for  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$ . Choose  $u_{i_1} + I, u_{i_2} + I, \dots, u_{i_m} + I$  from the set  $\{u_1 + I, u_2 + I, \dots, u_n + I\}$  such that they are distinct from each other, then obviously  $\{u_{i_1}, u_{i_2}, \dots, u_{i_m}\} \subseteq \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $m \leq n$ . We claim that  $D' = \{u_{i_1} + I, u_{i_2} + I, \dots, u_{i_m} + I\}$  is a dominating set for  $G_{Vnr+}(R/I)$ . Let  $v + I \in (R/I) \setminus D'$ , then  $v \in R \setminus D$ . Therefore, there exists  $u_l \in D$  such that  $v \sim u_l$  in  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$ . Now By [2, Proposition 2.6]  $v + I \sim u_l + I$  in  $G_{Vnr+}(R/I)$  and so  $u_l + I = u_{i_j} + I$ . Hence,  $v + I \sim u_{i_j} + I$  in  $G_{Vnr+}(R/I)$ . This gives that  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R/I)) \leq |D'| = m \leq n = \gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R))$ .  $\square$

In order to prove the Theorem 3.12, we state the following Theorem.

**Theorem 3.11.** [7, Theorem 3.1 and proposition 4.1] *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two graphs, then  $\gamma(G \times H) \geq \gamma(G) + \gamma(H) - 1$ . Moreover if the equality holds and  $\gamma(G) = 1$ , then  $G = K_1$  and  $H$  is an edgeless graph.*

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $R'$  be a Von Neumann regular ring. Then  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R \times R')) \geq \gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R))$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.11 we see that

$$\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R) \times G_{Vnr+}(R')) \geq \gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R)) + \gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R')) - 1$$

Now, by Lemma 3.1  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R')) = 1$  and so the result hold.  $\square$

Next we attempt to find the domination number  $R(+)M$ , where  $R$  is a ring and  $M$  is an  $R$ -module. But before, we recall the definition of  $R(+)M$  and its properties.

**Definition 3.13.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $M$  be an  $R$  module. The set  $R(+M) = \{(r, m) | r \in R \text{ and } m \in M\}$  under the addition and multiplication defined as  $(r, m) + (r', n) = (r + r', m + n)$  and  $(r, m)(r', n) = (rr', rn + r'm)$  for  $(r, m), (r', n) \in R(+M)$  is a commutative ring. This ring is called the idealization of  $M$  in  $R$ .

**Remark 3.14.** (1) Let  $W_r = \{(r, m) | m \in M\}$ , then for distinct  $r, r' \in R$ ,  $W_r \cap W_{r'} = \emptyset$  and we have  $R(+M) = \bigcup_{r \in R} W_r$ .  
 (2)  $Vnr(R(+M)) = \{(r, rm) | r \in Vnr(R) \text{ and } m \in M\}$

**Lemma 3.15.** [2, Lemma 4.9] For arbitrary elements  $r, r' \in R$  and a module  $M$  over  $R$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) The vertex  $r$  is adjacent to  $r'$  in  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$ .
- (2) Every element of  $W_r$  is adjacent to every element of  $W_{r'}$  in  $G_{Vnr+}(R(+M))$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, then the following conditions hold:

- (1) If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring, then  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R(+M))) = 1$ .
- (2) If  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a local ring and  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$ , then  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R(+M))) = 2$ .

*Proof.* (1) If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring, then  $r \sim 0$ , for all  $r \in R$ . Then by Lemma 3.15, we see that all elements in  $W_0$  are adjacent to all elements in  $W_r$ . Therefore,  $D = \{(0, 0)\}$  is the dominating set in  $G_{Vnr+}(R(+M))$  and so  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R(+M))) = 1$ .  
 (2) If  $R$  is a local ring and  $r \in R$ . Let  $r \in Vnr(R)$ , then  $r \sim 0$ , this implies that all elements in  $W_0$  are adjacent to all elements in  $W_r$ . If  $r \notin Vnr(R)$ , then  $r \sim 1$ , this implies that all elements in  $W_1$  are adjacent to all elements in  $W_r$ . Therefore,  $D = \{(0, 0), (1, 0)\}$  is a dominating set in  $G_{Vnr+}(R(+M))$  and so  $\gamma(G_{Vnr+}(R(+M))) = 2$ . □

Next we attempt to determine the domatic number of connected Von Neumann regular graph  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  of ring.

**Remark 3.17.** If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring then,  $\{x\}$  is a dominating set for all  $x \in R$ , therefore  $d(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = |R|$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring with  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$  such that  $R \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ . Then  $d(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = \lfloor \frac{|R|}{2} \rfloor$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring with  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$ . Then  $S = \{x_1, x_2\}$  is a dominating set in  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$ , where  $x_2 \notin x_1 + \mathfrak{m}$ . Hence,  $d(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = \lfloor \frac{|R|}{2} \rfloor$ . □

**Remark 3.19.** The above Theorem 3.18 fails if  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ . Here, dominating sets of  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  are  $\{1\}, \{3\}, \{0, 2\}$  and so  $d(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = 3$ . Moreover, the graph  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  is domatically full.

We end up this article by discussing the bondage number of Von Neumann regular graph  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$ .



**Remark 3.20.** If  $R$  is a Von Neumann regular ring and so  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$  is a complete graph. Therefore,  $b(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = \lceil \frac{|R|}{2} \rceil$ .

**Theorem 3.21.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring with  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$  and  $|R| \neq 4$ . Then  $b(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = \delta(G_{Vnr+}(R))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring such that  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$ . Let  $|R| = 4$ . If  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ , then  $Vnr(\mathbb{Z}_4) = \{0, 1, 3\}$ . Now, if we remove the edge  $(1, 3)$  from the graph  $G_{Vnr+}(R)$ , then it increases the domination number by 1. So  $b(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = 1 \neq \delta(G_{Vnr+}(R))$ . If  $R \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{x^2}$ , then  $G_{Vnr+}(\frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{x^2})$  is  $C_4$  and so,  $b(G_{Vnr+}(R)) \neq \delta(G_{Vnr+}(R))$ . Therefore, we consider  $|R| \neq 4$ . Then  $\delta(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = |Vnr(R)| - 1$ ; Obviously  $deg(0) = \delta(G_{Vnr+}(R))$ . Now, to increase the domination number, we have to remove all the edges from 0. This yields  $b(G_{Vnr+}(R)) = \delta(G_{Vnr+}(R))$ .  $\square$

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