

## SUPER EDGE CONNECTIVITY NUMBER OF AN ARITHMETICS GRAPH

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**Abstract.** An edge subset  $F$  of a connected graph  $G$  is a super edge cut if  $G - F$  is disconnected and every component of  $G - F$  has atleast two vertices. The minimum cardinality of super edge cut is called super edge connectivity number and it is denoted by  $\lambda'(G)$ . Every arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ ,  $n \neq p_1 \times p_2$  has super edge cut. In this paper, the authors study super edge connectivity number of an arithmetic graphs  $G = V_n$ ,  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2}$ ,  $a_1 > 1, a_2 \geq 1$  and  $G = V_n$ ,  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \cdots \times p_r^{a_r}$ ,  $r > 2, a_i \geq 1, 1 \leq i \leq r$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

**Theorem 1.1.** [5] For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ ,  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2}$  where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are distinct primes,  $a_1, a_2 \geq 1$  then  $\epsilon = 4a_1a_2 - a_1 - a_2$ , where  $\epsilon$  is the size of the graph  $G$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** [5] For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ ,  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2}$  where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are distinct primes,  $a_1, a_2 \geq 1$  then  $G$  is a bipartite graph.

**Theorem 1.3.** [5] Let  $G = V_n$  an arithmetic graph  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \cdots \times p_r^{a_r}$ , for any vertex  $u = \prod_{i \in B} p_i^{\alpha_i}$  where  $B \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, \dots, r\}$ ,  $1 \leq \alpha_i \leq a_i \forall i \in B$ .

(1) If  $u = p_j$  where  $j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, r\}$ , then

$$\deg(u) = \left[ a_j \prod_{i=1, i \neq j}^r (a_i + 1) - 1 \right] - |a_j - 1|.$$

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- (2) If  $u = p_i^{\alpha_i}$   $1 < \alpha_i \leq a_i \forall i \in B$ , then  $\deg(u) = [\prod \lim_{i=1, i \notin B}^r (a_i + 1)] - 1$   
 (3) If  $u = \prod \lim_{i \in B} p_i^{\alpha_i}$ ,  $|B| \geq 2$ ,  $1 < \alpha_i \leq a_i, \forall i \in B$  then

$$\deg(u) = |B| \prod \lim_{i=1, i \notin B}^r (a_i + 1).$$

- (4) If  $u = \prod \lim_{i \in B} p_i^{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\alpha_i = 1$  for some  $i \in B' \subseteq B$ , then  $\deg(u) = |B - B'| + \sum \lim_{i \in B'} a_i \prod \lim_{i=1, i \notin B}^r (a_i + 1)$  where  $B$  is the number of distinct prime factors in a chosen vertex  $u$ ,  $B'$  is the number of prime factors having power 1 in chosen vertex  $u$ .

## 2. SUPER EDGE CONNECTIVITY NUMBER OF AN ARITHMETIC GRAPH $G = V_n$

In this section, the super edge connectivity number  $\lambda'(G)$  of an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ , where  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \dots \times p_r^{a_r}$  is determined.

**Theorem 2.1.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ ,  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2}$  where  $a_1 = a_2 = 1$  has no super edge cut.

*Proof.* Consider an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ , where  $n$  is the product of two distinct primes. The vertex set of  $V_n$  contains three vertices namely  $p_1, p_2, p_1 \times p_2$ . By the definition of an arithmetic graph  $G$  is a path with 3 vertices. The removal of any one of the edge results the graph disconnected containing an isolated vertex and an edge. Hence proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ ,  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2}$  where  $a_1 > 1, a_2 = 1$  then  $\lambda'(G) = 2$ .

