

On the generic family of Cayley graphs of a finite group

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On the generic family of Cayley graphs of a finite group

Definition

Let G be a group, e - its unity. A subset $S \subset G \setminus \{e\}$ is *symmetric*, if

$$S = S^{-1},$$

where $S^{-1} = \{s^{-1} \mid s \in S\}$.

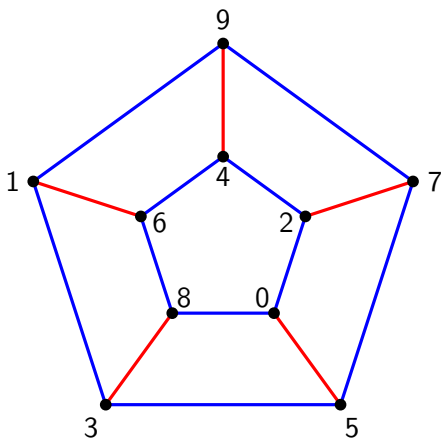
The *Cayley graph* of G with respect to S ,

$$\text{Cay}(G, S)$$

is a graph, whose set of vertices is G and the set of edges is defined by the condition:

$$g \sim h \Leftrightarrow \exists_{s \in S} h = s \cdot g.$$

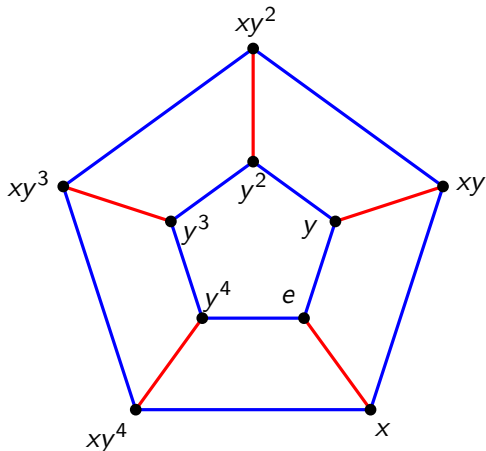
Cayley graph



$$G = \mathbb{Z}_{10} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$S = \{5, 2, 8\}$$

Cayley graph



$$G = D_5 = \langle x, y : x^2 = e = y^5, xyx = y^{-1} \rangle$$

$$S = \{x, y, y^{-1}\}$$

Definition of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

Definition

Let G - a finite group and $m \in \mathbb{N}$. The generic graph of G of degree m , is the Cayley graph

$$\mathcal{G}_m(G) = \text{Cay}(G^m, S),$$

where

$$G^m = \underbrace{G \times G \times \cdots \times G}_m,$$

$$S = \{ \mathbf{x}_{[k,l]} : x \in G^\times, 1 \leq k < l \leq m+1 \}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{[k,l]} = (\underbrace{e, e, \dots, e}_{k-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{x, x, \dots, x}_{l-k \text{ times}}, e, e, \dots, e).$$

Definition of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

Definition

An interval of G^m is the set

$$G_{[k,l]} = \{\mathbf{x}_{[k,l]} : x \in G \setminus \{e\}\}.$$

Hence

$$S = \bigcup_{1 \leq k < l \leq m+1} G_{[k,l]}.$$

Therefore for vertices $\mathbf{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_m)$, $\mathbf{h} = (h_1, \dots, h_m)$ of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$,

$$\mathbf{g} \sim \mathbf{h} \Leftrightarrow \exists_{x \in G \setminus \{e\}} \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{x}_{[k,l]} \cdot \mathbf{g} \text{ for some } 1 \leq k < l \leq m+1.$$

Definition of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

Lemma 1.

