

A Theorem on the Prime Graph of 2×2 - Matrix Ring of \mathbf{Z}_2

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Abstract:-In this paper we consider prime graph of R (denoted by $PG(R)$) of an associative ring R (introduced by Satyanarayana, Syam Prasad and Nagaraju [5]). This short paper is divided into two sections. Section-1 is devoted for preliminary definitions. In section -2 we constructed prime graph of R (that is, $PG(R)$) where $R =$ the set of all 2×2 matrices over \mathbf{Z}_2 and proved that it is a star graph. At the end some fundamental properties of $PG(R)$ were listed.

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1.1 Introduction

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph consist of a finite non-empty set V of vertices and finite set E of edges such that each edge e_k is identified as an unordered pair of vertices $\{v_i, v_j\}$, where v_i, v_j are called end points of e_k . The edge e_k is also denoted by either $v_i v_j$ or $\overline{v_i v_j}$. We also write $G(V, E)$ for the graph. Vertex set and edge set of G are also denoted by $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ respectively. An edge associated with a vertex pair $\{v_i, v_i\}$ is called a self-loop. The number of edges associated with the vertex is the degree of the vertex, and $\delta(v)$ denotes the degree of the vertex v . If there is more than one edge associated with a given pair of vertices, then these edges are called parallel edges or multiple edges. A graph that does not have self-loop or parallel edges is called a simple graph. We consider simple graphs only. For an associative ring R , prime graph of R (denoted by $PG(R)$) was introduced in Satyanarayana, Syam Prasad and Nagaraju [5].

1.2 Definitions:(i) A graph $G(V, E)$ is said to be a star graph if there exists a fixed vertex v such that $E = \{vu / u \in V \text{ and } u \neq v\}$. A star graph is said to be an n -star graph if the number of vertices of the graph is n .

(ii) Two graphs G and G^1 are said to be **isomorphic** if there is an one-to-one correspondence f between their vertices and an one-to-one correspondence g between their edges such that the incidence relationship must be preserved.

[In other words, two graphs $G = (V, E)$ & $G^1 = (V^1, E^1)$ are said to be **isomorphic** if there exist bijections $f: V \rightarrow V^1$ and $g: E \rightarrow E^1$ such that $g(\overline{v_i v_j}) = \overline{f(v_i) f(v_j)}$ for any edge $\overline{v_i v_j}$ in G].

(iii) In a graph G , a subset S of $V(G)$ is said to be a **dominating set** if every vertex not in S has a neighbour in S . The **domination number**, denoted by $\gamma(G)$ is defined as $\min\{|S| / S \text{ is a dominating set in } G\}$. (iv) In a connected graph, a closed walk running through every vertex of G exactly once (except the starting vertex at which the walk terminates) is called as **Hamiltonian circuit**. A graph containing a Hamiltonian circuit is called as **Hamiltonian graph**.

1.3 Theorem: (Th. 13.8, page 361, [3]) A given connected graph G is an Eulerian graph if and only if all the vertices of G are of even degree.

For other fundamental concepts we refer [2], [3], [4] or [5]

2. The prime graph

2.1 Definition(Satyanarayana, Syam Prasad and Nagaraju[5]): A graph $G(V, E)$ is said to be the **prime graph** of R (denoted by $PG(R)$) if $V = R$ and $E = \{xy / xRy = 0 \text{ or } yRx = 0, \text{ and } x \neq y\}$.

2.2 Theorem: If $R =$ Set of all 2×2 matrices with the elements from the field \mathbf{Z}_2 , then $PG(R)$ is a 16-star graph.

Proof: It is clear that $|R|=16$. Consider $V(PG(R))=$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ v_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_9 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ v_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_{14} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_{15} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right\}$$

Since $v_0 R v_i = 0$, if $1 \leq i \leq 15$ there is an edge between v_0 and v_i for all $1 \leq i \leq 15$. Since $v_1 v_3 v_2 \neq 0$, there is no edge between v_1 and v_2 . Similarly there are no other edges between v_i & v_j if $i \neq j$ and $1 \leq i \leq 15$. This conclusion is because of

the following. Verification: Since $v_1 v_3 v_2 \neq 0, v_1 v_5 v_3 \neq 0, v_1 v_3 v_4 \neq 0, v_1 v_2 v_5 \neq 0, v_1 v_5 v_6 \neq 0, v_1 v_5 v_7 \neq 0,$

$v_1 v_3 v_8 \neq 0, v_1 v_2 v_9 \neq 0, v_1 v_2 v_{10} \neq 0, v_1 v_2 v_{11} \neq 0, v_1 v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_1 v_2 v_{13} \neq 0, v_1 v_2 v_{14} \neq 0, v_1 v_2 v_{15} \neq 0$

This part shows that there is no edge between v_1 and v_j (for $2 \leq j \leq 15$). Now we observe the following.

