
INTER SECTION GRAPH OF FINITE ABELIAN GROUP AND SUB GROUPS OF FINITE GROUPS

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ABSTRACT

In a graph theory we have use basis of the group like abelian group and subgroup for intersection. An intersection containing a non- unit element .We characterize certain classes of subgroup intersection graphs corresponding to finite abelian groups. We check all its solvable groups whose intersection graphs are triangle-free. Surrounded the other results, we analysis all abelian groups whose intersection graphs are complete. Finally, we study the intersection graphs of cyclic groups.

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CHAPTER 1

DEFINITION 1.1.

Let G be a group. The intersection graph $G(G)$ of G is the undirected graph (without loops and multiple edges) whose vertices are in a one-to-one correspondence with all proper non-trivial subgroups of G and two vertices are joined by an edge, if and only if the

corresponding subgroups of G have a non-trivial intersection (ie, an intersection containing

a non-unit element).

We know that, for every finite cyclic group n , for each divisor d of n there exists a unique Sub group of order d .

Example.1.2.

Consider the cyclic group of order 12 (i.e, Z_{12})

Soln.

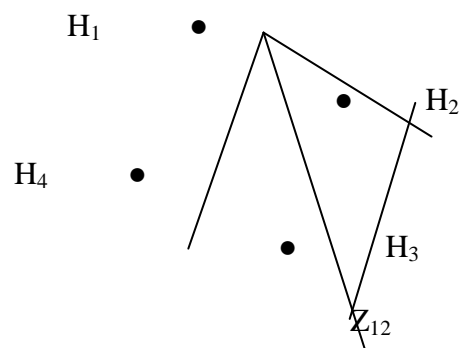
Z_{12} has 4 proper subgroups as follows:

$$H_1 = \{0,2,4,6,8,10\},$$

$$H_2 = \{0,3,6,9\},$$

$$H_3 = \{0,4,8\},$$

$$H_4 = \{0,6\}$$



Example 1.3.

Consider the cyclic group of order 36 (i.e, Z_{36})

Soln.

Z_{36} has proper subgroups as follows:

$$H_1 = \{0,2,4 \dots 34\},$$

$$H_2 = \{0,3,6 \dots 33\},$$

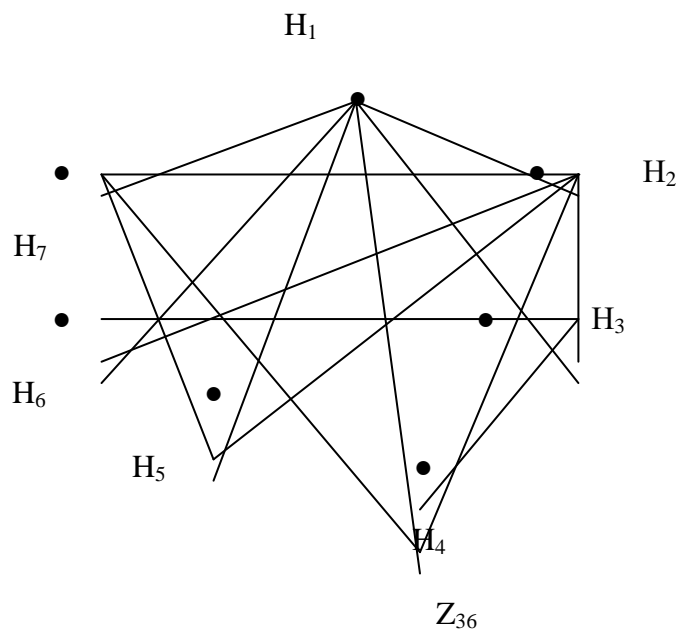
$$H_3 = \{0,4,8 \dots 32\},$$

$$H_4 = \{0,6,12, \dots, 30\},$$

$$H_5 = \{0,9,18,27\},$$

$$H_6 = \{0,12,24\},$$

$$H_7 = \{0,18\}.$$



Example 1.4.

Consider cyclic group of order 30 (ie, Z_{30}).

