

## MATRIX PRODUCT (modulo-2) OF PETERSEN GRAPHS

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $G$  be simple graph of order  $n$ .  $A(G)$  is the adjacency matrix of  $G$  of order  $n \times n$ . The matrix  $A(G)$  is said to be graphical if all its diagonal entries should be zero. The graph  $\Gamma$  is said to be the matrix product (mod-2) of  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$  if  $A(\Gamma) = A(G)A(\bar{G}) \pmod{2}$  is graphical and  $\Gamma$  is the realization of  $A(G)A(\bar{G}) \pmod{2}$ . In this paper, we are going to study the realization of the Petersen graph  $G$  and any  $k$ -regular subgraph of  $\bar{G}$ . Also some interesting characterizations and properties of the graphs for each the product of adjacency matrix under (mod-2) is graphical.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. The order of  $G$  is the number of vertices of  $G$ . For any vertex  $v \in V$  the open neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N(v) = \{u \in V / uv \in E\}$  and the closed Neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . For a set  $S \subseteq V$ , the open neighborhood of  $S$  is  $N(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} N(v)$  and the closed Neighborhood of  $S$  is  $N[S] = N(S) \cup S$ .

A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a dominating set if  $N(S) = V - S$ , or equivalently, every vertex in  $V/S$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $S$ .

Graphs considered in this paper are connected simple and undirected. Let  $G$  be any graph its vertices are denoted by  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j, i \neq j$  are said to be adjacent to each other if there is an edge between them. An adjacency between the vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  is denoted by  $v_i \sim_G v_j$  and  $v_i \not\sim_G v_j$  denotes that  $v_i$  is not adjacent with  $v_j$  in the graph  $G$ . The adjacency matrix of  $G$  is a Matrix  $A(G) = (a_{ij}) \in M_n(R)$  in which  $a_{ij} = 1$  if  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are adjacent, and  $a_{ij} = 0$  otherwise, given two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  have the same set of vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ,  $G \cup H$  represents the union of graphs  $G$  and  $H$  having the same vertex set and two vertices are adjacent in  $G \cup H$  if they are adjacent in at least one of  $G$  and  $H$ . Graphs  $G$  and  $H$  having the same set of vertices are said to be edge disjoint, if  $u \sim_G v$  implies that  $u \not\sim_H v$  equivalently,  $H$  is a subgraph of  $G$  and  $G$  is a sub graph of  $H$ .

### 2. MATRIX PRODUCT (MODULO-2) OF PETERSEN GRAPHS

**Definition: 2.1** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges, the incidence matrix  $A$  of  $G$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ , where  $n$  represents the number of rows correspond to the vertices and  $m$  represents the columns correspond to edges such that

$$(a_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are adjacent in } G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

It is also called vertex-edge incidence matrix and is denoted by  $\Lambda(G)$ .

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**Definition: 2.2** A symmetric  $(0,1)$  – Matrix is said to be graphical if all its diagonal entries equal Zero.

If  $B$  is a graphical matrix such that  $B=A(G)$  for some graph  $G$ , Then we often say that  $G$  is the realization of graphical matrix  $B$ .

**Definition: 2.3** Let us Consider any two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  having same set of vertices. A graph  $\Gamma$  is said to be the matrix product of  $G$  and  $H$ . If  $A(G)A(H)$  is graphical and  $\Gamma$  is the realization of  $A(G)A(H)$ . We shall extend the above definition of matrix product of graphs when the matrix multiplications is considered over the integers modulo-2.

**Definition: 2.4** The graph  $\Gamma$  is said to be a matrix product (mod-2) of graphs  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$  if  $A(G)A(\bar{G})(\text{mod-2})$  is graphical and  $\Gamma$  is the realization of  $A(G)A(\bar{G})(\text{mod-2})$ .

**Definition: 2.5** Given graphs  $G$  and  $H$  on the same set of vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ) are said to have a  $GH$  path if there exists a vertex  $v_k$ , different from  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  such that  $v_i \sim_G v_k$  and  $v_k \sim_H v_j$ .

**Definition: 2.6** A graph is a parity graph if for any two induced paths joining the same pair of vertices the path lengths have the same parity (odd or even).

**Theorem: 2.7** Let  $G$  be Petersen graph and  $\bar{G}$  be any  $k$ - regular sub graph of  $\bar{G}$  ( $k = 1,2,3,4,5,6$ ). Then  $A(G)A(\bar{G})$  is a graphical matrix.

**Proof:** Let  $C_n = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .  $v_i$  is adjacent with  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  such that  $v_n = v_0$ . Let  $(a_{ij})$  is the adjacent matrix of  $G$  and  $(b_{ij})$  is the adjacent matrix of  $\bar{G}$ .

