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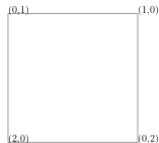
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Consider the ring $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$

Here the non-zero zero divisors are $(0, 1), (1, 0), (0, 2), (2, 0)$



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Let R be a ring and $a \in R$. The smallest ideal of a ring R containing a is said to be the *principal ideal* generated by a , denoted as $\langle a \rangle$.

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- If $\langle n \rangle$ be the principal ideal generated by n in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, and let \mathbb{Z}_n be the ring of integers modulo n . Then $\mathbb{Z}[i]/\langle n \rangle$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_n[i] = \{\bar{a} + i\bar{b} : \bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$, which implies that $\mathbb{Z}_n[i]$ is a principal ideal ring. This ring is called the ring of Gaussian integers modulo n .

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Theorem

$\bar{a} + i\bar{b}$ is an unit in $\mathbb{Z}_n[i]$ if and only if $a^2 + b^2$ is an unit in \mathbb{Z}_n .

Theorem

If $n = \prod_{j=1}^s a_j^{k_j}$ is the prime power decomposition of the positive integer n , then $\mathbb{Z}_n[i]$ is the direct product of the rings $\mathbb{Z}_{a_j^{k_j}}[i]$.

These results can be found in 'The maximal regular ideal of some commutative rings' by E.A.Osba et al., Comment.Math.Univ.Carolin. 47,1 (2006)1–10.

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Definition

A graph G is said to be *connected* if any two distinct vertices of G are joined by a path. A graph G is said to be *disconnected* if G is not connected. A *maximal connected subgraph* of G is called a connected component of G .

Example :

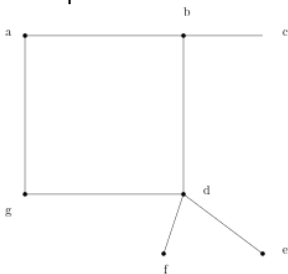


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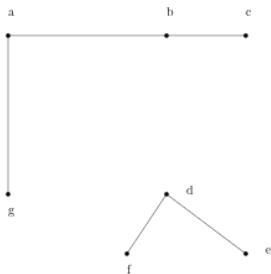


Figure 3.

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The *diameter* of a graph G is $\text{diam}(G) = \sup\{d(x, y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are vertices of } G\}$.

Definition

The *girth* of G , denoted by $\text{gr}(G)$, is the length of a shortest cycle in G .

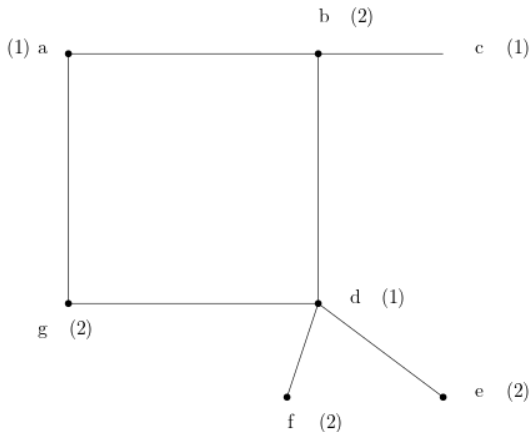
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The chromatic number $\chi(G)$ is the minimum k such that G can be colored using k different colors such that no two adjacent vertices have the same color.

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$$\text{diam}(G) = 3.$$

$$\text{gr}(G) = 4$$

$$\chi(G) = 2$$

Figure 4. G

Definition

For any vertex v in a graph, $nbd(v)$ be the set of vertices adjacent to v .

Definition

A graph is called a *complete graph* if every two distinct vertices are adjacent.

K_n : complete graph on n vertices.

Definition

If the vertex set of a graph G can be splitted into two parts A and B so that each edge of G joins a vertex of A to a vertex of B , then G is called a *bipartite graph*. If each vertex in A is joined to each vertex in B by an edge, then G is *complete bipartite*.

$K_{m,n}$: complete bipartite graph with having m and n number of vertices in the two disjoint sets.

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An eulerian graph is a graph containing an eulerian cycle.

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A connected graph is eulerian if and only if the degree of each vertex is even.

Notations

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- p will denote prime integers such that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.
- q will denote prime integers such that $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.
- $\text{Reg}(\Gamma_2(R))$: the (induced) subgraph of $\Gamma_2(R)$ with vertices $\text{Reg}(R)$ i.e. the units of the ring R .
- $Z(\Gamma_2(R))$: the (induced) subgraph of $\Gamma_2(R)$ with vertices $Z(R)$ i.e. the zero divisors of the ring R .

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Let R be a ring then Γ_2 is an undirected graph (V, E) in which $V = R \setminus \{0\}$ and for any $a, b \in V$, $ab \in E$ if and only if $a \neq b$ and either $a \cdot b = 0$ or $b \cdot a = 0$ or $a + b$ is a zero-divisor (including 0).

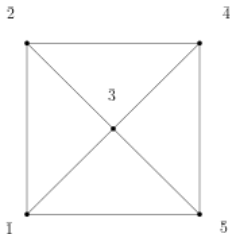


Figure 5. $\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_6)$

Here, we will mainly focus on the rings \mathbb{Z}_n and $\mathbb{Z}_n[i]$.

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Let $n = t^r$, where t is an odd prime and $r \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ has $(t+1)/2$ components, one $K_{t^{r-1}-1}$ consisting of the zero-divisors, and $(t-1)/2$ copies of $K_{t^{r-1}, t^{r-1}}$ for the units.

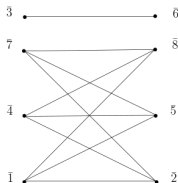


Figure 6. $\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_9)$

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Corollary

$$gr(\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_n)) = \begin{cases} 4, & \text{if } n = 9 \\ \infty, & \text{if } n = 2, 3, 4 \text{ or } n \text{ is a prime} \\ 3, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Corollary

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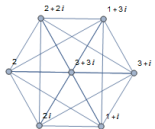
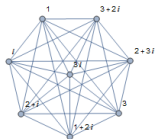


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Corollary

From the previous theorem these results follow directly:

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Corollary

- 1 $diam(\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}[i])) = 3.$
- 2 $gr(\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}[i])) = 3.$
- 3 $\chi(\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_p[i])) = 2p - 2.$
- 4 $\chi(\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}[i])) = p^{2n-1} - 1, \text{ for } n \geq 2.$

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Theorem

$\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_n[i])$ is always connected if and only if $n = p^r$ or the prime power factorization of n has more than one prime factor.

Theorem

$\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_n[i])$ is planar if and only if $n=2$ or n is a prime $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.






Theorem

$\Gamma_2(\mathbb{Z}_n[i])$ is not eulerian for any n .

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