

# OPERATION ORDER DIVISOR GRAPH OF A GROUP

## ABSTRACT

Consider a finite group  $(G,*)$ . The Operation Order Divisor graph  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  of  $G$  is a graph with  $V(\Gamma_{ood}(G)) = G$  and two different vertices  $a$  and  $b$  have an edge in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  if and only if either  $O(a)|O(a * b)$  or  $O(b)|O(a * b)$ . Here we are going to compare the properties of  $G$  and the properties of  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$ .

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## Introduction:

The algebraic graph theory becomes an exciting research topic in the last twenty years. Many researches are developed on getting a graph from a algebra structure and then find out the properties of the algebraic structure using the resulting graph.

The terms and definitions in graph theory are referred from [5] and for that of algebra are referred from [6].

In 2009, Sattanathan and Kala[7] introduced order prime graph of a group. In this graph vertices are the group elements and any two vertices are adjacent if and only if their orders are relatively prime. The concept of an order divisor graph of a group is introduced in [8] and in [9] with a slight change. While [8] defined it on elements of a finite group, [9] defined it on subgroups of a finite group. For [8], the order divisor graph, denoted as  $OD(G)$ , whose vertex set is  $G$  such that two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  having different orders are adjacent provided that  $O(x)|O(y)$  or  $O(y)|O(x)$ .

Motivated by the these concepts, we define and introduce the concept of operation order divisor graphs.

## Operation order divisor graph

Here we discuss about some preliminary properties of operation order divisor graphs.

**Proposition 2.1** Consider a finite group  $(G,*)$  with order  $n$  and identity  $e$ . Then the degree of  $e$  in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is  $n-1$ .

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**Proof.** Consider any element  $a \in G$ . Then obviously  $O(e) | O(a * e)$ . Therefore  $e$  will have adjacency to each and every other  $n-1$  elements in  $G$ . Therefore the degree of  $e$  in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is  $n-1$ .

**Proposition 2.2** Consider a finite group  $(G,*)$  and  $x \in G$  be not a self inverse element. Then  $x$  and  $x^{-1}$  does not have an edge in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x$  be a non self inverse element of the group. Clearly  $x * x^{-1} = e$ , the identity element of  $G$ . Therefore  $O(x), O(x^{-1})$  does not divide  $O(e)$ . Thus  $x$  and  $x^{-1}$  does not have an edge in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$ .

**Proposition 2.3** Consider a finite group  $(G,*)$  and an element  $x$  such that  $O(x) > 3$ . Then  $x$  and  $x^{-2}$  have an edge in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in G$  be an element of order greater than 3. Clearly  $x * x^{-2} = x^{-1}$  and  $O(x) = O(x^{-1})$ . Therefore  $O(x)$  divides  $O(x * x^{-2})$ . Thus  $x$  and  $x^{-2}$  have an edge in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.4** For any finite group  $(G,*)$ ,  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a complete graph if and only if all the elements except identity has self inverse.

**Proof.** Consider a finite group  $(G,*)$ . Assume that  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a complete graph. Suppose there exists an element  $x$  in  $G$  such that  $x$  does not have a self inverse. Proposition 2.2 states that  $x$  and  $x^{-1}$  does not have an edge, which is a contradiction to our assumption that  $G$  is complete. Hence every element other than identity has self inverse in  $G$ . Conversely, assume that every element other than identity has a self inverse. Therefore  $x * y \neq e$  for all  $x \neq y \in G$  and also  $O(x) = 2$  for all  $x \in G - e$ .  $x$  and  $y$

have an edge in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$ . Thus  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a complete graph.

**Theorem 2.5** For any finite group  $(G,*)$ ,  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a star graph if and only if  $G$  is isomorphic to one of the groups  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

**Proof.** Clearly  $\Gamma_{ood}(\mathbb{Z}_2) = K_2$  and  $\Gamma_{ood}(\mathbb{Z}_3) = K_{1,2}$  and hence  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a star graph, when  $G$  is either  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . Conversely, Let us assume that  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a star graph. By proposition 2.3,  $G$  has no element of order greater than 3. Then every element other than identity has order either 2 or 3. Suppose  $G$  has two elements  $x$  and  $y$  of orders 2 and 3 respectively. Clearly  $O(x * y)$  is either 2 or 3. Therefore  $x$  and  $y$  have adjacency, which contradicts our assumption. Now we have two possible cases.

**Case(i):** Every element other than identity has order 2

By Theorem 2.4,  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a complete graph. We know that both complete and star graph is  $K_2$  and hence  $G$  must be  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

**Case(ii):** Every element other than identity has order 3

In this case two non identity elements  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent if  $y \neq x^{-1}$ . Therefore  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a star graph if  $G$  must be  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Thus we can conclude that  $G$  is either  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Since the identity element is an element having full degree, Star graph is the only tree, from the above theorem we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.6** For any finite group  $(G,*)$ ,  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is a tree if and only if  $G$  is isomorphic to one of the groups  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime number and  $O(G) = p^n$ . Then  $\Gamma_{ood}(G) \cong K_{1,2,2,\dots,2}$ .

