

## DOMINATION NUMBER OF GRAPHS WITH MINIMUM DEGREE FIVE

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### Abstract

We prove that for every graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices and with minimum degree five, the domination number  $\gamma(G)$  cannot exceed  $n/3$ . The proof combines an algorithmic approach and the discharging method. Using the same technique, we provide a shorter proof for the known upper bound  $4n/11$  on the domination number of graphs of minimum degree four.

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