Then, each

$$(a_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = i + 1 \text{ (or)} j = i - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and}$$

$$(b_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = i + 1 \text{ (or)} j = i - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then,  $A(G)A\bar{G} = \{(c_{ij}) = 0 \text{ if } i = j, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Hence all diagonal entries of  $A(G)A(\bar{G})$  is zero. So Peterson graph is graphical matrix.

**Theorem: 2.8** The diagonal entries of the matrix product  $A(G)A(H)$  are zeros if and only if for each vertex  $v_i \in G$  the cardinality of the set of vertices  $\{v_k: v_k \sim_G v_i, v_k \sim_H v_i\}$  is even.

**Proof:** Let  $A(G) = (a_{ij})$ ;  $A(H) = (b_{ij})$

$$A(G)A(H) = (c_{ij}) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 10 ; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, 10 \quad [\text{Since the adjacency matrices are symmetric}]$$

We have

$$b_{kj} = b_{jk}; c_{ij} = \sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

$$= \sum_k a_{ik} b_{jk} \pmod{2}$$

Taking  $i = j$ , we get that  $c_{ii} = 0$  iff  $a_{ik}b_{ik} \neq 0$  for even number of cases. The proof of the theorem follows immediately by noting that  $a_{ik}b_{ik} \neq 0$  is equivalent to say that the  $i^{th}$  and  $k^{th}$  vertices are adjacent in both the graphs.

**Lemma: 2.9** The  $(i,j)^{th}$  ( $i \neq j$ ) entry of the matrix product  $A(G)A(H)$  is either 0 or 1 depending on whether the number of  $GH$  paths from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  is even or odd respectively.

**Lemma: 2.10** The product  $A(G)A(\bar{G})$  ( $G$  is a Petersen graph and  $\bar{G}$  is any  $K$ -regular sub graph of  $G$ ) is graphical if and only if the following statements are true

- For every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ), there are even number of vertices  $v_k$  such that  $v_i \sim_G v_k$  and  $v_k \sim_{\bar{G}} v_i$ ,
- For each pair of vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ) the number of  $GH$  paths and  $HG$  paths from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  have same parity.

**Example: 2.11** Consider a Petersen graph  $G$  and a 2 regular sub graph of its complement is shown in figure 1.2

$$A(G)A(\bar{G}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the cocktail parity graph shown in figure 1.3 is the graph realizing  $A(G)A(\bar{G})$  is graphical.

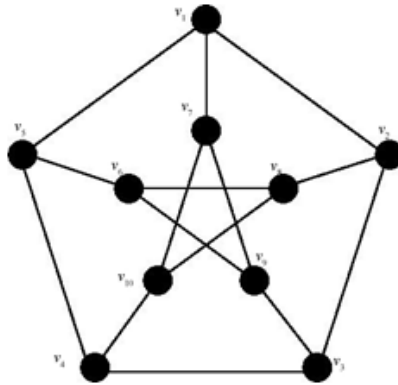


Figure-1.1

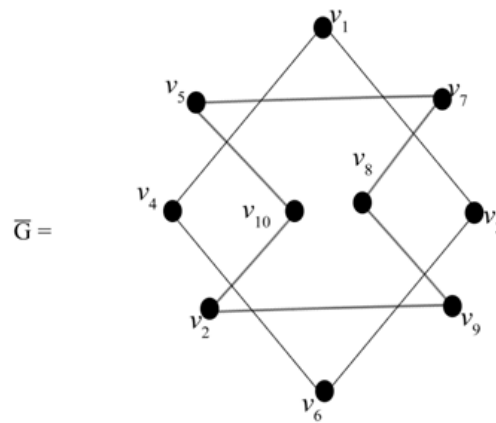


Figure-1.2

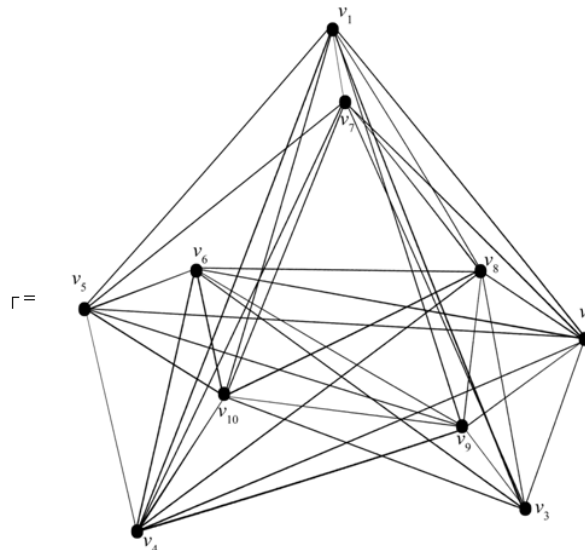


Figure-1.3

A  $H$  be any 2-regular sub graph of  $\bar{G}$  on 10 vertices for which  $\Gamma$  is the graph realizing  $A(G)A(\bar{G})$

**Theorem: 2.12** For any graph  $G$  and its compliment  $\bar{G}$  on the set of vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  the following statements are equivalent

- (i) The matrix product  $A(G)A(\bar{G})$  is graphical.
- (ii) For every  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,  $\deg_G v_i - \deg_G v_j \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
- (iii) The graph  $G$  is parity regular.