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**Proof.** Let  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime number and  $O(G) = p^n$ . Consider the identity element as a single partition. Note that every non identity element has order  $p$ . Since  $p$  is odd,  $G$  has no self inverse element. Therefore two non identity elements  $x$  and  $y$  have an edge in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$ , if  $y \neq x^{-1}$ . Therefore we divide the remaining non identity elements into partitions such that each partition has 2 elements  $x$  and  $x^{-1}$ . Hence  $\Gamma_{ood}(G) \cong K_{1,2,2,\dots,2}$

**Theorem 2.8**  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  can not be a cycle for any finite group  $(G,*)$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.1, the identity element is adjacent to all the other elements in  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$ . Therefore  $O(G) = 3$  when  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  is cycle. But note that every group of order 3 must be isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .  $o(G) \cong K_{1,2}$ . Hence  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  can not be cycle.

**Theorem 2.9** Consider  $(G,*)$  as a group having  $p^2$  elements, where  $p$  is an odd prime. Then the number of edges of

$$\Gamma_{ood}(G) = \begin{cases} \frac{(p-1)(p^3-1)}{2} & \text{if } G \text{ is cyclic} \\ \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{2} & \text{if } G \text{ is noncyclic} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Consider  $(G,*)$  as a group of order  $p^2$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime. Since a group of order  $p^2$ , where  $p$  is prime must be abelian,  $G$  is an abelian group. Therefore we have the following cases.

### Case 1: $G$ is cyclic

Let  $G$  be cyclic.  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ . Then we can divide  $G$  into three sets  $A, B, C$  such that  $A$  is a set of all elements having order 1,

$B$  is a set of all elements having order  $p$  and  $C$  is a set of all elements having order  $p^2$ . Since  $G$  is cyclic,  $|A| = 1, |B| = \phi(p) = p - 1, |C| = \phi(p^2) = p(p - 1)$ . By proposition 2.1,  $deg(e) = p^2 - 1$ . Let  $x \in B$ .  $x$  is adjacent to all the elements of  $B$  except its inverse. If  $y \in C$ , then either  $x * y \in B$  or  $x * y \in C$ . Since  $G$  has unique subgroup of order  $p$ ,  $x * y \notin B$ . Therefore  $x * y \in C$  and so  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent. Therefore  $deg(x) = 1 + (p - 3) + p(p - 1) = p^2 - 2$  or all  $x \in B$ . Let  $x \in C$ . Clearly  $x$  is adjacent to all the elements of sets  $A$  and  $B$ . Let  $y \in B$ . Note that  $x^{-1}, x^{-1} * y \in C$ , But  $x * x^{-1} * y \in B$ . Therefore  $x$  is not adjacent to  $x^{-1}$  and  $x^{-1} * y$  for all  $y \in B$ . Therefore  $deg(x) = p^2 - 1 - p = p^2 - p - 1$  or all  $x \in C$ . Therefore the sum of the degrees of all elements of  $G$  is

$$(p^2 - 1) + (p - 1)(p^2 - 2) + (p^2 - p)(p^2 - p - 1) = (p - 1)(p^3 - 1).$$

Hence the number of edges of  $\Gamma_{ood}(G) = \frac{(p-1)(p^3-1)}{2}$ .

### Case 2: $G$ is non cyclic

Since  $G$  is non cyclic abelian group,  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Therefore by Theorem 2.7,  $o(G) \cong K_{1,2,2,\dots,2}$ . Therefore the number of edges of  $\Gamma_{ood}(G) = \frac{(p^2-1)^2}{2}$ .

**Theorem 2.10** Consider  $(G,*)$  as a cyclic group of order  $2p$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime number. Then  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  has  $\frac{3p^2-4p+3}{2}$  edges.

**Proof.** Consider  $(G,*)$  as a cyclic group of order  $2p$ . Then we can divide  $G$  into four sets  $A, B, C, D$  such that  $A$  is a set of all elements having order 1,  $B$  is a set of all elements having order 2,  $C$  is a set of all elements having order  $p$ ,  $D$  is a set of all elements having order  $2p$ . Since  $G$  is cyclic,

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$|A| = 1, |B| = \phi(2) = 1, |C| = \phi(p) = p - 1$  and  $|D| = p - 1$ . By proposition 2.1,  $deg(e) = 2p - 1$ .

**Case(i):** Consider an element  $x \in B$ .

$x$  is adjacent to  $e$ . If  $y \in C$ , then  $O(x * y) = 2p$ . Therefore  $x * y \in D$  and so each  $x \in B$  is adjacent to all  $y \in C$ . For every elements  $y \in C$ ,  $x * y$  must be in  $D$ . Therefore  $x * x * y = y \in C$  and so  $x$  is not adjacent to any elements in  $D$ . Hence  $deg(x) = 1 + (p - 1) = p$ , for all  $x \in B$ .