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Example

m	$\binom{m+1}{2}$	$ G $	$ V $	$d = S$
2	3	60	3600	177
3	6	60	216 000	354
6	21	6	46 656	105

Motivation

Suppose, that a finite group G acts on a non-commutative ring R by automorphisms

$$G \rightarrow \mathbf{Aut}(R), \quad r \mapsto r^g.$$

The subring of fixed points

$$R^G = \{r \in R \mid r^g = r \text{ for all } g \in G\}.$$

A natural way to construct fixed points of the action is to use the trace map $\mathbf{tr}_G: R \rightarrow R$ defined by

$$\mathbf{tr}_G(r) = \sum_{g \in G} r^g.$$

The image

$$T = \mathbf{tr}_G(R)$$

is an ideal of R^G .

Theorem (Bergman - Isaacs)

Let G be a finite group of automorphisms of the ring R with no additive $|G|$ -torsion. If $T = \mathbf{tr}_G(R)$ is nilpotent of index d , then R is nilpotent of index at most $f(|G|)^d$, where

$$f(m) = \prod_{k=1}^m \left(\binom{m}{k} + 1 \right).$$

In particular, if $\mathbf{tr}_G(R) = 0$, then

$$R^{f(|G|)} = 0.$$

Function f

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Conjecture

Under assumptions of the Bergman-Isaacs theorem the nilpotency index of R is not bigger than $|G|^d$.
(It was proved for solvable groups.)

$$f(60) =$$

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For a given group G and a set I let

$$Z_G = \mathbb{Z}\langle \zeta_{i,g} \mid g \in G, i \in I \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad Q_G = \mathbb{Q}\langle \zeta_{i,g} \mid g \in G, i \in I \rangle$$

be algebras without 1 over \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Q} respectively.

The group G acts on both algebras:

$$(\zeta_{i,g})^x = \zeta_{i, x^{-1}g}.$$

For an arbitrary ring A , acted upon by G , one can take a sufficiently large set I , such that there exists a G -epimorphism θ of Z_G onto A with

$$\theta(\mathbf{tr}_G(Z_G)) = \mathbf{tr}_G(A).$$

This allows to reduce the investigation of Conjecture to combinatorial properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$.

Proposition 2.

Let A be the adjacency matrix of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$. If for every eigenvalue λ of A

$$\lambda > -\binom{m+1}{2},$$

then, under the assumptions of the Bergman-Isaacs theorem, the nilpotency index of R is not bigger than m .

Proposition 3.

Let G be a finite abelian group. If $m \geq |G|$, then every eigenvalue λ of A satisfies the inequality

$$\lambda > -\binom{m+1}{2}$$

In particular the nilpotency index of R is not bigger than m .

Theorem 4.

If $\mathcal{G} = \text{Cay}(G, S)$ is a Cayley graph, then the set \mathbf{T} of functions of the form

$$T_g : G \rightarrow G, \quad x^{T_g} = xg$$

is a vertex transitive group of automorphisms of \mathcal{G} (isomorphic with G).

Corollary.

For every $g \in G$ the subgraph $\mathcal{V}(g)$ of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$, whose set of vertices is equal to the set of all neighbours of g is isomorphic to $\mathcal{V}(e)$.

Example

Let a, b, c be different elements of G^\times and let

$$\mathbf{g} = (e, a, a, b, b, b, c, e, e), \quad \mathbf{h} = (e, a, e, e, b, b, c, c, e).$$

Then they have the following decompositions, which we call *weight decompositions*; the number of components we call *the weight*:

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{a}_{[2,4]} \mathbf{b}_{[4,7]} \mathbf{c}_{[7,8]} \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta(\mathbf{g}) = 3$$

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{a}_{[2,3]} \mathbf{e}_{[3,5]} \mathbf{b}_{[5,7]} \mathbf{c}_{[7,9]} \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta(\mathbf{h}) = 4.$$

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

Lemma 5.

Let G be a group and $m > 1$. For every $\mathbf{g} \in G^m \setminus \{\mathbf{e}\}$ there exist a sequence

$$1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k < i_{k+1} \leq m + 1$$

and elements

$$x_1, \dots, x_k \in G,$$

such that

- 1 $x_1 \neq e \neq x_k$;
- 2 $x_i \neq x_{i+1}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$;
- 3 $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{x}_1[i_1, i_2] \mathbf{x}_2[i_2, i_3] \cdots \mathbf{x}_k[i_k, i_{k+1}]$.