Soln.

Z_{30} has 6 proper subgroups as follows:

$$H_1 = \{0,2,4, \dots, 28\},$$

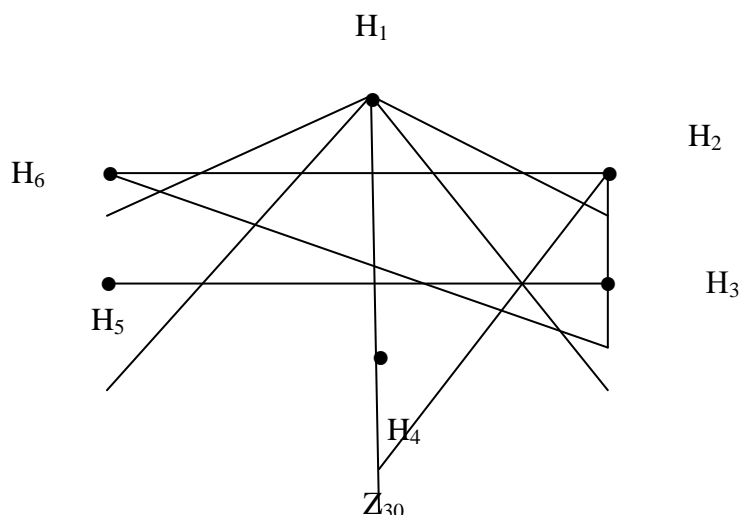
$$H_2 = \{0,3,6, \dots, 27\},$$

$$H_3 = \{0,5,10, \dots, 25\},$$

$$H_4 = \{0,6,12,18,24\},$$

$$H_5 = \{0,10,20\},$$

$$H_6 = \{0,15\}.$$



Lemma 1.5.

Any finite non-trivial abelian group contains a cyclic subgroup whose order is a prime number.

Proof.

Any finite abelian group can be expressed as a direct product of a primary cyclic groups.

ie, cyclic groups of the order equal to a power of a prime number.

If a is the generator and p^α the order of any of these primary cyclic groups, then the subgroup generated by $a^{p^{\alpha-1}}$ is cyclic and has the order p , which is a prime number.

Evidently, a primary cyclic group can contain only one such subgroup.

Lemma 1.6 .

The vertex independence number of the graph $\Gamma(G)$ is equal to the maximal number of prime order subgroups of G .

Proof.

Two distinct prime order subgroups of G have always a trivial intersection .

Because such groups contain only one proper subgroup , namely the trivial one.

Therefore any system of prime order subgroups of G corresponds to an independent set in $G(G)$. Now, let us have a maximal independent set in $G(G)$. Any vertex of this set corresponds to a subgroup G : this subgroup has a prime order subgroup lemma, As any two subgroups of G corresponding to vertices of this independent set have trivial intersection, the prime order subgroups in subgroups of G corresponding to distinct vertices of this set must be distinct.

This implies that an independent set in $G(G)$ corresponds to a subgroup of G containing more than one prime order subgroup, the cardinality of this independent set is less than the independence number of the graph $G(G)$.

Corollary 1.7.

A vertex of $G(G)$ corresponds to a primary cyclic subgroup of G . If and only if it belongs to some independent set of $G(G)$ of maximal cardinality.

Lemma 1.8.

Let G be a finite abelian group which is not a direct of a product of two prime order groups. Let u, v be two vertices of $G(G)$ not joined by an edge and corresponding to primary cyclic subgroups U, B of $G(G)$. Then the orders of U and B are powers of different prime numbers, if and only if there exists a vertex w in $G(G)$ joined with both u and v and with no vertex which is not joined with u and v .

Proof .

Let the orders of U and B be powers of different prime numbers.

Let W be the subgroup of G generated by the prime order subgroups of U and B .

The subgroup W is a proper subgroup of G , because G is not a direct product of two prime order groups.

The vertex w of $G(G)$ corresponding to (W) is evidently joined with both u and v .