**Case(ii):** Let  $x \in C$ .

Clearly  $x$  is adjacent to all the elements of sets  $A$  and  $B$ . In  $C$ ,  $x$  is adjacent to all elements in  $C$  except its inverse. Let  $x \in C$ . For every elements  $y \in B$ ,  $x * y$  must be in  $D$ . Therefore  $x * x * y = y \in B$  and so  $x$  is not adjacent to  $x * y$  in  $D$  but  $x$  is adjacent to remaining elements of  $D$ . Hence  $deg(x) = 1 + 1 + (p - 3) + (p - 2) = 2p - 3$ , for all  $x \in C$ .

**Case(iii):** Let  $x \in D$ .

Clearly  $x$  is adjacent to all the elements of sets  $A$  and  $C - \{x^{-1} * y\}$ , where  $y \in B$ . Note that if  $x \in B$  and  $y \in D$  then  $x * y \in C$ . Therefore no element in  $D$  is adjacent to element in  $B$ . Consider two elements  $x, y$  in  $D$ . clearly  $x = a * b_1$  and  $y = a * b_2$ , where  $a \in B, b_1, b_2 \in C$ .  $x * y = b_1 * b_2 \in C$  or  $B$ . Therefore  $x$  and  $y$  does not have an edge. Hence  $deg(x) = 1 + (p - 2) = p - 1$ , for all  $x \in D$ . Therefore the sum of the degrees of all elements of  $G$  is

$$(2p - 1) + p + (p - 1)(2p - 3) + (p - 1)(p - 1) = 3p^2 - 4p + 3$$

Hence  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  has  $\frac{3p^2 - 4p + 3}{2}$  edges.

**Theorem 2.11** Consider  $(G, *)$  as a cyclic group of order  $pq$ , where  $p, q$  are distinct

odd prime. Then  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  has  $\frac{(p^2 - p - 1)(q^2 - q - 1) - pq}{2}$  edges

**Proof.** Consider  $(G, *)$  as a cyclic group of order  $pq$ , where  $p, q$  are distinct odd primes. Then  $G$  can be divided into four sets  $A, B, C, D$  such that  $A$  is a set of all elements having order 1,  $B$  is a set of all elements having order  $p$ ,  $C$  is a set of all elements having order  $q$ ,  $D$  is a set of all elements having order  $pq$ . Since  $G$  is cyclic,  $|A| = 1, |B| = \phi(p) = p - 1, |C| = \phi(q) = q - 1$  and  $|D| = pq - p - q + 1$ . By proposition 2.1,  $deg(e) = pq - 1$ .

**Case(i):** Let  $x \in B$ .

$x$  is adjacent to  $e$  and all elements of  $B$  other than its inverse. If  $y \in C$ , then  $O(x * y) = pq$ . Therefore  $x * y \in D$  and so  $x$  is adjacent to all  $y \in C$ . For every elements  $y \in C$ ,  $x^{-1} * y$  must be in  $D$ . Therefore  $x * x^{-1} * y = y \in C$  and so  $x$  is not adjacent to the elements in  $D$  is of the form  $x^{-1} * y$ , where  $x \in B$  and  $y \in C$ . Hence  $deg(x) = 1 + (p - 3) + (q - 1) + (pq - p - 2q + 2) = pq - q - 1$ , for all  $x \in B$ .

**Case(ii):** Let  $x \in C$ .

we use the argument of case(i), we get  $deg(x) = 1 + (p - 1) + (q - 3) + (pq - 2p - q + 2) = pq - p - 1$ , for all  $x \in C$ .

**Case(iii):** Let  $x \in D$ .

Clearly  $x$  is adjacent to all the elements of sets  $A$ . Note that every element in  $D$  is of the form product of one element in  $B$  and one element in  $C$ . Therefore  $x = a * b$ , where  $a \in B$  and  $b \in C$ . Clearly  $x$  is not adjacent to  $a^{-1} \in B$  and adjacent to remaining elements in  $B$ . Similarly  $x$  is not adjacent to  $b^{-1} \in C$  and adjacent to remaining elements is  $C$ . In  $D$ ,  $x$  is not

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adjacent to the elements of the form  $a^{-1} * b$ , for all  $b \in C$  and  $a * b^{-1}$ , for all  $a \in B$  and  $x$  is adjacent to the remaining elements of  $D$ . Hence  $deg(x) = 1 + (p - 2) + (q - 2) + (pq - 2p - 2q + 3) = pq - p - q$ , for all  $x \in D$ . Therefore the sum of the degrees of all elements of  $G$  is  $(pq - 1) + (p - 1)(pq - q - 1) + (q - 1)(pq - p - 1) + (pq - p - q + 1)(pq - p - q) = (p^2 - p - 1)(q^2 - q - 1) - pq$ . Hence  $\Gamma_{ood}(G)$  has  $\frac{(p^2 - p - 1)(q^2 - q - 1) - pq}{2}$  edges.

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