The presentation of \mathbf{g} in this form is unique.

Definition.

The number $\vartheta(\mathbf{g}) = k$ we call *the weight* of an element \mathbf{g} . It is clear that $1 \leq \vartheta(\mathbf{g}) \leq m$ for every $\mathbf{g} \neq \mathbf{e}$.

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Lemma 6.

If $\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h} \in G^m \setminus \{\mathbf{e}\}$ are adjacent vertices in $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$, then $|\vartheta(\mathbf{g}) - \vartheta(\mathbf{h})| \leq 2$.

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

For $\mathbf{g} \in G^m$ let $V(\mathbf{g})$ be the set of all neighbours of \mathbf{g} in $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$.

Proposition 7.

For every element $\mathbf{g} \in G^m \setminus \{\mathbf{e}\}$:

- (a) $\mathbf{g} \in V(\mathbf{e})$ iff $\vartheta(\mathbf{g}) = 1$. In this case we have $|V(\mathbf{e}) \cap V(\mathbf{g})| = |G| + 2m - 4$;
- (b) if $\vartheta(\mathbf{g}) = 2$, then $|V(\mathbf{e}) \cap V(\mathbf{g})| = 6$;
- (c) if $\vartheta(\mathbf{g}) = 3$, then $|V(\mathbf{e}) \cap V(\mathbf{g})|$ belongs to $\{0, 1, 2, 4, 6\}$;
- (d) if $\vartheta(\mathbf{g}) \geq 4$, then $V(\mathbf{e}) \cap V(\mathbf{g}) = \emptyset$.

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

Corollary 8.

A group G is nonabelian if and only if for $m \geq 3$ there exist two vertices in $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ which have exactly one common neighbour.

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

Definition

A k -regular graph X on n vertices is called
edge regular

if there exists a parameter a such that every two adjacent vertices have exactly a common neighbours. In this case we say that X is edge regular with the parameters

$$(n, k, a).$$

Corollary 9.

The graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ is edge regular with parameters:

$$\left(|G|^m, \binom{m+1}{2} (|G| - 1), |G| + 2m - 4 \right).$$

Definition

A graph X is called

strongly regular

with parameters (n, k, a, c) when it is edge regular with parameters (n, k, a) and every two of non-adjacent vertices have c common neighbours.

Corollary 10.

(a) The graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ is strongly regular if and only if $m = 2$.

(b) For a given group G the graph $\mathcal{G}_2(G)$ is strongly regular with parameters

$$(|G|^2, 3(|G| - 1), |G|, 6).$$

The eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of $\mathcal{G}_2(G)$ are equal

$$3(|G| - 1), |G| - 3, -3$$

with multiplicities

$$1, 3(|G| - 1), |G|^2 - 3|G| + 2$$

respectively.

Definition

By

$$\mathcal{V}_m(g) = \mathcal{V}_m(g, G)$$

we denote a subgraph of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ whose set of vertices is equal to $V(g)$.

For an element $x \in G^\times$ by

$$\mathcal{I}_m(x) = \mathcal{I}_m(x, G)$$

we denote a subgraph of $\mathcal{V}_m(e, G)$, whose set of vertices is equal

$$\{\mathbf{x}_{[k,l]} : 1 \leq k < l \leq m+1\} \cup \{\mathbf{x}_{[k,l]}^{-1} : 1 \leq k < l \leq m+1\}.$$

Lemat 11.

