

Arithmetic Function Graph of a Finite Group

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Abstract Let h be an arithmetical function. We define arithmetic function graph $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ of a given finite group \mathfrak{G} with respect to h , as a graph with vertex set $V(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = \mathfrak{G}$ and any two distinct vertices a and b are adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ if and only if $h(|a||b|) = h(|a|)h(|b|)$. It is observed that the order prime graph of a finite group is nothing but the arithmetic function graph with respect to the Euler's ϕ -function. In this paper, we investigate some results regrading arithmetic function graphs of finite groups.

1 Introduction

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Definition 3.1. [16] The order prime graph $OP(\mathfrak{G})$ of \mathfrak{G} is defined as a graph with the vertex set $V(OP(\mathfrak{G})) = \mathfrak{G}$ and any two vertices a and b are adjacent in $OP(\mathfrak{G})$ if and only if $\gcd(|a|, |b|) = 1$.

Definition 3.2. The Arithmetic function graph $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ of \mathfrak{G} with respect to an arithmetical function h is defined as a graph with vertex set $V(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = \mathfrak{G}$ and two vertices a and b are adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ if and only if $h(|a||b|) = h(|a|)h(|b|)$.

By the Definition 3.2, it is clear that, for any arithmetical function h and any finite group \mathfrak{G} , the arithmetic function graph $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a simple graph. Rani Jose and D. Sussha have introduced the μ -graph of a finite group [9], which serves as an example of an arithmetic function graph with $h = \mu$. In the next section, it is shown that the order prime graph $OP(\mathfrak{G})$ is nothing but the arithmetic function graph $G_\phi(\mathfrak{G})$ with respect to the Euler's ϕ -function (see Corollary 4.11).

4 Results

Proposition 4.1. Let h be an arithmetical function. If \mathfrak{G}_1 is a subgroup of a finite group \mathfrak{G}_2 , then $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1)$ is a subgraph of $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_2)$.

Proof. Suppose that \mathfrak{G}_1 is a subgroup of the finite group \mathfrak{G}_2 . Then $V(G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1)) \subset V(G_h(\mathfrak{G}_2))$ and the order of an element x in \mathfrak{G}_1 remains same in both \mathfrak{G}_1 and \mathfrak{G}_2 . Hence, if $x, y \in V(G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1))$ are adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1)$, then they remain adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_2)$. So, $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1)$ is a subgraph of $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_2)$. \square

Proposition 4.2. Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group. If h is a completely multiplicative function, then $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a complete graph.

Proof. Suppose that h is a completely multiplicative function. Then $h(rs) = h(r)h(s)$ for all $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence $h(|a||b|) = h(|a|)h(|b|)$ for any two elements a and b in \mathfrak{G} . Therefore, any two vertices in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ are adjacent and consequently, $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a complete graph. \square

Proposition 4.3. Let \mathfrak{G}_1 and \mathfrak{G}_2 be two finite groups and let h be a multiplicative function. If $\mathfrak{G}_1 \cong \mathfrak{G}_2$, then $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1) \cong G_h(\mathfrak{G}_2)$.

Proof. Let $\eta : \mathfrak{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}_2$ be a group isomorphism. Clearly, η is a bijective mapping of $V(G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1))$ onto $V(G_h(\mathfrak{G}_2))$. Let x and y be two vertices in $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1)$. Since $|a| = |\eta(a)|, \forall a \in \mathfrak{G}$, it follows that, $xy \in E(G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1))$ if and only if $\eta(x)\eta(y) \in E(G_h(\mathfrak{G}_2))$. Thus, η is a graph isomorphism of $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_1)$ onto $G_h(\mathfrak{G}_2)$. \square

Remark 4.4. The converse of the Proposition 4.3 is not true in general. For instance, for a completely multiplicative function h , we have $G_h(V_4) \cong G_h(\mathbb{Z}_4) \cong K_4$, but the groups V_4 and \mathbb{Z}_4 are not isomorphic.

Proposition 4.5. Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group of order n . If h is an arithmetical function such that $h(1) = 1$, then

- (1) $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a connected graph,
- (2) $\{e\}$ is a dominating set,
- (3) $\deg(e) = n - 1$ and $\Delta(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = n - 1$,
- (4) $\text{diam}(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) \leq 2$.
- (5) $(n - 1) \leq |E(G_h(\mathfrak{G}))| \leq \binom{n}{2}$.