Now let some vertex x of $G(G)$ be joined with w .

This means that x correspondence to a subgroup X of G such that $X \cap W \neq \{e\}$.

Let $e \neq a \in X \cap W$; then $a = b^m c^n$, where b, c are generators of U and B respectively.

If p, q are orders of b, c respectively, take $a^p = b^{mp} c^{np}$.

This is equal to c^{np} , because $b^{mp} = e$.

According to the assumption, p, q are relatively prime.

Therefore $c^{np} = e$ implies $np \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$ which means $c^n = e$ and $a = b^m$.

We have either $a = b^m$, or $a^p = c^{np} \neq e$.

As both a and a^p are in (X) , this means either $X \cap U \neq \{e\}$, or $X \cap B \neq \{e\}$ and x is joined either with u or with v .

Now, let the orders of U and B be powers of the same prime number p : Let the order of U be p^α , the order of B be p^β .

Without loss of generality, $\alpha \leq \beta$.

Let b, c be the generators of U and B respectively.

Then $c^{p^{\beta-\alpha}}$ has the same order p^α as b and the product of $bc^{p^{\beta-\alpha}}$ has also this order.

The primary cyclic subgroup generated by $bc^{p^{\beta-\alpha}}$ will be denoted by W : evidently, it has trivial intersection with U and B .

Let S be a subgroup of G which has non-trivial intersection with both U and B ;

Thus $X \cap U \ni b^r$, $X \cap B \ni c^s$, where r, s are positive integers, $r \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$,

$s \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\beta}$. Then X contains also the product $(bc^{p^{\beta-\alpha}})^t$, where t is the least common multiple of r and of the greatest common divisor of $p^{\beta-\alpha}$ and s .

This element evidently different from e and belongs to W .

Therefore $X \cap W \neq \{e\}$ and x is joined also with w .

As X was chosen arbitrarily, the assertion is proved.

Hence the proof.

Lemma 1.9.

Let G be a direct product of two prime order groups. If these groups have different orders, the graph $G(G)$ consists of two isolated vertices. If these groups have equal order, the graph $G(G)$ contains more than two vertices.

Lemma 1.10.

Let G be a finite Abelian group whose order is a power of a prime number p . Then the vertex independence number of $G(G)$ is equal to $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p^i$, where n is the number of direct factors in the expression of G as a direct product of primary cyclic groups.

Proof.

Let G_1, \dots, G_n be the factors in the mentioned direct product.

Evidently G contains exactly one prime order subgroup S_i for $i = 1, \dots, n$;

Therefore it contains $p - 1$ elements of prime order.

All elements of the order p are products of these elements; thus their number is $p^n - 1$.

As any prime order subgroup G has the order p and thus $p - 1$ non-unit elements which are all of the order p and as any two of such subgroup have trivial intersection, there are

$(p^n - 1)/(p - 1) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p^i$ prime order subgroups of G .

According to lemma, this is also the vertex independence number of the graph $G(G)$,

We can find $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p^i$ for any of these Sylow subgroups.

Theorem 1.11.

Let G be a finite Abelian group. Let $G(G)$ be its intersection graph.

Knowing the graph $G(G)$, we can determine the number of factors in the expression of G as a direct product of Sylow groups and the intersection graph for any of these sylow groups.

Moreover, for any of these sylow subgroups of G , we can determine the number $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p^i$,

where p is the prime number whose power is the order of this group and n the number of factors in its expression as a direct product of primary cyclic groups.

Proof .

Let G (G) be given . We find an independent set A of vertices in G (G) maximal cardinality: it corresponds to a system of primary cyclic subgroups of G with pairwise trivial intersection (Lemma and its corollary).

According to Lemma, we shall decide for an pair of vertices of A whether the orders of the subgroup of G corresponding to these vertices are powers of the same prime number or not .

Now, let B be a subset of A such that all vertices of B correspond to the subgroups of G whose orders are powers of the same prime number p and any vertex of $A - B$ corresponds to a subgroup whose order is a power of another prime number.

