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# The Order Gcd Graph

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**Abstract:** In this paper we define a simple undirected graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  whose vertices are all the elements of  $Z_n$  and two distinct vertices  $a, b$  are adjacent if and only if  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = o(a \cdot b)$ . We introduced that the graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  is complete graph for  $n = pq$ , where  $p, q$  are distinct prime. The graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  is not planar for  $n = p^2$  and  $n = 2^k \cdot p$ , where,  $p$  is any odd prime and  $k > 1$ . Also, we have discussed the Eulerian property of the graph and find the degree of vertices and clique number of the graph.

**Keywords:** clique number, planar graph, complete graph, the order gcd graph

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## 1. Introduction

In 1889 Cayley [1] introduced a graph represents a finite group. There are many other graphs associated with finite group [2–4]. Different types of graphs associated with a commutative and noncommutative group were defined by many authors [5–9]. Zero divisor graph is defined by Beck [10] in 1988, the graph is an undirected graph and elements of a commutative ring are  $R$  considered as vertices of the graph and two distinct vertices  $a, b$  are adjacent if and only if  $ab = 0$ . Erdos and Sarkozy [11] was defined co-prime graph in 1997, If  $G$  is finite group the co-prime graph of  $G$  is denoted by  $\Gamma_G$ , elements of  $G$  are considered as vertices and two distinct vertices  $a, b$  are adjacent if and only if  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = 1$ . After two years in 1999 [12] M. S. Lucido defined prime graph  $\Gamma(G)$  associated with a finite group  $G$  whose vertices are the primes dividing the order of  $G$  and two vertices  $p, q$  are adjacent if there is an element in  $G$  of order  $pq$ . This works motivated us to construct a new graph associated with a finite group  $Z_n$  and this graph is called Order gcd graph whose vertices are all the elements of  $Z_n$  and two distinct vertices  $a, b$  are adjacent if and only if  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = o(ab)$ . In this paper we introduce planarity, Eulerian property of the graph for different values of  $n$ . Here we also find the clique number of the graph and degree of vertices of the graph for different values of  $n$ .

## 2. Main results

**Definition 1** A simple undirected graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  whose vertices are all the elements of  $Z_n$  and two distinct vertices  $a, b$  are adjacent if and only if  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = o(a \cdot b)$ .

For  $n = 2, 3, 4, 5$  the graphs it becomes complete graph  $K_2, K_3, K_4, K_5$  respectively. For  $n = 8$ .

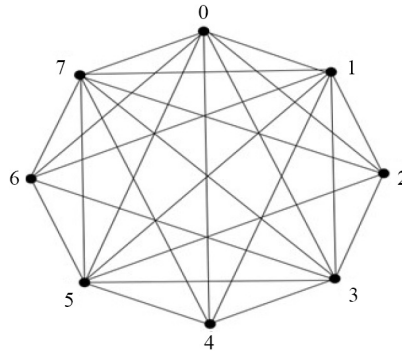


Figure 1.  $O_g(Z_8)$

**Theorem 1** The graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is  $K_{p^2} - E$ . Where;  $E = \{\overline{ab} : a, b \text{ are non-zero zero divisor}\}$ .

**Proof.** Every element of  $Z_{p^2}$  are taken as vertices of the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$ . Let  $u$  be the unit element of  $Z_{p^2}$ . For any vertex  $a (\neq u)$ ,

$$\gcd(o(u), o(a)) = \gcd(p^2, o(a)) = o(a) = o(au) \text{ [ Since, } \gcd(a, u) = 1 \text{ then } o(a) = o(au) \text{].}$$

So,  $u$  is adjacent with  $a$ . Therefore, any unit element is adjacent with every vertex of the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$ .

Zero element of the graph is adjacent with every element. Because,  $\gcd(o(a), o(0)) = \gcd(o(a), 1) = 1 = o(0) = o(a \cdot 0)$ .

Let,  $z$  be non-zero zero-divisor of  $Z_{p^2}$ , which is adjacent to every unit element (Since, any unit element is adjacent with every vertex of the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$ ). Also,  $z$  is adjacent with 0.

$z$  is not adjacent with any non-zero zero-divisor of  $Z_{p^2}$ ; because, if possible  $z$  is adjacent with any nonzero zero-divisor  $v$ , then  $\gcd(o(z), o(v)) = o(zv)$ , but  $\gcd(o(z), o(v)) = \gcd(p, p) = p$  and  $o(zv) = o(0) = 1$ , which contradict that  $\gcd(o(z), o(v)) = o(zv)$ . Therefore, any two non-zero zero-divisors are not adjacent.