Proof. Suppose that h is an arithmetical function such that $h(1) = 1$. Then $h(|e||a|) = h(1 \cdot |a|) = h(|a|) = h(1)h(|a|) = h(|e|)h(|a|)$ for any element a in \mathfrak{G} . Therefore, e is adjacent to every other vertex in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ and $\deg(e) = n - 1$. Therefore, $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a connected graph, $\{e\}$ is a dominating set, $\Delta(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = n - 1$ and $\text{diam}(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) \leq 2$; proving (1)-(4). Since $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a simple graph with $\deg(e) = n - 1$, (5) follows. \square

Corollary 4.6. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group order n . If h is multiplicative, then*

- (1) $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a connected graph,
- (2) $\{e\}$ is a dominating set,
- (3) $\deg(e) = n - 1$ and $\Delta(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = n - 1$,
- (4) $\text{diam}(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) \leq 2$.
- (5) $(n - 1) \leq |E(G_h(\mathfrak{G}))| \leq \binom{n}{2}$.

Proof. If h is multiplicative, then $h(1) = 1$ (see [2, Theorem 2.12]) and hence by Proposition 4, the corollary follows. \square

Remark 4.7. If $h(1) \neq 1$, then h is not multiplicative and the arithmetic function graph of a finite group may or may not be connected. For instance, consider the Mangoldt’s function $\Lambda(n)$:

$$\Lambda(n) := \begin{cases} \log p, & \text{if } n = p^m \text{ for some prime } p \text{ and some } m \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that Mangoldt’s function is not multiplicative. We have $\Lambda(1) = 0$, $\Lambda(2) = \log 2$ and $\Lambda(1 \cdot 2) \neq \Lambda(1)\Lambda(2)$. Therefore, in the Λ -graph $G_\Lambda(V_4)$ of the Klein-4 group $V_4 = \{e, a, b, c\}$, a, b and c are not adjacent to e . Hence $G_\Lambda(V_4)$ is disconnected. But the Λ -graph $G_\Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_6)$ is a connected graph given in Figure 1.

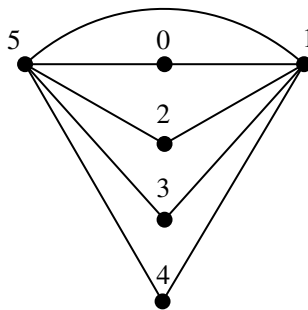


Figure 1. Λ -graph $G_\Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_6)$ of \mathbb{Z}_6

Proposition 4.8. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group of order n and h be a multiplicative function. If $x \in \mathfrak{G}$ such that $|x|$ is relatively prime to $|y|$ for all $y \neq x$ in \mathfrak{G} , then $\deg(x) = n - 1$ and $\{x\}$ is a dominating set of $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$.*

Proof. Suppose that $x \in \mathfrak{G}$ such that $|x|$ is relatively prime to $|y|$ for all $y \neq x$ in \mathfrak{G} . Then $h(|x||y|) = h(|x|)h(|y|)$, for all $y \neq x$ in \mathfrak{G} . Hence, x is adjacent to every other vertex in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ and consequently, $\deg(x) = n - 1$ and $\{x\}$ is a dominating set of $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. \square

Theorem 4.9. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group. If h is a multiplicative function, then $OP(\mathfrak{G})$ is a subgroup of $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$.*

Proof. Suppose that h is a multiplicative function. Let $a, b \in \mathfrak{G}$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \text{ and } b \text{ are adjacent in } OP(\mathfrak{G}) &\implies \gcd(|a|, |b|) = 1 \\ &\implies h(|a||b|) = h(|a|)h(|b|) \\ &\implies a \text{ and } b \text{ are adjacent in } G_h(\mathfrak{G}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $OP(\mathfrak{G})$ is a subgroup of $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. \square

The Theorem 4.9 together with the Definitions 3.1 and 3.2, gives the following result:

Corollary 4.10. *Let h be a multiplicative function and \mathfrak{G} be a finite group. Then*

$$OP(\mathfrak{G}) = G_h(\mathfrak{G}) \text{ if and only if for any } a, b \in \mathfrak{G}, h(|a||b|) = h(|a|)h(|b|) \text{ implies } \gcd(|a|, |b|) = 1.$$