The subgraphs of G corresponding to vertices of $A - B$ belong to other sylow subgroup.

The mentioned sylow subgroup contains as its non-trivial subgroups exactly all subgroups of G which have a non-trivial intersection with atleast one subgroup corresponding to a vertex of S and have trivial intersections with all subgroups corresponding to vertices $A - B$.

This can be proved simply .

The subgroups corresponding to vertices of B contain as their subgroups all subgroups of G of the order p (any of them contains exactly one such subgroup);

Therefore any subgroup of G of the order equal to a power of p must have a non-trivial intersection with some of them.

Now, if a subgroup of G has a non-trivial intersection with a subgroup corresponding to a vertex of $A - B$, this intersection contains an element whose order is equal to a power of a

prime number different from p and thus this subgroup is not a subgroup of the mentioned sylow subgroup.

The intersection graph of this sylow subgroup is therefore the subgraph of $S(G)$ induced by the

vertex set consisting of B and all vertices set of $G(G)$ which are joined with atleast one vertices

of B with no vertex of $A - B$.

In this way we can construct intersection graphs of all sylow subgroups of G and thus also recognize the number of these subgroups .

According to Lemma,

Hence the proof

CHAPTER 2

INTERSECTION GRAPH OF SUBGROUPS

OF FINITE GROUPS

Definition 2. 1.

If there exist non trivial subgroups $L_1 \dots L_n$ of G such that

$H \sim L_1, L_1 \sim L_2 \dots L_{n-1} \sim L_n, L_n \sim K$, then we say that H and K are connected by the chain

$H \sim L_1 \sim L_2 \sim \dots \sim L_n \sim K$. Clearly, in this case $\rho(H, K) \leq n+1$.

The Dihedral group of order $2n$.

$$D_{2n} = \langle r, s \rangle \{ 1, r, r^2, r^3, \dots, r^{n-1}, s, sr, sr^2, sr^3, \dots, sr^{n-1} \},$$

where $r^n = 1, s^2 = 1$ and $r^i s = sr^{n-i}$.

Note 2.2.

For each positive integer n , let $d(n)$ denote the number of positive divisors of n .

And let σ denote the sum of the positive divisors of n . The number of subgroups of dihedral

group $D_{2n}(n \geq 3)$ is $d(n) + \sigma(n)$.

Example 2.3.

Consider the dihedral group order 8.

$D_8 = \langle r, s \rangle = \{ 1, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, s, sr, sr^2, sr^3, sr^4 \}$, where $r^4 = 1, s^2 = 1$

The proper sub group of D_8 are

$$H_1 = \{ 1, r^2 \},$$

$$H_2 = \{ 1, r^2, s, sr^2 \},$$

$$H_3 = \{ 1, r^2, sr, sr^3 \},$$

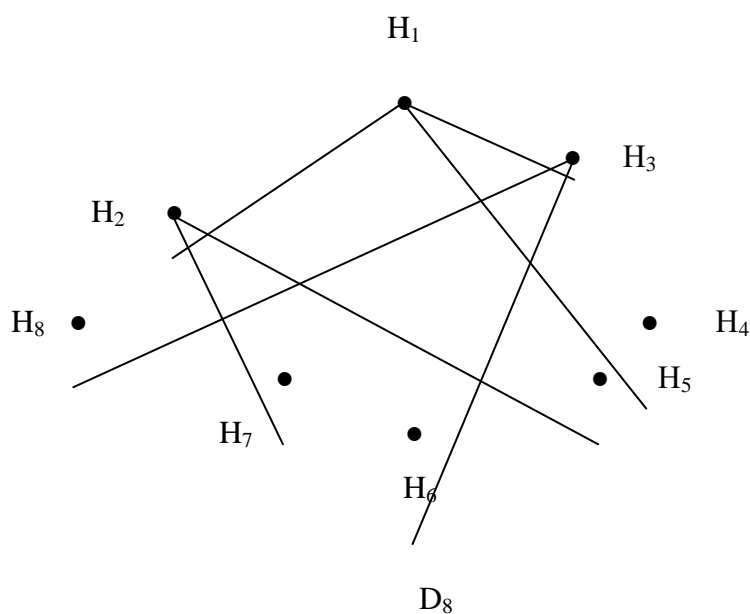
$$H_4 = \{ 1, r, r^2, r^3 \},$$

$$H_5 = \{ 1, s \},$$

$$H_6 = \{ 1, sr \},$$

$$H_7 = \{ 1, sr^2 \},$$

$$H_8 = \{ 1, sr^3 \}.$$



Example 2.4.