(a) The number of vertices of $\mathcal{I}_m(x)$ is equal to

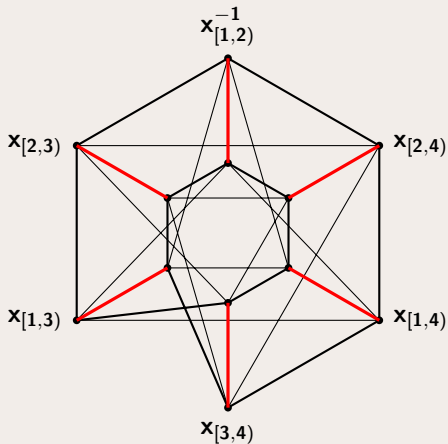
$$\binom{m+1}{2}$$

when x has order 2 and twice more, when x has order bigger than 2.

(b) For a fixed interval $[k, l)$, in the graph $\mathcal{I}_m(x)$ the vertex $\mathbf{x}_{[k,l)}$ is adjacent to

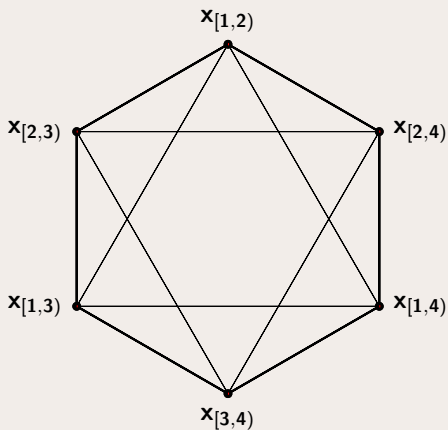
- $m - k + l - 2$ vertices of the form $\mathbf{x}_{[i,j)}$ (where $k = i$, $k < j$ and $l \neq j$ or $l = j$, $i < l$ and $k \neq i$),
- $m + k - l$ vertices of the form $\mathbf{x}_{[i,j)}^{-1}$ (where $k = j + 1$ and $i < k$ or $l = i$ and $l < j$),
- $\mathbf{x}_{[k,l)}^{-1}$ (for $o(x) > 2$ only).

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$



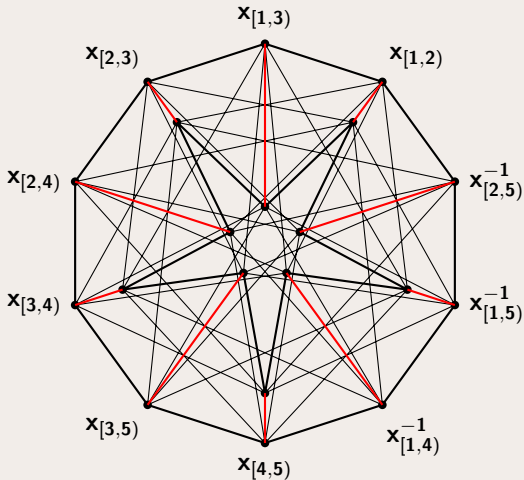
Graph $\mathcal{I}_3(x)$, $o(x) > 2$

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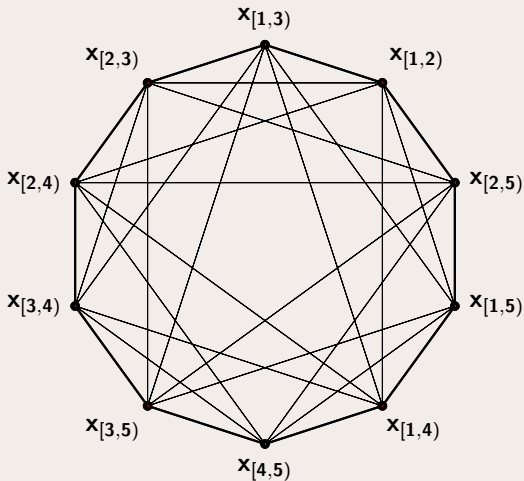
Graph $\mathcal{I}_3(x)$, $o(x) = 2$

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$



Graph $\mathcal{I}_4(x)$, $o(x) > 2$

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$



Graph $\mathcal{I}_4(x)$, $o(x) = 2$

Lemma 12.