*Proof.* Given arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$  has the vertex set  $V(G) = \{p_1, p_1^2, \dots, p_1^{a_1}, p_2, p_1 \times p_2, p_1^2 \times p_2, p_1^3 \times p_2, \dots, p_1^{a_1} \times p_2\}$ . By Theorem 1.2,  $G$  is a bipartite graph with partitions  $A = \{p_1, p_1^2, \dots, p_1^{a_1}, p_2\}$  and  $B = \{p_1 \times p_2, p_1^2 \times p_2, p_1^3 \times p_2, \dots, p_1^{a_1} \times p_2\}$ . Also, the graph  $G$  has  $a_1 - 1$  pendant vertices say  $p_1^2, p_1^3, \dots, p_1^{a_1}$  and all these pendant vertices have a common neighbour  $p_1 \times p_2$ . The removal of two edge say  $p_1 \times p_2 p_1$  and  $p_1 \times p_2 p_2$ , the graph  $G$  gets disconnected. Since  $d(p_1 \times p_2) = a_1 + 1$ , the resultant graph has exactly two components  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  where  $G_1 = K_{1, a_1 - 1}$  and  $G_2$  is a connected graph. Hence  $F = \{p_1 \times p_2 p_1, p_1 \times p_2 p_2\}$  is a super edge cut. Since  $G$  is not a tree and it does not have bridges,  $F$  is a minimum cardinality set. Thus  $\lambda'(G) = 2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ ,  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2}$  where  $a_1 \geq a_2 > 1$  then  $\lambda'(G) = a_1 + a_2 - 1$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.2,  $G$  is a bipartite graph. Since  $a_1 \geq a_2 > 1$  we have  $d(p_1^m) \leq d(p_2^n)$  for  $1 < m \leq a_1, 1 \leq n \leq a_2$ . Choose a vertex of the form  $p_1^m$ ;  $1 < m \leq a_1$ , from the first partition. Let it be  $p_1^{a_1}$  the vertices which are adjacent to  $p_1^{a_1}$  are  $\{p_1 \times p_2, p_1 \times p_2^2; 1 < n \leq a_2\}$ . Since the vertices  $\{p_1 \times p_2^2; 1 < n \leq a_2\}$  have less degree compared to  $p_1 \times p_2$ , choose any one of the vertex of the form

$p_1 \times p_2^n$ ;  $1 < n \leq a_2$ , let it be  $p_1 \times p_2^{a_2}$ . Now, remove all the edges incident on  $p_1^{a_1}$  and  $p_1 \times p_2^{a_2}$  other than the edge  $p_1^{a_1} p_1 \times p_2^{a_2}$ . The resultant graph is disconnected having two components, in which one of the component is an edge  $p_1^{a_1} p_1 \times p_2^{a_2}$  and the other is a connected graph. Since the degree of these two vertices say  $p_1^{a_1}$  and  $p_1 \times p_2^{a_2}$  is minimum we have  $|F| = d(p_1^{a_1}) + d(p_1 \times p_2^{a_2}) - 2$ . Hence by the proof of Theorem 1.1,  $\lambda'(G) = a_1 + a_2 - 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n, n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \cdots \times p_r^{a_r}, r > 2$  and  $a_i \geq 1, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ . Then  $\lambda'(G) = 2^{r-1} + r - 3$ .

*Proof.* Consider an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n, n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \cdots \times p_r^{a_r}, r > 2$  and  $a_i \geq 1, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ . Following steps are used to find the super edge connectivity number of an arithmetic graph.

- (i) Arrange all  $a_i$ 's in such a way that  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \cdots \geq a_r$ .
- (ii) Choose an edge  $e = uv$  such that  $d(u) + d(v) = \min\{d(v_i) + d(v_j) / v_i v_j \in E(G); i \neq j \text{ and for all } i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}\}$ .
- (iii) Remove all the edges incident on  $u$  and  $v$  other than the edge  $e = uv$ . (i.e) we remove  $d(u) + d(v) - 2$  edges. Now, the resultant graph is disconnected and it has exactly two components one of the component is an edge  $e = uv$  and the other one is a connected graph. Since  $d(e = uv)$  is minimum,  $|d(u) + d(v) - 2|$  is the super edge connectivity number.

**case(i)** If  $a_i = 1$  for all  $i$  then choose the edge  $e = uv$  where  $u$  can be any one of  $p_i; i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ , let it be  $p_1$  and  $v = p_1 \times p_2 \times \cdots \times p_r$ . Since the removal of the edges incident on  $u$  and  $v$  other than the edge  $uv$  results the graph disconnected. Also,  $d(u) + d(v)$  is minimum,  $\lambda'(G) = |F| = d(p_1) + d(p_1 \times p_2 \times \cdots \times p_r) - 2$ .

By Theorem 1.3, we have  $\lambda'(G) = 2^{r-1} + r - 3$ .

**case(ii)** If  $a_i > 1$  for exactly one  $i$ , then choose the edge  $e = uv$  where  $u = p_1^{a_1}$  and  $v = p_1 \times p_2 \times \cdots \times p_r$ . Now similar as previous case we have  $\lambda'(G) = d(p_1^{a_1}) + d(p_1 \times p_2 \times \cdots \times p_r) - 2$ .