The quaternion group of order 8.

Soln.

$$Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}, \text{ where } ij = k, ji = -k, ik = j, ki = -j, jk = i, kj = -i$$

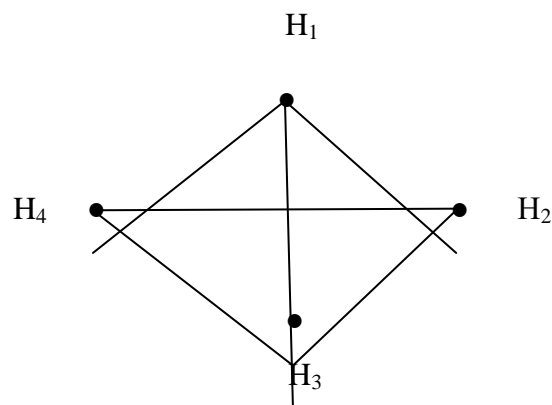
and $o(i) = o(j) = o(k) = 4$.

$$H_1 = \{\pm 1\},$$

$$H_2 = \{\pm 1, \pm i\},$$

$$H_3 = \{\pm 1, \pm j\},$$

$$H_4 = \{\pm 1, \pm k\}.$$



Q_8

Example 2.5.

Consider the dihedral group order 12.

Soln.

$$D_{12} = \langle r, s \rangle = \{1, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5, r^6, s, sr, sr^2, sr^3, sr^4, sr^5, sr^6\}, \text{ where } r^3 = 1, s^2 = 1.$$

