

# SOME RESULT OF NON-COPRIME GRAPH OF INTEGERS MODULO $n$ GROUP FOR $n$ A PRIME POWER

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**Abstract.** One interesting topic in algebra and graph theory is a graph representation of a group, especially the representation of a group using a non-coprime graph. In this paper, we describe the non-coprime graph of integers modulo  $n$  group and its subgroups, for  $n$  is a prime power or  $n$  is a product of two distinct primes.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The non-coprime graph of a finite group was introduced by Mansoori *et al.* [1]. In [1], the authors determined some numerical invariants of the non-coprime graph of a finite group, such as its diameter, girth, dominating number, independence, and chromatic number. Moreover, they characterize the planar non-coprime graph of a group and the regular non-coprime graph of a nilpotent group. Furthermore, they also stated a connection between the non-coprime graphs and some prime graphs.

Aghababaei-Beni and Jafarzadeh [2] investigated the properties of Cartesian and tensor products of non-coprime graphs of finite groups such as the dihedral and semi-dihedral groups. They considered the properties such as the independence, clique, chromatic number, covering number, diameter, connectedness, and the existence of the Eulerian spanning subgraph. They also gave a characterization for such graphs to be an Eulerian graph and to be a planar graph. Recently, Aghababaei *et al.* [3] extended some results in [2]. They studied the non-coprime of a finite group with respect to a subgroup and investigated some properties of such a graph, including its diameter, chromatic number, clique, and the number of connected components. They also investigated some properties of the non-coprime graph of the nilpotent group.

Some authors give some properties of the non-coprime graph and the coprime graph to more specific groups. Rilwan *et al.* give some properties of the non-coprime graph of integer [4], Juliana *et al.* give some properties of the non-coprime graph of an integer modulo [7], and Syarifudin *et al.* give some properties of the non-coprime graph of dihedral groups [8].

In this paper, we describe the non-coprime graph of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and that of its subgroups, where  $n$  is a prime power or  $n$  is a product of two distinct primes. We used the result of the coprime graph of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  as the non-coprime graph is the duality of the coprime graph [6]. This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 (Some Basic Notions) collects some basic

notions related to group and graph. We give our main results in Section 3 (Main Results). Some concluding remarks are collected in Section 4 (Conclusions). Finally, we give some related references in the References section.

## II. SOME BASIC NOTION

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $|G|$  be the number of elements in  $G$  or the order of  $G$ . The definition of the order of an element in  $G$  is as follows.

**Definition 1.** Let  $G$  be a finite group with the identity element  $e$ . The order of  $g \in G$ , denoted by  $|g|$ , is the smallest positive integer  $n$  such that  $g^n = e$ .

Let  $H$  be any subgroup of  $G$ . In the rest of the paper, if  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then we denote it by  $H \leq G$ . Also, let  $a$  be an element in  $G$ . A subgroup  $\langle a \rangle = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is called a cyclic subgroup of  $G$  generated by an element  $a$ . The following theorem states a relation between  $|H|$  and  $|G|$ .

**Theorem 1.** (Lagrange's Theorem [4]). If  $G$  is a finite group and  $H \leq G$ , then  $|H|$  is a divisor of  $|G|$ .

As a consequence of Theorem 1, we have that  $\langle g \rangle$  divides  $|G|$ .

A graph is one crucial object in mathematics, especially in discrete mathematics and its applications. The definition of a graph is as follows.

**Definition 2.** [5]. A graph is a pair  $\Gamma = (V, E)$ , where  $V$  is a non-empty set of vertices, and  $E \subseteq V \times V$  is a set of edges.

We have to note that, in the rest of the paper, we only use a *simple undirected graph*, i.e., we assume that  $(v_i, v_j) = (v_j, v_i)$  for all  $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ .

**Definition 3.** An undirected graph  $\Gamma$  is complete if for any  $v_i, v_j \in V$ , we have that  $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ . If  $|V| = m$ , then we denote an undirected complete graph  $\Gamma$  as  $K_m$ .

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two integers. The greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  usually denoted by  $(a, b)$ . The following definition defines the non-coprime graph of a finite group.

**Definition 4.** [1]. Let  $G$  be a finite group. The non-coprime graph of  $G$  denoted by  $\bar{\Gamma}_G$ , is a graph whose vertices are all elements of  $G \setminus \{0\}$ . Two different vertices  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\bar{\Gamma}_G$  are adjacent if  $(|x|, |y|) \neq 1$ .

## III. MAIN RESULT

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  be the group of integers modulo  $n$  with addition (mod  $n$ ) operation. The following proposition gives the non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  when  $n$  is a prime number.