Let $m > 1$. For nontrivial groups G and H and elements $x \in G^\times$ and $y \in H^\times$

$\mathcal{I}_m(x, G) \simeq \mathcal{I}_m(y, H)$ iff $o(x) = 2 = o(y)$ or $o(x) \neq 2 \neq o(y)$.

Proposition 13.

Let G and H be groups such that $|G| = |H|$. If G and H have the same numbers of elements of order 2, then for all $g \in G$ and $h \in H$

$$\mathcal{V}_m(g, G) \simeq \mathcal{V}_m(h, H).$$

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

Definition

Let \mathcal{B}_m be a graph whose vertices are intervals

$$G_{[k,l]},$$

$1 \leq k < l \leq m + 1$. Two intervals are adjacent

$$G_{[k,l]} \sim G_{[i,j]},$$

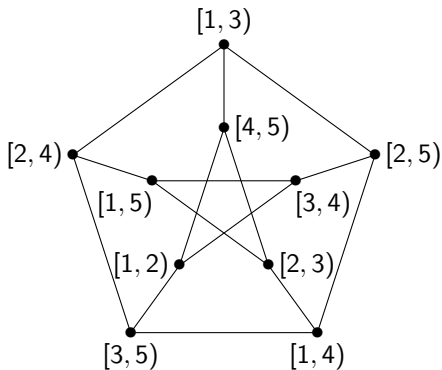
if there exist $\mathbf{x}_{[k,l]} \in G_{[k,l]}$ and $\mathbf{y}_{[i,j]} \in G_{[i,j]}$ which are adjacent in $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$.

Note that \mathcal{B}_m is isomorphic to the graph $\mathcal{I}_m(x, G)$, where x is an element of order 2. \mathcal{B}_m can be obtained also from $\mathcal{I}_m(x, G)$, where x has order bigger than 2, by removing the edges $\mathbf{x}_{[k,l]} \sim \mathbf{x}_{[k,l]}^{-1}$, with simultaneous merging of ends and identifying suitable edges to avoid multiple edges.

Elementary properties of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$

Proposition 14.

The complement $\overline{\mathcal{B}}_m$ of the graph \mathcal{B}_m is isomorphic to the Kneser graph $KG_{m+1,2}$.



$$m = 4, \quad \text{graf } \overline{\mathcal{B}}_4 = KG_{5,2}$$

Proposition 15.

The maximal number of vertices in a clique of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ is equal to

$$\begin{cases} \max\{m+1, |G|\} & \text{if } m \geq 3 \text{ or } |G| > 2, \\ 4 & \text{if } m = 2 \text{ and } |G| = 2, \end{cases}$$

Proposition 16.

Let $F : \mathcal{G}_m(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_m(H)$ be an isomorphism of graphs such that $F(\mathbf{e}_G) = \mathbf{e}_H$, where G and H are finite groups and let Q be a clique in $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$. Then $F(Q)$ is a maximum interval (resp. maximum dispersed) clique in $\mathcal{G}_m(H)$ if and only if Q is a maximum interval (resp. maximum dispersed) clique in $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$, with the exception of the case where $|G| = 3$ and $m = 2$. In particular, if $(m, |G|) \neq (2, 3)$, then any automorphism of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ fixing \mathbf{e} preserves the type of a maximum clique.

Homogeneous homomorphisms

Definition

If X and Y are graphs with sets of vertices $V(X)$ and $V(Y)$ respectively, then the function $F: V(X) \rightarrow V(Y)$ is called a *homomorphism* if

$$x \sim_X y \Rightarrow F(x) \sim_Y F(y).$$

Let G i H be groups, with units \mathbf{e}_G and \mathbf{e}_H respectively. A homomorphism of graphs

$$F: \mathcal{G}_m(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_m(H)$$

is called *homogeneous* if

$$F(\mathbf{e}_G) = \mathbf{e}_H \text{ i } F(G_{[k,l]}) \subseteq H_{[k,l]},$$

for all $1 \leq k < l \leq m + 1$.