$v_2 v_4 v_1 \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_3 \neq 0, v_2 v_8 v_4 \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_5 \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_6 \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_7 \neq 0, v_2 v_9 v_8 \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_9 \neq 0,$
 $v_2 v_4 v_{10} \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_{11} \neq 0, v_2 v_8 v_{12} \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_{13} \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_{14} \neq 0, v_2 v_4 v_{15} \neq 0, v_3 v_4 v_1 \neq 0, v_3 v_4 v_2 \neq 0,$
 $v_3 v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_3 v_2 v_5 \neq 0, v_3 v_2 v_6 \neq 0, v_3 v_2 v_7 \neq 0, v_3 v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_3 v_1 v_9 \neq 0, v_3 v_2 v_{10} \neq 0, v_3 v_2 v_{11} \neq 0,$
 $v_3 v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_3 v_1 v_{13} \neq 0, v_3 v_1 v_{14} \neq 0, v_3 v_2 v_{15} \neq 0, v_4 v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_4 v_1 v_2 \neq 0, v_4 v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_4 v_2 v_5 \neq 0,$
 $v_4 v_2 v_6 \neq 0, v_4 v_2 v_7 \neq 0, v_4 v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_4 v_1 v_9 \neq 0, v_4 v_2 v_{10} \neq 0, v_4 v_2 v_{11} \neq 0, v_4 v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_4 v_2 v_{13} \neq 0,$
 $v_4 v_1 v_{14} \neq 0, v_4 v_2 v_{15} \neq 0, v_5 v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_5 v_1 v_2 \neq 0, v_5 v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_5 v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_5 v_2 v_6 \neq 0, v_5 v_2 v_7 \neq 0,$
 $v_5 v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_5 v_1 v_9 \neq 0, v_5 v_2 v_{10} \neq 0, v_5 v_2 v_{11} \neq 0, v_5 v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_5 v_2 v_{13} \neq 0, v_5 v_1 v_{14} \neq 0, v_5 v_2 v_{15} \neq 0,$
 $v_6 v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_6 v_1 v_2 \neq 0, v_6 v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_5 \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_7 \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_6 v_1 v_9 \neq 0,$
 $v_6 v_2 v_{10} \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_{11} \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_{13} \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_{14} \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_{15} \neq 0, v_7 v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_7 v_1 v_2 \neq 0,$
 $v_7 v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_5 \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_6 \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_9 \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_{10} \neq 0, v_6 v_2 v_{11} \neq 0,$
 $v_7 v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_{13} \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_{14} \neq 0, v_7 v_2 v_{15} \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_1 \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_2 \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_3 \neq 0, v_8 v_8 v_4 \neq 0,$
 $v_8 v_4 v_5 \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_6 \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_7 \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_9 \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_{10} \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_{11} \neq 0, v_8 v_8 v_{12} \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_{13} \neq 0,$
 $v_8 v_4 v_{14} \neq 0, v_8 v_4 v_{15} \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_2 \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_9 v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_5 \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_6 \neq 0,$
 $v_9 v_1 v_7 \neq 0, v_9 v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_{10} \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_{11} \neq 0, v_9 v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_{13} \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_{14} \neq 0, v_9 v_1 v_{15} \neq 0,$
 $v_{10} v_4 v_1 \neq 0, v_{10} v_4 v_2 \neq 0, v_{10} v_4 v_3 \neq 0, v_{10} v_8 v_4 \neq 0, v_{10} v_4 v_5 \neq 0, v_{10} v_4 v_6 \neq 0, v_{10} v_4 v_7 \neq 0, v_{10} v_8 v_8 \neq 0,$
 $v_{10} v_4 v_9 \neq 0, v_{10} v_4 v_{11} \neq 0, v_{10} v_8 v_{12} \neq 0, v_{10} v_4 v_{13} \neq 0, v_{10} v_4 v_{14} \neq 0, v_{10} v_1 v_{15} \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_2 \neq 0,$
 $v_{11} v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_{11} v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_5 \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_6 \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_7 \neq 0, v_{11} v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_9 \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_{10} \neq 0,$
 $v_{11} v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_{13} \neq 0, v_{11} v_2 v_{14} \neq 0, v_{11} v_1 v_{15} \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_2 \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_{12} v_2 v_4 \neq 0,$
 $v_{12} v_1 v_5 \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_6 \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_7 \neq 0, v_{12} v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_9 \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_{10} \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_{11} \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_{13} \neq 0,$
 $v_{12} v_1 v_{14} \neq 0, v_{12} v_1 v_{15} \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_2 \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_{13} v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_5 \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_6 \neq 0,$
 $v_{13} v_1 v_7 \neq 0, v_{13} v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_9 \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_{10} \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_{11} \neq 0, v_{13} v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_{14} \neq 0, v_{13} v_1 v_{15} \neq 0,$
 $v_{14} v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_2 \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_{14} v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_5 \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_6 \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_7 \neq 0, v_{14} v_2 v_8 \neq 0,$
 $v_{14} v_1 v_9 \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_{10} \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_{11} \neq 0, v_{14} v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_{13} \neq 0, v_{14} v_1 v_{15} \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_1 \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_2 \neq 0,$
 $v_{15} v_1 v_3 \neq 0, v_{15} v_2 v_4 \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_5 \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_6 \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_7 \neq 0, v_{15} v_2 v_8 \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_9 \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_{10} \neq 0,$
 $v_{15} v_1 v_{11} \neq 0, v_{15} v_2 v_{12} \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_{13} \neq 0, v_{15} v_1 v_{14} \neq 0.$