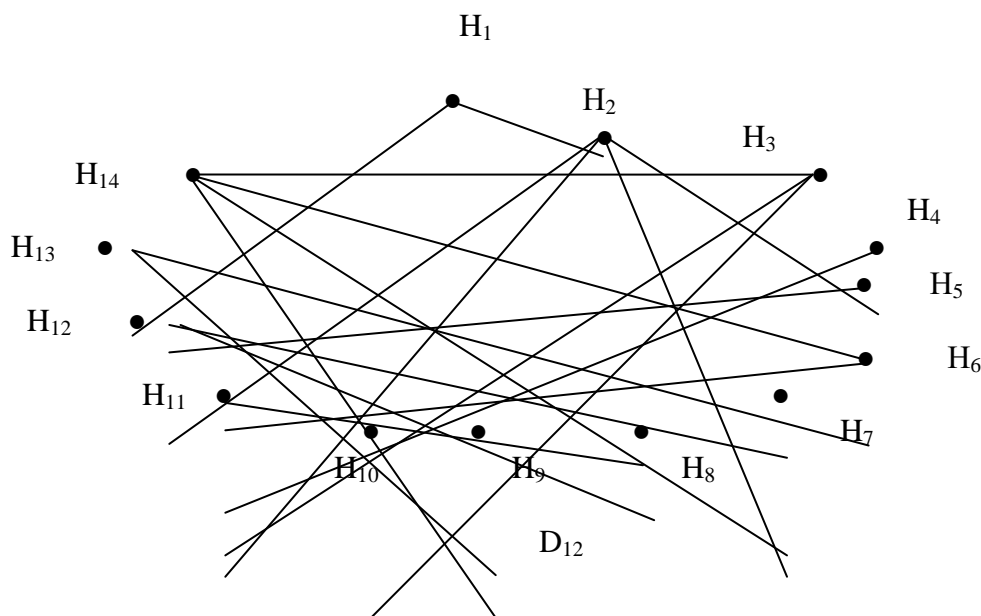
$$H_1 = \{1, r^3\},$$

$$H_2 = \{1, r^3, s, sr^3\},$$

$$H_3 = \{1, r^2, r^4\},$$

$$H_4 = \{1, s\},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_5 &= \{1, sr\}, \\
 H_6 &= \{1, sr^2\}, \\
 H_7 &= \{1, sr^3\}, \\
 H_8 &= \{1, sr^4\}, \\
 H_9 &= \{1, sr^5\}, \\
 H_{10} &= \{1, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5\}, \\
 H_{11} &= \{1, r^2, r^4, s, sr^2, sr^4\}, \\
 H_{12} &= \{1, sr, sr^3, sr^4\}, \\
 H_{13} &= \{1, r^3, sr^2, sr^5\}, \\
 H_{14} &= \{1, r^2, r^4, sr, sr^3, sr^5\}
 \end{aligned}$$



Lemma 2.6.

If G is connected, then the diameter $\delta(G)$ is equal to $\max\{\rho(P, Q) : \text{both } P, Q \text{ are subgroups of prime order of } G\}$.

Lemma 2.7.

Let B be a block of G and M be a proper subgroup of the group G .

If $B \cap M \neq 1$, then $M \subseteq B$.

Lemma 2.8.

Let B be a block of G . Then B is a subgroup of G or a normal subset of G .

Lemma 2.9.

Let G be disconnected and $B = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_l\}$ be the set of all the subgroup blocks of G . Then any conjugate of B , is connected in B for $i = 1 \dots l$.

Lemma 2.10.

If G is not a simple group, then one of the following cases occurs:

- (1) The diameter $\delta(G) \leq 4$.
- (2) G is $Z_p \times Z_q$, where p, q are primes.
- (3) G is a Frobenius group whose complement is a group of prime order and the kernel is a minimal normal subgroup.

Proof.

Suppose that N is a non-trivial proper normal subgroup of G .

By Lemma, the required result $\delta(G) \leq 4$ is equivalent to $(P, Q) \leq 4$ for any prime order subgroups P, Q with $P \neq Q$.

Let $|P| = |\langle a \rangle| = p$ and $|Q| = |\langle b \rangle| = q$.

Case 1:

$$PN = G.$$

- (a) If $Q \cap N = \langle b \rangle \cap N = 1$, then $b \in G/N \cong P$, the order of every element of G/N is a multiple of p .

So the order of b is p , that is $o(b) = p = q$.

If $C_G(a) = G$, then $G = P \times N$, Since $o(a) = o(b) = p$, we can assume that $Q = \langle (a, x) \rangle$,

where $x \in N$ and $o(x) = p$.

Now, we set $H = \{(y, z): y \in \langle a \rangle, z \in \langle x \rangle\}$.

If $|N| \neq p$, then H is a proper subgroup of G .

So that we have a chain $P \sim H \sim Q$.

Thus $\rho(P, Q) \leq 2$.

Certainly, when G is $Z_p \times Z_p$, there are $p + 1$ nontrivial.

(i.e., the intersection graph $\Gamma(G)$ is the $p + 1$ isolated vertices graph .

If $C_G(b) = G$, then $\langle b \rangle \triangleleft G$.

Since $b \neq N$, we have $G = \langle b \rangle \times N$ by virtue of $|G| = p|N|$.

So we can assume that $\langle a \rangle = \langle b, x \rangle$, where $x \in N$ and $o(x) = p$.

Similarly we choose a group $H = \{(y, z): y \in \langle b \rangle, z \in \langle x \rangle\}$.

When $|N| \neq p$, then H is a proper subgroup of G .

So, P and Q are connected by a chain $P - H - Q$.

Thus we have also $\rho(P, Q) \leq 2$.

Now we suppose that $C_G(a) \neq G$ and $C_G(b) \neq G$.