Theorem 17.

Let G, H be groups and $m > 1$. Then every homogeneous graph homomorphism (isomorphism) $F: \mathcal{G}_m(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_m(H)$ is induced by a group monomorphism (isomorphism), that is

$$F(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m) = (f(g_1), f(g_2), \dots, f(g_m))$$

for some monomorphism (isomorphism) of groups $f: G \rightarrow H$.

Corollary 18.

Let G, H be groups and $m \geq 2$. Then the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ and $\mathcal{G}_m(H)$ are isomorphic with respect to some homogeneous isomorphism iff the groups G and H are isomorphic.

Automorphisms

In every Cayley graph right transfers create vertex transitive group of automorphisms of the graph:

$$\mathbf{T}_m(G) = \{T_{\mathbf{g}} : \mathbf{g} \in G^m\}, \quad T_{\mathbf{g}} : G^m \rightarrow G^m, \quad \mathbf{x}^{T_{\mathbf{g}}} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{g}, \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in G^m.$$

What is the stabilizer of an arbitrary vertex (\mathbf{e})?

The homogeneous automorphisms stabilize \mathbf{e} :

$$\mathbf{Aut}_m(G)$$

If $f \in \mathbf{Aut}(G)$ and $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in G^m$,

$$\mathbf{x}^f = (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_m)).$$

It is clear that for every $\mathbf{g} \in G^m$ i $f \in \mathbf{Aut}_m(G)$

$$f^{-1}T_{\mathbf{g}}f = T_{\mathbf{g}^f}$$

which means that $\mathbf{Aut}_m(G)$ normalizes $\mathbf{T}_m(G)$.

Lemma 19.

Let G be an abelian group and $m \geq 2$. For $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ let $\gamma_i: G^m \rightarrow G^m$ be the mappings given by

$$(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m)^{\gamma_i} = (g_1, \dots, g_{i-1}, g_{i-1}g_i^{-1}g_{i+1}, g_{i+1}, \dots, g_m),$$

(we assume $g_0 = g_{m+1} = e$). Then

- 1 all γ_i are automorphisms of the group G^m of order 2, satisfying the condition $S^{\gamma_i} = S$ and then all they are automorphism of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$.
- 2 for $|i - j| > 1$, ($1 \leq i, j \leq m$), we have $\gamma_i\gamma_j = \gamma_j\gamma_i$.
- 3 for all i, j , ($1 \leq i, j \leq m$, $i + j \leq m$), $\gamma_i\gamma_{i+1} \dots \gamma_{i+j}$ is an automorphism of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ of order $j + 2$, in particular the automorphisms $\gamma_i\gamma_{i+1}$ have order 3 and $\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_m = \omega$ has order $m + 1$.
- 4 the subgroup $\Gamma_m = \langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_m \rangle$ of $\mathbf{Aut}(\mathcal{G}_m(G))$ is isomorphic to the symmetric group S_{m+1} of degree $m + 1$.

Theorem 20.

Let G be an abelian group. If either

- (a) $m > 3$, or
- (b) $m = 3$ and G is of exponent bigger than 2, or
- (c) $m = 2$ and $|G| \neq 3$,

then

- ① the stabilizer of $\mathbf{e} \in G^m$ in the automorphism group $\mathbf{Aut}(\mathcal{G}_m(G))$ is equal to

$$\mathbf{Aut}_m(G) \times \Gamma_m \simeq \mathbf{Aut}(G) \times S_{m+1};$$

- ② the group of all automorphisms of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ is equal to

$$\mathbf{Aut}(\mathcal{G}_m(G)) = \mathbf{T}_m \rtimes (\mathbf{Aut}_m(G) \times \Gamma_m) \simeq G^m \rtimes (\mathbf{Aut}(G) \times S_{m+1}).$$

Lemma 21.