**Proof:** Note that (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) follows from the definition of parity regular graphs. Now, we shall prove (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii).

Let  $(A(G))_{ij} = (a_{ij})$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  from the definitions of the complement of a graph and GH path,

$$H = \bar{G} \text{ implies that } \deg_G v_i = \text{Number of walks of length 2 from } v_i \text{ to } v_j \text{ in } G + \text{Number of } G\bar{G} \text{ paths from } v_i \text{ to } v_j + a_{ij} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \deg_G v_j = \text{Number of walks of length 2 from } v_j \text{ to } v_i \text{ in } G + \text{Number of } G\bar{G} \text{ paths from } v_j \text{ to } v_i + a_{ji} \quad (2)$$

for every distinct pair of vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ .

Since  $G\bar{G}$  path from  $v_j$  to  $v_i$  is a  $\bar{G}G$  path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ .

Comparing the right hand sides of (1) to (2), we get that  $A(G)A(\bar{G})$  is graphical if and only if  $\deg_G v_i \equiv \deg_G v_j \pmod{2}$

**Remark: 2.13** It is also possible for one to prove (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii), by taking  $A(\bar{G}) = J - A(G) - I$  in the matrix products  $A(G)A(\bar{G})$  and  $A(\bar{G})A(G)$ , where  $J$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix with all 1's and  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

**Theorem: 2.14** Consider a graph  $G$  and its complement  $\bar{G}$  defined on the set of vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then  $A(G)A(\bar{G}) = 0$  and the diagonal value of  $[A(G)]^2 = 1$  if  $i = j$ .

**Theorem: 2.15** Let  $G$  be a graph and its complement  $\bar{G}$  defined on the set of vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then  $A(G)A(\bar{G}) = A(G)$  iff  $[A(G)]^2$  is either a null matrix or the matrix  $J$  with all entries equal to 1.

**Proof:** Let,  $A(G) = (a_{ij})$ , we have

$$\deg_G v_i \equiv \text{number of walks of length 2 from } v_i \text{ to } v_j \text{ in } G \pmod{2} \text{ for } i \neq j \quad (A)$$

Now,  $G$  is a parity regular and therefore,  $\deg_G v_i - \deg_G v_j \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

So, from (A) we get that  $(A(G))^2$  is either 0 or  $J$ .

Conversely, Suppose that  $(A(G))^2$  is either 0 or  $J$ . If  $(A(G))^2 = 0$  we get that the degree of all the vertices in  $G$  are even and  $(A(G))^2 = J$  would mean that degree of all the vertices are odd. By taking  $A(\bar{G}) = J - A(G) - I$   
 $= J + A(G) + I$  [since we know that the minus (-) is the same as the plus (+) under modulo-2]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, we get } A(G)A(\bar{G}) &= A(G)(J + A(G) + I) \\ &= A(G)J + (A(G))^2 + A(G) \end{aligned}$$

In each case,  $(A(G))^2$  is 0 or  $J$ , we get that the right hand side of the above reduces to  $A(G)$ . Which also characterizes the graphs  $G$  with property  $A(G)A(\bar{G}) = A(G)$  in terms of characteristics of  $\bar{G}$ .

**Theorem: 2.16** Let  $G$  be a graph with adjacency matrix  $A(G)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- i)  $(A(G))^2 = A(G)$  i.e.,  $A(G)$  is idempotent
- ii)  $A(G)A(\bar{G}) = 0$  and the degree of every vertex in  $G$  is even.
- iii) The number of  $G\bar{G}$  paths of length 2 between every pair of vertices is even and the degree of every vertex in  $G$  is even.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).  $(A(G))^2$  is graphical implies that the diagonal entries of  $(A(G))^2$  are zeros, we get that degree of each vertex in  $G$  is zero (modulo-2).

In other words, degree of each  $A(G)J = 0$ .

Therefore,  $A(G)A(\bar{G}) = A(G)(J - A(G) - I) = -(A(G))^2 - A(G) = 0$

Whenever  $(A(G))^2 = A(G)$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) follows from Theorem 2.15

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) follows from Theorem 2.12

The graph  $G$  as shown in figure 1.1 such that  $(A(G))^2 = A(G)$  and the degree of every vertex of  $G$  is even. Further,  $A(G)A(\bar{G}) = 0$ .

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