Corollary 4.11. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group. For the Euler's ϕ -function,*

$$G_\phi(\mathfrak{G}) = OP(\mathfrak{G}).$$

Proof. The Euler's ϕ -function is a multiplicative function and we have the identity

$$\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)\frac{d}{\phi(d)},$$

where $d = \gcd(m, n)$. We have $\varphi(d) < d$ whenever $d > 1$. Therefore, if $\gcd(m, n) > 1$, then $\phi(mn) > \phi(m)\phi(n)$. So,

$$\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n) \text{ if and only if } \gcd(m, n) = 1.$$

Thus, for any $a, b \in \mathfrak{G}$, $\phi(|a||b|) = \phi(|a|)\phi(|b|)$ implies $\gcd(|a|, |b|) = 1$. Hence, by the Corollary 4.10, $G_\phi(\mathfrak{G}) = OP(\mathfrak{G})$. □

Corollary 4.12. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group and F be the set of all multiplicative functions. Then*

$$\bigcap_{f \in F} G_f(\mathfrak{G}) = OP(\mathfrak{G}).$$

Proof. By Theorem 4.9, we have

$$OP(\mathfrak{G}) \subset G_f(\mathfrak{G}), \quad \forall f \in F \tag{4.1}$$

From the Corollary 4.11, we have

$$G_\phi(\mathfrak{G}) = OP(\mathfrak{G}) \tag{4.2}$$

Since $\phi \in F$, combining (4.1) and (4.2), we get $\bigcap_{f \in F} G_f(\mathfrak{G}) = OP(\mathfrak{G})$. □

Observation: We observe that, if h is an arithmetical function with $h(1) = 1$, then

- (i) $G_h(\mathbb{Z}_2) \cong K_2$,
- (ii) $G_h(\mathbb{Z}_3) \cong K_3$ if and only if $h(3^2) = h(3)^2$,
- (iii) $G_h(\mathbb{Z}_3) \cong K_{1,2}$ if and only if $h(3^2) \neq h(3)^2$.

Theorem 4.13. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group of order $p > 2$, where p is a prime, and h be a multiplicative function. Then*

- (i) $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a star if and only if $h(p^2) \neq h(p)^2$,
- (ii) $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a complete graph if and only if $h(p^2) = h(p)^2$.

Proof. (i) Suppose that $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a star. Since h is multiplicative, $h(1) = 1$ and so e is adjacent to every other vertex a in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. Hence, it follows that, any two vertices a, b different from e are not adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. This implies that $h(|a||b|) \neq h(|a|)h(|b|)$, which gives $h(p^2) \neq h(p)^2$ ($\because |\mathfrak{G}| = p$ is a prime, $|a| = p, \forall a \neq e$ in \mathfrak{G}).

Conversely, suppose that $h(p^2) \neq h(p)^2$. Since h is multiplicative, $h(1) = 1$ and so e is adjacent to every other vertex a in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. Let $a, b \in \mathfrak{G}$, $a \neq b$ and $a, b \neq e$. Since $|\mathfrak{G}| = p$ is a prime, $|a| = |b| = p$. Therefore, we have

$$h(|a||b|) = h(p^2) \neq h(p)^2 = h(p)h(p) = h(|a|)h(|b|),$$

and consequently, a and b are not adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. Since a, b are arbitrary elements of \mathfrak{G} different from e , it follows that, $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a star isomorphic to $K_{1,p-1}$.

(ii) Suppose that $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a complete graph. Since $p > 2$, there are at least two elements in \mathfrak{G} different from e . Let $a, b \in \mathfrak{G}$, $a \neq b$ and $a, b \neq e$. Since $|\mathfrak{G}| = p$ is a prime, $|a| = |b| = p$. Since $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a complete graph, a and b are adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ and so

$$\begin{aligned} h(|a||b|) &= h(|a|)h(|b|) \\ \implies h(p^2) &= h(p)h(p) = h(p)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, suppose that $h(p^2) = h(p)^2$. Since h is multiplicative, $h(1) = 1$ and so e is adjacent to every other vertex a in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. Let $a, b \in \mathfrak{G}$, $a \neq b$ and $a, b \neq e$. Since $|\mathfrak{G}| = p$ is a prime, $|a| = |b| = p$. Therefore, we have

$$h(|a||b|) = h(p^2) = h(p)^2 = h(p)h(p) = h(|a|)h(|b|),$$

and consequently, a and b are adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. Thus, it follows that, any two vertices in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ are adjacent and consequently, $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a complete graph isomorphic to K_p . \square

The following two corollaries are immediate from the Theorem 4.13:

Corollary 4.14. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group of order $p > 2$, where p is a prime, and h be a multiplicative function. Then*

- (i) $diam(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = 2$ and $\chi(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = 2$, if $h(p^2) \neq h(p)^2$;
- (ii) $diam(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = 1$ and $\chi(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = n$, if $h(p^2) = h(p)^2$.