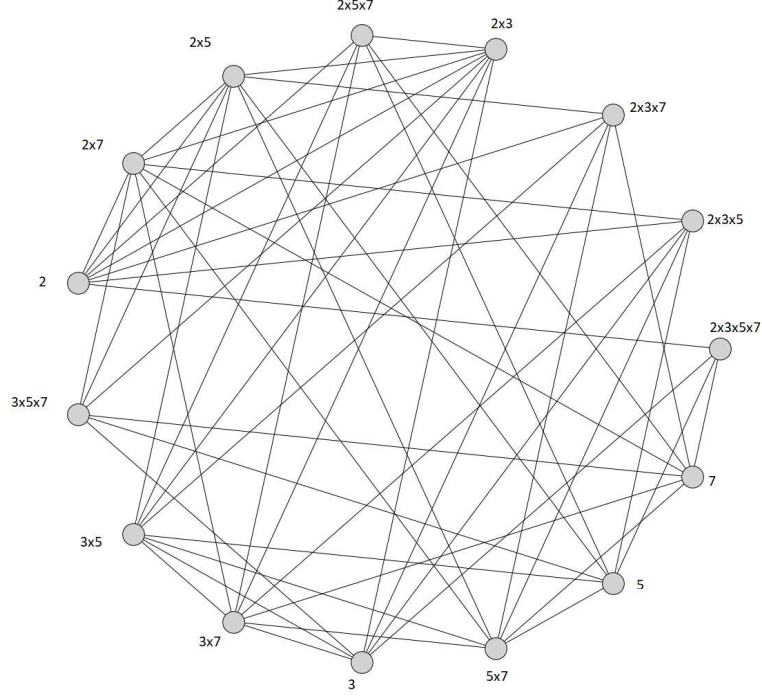
By Theorem 1.3, we have  $\lambda'(G) = [\prod \lim_{i=1, i \notin B}^r (a_i + 1)] - 1 + r - 2 = 2^{r-1} + r - 3$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.5.** Consider an arithmetic graph  $G = V_{210}, 210 = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7$  here the super edge cut  $F = \{2 \times 2 \times 3, 2 \times 2 \times 5, 2 \times 2 \times 7, 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5, 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 7, 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 7, 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7, 3 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7, 5 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7, 7 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7\}$ . Hence  $\lambda'(G) = 9$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $\lambda'(G) = 2^3 + 4 - 3 = 9$

**Theorem 2.6.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n, n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \cdots \times p_r^{a_r}, r > 2$  and  $a_i > 1$ , for at least two  $a_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ . Then  $\lambda'(G) = \prod \lim_{i=2}^m (a_i + 1) 2^{r-m} + a_1 + r - 4$ .

*Proof.* **case(i)** If  $a_i > 1$  for exactly two  $i$ , without loss of generality let  $a_1 \geq a_2 > 1$ , then choose the edge  $e = uv$  where  $u = p_1^{a_1}$  and  $v = p_1 \times p_2^{a_2} \times p_3 \times \cdots \times p_r$ . Similar as above we have  $\lambda'(G) = d(p_1^{a_1}) + d(p_1 \times p_2^{a_2} \times p_3 \times \cdots \times p_r) - 2$ . By Theorem 1.3, we have  $\lambda'(G) = [\prod \lim_{i=1, i \notin B}^r (a_i + 1)] - 1 + [1 + (a_1 + r - 2)] - 2 = (a_2 + 1) 2^{r-2} + a_1 + r - 4$ .

**case(ii)** If  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \cdots a_m > 1$ , then choose the edge  $e = uv$  where  $u = p_1^{a_1}$  and

FIGURE 1. Arithmetic Graph  $G = V_{210}$ 

$v = p_1 \times p_2^{a_2} \times p_3^{a_3} \times \dots \times p_m^{a_m} \times p_{m+1} \dots \times p_r$ . Similar as above we have  $\lambda'(G) = d(p_1^{a_1}) + d(p_1 \times p_2^{a_2} \times p_3^{a_3} \times \dots \times p_m^{a_m} \times p_{m+1} \dots \times p_r) - 2$ . By Theorem 1.3, we have  $\lambda'(G) = [\prod \lim_{i=1, i \notin B}^r (a_i + 1)] - 1 + [m - 1 + a_1 + r - m] - 2 = [(a_2 + 1)(a_3 + 1) \dots (a_m + 1)2^{r-m}] + a_1 + r - 4$ .