We get unit elements and zero vertex are adjacent with every vertex of the graph except itself. Nonzero zero-divisor are adjacent with unit element and zero vertex but not adjacent with any non-zero zero-divisor. Hence, the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is  $K_{p^2} - E$ . Where;  $E = \{\overline{ab} : a, b \text{ are non-zero zero divisor}\}$ .  $\square$

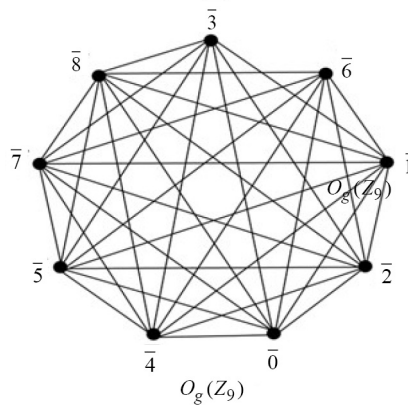


Figure 2.  $O_g(Z_9)$

**Theorem 2** Degree of zero element and any unit element in  $O_g(Z_n)$  is  $n - 1$ .

**Proof.** let  $u$  be unit element and  $a$  be any element of  $Z_n$ .  $\gcd(o(u), o(a)) = \gcd(n, o(a)) = o(a) = o(au)$  [Since,  $\gcd(a, u) = 1$  then  $o(a) = o(au)$ ]. Therefore,  $u$  is adjacent to any vertex except itself (since graph is simple). Hence, degree of any unit element is  $n - 1$ . Also,  $\gcd(o(0), o(a)) = \gcd(1, o(a)) = 1 = o(0)$ . So, zero vertex is adjacent with every vertex except itself. Hence, degree of zero vertex is  $n - 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3** Degree of any zero-divisor in  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is  $\varphi(p^2) + 1$ .

**Proof.** let  $a$  and  $b$  be two non-zero zero-divisor, where  $a \neq b$ . So,  $a, b$  both are multiples of  $p$ .

Then  $a \cdot b \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$ . So,  $o(ab) = o(0) = 1$ . But,  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = \gcd(p, p) = p$ .

Therefore,  $a$  is not adjacent to  $b$ . In  $Z_{p^2}$  any two non-zero zero-divisors are not adjacent. And unit elements are adjacent with every element except itself. So, any non-zero zero-divisors are adjacent with every unit element and zero elements. Since, there are  $\varphi(p^2)$  unit elements in  $Z_{p^2}$ . Hence, degree of any zero divisor in  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is  $\varphi(p^2) + 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4** The graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is not planar for any odd prime  $p$ .

**Proof.** Number of unit elements in  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is  $\varphi(p^2) = p(p - 1)$ . For any odd prime  $p$ ,  $\varphi(p^2) > 5$  and unit elements are adjacent with each other. Therefore, the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  always has a complete subgraph  $K_5$  for any odd prime  $p$ . Hence, the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is not planar for any odd prime  $p$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5** The graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is not Eulerian for any odd prime  $p$ .

**Proof.** In the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  degree of any zero-divisor is  $\varphi(p^2) + 1 = p(p - 1) + 1$  which is odd for any odd prime  $p$ . Therefore,  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is not Eulerian for any odd prime  $p$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6** Clique number of the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is  $p^2 - p + 2$ .

**Proof.** In the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  there are  $(p - 1)$  non-zero zero-divisors. If we delete  $(p - 2)$  number of non-zero zero-divisor, the graph will be complete graph  $K_{p^2 - p + 2}$ , which is maximal complete subgraph. Therefore, Clique number of the graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is  $p^2 - p + 2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7** The graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  is complete graph if  $n$  is a prime and  $n = pq$  where  $p, q$  are distinct prime.

**Proof.** Let  $a$  be any vertex of  $O_g(Z_n)$ . Then order of any vertex ' $a$ ' is divisor of  $n$ .

If  $n = p$ , then any non-zero vertex of the graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  is unit element of  $Z_n$ . Degree of zero element and any unit element in  $O_g(Z_p)$  is  $p - 1$ . So, the graph  $O_g(Z_p)$  is complete graph. Where;  $p$  is a prime.

If  $n = pq$  where  $p, q$  are distinct prime, then possible values of order of ' $a$ ' are  $p, q, 1$ .

For any vertex  $a, b$  of the graph  $O_g(Z_n)$

**Case 1** If  $o(a) = p$  and  $o(b) = p$

$$\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = \gcd(p, p) = p$$

Since,  $o(a) = p$  and  $n = pq$ , so,  $a$  is multiple of  $q$  but not multiple of  $p$ . And, since  $o(b) = p$  and  $n = pq$ , so,  $b$  is multiple of  $q$  but not multiple of  $p$ .

So,  $o(ab) = p$

Therefore,  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = o(ab)$ . So,  $a$  is adjacent to  $b$ .