**Proposition 1.** *If  $n$  is a prime number, then the non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a complete graph.*

**Proof.** Since  $n$  is a prime number, we have that  $|i| = n$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ . So,  $(|a|, |b|) \neq 1$ , for all,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . These imply,  $a$  and  $b$  are adjacent in  $\bar{\Gamma}_{\mathbb{Z}_n}$  for all,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_n - \{0\}$ . Therefore, the non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a complete graph  $K_{n-1}$ .  $\square$

Here is an example of Proposition 1.

**Example 1.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_7 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . As we can see,  $|1| = 7, |2| = 7, |3| = 7, |4| = 7, |5| = 7, |6| = 7$ . So, we have that  $(|a|, |b|) \neq 1, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_7$ . Therefore, every non-zero element of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$  are adjacent to each other. We can see  $\bar{\Gamma}_{\mathbb{Z}_7}$  in Figure 1.

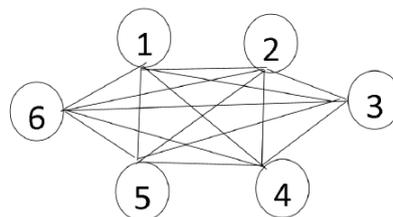


Figure 1. Non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$

Let  $n = p^s$  for some prime number  $p$  and a natural number  $s \geq 2$ . The following theorem describes the non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , when  $n = p^s$ .

**Theorem 2.** *If  $n = p^s$ , for some prime number  $p$  and natural number  $s \geq 2$ , then the non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a complete graph.*

**Proof.** Let  $a$  be an element in  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$  with  $(p^s, a) \neq 1$ . The element  $a$  can be written as  $a = p^k q$ , for some  $1 \leq k < s$  and an integer  $q$ , where  $(p, q) = 1$ . As a consequence, we have that  $|a| = p^{s-k}$ . Also, for any  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$  with  $(p^s, b) = 1$ , we have that  $|b| = p^s$ . These imply  $(|a|, |b|) \neq 1$ , for all,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^s} - \{0\}$ . So,  $a$  and  $b$  are adjacent in  $\bar{\Gamma}_{\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}}$  for all,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^s} - \{0\}$ . Therefore, the non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$  is a complete graph  $K_{p^s-1}$ .  $\square$

Here is an example of Theorem 2

**Example 2.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{3^2} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 8\}$ . As we can see,  $|1| = 9, |2| = 9, |3| = 3, |4| = 9, |5| = 9, |6| = 3, |7| = 9, |8| = 9$ . Consequently, we have that  $a$  and  $b$  are adjacent in  $\bar{\Gamma}_{\mathbb{Z}_{3^2}}$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{3^2} - \{0\}$ . The non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_{3^2}$  is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_9$

Let  $n$  be a product of two distinct primes. The following theorem describes the non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , when  $n$  is a product of two distinct primes.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $n = p_1 p_2$ , where  $p_1, p_2$  are two distinct primes. If  $H$  is a proper subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , then the non-coprime graph of  $H$  is complete.

**Proof.** Let  $H$  be any proper subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . By Theorem 1 (Lagrange's Theorem), we have that  $|H| = p_1$  or  $|H| = p_2$ . Therefore, by Proposition 1, we have that  $\Gamma_H$  is a complete graph.

Here is an example of Theorem 3.

**Example 3.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 14\}$ . We can check that non-trivial subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$  are  $\langle 3 \rangle$  and  $\langle 5 \rangle$ . Moreover, we can see that  $\langle 3 \rangle = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\}$  and  $\langle 5 \rangle = \{0, 5, 10\}$ . The non-coprime graphs of  $\langle 3 \rangle$  and  $\langle 5 \rangle$  are shown in Figure 3.

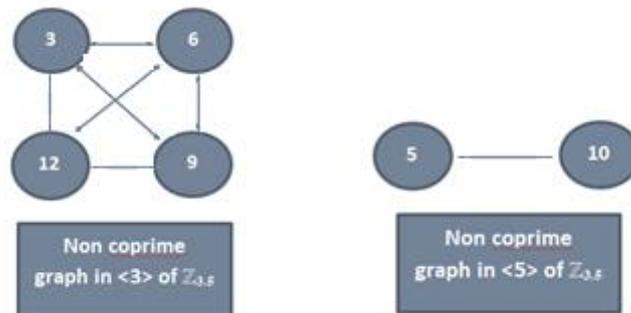


Figure 3. Non-coprime graph of subgroups in  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

We have shown that the non-coprime graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , when  $n$  is a prime power, is a complete graph  $K_{n-1}$ . Moreover, when  $n$  is a product of two distinct primes, the non-coprime graphs of its non-trivial subgroups are complete graphs.

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