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78666, and Leslie Hogben, Franklin H. J. Kenter and Michael Young. The relationship
between k-forcing and k-power domination.

Let G = (V, E) be a graph and k a positive integer. For a set $S \subseteq V$, recursively define a family of sets, $S^{(i,k)}$, $i \ge 0$ by $S^{(0,k)} = S$, $S^{(1,k)} = N[S]$, and for each $i \ge 1$, $S^{(i+1,k)} = S^{(i,k)} \cup \{w : \exists v \in S^{i,k} \text{ such that } |N(v) \setminus S^{i,k}| \le k \text{ and } w \in N(v) \setminus S^{i,k}\}$. The set S is a k-power dominating set of a graph G if there is an integer ℓ such that $S^{[\ell,k]} = V$ and the minimum integer ℓ such that $S^{(\ell,k)} = V$ is the k-power propagation time for S in G.

Analogously, associate with S another family of sets, $B^{(i,k)}$, $i \ge 0$ defined by $B = B^{(0,k)}$ and for each $i \ge 0$: $B^{(i+1,k)} = \{w : \exists v \in B^{(i,k)}, \text{ such that } |N(v) \setminus B^{(i,k)})| \le k \text{ and } w \in N(v) \setminus B^{(i,k)}\}$. The set S is a k-forcing set of G if there is an integer ℓ such that $S^{(\ell,k)} = V$ and the minimum integer ℓ such that $S^{(\ell,k)} = V$ is the k-propagation time for S in G.

We show how methods and techniques used to study k-power domination transfer to the study of k-forcing and vice versa. (Received September 20, 2016)