**Case 2** If  $o(a) = p$  and  $o(b) = q$

$$\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = \gcd(p, q) = 1$$

since,  $o(a) = p$  and  $n = pq$ , so,  $a$  is multiple of  $q$  but not multiple of  $p$ . And, since  $o(b) = q$  and  $n = pq$ , so,  $b$  is multiple of  $p$  but not multiple of  $q$ .

So,  $ab$  is multiple of  $pq$

$$\therefore ab \equiv 0 \pmod{pq} \Rightarrow o(ab) = o(0) = 1$$

Therefore,  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = 1 = o(ab)$ . So,  $a$  is adjacent to  $b$ .

**Case 3** If  $o(a) = p$  or  $q$  and  $o(b) = 1$  then  $b$  is zero vertex. So,  $o(ab) = o(0) = 1$ .

$$\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = \gcd(o(a), 1) = 1$$

0 is adjacent to  $a$ .

So, any two distinct vertices  $a, b$  are adjacent to each other.

Therefore, the graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  is complete graph. □

**Theorem 8** Degree of any non-zero zero-divisor in  $O_g(Z_n)$ , where  $n = 2^k \cdot p$ , is  $n - 1$  if the zero-divisor is multiple of  $2^k$  but not multiple of  $p$ .

**Proof.** If  $a$  is multiple of  $2^k$  but not multiple of  $p$ , then  $o(a) = p$ .

$$\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = \gcd(p, o(b))$$

$$\gcd(p, o(b)) = p \text{ or } 1$$

**Case 1** If  $\gcd(p, o(b)) = p$ .

$o(b)$  is multiple of  $p$ .

So,  $b$  is not multiple of  $p$ .

Therefore,  $ab$  is not multiple of  $p$ .

$$o(ab) = p$$

So,

$$\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = \gcd(p, o(b)) = p = o(ab)$$

So,  $a$  is adjacent to  $b$ .

i.e  $a$  is adjacent with every vertex except multiple of  $p$ .

**Case 2** If  $\gcd(p, o(b)) = 1$ .

$o(b)$  is not a multiple of  $p$ . So,  $b$  is a multiple of  $p$ .

Also,  $a$  is multiple of  $2^k$ .

Therefore,  $ab$  is multiple of  $2^k p$ .

$$o(ab) = 1$$

So,

$$\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = \gcd(p, o(b)) = 1 = o(ab)$$

So,  $a$  is adjacent to  $b$ .

i.e vertex  $a$  is adjacent with every multiple of  $p$ .

Also, zero vertex is adjacent with every vertex in the graph. So, from case 1 and case 2 we get,  $a$  is adjacent with every element of  $Z_n$  except itself.

Hence, degree of any non-zero zero-divisor which is multiple of  $2^k$  is  $n - 1$ . □

**Theorem 9** Degree of any non-zero zero-divisor in  $O_g(Z_n)$ , where  $n = 2^k \cdot p$ , is  $\left(\frac{n}{2} + p\right)$  if the zero-divisor is not a multiple of  $2^k$  or  $p$ . Where,  $p$  is any odd prime and  $k > 1$  is a natural number.

**Proof.** Let  $a$  be any zero-divisor which is not multiple of  $2^k$  or  $p$ .

$a, b$  be any even vertex except multiple of  $2^k$ .

So,  $a$  and  $b$  both are multiples of 2. Therefore,  $ab$  is always multiple of 4.

So,  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) \neq o(ab)$ .

$\therefore a$  is not adjacent to  $b$ .

In this graph unit elements are adjacent with every element. So,  $a$  is adjacent with every vertex of the graph except even vertex that are not multiple of  $2^k$ .

In  $Z_n$  there are  $\left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)$  number of non-zero even vertex and there are  $(p - 1)$  number of multiple of  $2^k$ . So, number of non-adjacent vertex to  $a$  is  $= \left\{ \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right) - (p - 1) \right\} = \frac{n}{2} - p$ .

So, number of adjacent vertices to  $a$  is  $= \left\{ n - \left(\frac{n}{2} - p\right) \right\} = \frac{n}{2} + p$ .

Hence, Degree of any non-zero zero-divisor in  $O_g(Z_n)$  is  $\left(\frac{n}{2} + p\right)$ , where  $n = 2^k \cdot p$ , and the zero-divisor is not a multiple of  $2^k$  or  $p$ . □

**Theorem 10** The graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is not planar for any odd prime  $p$  and  $k > 1$ .