**case(iii)** If  $a_i > 1$  for all  $i$ , then choose the edge  $e = uv$  where  $u = p_1^{a_1}$  and  $v = p_1 \times p_2^{a_2} \times p_3^{a_3} \times \dots \times p_r^{a_r}$ . Similar as above we have  $\lambda'(G) = d(p_1^{a_1}) + d(p_1 \times p_2^{a_2} \times p_3^{a_3} \times \dots \times p_r^{a_r}) - 2$

we have  $\lambda'(G) = [\prod \lim_{i=1, i \notin B}^r (a_i + 1)] - 1 + [r - 1 + a_1] - 2 = (a_2 + 1)(a_3 + 1) \dots (a_r + 1) + a_1 + r - 4$ .  $\square$

### 3. SUPER $\lambda'$ OPTIMALITY OF AN ARITHMETIC GRAPH $G = V_n$

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph for  $e = uv \in E(G)$ , let  $\xi_G(e) = d_G(u) + d_G(v) - 2$  and  $\xi(G) = \min\{\xi_G(e) : e \in E(G)\}$ . The parameter  $\xi(G)$  is called minimum edge

degree of  $G$ . If  $\lambda'(G) = \xi(G)$  then  $G$  is called optimal; otherwise  $G$  is non-optimal. For two disjoint non empty subsets  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $V$ , let  $(X, Y) = \{e = uv \in E; u \in X, v \in Y\}$ . If  $Y = \overline{X} = V - X$  then we write  $\partial(X)$  for  $(X, \overline{X})$  and  $d(X)$  for  $|\partial(X)|$ . A super edge cut  $F$  of  $G$  is called  $\lambda'$ -cut if  $|F| = \lambda'(G)$ . It is clear that for any  $\lambda'$ -cut  $F$  that  $G - F$  has two connected components.

Let  $X$  be a proper subset of  $V$ . If  $\partial(X)$  is a  $\lambda'$ -cut of  $G$ , then  $X$  is called a fragment of  $G$ . It is clear that if  $X$  is a fragment of  $G$ , then so is  $\overline{X}$ . Let  $r(G) = \min\{|X|; X \text{ is a fragment of } G\}$ . Obviously  $2 \leq r(G) \leq \frac{|V|}{2}$ . A fragment  $X$  is called an atom if  $|X| = r(G)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n, n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2}$  where  $a_1, a_2 \geq 1$  then the minimum edge degree  $\xi(G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a_1 = a_2 = 1 \\ a_1 & \text{if } a_1 > 1, a_2 = 1 \\ a_1 + a_2 - 1 & \text{if } a_1 \geq a_2 > 1 \end{cases}$

*Proof.* The proof is obvious from the proof of Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n, n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \cdots \times p_r^{a_r}, r > 2$  where  $a_i \geq 1$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m, \dots, r\}$  then the minimum edge degree  
 (i)  $\xi(G) = 2^{r-1} + r - 3$  if  $a_1 \geq 1$  and  $a_j = 1$  for  $j \in \{2, 3, \dots, r\}$ .  
 (ii)  $\xi(G) = [\prod_{i=2}^m \lim_{i=2}^m (a_i + 1) 2^{r-m}] + (m - 1) + a_1 + (r - m) - 3$  if  $a_i > 1$  for more than  $m$  i's,  $m \geq 2, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorem 2.4 and 2.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** For every arithmetic graph other than  $G = V_n, n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2, a_1 > 2$  are optimal and the atom  $r(G) = 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph,

**Case (i)** If  $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2, a_1 > 2$  then by Theorem 2.2 we have the super edge connectivity number  $\lambda'(G) = 2$ . By Theorem 3.1, the minimum edge degree  $\xi(G) = a_1$ . Clearly  $\lambda'(G) \neq \xi(G)$ , hence it is non optimal.

**Case (ii)** Consider  $G = V_n$  where  $n \neq p_1^{a_1} \times p_2, a_1 > 2$ , then by using the theorems in section 2 and by Theorem 3.1 it is clear that  $\lambda'(G) = \xi(G)$ . Hence  $G = V_n$  is optimal. Also since  $G - F$  contains exactly two component such as  $K_2$  and a connected component containing more than 2 vertices. Clearly, by the definition of fragment  $X = K_2$  and the atom of  $G$  is  $r(G) = |X| = 2$ .  $\square$

### Conclusion

From the above theorems, it is identified that all arithmetic graph other than  $G = V_n, n = p_1 \times p_2$  has super edge cut. In addition to that, for every arithmetic graphs  $G = V_n, n \neq p_1^{a_1} \times p_2, a_1 > 2$  are optimal and the atom  $r(G)$  is 2.

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