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#### ON CO-PRIME ORDER GRAPHS OF FINITE ABELIAN p-GROUPS

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Abstract. For a finite group G, the co-prime order graph  $\Theta(G)$  of G is defined as the graph with vertex set G, the group itself, and two distinct vertices u, v in  $\Theta(G)$  are adjacent if and only if gcd(o(u), o(v)) = 1 or a prime number. In this paper, some properties and some topological indices such as Wiener, Hyper-Wiener, first and second Zagreb, Schultz, Gutman and eccentric connectivity indices of the co-prime order graph of finite abelian p-group are studied. We also figure out the metric dimension and resolving polynomial of the co-prime order graph of finite abelian p-group.

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### **1.** INTRODUCTION

An obvious phenomenon is to generate graphs from groups. The notion of "co-prime order graph of a finite group" has been introduced by Subarsha Banerjee in 2019 [8]. They defined it as a simple graph with vertex set as the elements of a group, and there is adjacancy between two

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vertices *u* and *v* if and only if gcd(o(u), o(v)) = 1 or a prime number. For more studies about co-prime order graphs, we refer the reader to see [1, 10].

Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a simple graph, which is undirected and contains no multiple edges or loops. Here, the set of vertices of  $\Gamma$  is denoted by  $V(\Gamma)$  and the corresponding set of edges is denoted by  $E(\Gamma)$ . We write  $uv \in E(\Gamma)$  if u and v form an edge in  $\Gamma$ . The *size* of the vertex-set is denoted by  $|V(\Gamma)|$  for the set  $\Gamma$  and the number of its edges is denoted by  $|E(\Gamma)|$ . The *degree* of a vertex is defined as number of vertices adjacent to u and is represented as deg(u), The *distance* between any pair of vertices u and v denoted by d(u,v), is the shortest u - v path in graph  $\Gamma$ and the *eccentricity* of any vertex u is given as ecc(u) and it is the largest distance between u and any other vertex in  $\Gamma$ . The diameter of the graph  $\Gamma$ , denoted by  $diam(\Gamma)$ , is given by  $diam(\Gamma) = max\{ecc(u) : u \in V(\Gamma)\}$ . A graph  $\Gamma$  is called *complete* if every pair of vertices of  $\Gamma$  are adjacent. If  $D \subseteq V(\Gamma)$  and no vertices of D are adjacent, then D is called an *independent set*. The cardinality of the largest independent set is called an *independent* number of the graph  $\Gamma$ . A graph  $\Gamma$  is called *bipartite* one if  $V(\Gamma)$  can be partitioned in such a way into two disjoint independent sets that each edge in  $\Gamma$  has its ends in different independent sets. A graph  $\Gamma$  is called *split* if its vertex set can be splitted up into two different sets U and K such that U is an independent set and the induced subgraph by K is a complete graph.

Let  $W = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, ..., v_k\} \subseteq V(\Gamma)$  and let v be any vertex of  $\Gamma$ . The representation of v with respect to W is the k-vector  $r(v|W) = (d(v, v_1), d(v, v_2), ..., d(v, v_k))$ . If different vertices have different representations with respect to W, then W is called a *resolving set* of  $\Gamma$ . A *basis* of  $\Gamma$ is a minimum resolving set for  $\Gamma$  and the cardinality of a basis of  $\Gamma$  is called *metric dimension* of  $\Gamma$  and it is denoted by  $\beta(\Gamma)$  [3]. Suppose  $r_i$  is the number of resolving sets for  $\Gamma$  of cardinality *i*. Then the *resolving polynomial* of a graph  $\Gamma$  of order n, denoted by  $\beta(\Gamma, x)$ , is defined as  $\beta(\Gamma, x) = \sum_{i=\beta(\Gamma)}^{n} r_i x^i$ . The sequence  $(r_{\beta(\Gamma)}, r_{\beta(\Gamma)+1}, ..., r_n)$  formed from the coefficients of  $\beta(\Gamma, x)$  is called the *resolving sequence*.