If $C_G(a) \cap N \neq 1$ and $C_G(b) \cap N \neq 1$, then $\langle a \rangle \sim C_G(a) \sim N$ and $\langle b \rangle \sim C_G(b) \sim N$,

So $\langle a \rangle \sim C_G(a) \sim N \sim C_G(b) \sim \langle b \rangle$.

Then we have $\rho(P, Q) \leq 4$.

If $C_G(a) \cap N = 1$ or $C_G(b) \cap N = 1$, we may assume without loss of generality,

That $C_G(a) \cap N = 1$, then $\langle a \rangle$ acts non-fixed point on the subgroup N .

Thus $G = N: \langle a \rangle$ is a Frobenius group.

Clearly, if N is not a minimal normal subgroup of G , then we can choose a non-trivial normal subgroup N_1 of N such that $N_1 \sim G$.

So we get a chain $\langle a \rangle \sim N_1(a) \sim N_1(b) \sim \langle b \rangle$, hence we have $\rho(P, Q) \leq 3$.

Certainly, if N is minimal normal subgroup of G , then G satisfies the requirement (3).

(b) Case $Q \leq N$

If $C_G(a) = G$ (or $C_G(b) = G$), then $p \triangleright G$ (or $Q \triangleright G$).

Hence, when $PQ \neq G$, we have a chain $P \sim PQ \sim Q$ and then $\rho(P, Q) \leq 2$.

Certainly, if $PQ = G$, then $G = P \times Q$ or $G = Q : P$ is Frobenius group and

Hence the intersection graph of G is the empty graph on two or $q+1$ vertices.

Next, we consider the case of $C_G(a) \neq G$ and $C_G(b) \neq G$.

If $C_G(a) \cap N \neq \{1\}$, then $P \sim C_G(a) \sim N \sim Q$.

Hence, we have $\rho(P, Q) \leq 3$.

If $C_G(a) \cap N = \{1\}$, then P acts as a group N of fixed point free automorphism.

Thus $G = N : \langle a \rangle$ is a Frobenius group.

Similarity to the case (a), we have that N is a minimal normal subgroup of G .

Hence G satisfies the requirement (3).

Similarity, if $QN = G$, then we have the same results.

Case 2 :

$$PN \neq G \text{ and } QN \neq G.$$

P and Q can be joined by the same $P \sim PN \sim QN \sim Q$.

Thus $\rho(P, Q) \leq 3$.

Assertion I.

If $n > 4$, then the alternating group A_n is connected and $\delta(A_n) \leq 4$.

Proof.

By lemma, it suffices to prove that $\rho(P, Q) \leq 4$ for any subgroups P and Q of prime order.

Now, we can assume that P and Q are contained in maximal subgroups M_1 and M_2 respectively.

If $M_1 \cap M_2 \neq 1$, then $P \sim M_1 \sim M_2 \sim Q$, so that $\rho(P, Q) \leq 3$.

Next we will prove that the order of every maximal subgroup of A_n with $n \geq 5$ is more than n .

For the cases of $n = 5$ and 6 , this is true by inspection

Now, suppose that $n \geq 7$.

Consider A_n in its natural degree n action.

If a maximal subgroup M is intransitive, say has an orbit of length k , then

$$|M| \geq k! (n-k)! / 2 > n.$$

So M is transitive.

If $|M| = n$, then M is regular.

Each automorphism of M is induced by conjugation with some element from S_n .

This if M is maximal in A_n , then the automorphism group of M has order at most 2.

Consider inner automorphisms, so the order of $M / Z(M)$ is less than or equal to 2, hence M is abelian.

From $|Aut(M)| \leq 2$, we get $M = Z_n$ with $n = 2, 3$ or 6 , which is impossible.

Now return to our question.

If $M_1 \cap M_2 = 1$, we choose a largest maximal subgroup M of A_n , then it follows that

$$M \cap M_1 \neq 1 \text{ and } M \cap M_2 \neq 1.$$

Indeed, otherwise, if $M \cap M_1 = 1$, then $|MM_1| = |M||M_1| / |M \cap M_1| = |M||M_1| > n \cdot |A_{n-1}| = |A_n|$,

a contradiction.

