## Power Domination in triangular grids

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Where :

- $T$ is the number of tip edges
- $B$ is the number of base edges
- $C$ is the number of connected components of $M$
- $H$ is the number of holes


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- Finding the starting value of $Q$ with respect to $S$


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We suppose here that $N[S]$ is connected.
We define $G_{S}=\left(V_{S}, E_{S}\right)$ as follows :

- $V_{S}=S$
- $(x y) \in E_{S}$ if $x$ and $y$ form a bridge or a double-bridge :

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- A weight of 1 on each base edge
- A non-negative weight on each vertex


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this is true for each connected component so

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This gives us the lower bound and we can reach it so:

Theorem

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