For a graph  $\Gamma$ , the Wiener index and Hyper – Wiener index are defined by  $W(\Gamma) = \sum_{\{u,v\} \subset V(\Gamma)} d(u,v)$  [5] and  $WW(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{2}W(\Gamma) + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\{u,v\} \subset V(\Gamma)} d(u,v)^2$  [2]. The Zagreb indices mainly first and second are defined by  $M_1(\Gamma) = \sum_{v \in V(\Gamma)} (deg(v))^2$  and  $M_2(\Gamma) = \sum_{uv \in E(\Gamma)} [deg(u) \times deg(v)]$  [6]. The Schultz index of  $\Gamma$  is defined by  $MTI(\Gamma) =$   $\sum_{\{u,v\}\subset V(\Gamma)} d(u,v)[deg(u) + deg(v)] \quad [4]. \text{ The } Gutman \text{ index of } \Gamma \text{ is defined by } Gut(\Gamma) = \sum_{\{u,v\}\subset V(\Gamma)} d(u,v)[deg(u) \times deg(v)] \quad [7]. \text{ The eccentric connectivity index of } \Gamma \text{ is defined by } \\ \xi^c(\Gamma) = \sum_{v\in V(\Gamma)} deg(v)ecc(v) \quad [9].$ 

In [10], Xuanlong Ma and Zhonghua Wang studied  $\Theta(G)$  of all finite groups which are complete and classify all finite groups which are planar. In this paper, the focus will be on the co-prime order graph of a finite abelian p-group which is defined as  $G_p = \{\prod_{i=1}^{i=r} x_i | o(x_i) =$  $p^{\alpha_i}, x_i x_j = x_j x_i$  where  $i, j = 1, 2, ..., r\} \cong Z_{p^{\alpha_1}} \times Z_{p^{\alpha_2}} \times ... \times Z_{p^{\alpha_r}}$  where p is a prime number. When  $\alpha_i = 0$  for all *i*, then co-prime order graph is null graph, which is not of our interest.

Throughout sections 2,3 and 4, we use notations and assumptions given below p is a prime number,  $r \ge 1$ ,  $\alpha_i \ge 1$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., r,  $G_p = Z_p \alpha_1 \times Z_p \alpha_2 \times ... \times Z_p \alpha_r$ ,  $\Omega_1 = \{x \in G_p | o(x) = 1 \text{ or } p\}$  and  $\Omega_2 = G - \Omega_1$ .

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, some basic properties of the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$  are investigated. We see that the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$  is split. In Section 3, we find some topological indices of the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$  such as the Wiener, Hyper-Wiener and Zagreb indices. In Section 4, we find the metric dimension and the resolving polynomial of the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$ .

## **2.** Some Properties of the Graph $\Theta(G_p)$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $G_p$  be a finite abelian *p*-group. Then  $|\Omega_1| = p^r$  and  $|\Omega_2| = p^{\sum_{i=1}^{i=r} \alpha_i} - p^r$ .

*Proof.* Firstly, we count elements of order 1 and p in the group  $G_p$ .

Let *x* be arbitrary element of order 1 or *p*. Then  $x = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_r$  such that  $x_i \in Z_p^{\alpha_i}$  and  $o(x_i) = 1$  or *p* where i = 1, 2, ..., r.

Possibilities for each  $x_i$  are p, hence possibilities for x are  $p^r$ . Remaining  $p^{\sum_{i=1}^{i=r} \alpha_i} - p^r$  has neither order 1 nor p. Hence, we get desired result.

**Lemma 2.** A sub-graph induced by  $\Omega_1$  from the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$  is  $K_{p^r}$  and a sub-graph induced by  $\Omega_2$  from the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$  has no edges. Furthermore, each vertex of the set  $\Omega_1$  must be adjacent with every vertex in  $\Omega_2$ .

*Proof.* Using the definition of co-prime order graph, every pair of vertices in  $\Omega_1$  must be adjacent because of the order of every vertex is either 1 or *p*. Also, each vertex of the set  $\Omega_1$  must be

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adjacent with every vertex in  $\Omega_2$ . If  $\Omega_2 \neq \phi$ , then no pair of vertices in  $\Omega_2$  are adjacent because of the order of each vertex is a power of *p* other than 1 or *p*.

Using above lemmas, we can state the following results

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\Theta(G_p)$  be the co-prime order graph on G. Then  $\Theta(G_p) = K_{p^r} \vee (p^{\sum_{i=1}^{i=r} \alpha_i} - p^r)K_1$ .