Now we got

that $E(PG(R)) = \{v_0 v_j / 1 \leq j \leq 15\}$. Therefore $PG(R)$ is a 16-star graph. Since the vertex v_0 dominates the graph, we have that the domination number of $PG(R)$ is 1.

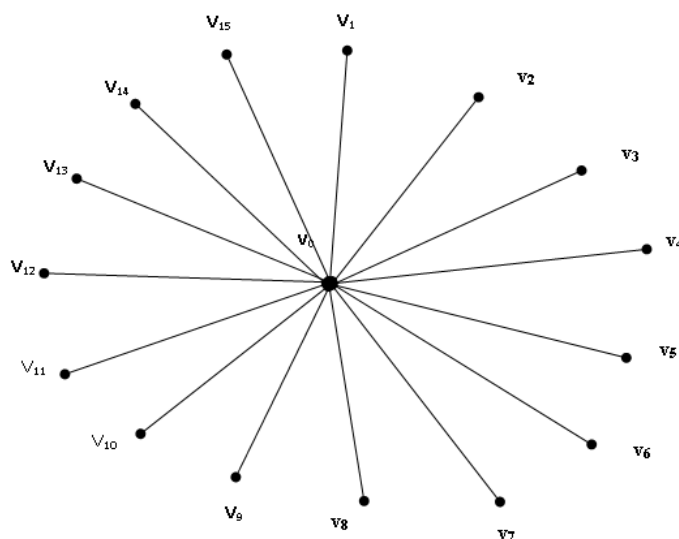


Fig. 2. 4 (Graph $PG(R)$)

2.3 Corollary: The prime graph of the 2×2 - matrix ring of \mathbb{Z}_2 is a 16 – star graph; and any 16 – star graph is isomorphic to the $PG(R)$ where R is the 2×2 - matrix ring of \mathbb{Z}_2 .

2.4 Observations: Consider the graph $PG(R)$ where R is the set of all 2×2 matrix over \mathbb{Z}_2

- (i). The graph is shown in Fig. 2.4
- (ii). The graph contains no cycles, Hence it is a bipartite graph
- (iii). The vertex v_0 dominates the graph and so the domination number of $PG(R)$ is one
- (iv). This is a planar graph
- (v). Chromatic number of $PG(R)$ is 2.
- (vi). $PG(R)$ is not Eulerian graph(Th. 13.8, page 361, [3])
- (vii). $PG(R)$ is not a Hamiltonian graph.

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