Let G be a group and $m \geq 2$. Then

- ① the map $\tau: G^m \rightarrow G^m$ given by

$$(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m)^{\tau} = (g_m, g_{m-1}, \dots, g_2, g_1)$$

is an automorphism of order two of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$,

- ② The map $\omega: G^m \rightarrow G^m$ given by

$$(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m)^{\omega} = (g_1^{-1}g_2, g_1^{-1}g_3, \dots, g_1^{-1}g_m, g_1^{-1})$$

is an automorphism of order $m + 1$ of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$,

- ③ the subgroup $\Delta_m = \langle \tau, \omega \rangle$ of $\mathbf{Aut}(\mathcal{G}_m(G))$ is isomorphic to the dihedral group D_{m+1} .

Similarly as in the abelian case

$\mathbf{Aut}_m(G)$ normalizes \mathbf{T}_m

but for nonabelian groups the automorphism $\omega \in \mathbf{\Delta}_m(G)$ does not normalize \mathbf{T}_m . In fact

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)^{\omega^{-1} T_g \omega} &= \\ &= (x_m^{-1}, x_m^{-1} x_1, x_m^{-1} x_2, \dots, x_m^{-1} x_{m-2}, x_m^{-1} x_{m-1})^{T_g \omega} \\ &= (x_m^{-1} g_1, x_m^{-1} x_1 g_2, x_m^{-1} x_2 g_3, \dots, x_m^{-1} x_{m-2} g_{m-1}, x_m^{-1} x_{m-1} g_m)^{\omega} \\ &= (g_1^{-1} x_1 g_2, g_1^{-1} x_2 g_3, g_1^{-1} x_3 g_4, \dots, g_1^{-1} x_{m-1} g_m, g_1^{-1} x_m) \\ &= (x_1^{g_1} (g_1^{-1} g_2), x_2^{g_1} (g_1^{-1} g_3), x_3^{g_1} (g_1^{-1} g_4), \dots, x_{m-1}^{g_1} (g_1^{-1} g_m), x_m^{g_1} g_1^{-1}) \\ &= (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_m)^{f_{g_1} T_g \omega}, \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\omega^{-1} T_g \omega = f_{g_1} T_g \omega,$$

where f_{g_1} is an internal automorphism induced by $g_1 \in G$.

Theorem 22.

Let G be a non-abelian group. Then

- 1 the stabilizer of $\mathbf{e} \in G^m$ in the automorphism group $\mathbf{Aut}(\mathcal{G}_m(G))$ is equal to

$$\mathbf{Aut}_m(G) \times \mathbf{\Delta}_m \simeq \mathbf{Aut}(G) \times D_{m+1};$$

- 2 the group of all automorphisms of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ is equal

$$\mathbf{Aut}(\mathcal{G}_m(G)) = (\mathbf{T}_m \rtimes \mathbf{Aut}_m(G)) \rtimes \mathbf{\Delta}_m \simeq (G^m \rtimes \mathbf{Aut}(G)) \rtimes D_{m+1}.$$

Theorem 23.

Let G and H be groups and $m > 1$. Then the graphs $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ and $\mathcal{G}_m(H)$ are isomorphic if and only if the groups G and H are isomorphic.

Theorem 24.

Let G be a group, $Z(G)$ its center $i m \geq 3$. Let also k and l be such that $1 \leq k < l \leq m + 1$, $l - k > 1$. Then

- ① If $x \notin Z(G)$ then for every $y \in G$, such that $xy \neq yx$, the vertex $\mathbf{x}_{[k,l]}$ is the unique vertex $V(\mathbf{e}) \cap V(\mathbf{g})$, where

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{y}_{[i,k]}(\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x})_{[k,j]}\mathbf{x}_{[j,l]}, \quad (1 \leq i < k) \text{ or}$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{x}_{[k,i]}(\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x})_{[i,l]}\mathbf{y}_{[l,j]}, \quad (l < j \leq m + 1).$$

- ② If for some $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{G}_m(G)$, either $\mathbf{x}_{[k,k+1]} \in V(\mathbf{e}) \cap V(\mathbf{a})$ or $\mathbf{x}_{[1,m+1]} \in V(\mathbf{e}) \cap V(\mathbf{a})$, then $|V(\mathbf{e}) \cap V(\mathbf{a})| > 1$.