**Theorem 2.** In the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$ ,  $deg(u) = \begin{cases} |\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 1, & \text{if } u \in \Omega_1 \\ |\Omega_1|, & \text{if } u \in \Omega_2 \end{cases}$ 

**Corollary 1.** In the graph  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$ ,  $|E(\Gamma)| = {|\Omega_1| \choose 2} + |\Omega_1||\Omega_2|$ 

*Proof.* Every pair of vertices  $u, v \in \Omega_1$  are adjacent, and the total number of edges in  $\Omega_1$  is  $\binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}$ . Also, there is an edge between any vertex  $u \in \Omega_1$  and every vertex  $v \in \Omega_2$ , and the total number of such edges is  $|\Omega_1||\Omega_2|$ . No pairs of vertices  $u, v \in \Omega_2$  are adjacent. In total, we get  $|E(\Gamma)| = \binom{|\Omega_1|}{2} + |\Omega_1||\Omega_2|$ .

**Theorem 3.** In the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$ ,  $ecc(u) = \begin{cases} 1, if \ u \in \Omega_1, \\ 2, if \ u \in \Omega_2 \end{cases}$ 

*Proof.* If  $u \in \Omega_1$ , then u is directly connected with every vertex of the graph because of the order of u is either 1 or p. So, the maximum distance between u and any vertex of the graph is 1. If  $u \in \Omega_2$ , then the order of u is  $p^k$ , where  $k \ge 2$ . So, there exists at least  $\phi(p^k)$  vertices of order the same as u. By the use of the concept  $k \ge 2$ , we know that  $\phi(p^k) \ge 2$ . Take v be another element different from u whose order is neither 1 nor p, then the maximum distance between u and v is 2.

**Corollary 2.** The diameter of the graph  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$  is 2, that is diam $(\Gamma) = 2$ .

**Corollary 3.** In the graph  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$ ,  $d(u, v) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } u, v \in \Omega_2 \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

**Corollary 4.** In the graph  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$ , the independent set *S* of  $\Gamma$  is either a singleton set or a set with the property that no vertex has order 1 or *p*.

*Proof.* If S is a singleton set, then it is an independent set.

If S contains more than one element with at least one element of order 1 or p, say x, then using the definition of the co-prime order graph, x must be adjacent with every vertex of S except x. So, S is not an independent set.

We conclude that if *S* is an independent set with more than one element, then *S* does not contains any element of order 1 or *p*.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 5.** In the graph  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$ , the largest independent set is  $\Omega_2$  or  $\{e\}$  according as group  $G_p$  has an element of order  $p^2$  or not, respectively.

*Proof.* If every element of the group  $G_p$  has order 1 or p, then by the above corollary, the set  $\{e\}$  is largest independent set.

If the group  $G_p$  has at least one element of order  $p^2$ , then by the above corollary, the set  $S = \{x \in G_p | o(x) \neq 1, o(x) \neq p\} = \Omega_2$  is an independent set. The set *S* is the largest independent set because the remaining elements are either of order 1 or *p*, which cannot belong to the independent set.

**Corollary 6.** If  $H = \{x \in G_p | o(x) = 1 \text{ or } p\} \cup L$ , where  $L = \phi$  or  $L = \{y\}$  such that  $o(y) \neq 1$  or p then  $\Theta(H)$  is the maximal clique of the graph  $\Theta(G_p)$ .

*Proof.* By Corollary 2, d(u, v) = 1 if one of u or v has order 1 or p, then  $\Theta(H)$  is a clique. Now we show that  $\Theta(H)$  is a maximal clique.

Using the definition of the co-prime order graph, two vertices with orders neither 1 nor p can be adjacent. Hence, they cannot a part of a clique. So, clique can have at most one vertex whose order is neither 1 nor p.

Take *L* contains singleton element if at-least one of  $\alpha_i \ge 2$  otherwise  $\phi$  and set  $\{x \in G_p | o(x) = 1 \text{ or } p\}$  contains all elements of order 1 or *p*. Therefore, *H* is maximal clique.

**Corollary 7.** The graph  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$  is a complete split graph.

Proof. There are two cases to consider.

Case 1:- If  $\alpha_i \ge 2$  for some *i*.

The vertex set of the graph  $\Gamma$  can be partitioned as  $K = \{x \in G_p | o(x) = 1 \text{ or } p\}$  and L =

 $G_p - K$ . Here K is non-empty because K must contains the identity element of  $G_p$  and the largest independent set which is determined in Corollary 4. Hence K must be an independent set.

It is given that at least one of the  $\alpha_i \ge 2$ , so the group  $G_p$  contains at least two elements of order not equal to 1 or p. So L is non-empty. Also, L contains a maximal clique of the co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$  which is determined in Corollary 6, hence the subgraph induced by Lmust be a clique. Also, each vertex of K must be adjacent to every vertex of L, so the graph  $\Gamma$ is a complete split graph.