Hence $P \sim M_1 \sim M_2 \sim Q$, and consequently $\rho(P, Q) \leq 4$.

Assertion II.

If G is a simple group of lie type or a sporadic simple group, then its intersection graph is connected.

Proof.

Suppose that G has a disconnected intersection graphs.

Let the order of G be $p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_n^{e_n}$ and let B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k be blocks of G .

Now we choose a series of numbers b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k such that $p_1^{e_1} \parallel b_i$ if and only if there is an

element of order p_l in B for $l = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

By Lemma , if some B_i is a subgroup, then B_i is a maximal subgroup and B_i^g is also a block of

G for every $g \in G$.

On the other hand, $N_G(B_i) = B_i$ since B_i is maximal and B_i is not a maximal subgroup.

It follows that $N_G(B_i^g) = N_G(B_i)^g = B_i^g$, and hence $B_i \cap B_i^g = 1$ for all $g \in G \setminus B_i$.

Thus G has a non-trivial normal subgroup by the well known Frobenius theorem, which contradicts the fact that G is a simple group.

So every B_i is a normal subset of G by Lemma.

Next we will prove, $(b_i, b_j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$.

If for some $1 \leq l \leq n$ and $1 \leq i, j \leq k$ there exists p_l such that p_l divides $(b_i, b_j) = 1$, then there are $a \in B_i, b \in B_j$ satisfying $o(a) = o(b) = p_l$.

Obviously, there exist Sylow p_l subgroups P_1, P_2 of G containing a and b respectively.

Since P_1 and P_2 are conjugate, we set $P_1^h = P_2$, then P_2 is contained in B_i by Lemma, and hence B_i, B_j are connected, a contradiction.

Therefore, $|\mathcal{G}| = b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k$ and $a \in B_i$ if and only if $o(a)$ divides b_i for any $a \in G$.

Choose M_i to be a maximal subgroup of G in the block B_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

By the above arguments we have $(|M_1|, |M_2|) = 1$ for $i \neq j$.

Hence for every prime pairs p_i, p_j , where p_i divides b_i and p_j divides b_j for $i \neq j$, we have that G has no element of order p_i, p_j .

Now we define another graph $A(G)$ of G called the prime graph G , whose vertex set is $\pi(G) = \{p: p \text{ is a divisor of } |\mathcal{G}|\}$, vertices p and q in $\pi(G)$ are joined by an edge if and only

if there exists an element of order pq .

The classification of disconnected prime graphs of non-abelian simple groups.

Now let $\pi(b_i) = \{p: p \text{ is a prime divisor of } b_i\}$, then $\pi(b_i)$ is a prime graph component of G for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Assume that 2 is contained in $\pi(b_1)$.

If G is a simple group of Lie type except $A_1(q)$, then M_i is a maximal torus of G for $i \geq 2$.

And hence $N_G(M_i) \cap B_1 \neq 1$, hence M_i is connected to M_1 , a contradiction.

If G is $A_1(q)$ with q odd, set $\pi(b_2) = \pi(q) = p$, then M_2 is a elementary abelian p -group

And M_2 is a Sylow p subgroup of G , and we have $N_G(M_2) \neq M_2$ by the well-known Burnside theorem which states that a finite group G satisfying $N_G(P) = C_G(P)$ for some abelian Sylow p group P is p -nilpotent.

Thus M_2 is not a maximal subgroup of G , a contradiction.

For the remaining cases when M_i of $A_1(q)$ for $i \geq 2$ is a maximal torus, we will get similar results.

If G is a sporadic simple group or $F_4(2)'$, the prime graph components vertices $\pi(b_i)$ with

$i \geq 2$ form a single point set $\{p\}$ and M_i is a cycle Sylow p -subgroup of G .

Clearly, M_i is not a maximal subgroup by the well-known Thomson theorem which asserts

that a finite group having an odd order nilpotent maximal subgroup must be solvable.

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