**Proof.** In the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k p})$  there are  $p$  number of even vertices which are not adjacent to each other. So, if we delete  $(p - 1)$  number of even vertices from these vertices the graph will be complete graph of vertices  $2^k p - (p - 1)$ . For any odd prime  $p$  the value of  $2^k p - (p - 1)$  is always greater than five. Therefore, in the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k p})$  there is a subgraph  $K_5$ . Hence, the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k p})$  is not planar for any odd prime  $p$  and  $k > 1$ . □

**Theorem 11** The graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is not Eulerian for any prime  $p$ .

**Proof.** In the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  degree of zero element and any unit element is  $n - 1$ , which is always odd for  $n = 2^k p$ . Therefore, the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k p})$  is not Eulerian.  $\square$

**Theorem 12** Clique number of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k p})$  is  $2^k p - (p - 1)$ .

**Proof.** In the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k p})$  there are  $p$  number of even vertices which are not adjacent to each other. And other zero-divisors are adjacent with every vertex of the graph. Also, unit elements and zero element are adjacent with every element. If we delete  $(p - 1)$  number of even vertices from the graph, then the graph will be complete graph of vertices  $2^k p - (p - 1)$ , which will be the maximal complete graph. Therefore, Clique number of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k p})$  is  $2^k p - (p - 1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 13** The degree of any zero-divisor of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is  $2^{k-1} + 1$ . Where,  $k > 1$  is an integer.

**Proof.** In  $Z_{2^k}$  zero-divisors are of the form multiples of  $2^r$ , where,  $r (< k)$  is a positive integer. Unit elements of  $Z_{2^k}$  are odd elements of  $Z_{2^k}$ . Let  $a = 2^{k_1} r_1$  and  $b = 2^{k_2} r_2$  are any two zero-divisors of  $Z_{2^k}$ . Where,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are positive odd integers.

Now,  $o(a) = 2^{k-k_1}$  and  $o(b) = 2^{k-k_2}$

$$\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = 2^{k-k_1} \text{ or } 2^{k-k_2}.$$

But,

$$o(ab) = o(2^{k_1+k_2} r_1 r_2) = 2^{k-(k_1+k_2)}.$$

For any positive integer  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ ,  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) \neq o(ab)$ .

So,  $a$  is not adjacent to  $b$ . Therefore, in the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$ , zero-divisors are not adjacent to each other.

If  $k_1 = 0$  or  $k_2 = 0$  then  $\gcd(o(a), o(b)) = o(ab)$

$\Rightarrow$  if one of  $a, b$  is odd and other is even then  $a$  is adjacent to  $b$ .

$\Rightarrow$  if one of  $a, b$  is unit and other is zero-divisor then  $a$  is adjacent to  $b$ .

Therefore, in the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$ , zero-divisors are adjacent to unit element and zero element. Number of unit element in  $Z_{2^k}$  is  $2^{k-1}$ .

Hence, degree of any zero-divisor of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is  $2^{k-1} + 1$ . Where,  $k > 1$  is an integer.  $\square$

**Theorem 14** The graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is planar if and only if  $k = 1$  and  $2$ .

**Proof.** For  $k = 1$  and  $2$  the graphs  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  are complete graph  $K_2$  and  $K_4$ . The graphs  $K_2$  and  $K_4$  are planar. So, the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is planar if  $k = 1$  and  $2$ . Unit vertices of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  are odd elements of  $Z_{2^k}$ . So, for  $k > 2$  ( $k$  is a positive integer) the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  always has unit vertices  $\bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}$ . Zero vertex and unit vertices are adjacent with every vertex of the graph except itself. So, the graph always has a subgraph  $K_5$  with vertices  $\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}$ . Therefore, the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is planar if and only if  $k = 1$  and  $2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 15** Clique number of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is  $2^{k-1} + 1$ . Where,  $k$  is a positive integer.

**Proof.** In the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  unit vertices and zero vertex are adjacent with every vertex of the graph except itself. In the graph odd elements of  $Z_{2^k}$  are unit elements of  $Z_{2^k}$ . In the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  all the unit vertices and zero vertices form a maximal complete subgraph. Number of unit element in  $Z_{2^k}$  is  $2^{k-1}$ . Therefore, the maximal complete subgraph is  $K_{2^{k-1}+1}$ . Hence, Clique number of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is  $2^{k-1} + 1$ . Where,  $k$  is a positive integer.  $\square$

### 3. Conclusion

For  $n = p$ , and  $n = pq$  the graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  is complete graph. Degree of zero vertex and unit elements of the graph  $O_g(Z_n)$  is connected with every vertex of the graph except itself. The graph  $O_g(Z_{p^2})$  is neither Eulerian nor planar for

any odd prime  $p$ . The degree of any zero-divisor of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is equal to the clique number of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  and which is equal to  $2^{k-1} + 1$ . Where,  $k$  is a positive integer. The graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is planar if and only if  $k = 1$  and  $2$ . The graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k p})$  is not planar for any odd prime  $p$  and  $k > 1$  also this graph is not Eulerian. If the zero-divisor of the graph  $O_g(Z_{2^k})$  is multiple of  $2^k$  but not multiple of  $p$  then a zero-divisor is adjacent with all the vertices of the graph except itself.

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