Case 2:- If  $\alpha_i = 1$  for all *i*.

In this case the group  $G_p$  is a complete graph with more than one vertex. Take  $K = \{e\}$  and  $L = G_p - K$ . Then K is independent because K is a singleton set which is not adjacent with any vertex of K, and L is a clique because it induces a subgraph of a complete graph.

## **3.** Some Topological Indices of the Graph $\Theta(G_p)$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$ . Then  $W(\Gamma) = {\binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}} + |\Omega_1||\Omega_2|+2{\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}}$ 

*Proof.* Let  $u, v \in \Gamma$ . It follows from the Corollary 3 that the number of possibilities of d(u, v) = 1 is  $\binom{|\Omega_1|}{2} + |\Omega_1| |\Omega_2|$  and number of possibilities of d(u, v) = 2 is  $\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$ . Thus,  $W(\Gamma) = \binom{|\Omega_1|}{2} + |\Omega_1| |\Omega_2| + 2\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$ 

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$ . Then  $WW(\Gamma) = \binom{|\Omega_1|}{2} + |\Omega_1| |\Omega_2| + 3\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$ 

*Proof.* From Theorem 4 and Corollary 3, we can see that  $WW(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} |\Omega_1| \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + |\Omega_1||\Omega_2|+2\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} |\Omega_1| \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + |\Omega_1||\Omega_2|+4\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}) = \binom{|\Omega_1|}{2} + |\Omega_1||\Omega_2|+3\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$ 

In the next two theorems, the first and second Zagreb indices for the co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$  are presented.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$ . Then  $M_1(\Theta(G_p)) = |\Omega_1|(|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)^2+(|\Omega_1|)^2|\Omega_2|$ 

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 2 that  $M_1(\Theta(G_p)) = |\Omega_1|(|\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 1)^2 + (|\Omega_1|)^2 |\Omega_2|$   $\Box$ 

**Theorem 7.** Let  $\Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$ . Then  $M_2(\Theta(G)) = \binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}(|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)^2+(|\Omega_1|)^2|\Omega_2|(|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)$ 

*Proof.* From Theorem 2 and Corollary 1, we have  $\binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}$  edges with end vertices of degree  $|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1$ , and  $|\Omega_1||\Omega_2|$  edges with one end vertex of degree  $|\Omega_1|$  and the other end vertex of degree  $|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1$ . Hence we get desired result.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$ . Then  $MTI(\Theta(G_p)) = 2\binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}(|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)+|\Omega_1||\Omega_2|(2|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)+4|\Omega_1|\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$ .

*Proof.* There are three possibilities for  $u, v \in G_p$ .

Case 1:-  $u, v \in \Omega_1$ .

It follows from Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 that d(u,v) = 1 and  $deg(u) + deg(v) = 2(|\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 1)$ . There are  $\binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}$  possibilities for this case.

Case 2:- $u \in \Omega_1$  and  $v \in \Omega_2$ .

It follows from Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 that d(u,v) = 1 and  $deg(u) + deg(v) = (2|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)$ . There are  $|\Omega_1||\Omega_2|$  possibilities for this case.

Case 3:- 
$$u, v \in \Omega_2$$

It follows from Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 that d(u, v) = 2 and  $deg(u) + deg(v) = 2|\Omega_1|$ . There are  $\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$  possibilities for this case.

Hence, we get  $MTI(\Theta(G_p)) = 2\binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}(|\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 1) + |\Omega_1||\Omega_2|(2|\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 1) + 4|\Omega_1|\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$ .

**Theorem 9.** Let  $\Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$ . Then  $Gut(\Theta(G_p)) = \binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}(|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)^2+|\Omega_1|^2|\Omega_2|(|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)+2|\Omega_1|^2\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$ .

*Proof.* There are three possibilities for  $u, v \in G_p$ . Case 1:-  $u, v \in \Omega_1$ .

It follows from Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 that d(u,v) = 1 and  $deg(u)deg(v) = (|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1)^2$ . There are  $\binom{|\Omega_1|}{2}$  possibilities for this case. Case 2:- $u \in \Omega_1$  and  $v \in \Omega_2$ . It follows from Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 that d(u,v) = 1 and  $deg(u)deg(v) = |\Omega_1|(|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1))$ . There are  $|\Omega_1||\Omega_2|$  possibilities for this case.

Case 3:-  $u, v \in \Omega_2$ .