Let G be a group, $Z(G)$ its center and $m \geq 3$. Let also k and l be such that $1 \leq k < l \leq m + 1$, $l - k > 1$. Let A be the adjacency matrix of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$. Then the (\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}) -entry of A^2 is equal to the number of paths of length 2 from \mathbf{g} to \mathbf{h} . Hence in the row (column) of A^2 labeled by $\mathbf{x}_{[k,l]}$ there are entries equal to 1 if and only if $x \notin Z(G)$.

Theorem 25.

There exists a subgraph \mathcal{L} of the graph $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ with the set of vertices equal to G^m , determined by the combinatorial structure of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ such that

- 1 All connected components of \mathcal{L} are isomorphic to $\mathcal{G}_m(Z(G))$.*
- 2 One can define adjacency relation on the set of connected components giving the graph isomorphic to $\mathcal{G}_m(G/Z(G))$.*

Definition

Let $\mathcal{D}_m(G)$ be a subgraph of $\mathcal{G}_m(G)$ with the set of vertices G^m . Two vertices are adjacent ($\mathbf{g} \sim \mathbf{h}$) in $\mathcal{D}_m(G)$, if there exists $\mathbf{x} \in S'$, such that $\mathbf{sg} = \mathbf{h}$, where

$$S' = \bigcup_{k=1}^{m-1} G_{[k, k+2]}.$$

Proposition 26.

For $m \geq 3$ the number of connected components of $\mathcal{D}_m(G)$ is equal $|G/G'|$. In particular $\mathcal{D}_m(G)$ is connected if and only if $G' = G$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x^{-1}y^{-1}xy, e, e, e, \dots, e) = \\
& = (x^{-1}y^{-1}, x^{-1}y^{-1}, e, e, \dots, e) \cdot (e, y, y, e, \dots, e) \cdot \\
& (xy, xy, e, e, \dots, e) \cdot (e, y^{-1}, y^{-1}, e, \dots, e), \\
& (e, x^{-1}y^{-1}xy, e, e, \dots, e) = \\
& = (x^{-1}y^{-1}, x^{-1}y^{-1}, e, e, \dots, e) \cdot (e, x, x, e, \dots, e) \cdot \\
& (yx, yx, e, e, \dots, e) \cdot (e, x^{-1}, x^{-1}, e, \dots, e), \\
& (e, e, x^{-1}y^{-1}xy, e, \dots, e) = \\
& = (x, x, e, e, \dots, e) \cdot (e, x^{-1}y^{-1}, x^{-1}y^{-1}, e, \dots, e) \cdot \\
& (x^{-1}, x^{-1}, e, e, \dots, e) \cdot (e, xy, xy, e, \dots, e).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof c.d.

Then

$$(G')^m \leq \langle S' \rangle$$

On the other hand, if $G' < G$ then the function $\varphi : G^n \rightarrow G/G'$ defined by the formula

$$\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = x_1 x_2^{-1} x_3 x_4^{-1} \dots x_m^{(-1)^{m-1}} G'.$$

is a homomorphism of groups and

$$\langle S' \rangle \leq \text{Ker}(\varphi).$$

Moreover, if $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = e_{G/G'}$ Therefore

$x_1 x_2^{-1} x_3 x_4^{-1} \dots x_m^{(-1)^{m-1}} \in G'$. But

$$\begin{aligned} & (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = \\ & = (\mathbf{x}_1)_{[1,3]} (\mathbf{x}_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2)_{[2,4]} (\mathbf{x}_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_3)_{[3,5]} (\mathbf{x}_3^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_4)_{[4,6]} \dots, \end{aligned}$$