Corollary 4.15. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group of order $p > 2$, where p is a prime, and h be a multiplicative function.*

- (i) *If $h(p^2) \neq h(p)^2$, the graph $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ has spectrum*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eigen value} &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p-1} & 0 & -\sqrt{p-1} \\ 1 & p-2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{multiplicity} &\rightarrow \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and its energy is $\mathcal{E}(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = 2\sqrt{n-1}$.

- (ii) *If $h(p^2) = h(p)^2$, the graph $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ has spectrum (eigen values of adjacency matrix)*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eigen value} &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} p-1 & -1 \\ 1 & p-1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{multiplicity} &\rightarrow \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and its energy is $\mathcal{E}(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = 2(p-1)$.

Theorem 4.16. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group of order n and h be a multiplicative function. If n is a composite number that is not a power of a prime, then $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is not a star.*

Proof. Suppose that n is a composite number that is not a power of a prime. Then there exist two distinct prime divisors of n , say p and q . By Cauchy's theorem for finite abelian groups, there exist elements $a, b \in \mathfrak{G}$ such that $|a| = p$ and $|b| = q$. Clearly, $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ and since h is multiplicative, we have

$$h(|a||b|) = h(pq) = h(p)h(q) = h(|a|)h(|b|).$$

Therefore, a and b are adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. Since h is multiplicative, $h(1) = 1$ and so e is adjacent to every other vertex in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. Therefore, there is a triangle (cycle of length 3) with vertices e, a, b in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. Hence, $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is not a star. \square

By taking contrapositive of the Theorem 4.16, we have the following result:

Corollary 4.17. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group of order n and h be a multiplicative function. If $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a star, then $n = p^k$, where p is a prime and $k \geq 1$.*

By the proof of the Theorem 4.16, we have the following result:

Corollary 4.18. Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite group of order n and h be a multiplicative function. If n is a composite number that is not a power of a prime, then

- (i) $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ has at least one triangle;
- (ii) $\chi(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) \geq 3$.

Theorem 4.19. Let h be a multiplicative function such that $h(r^2) \neq h(r)^2$ for any prime r . If \mathfrak{G} is a non-abelian group of order pq , where p and q are distinct primes with $p < q$, then

- (i) $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a complete tripartite graph isomorphic to $K_{1,r,s}$, where r and s are the number of elements of order p and q , respectively;
- (ii) $\chi(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = 3$;
- (iii) $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is non-planar of diameter 2.

Proof. Suppose that \mathfrak{G} is a non-abelian group of order pq , where p and q are distinct primes $p < q$. Then $p|(q-1)$, the number of elements of G of order p is a multiple of q and the number of elements of G of order q is a multiple of p . Also, the order of any element other than e is either p or q . There exists elements x, y in \mathfrak{G} with $|x| = p$ and $|y| = q$. Since, p, q are distinct primes, they are relatively prime. Since h is multiplicative, it follows that e, x, y are mutually adjacent in $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ and form a triangle. Let $P = \{x \in \mathfrak{G} : |x| = p\}$ and $Q = \{y \in \mathfrak{G} : |y| = q\}$. Note that P and Q are non-empty sets. Also, $\{e\}, P, Q$ are mutually disjoint maximal independent sets of $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$. We see that every vertex of each set of these three sets is adjacent to every vertex in the other two sets. Therefore, $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is a complete tripartite graph isomorphic $K_{1,r,s}$, where $r = |P|$ and $s = |Q|$, and consequently, $\chi(G_h(\mathfrak{G})) = 3$.

Since p and q are distinct primes with $p < q$, it follows that $p \geq 2$ and $q \geq 3$. Since $r = |P|$ is a multiple of q and $s = |Q|$ is a multiple of p , we have $r \geq 3$ and $s \geq 2$. Hence, the complete tripartite graph $K_{1,r,s}$ is a non-planar graph of diameter 2. Therefore, $G_h(\mathfrak{G})$ is non-planar of diameter 2. \square

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