It follows from Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 that d(u,v) = 2 and  $deg(u)deg(v) = |\Omega_1|^2$ . There are  $\binom{|\Omega_2|}{2}$  possibilities for this case.

Hence, we get  $Gut(\Theta(G_p)) = {|\Omega_1| \choose 2} (|\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 1)^2 + |\Omega_1|^2 |\Omega_2| (|\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 1) + 2|\Omega_1|^2 {|\Omega_2| \choose 2}.$ 

**Theorem 10.** Let  $\Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of the group  $G_p$ . Then  $\xi^c(\Theta(G_p)) = (|\Omega_1|^2 + 3|\Omega_1||\Omega_2| - |\Omega_1|).$ 

*Proof.* There are two possibilities for  $u \in G_p$ .

Case 1:-  $u \in \Omega_1$ .

It follows from Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 that  $deg(u) = (|\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 1)$  and ecc(u) = 1. There are  $|\Omega_1|$  possibilities for this case.

Case 2:- $u \in \Omega_2$ .

It follows from Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 that  $deg(u) = |\Omega_1|$  and ecc(u) = 2. There are  $|\Omega_2|$  possibilities for this case.

Hence, we get  $\xi^c(\Theta(G_p)) = (|\Omega_1|^2 + 3|\Omega_1||\Omega_2| - |\Omega_1|).$ 

# 4. Metric Dimension and Resolving Polynomial of the Graph $\Theta(G_p)$

For a graph  $\Gamma$ , we define the open neighborhood of a vertex  $u \in \Gamma$ , N(u), by  $N(u) = \{v \in V(\Gamma) : uv \in E(\Gamma)\}$  and the closed neighborhood of u, N[u], by  $N[u] = N(u) \cup \{u\}$ . Two distinct vertices u and v of  $\Gamma$  are said to be twins if N(u) = N(v) or N[u] = N[v]. A subset S of  $V(\Gamma)$  is said to be a twin set in  $\Gamma$  if every pair of vertices in S are twins.

**Lemma 3.** If  $\Gamma$  is a connected graph of order n and  $S \subseteq V(\Gamma)$  is a twin in  $\Gamma$  set of size  $l \ge 2$ , then every resolving set of  $\Gamma$  contains at least l - 1 vertices of S.

**Corollary 8.** If S is a resolving set for a connected graph  $\Gamma$  and u and v are twin vertices in  $\Gamma$ , then  $u \in S$  or  $v \in S$ . Furthermore, if  $u \in S$  and  $v \notin S$ , then  $(S \setminus \{u\}) \cup \{v\}$  is also a resolving set for  $\Gamma$ .

**Theorem 11.** Let  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of group  $G_p$ . Then  $\beta(\Gamma) = p^{\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i} - 2$ .

*Proof.* We see that the sets  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are twin sets in  $\Gamma$  of cardinality  $p^r$  and  $p^{\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i}$ , respectively. From Lemma 3, we have  $\beta(\Gamma) \ge p^{\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i} - 2$ . In addition, we see that the set  $W := \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 - \{e, x\}$ , where  $x \in G_p$  with o(x) is neither 1 nor p, is a resolving set for  $\Gamma$  of cardinality  $p^{\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i} - 2$ , this implies that  $\beta(\Gamma) \le p^{\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i} - 2$ .

**Lemma 4.** For a connected graph  $\Gamma$  of order n,  $r_n = 1$  and  $r_{n-1} = n$ .

**Theorem 12.** Let  $\Gamma = \Theta(G_p)$  be a co-prime order graph of group  $G_p$ . Then  $\beta(\Gamma, x) = x^{p^{\sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_i} - 2}(|\Omega_1| |\Omega_2| + (|\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2|)x + x^2).$ 

*Proof.* From Theorem 11, we have that  $\beta(\Gamma) = |\Omega_1| + |\Omega_2| - 2$ . We need to find the resolving sequence  $(r_{|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-2}, r_{|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1}, r_{|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|})$  of length three.

For  $r_{|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-2}$ : By the principal of multiplication and Corollary 8, we see that

$$r_{|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-2} = \binom{|\Omega_1|}{|\Omega_1|-1} \binom{|\Omega_2|}{|\Omega_2|-1} = |\Omega_1||\Omega_2|.$$

By Lemma 4, we have  $r_{|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|-1} = |\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|$  and  $r_{|\Omega_1|+|\Omega_2|} = 1$ .

## **CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

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