

A family of dense mixed graphs of diameter 2

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- For $k = 1$ and $d \geq 1$, complete graphs K_{d+1} are the only Moore graphs.
- For $k \geq 3$ and $d + 2$, the cycles C_{2k+1} are the only Moore graphs.
- For $k = 2$, apart from C_5 ($d = 2$), Moore graphs exist only when $d = 3$ (Petersen graph), $d = 7$ (the Hoffman-Singleton graph), and possibly $d = 57$.

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Models of networks: a mixture of both undirected and bidirected connection. The mixed graphs are used in this case as a good modelling tool.

Directed and undirected Moore graphs are special cases of mixed Moore graphs where the graphs admit only arcs or only edges. Nguyen and Miller (2008) showed that both undirected and directed Moore graphs are special case of mixed Moore graphs.

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For $k = 2$:

$$M_{z,r,2} = 1 + r + z + r(r - 1 + z) + z(r + z) = (r + z)^2 + z + 1. \quad (1)$$

Note that

$M_{z,r,k} = M_{d,k}^*$ when $z = 0$ and $M_{z,r,k} = M_{d,k}$ when $r = 0$ ($d = z + r$).
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It was proved [Nguyen, Miller, Gimbert, 2007] that mixed Moore graphs of diameter greater than 2 do not exist.

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We give a construction of **dense** mixed graphs of diameter 2 undirected degree q , directed degree $\frac{q-1}{2}$ and order $2q^2$, when q is an odd prime power. Since the Moore bound for a mixed Moore graph with these parameters is equal to $\frac{9q^2-4q+3}{4}$, the defect of these mixed graphs is $(\frac{q-2}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{4}$.

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A *projective plane* is a partial plane in which two points are incident with exactly one line and two lines have exactly two points in common. It is not difficult to derive that every line of a projective plane has the same number of points, say $q + 1$, and every point is incident with $q + 1$ lines; q is called the *order* of the projective plane.

The *incidence graph* of a partial plane is a bipartite graph in which the elements of one part \mathcal{L} are called *lines* and the elements of the other part \mathcal{P} are called *points*. The terminology for incidence graphs is geometric. A point and a line are said to be *incident* if they are adjacent. The incidence graph of a partial plane is clearly a bipartite graph with even girth $g \geq 6$. And the incidence graph of a projective plane is a $(q + 1)$ -regular graph of girth exactly 6.

A *biaffine plane* is obtained from a projective plane deleting the infinite line and all its points and the infinite point and all its lines. From an algebraic point of view we can define a biaffine plane in the following way.

Definition

Let \mathbb{F}_q be the finite field of order q .

- (i) Let $\mathcal{L} = \{1\} \times \mathbb{F}_q \times \mathbb{F}_q$ and $\mathcal{P} = \{0\} \times \mathbb{F}_q \times \mathbb{F}_q$. Then the following set of q^2 lines define a biaffine plane:

$$(m, b)_1 = \{(x, mx + b)_0 : x \in \mathbb{F}_q\} \text{ for all } m, b \in \mathbb{F}_q.$$

- (ii) The incidence graph of the biaffine plane is a bipartite graph $B_q = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L})$ which is q -regular, has order $2q^2$, diameter 4, and girth 6 if $q \geq 3$; and girth 8 if $q = 2$.

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Let $q \geq 3$ be an odd prime power. Define a mixed graph G_q such that $V(G_q) = V(B_q)$, $E(G_q) = E(B_q)$ and $A(G_q) = \{(m, b)_1, (m, b + i)_1 : i \in S\} \cup \{(x, y)_0, (x, y + j)_0 : j \in -S\}$, where $S \subset \mathbb{F}_q - 0$, $|S| = (q - 1)/2$ and for all $u, v \in S$, $u + v \neq 0$.

Theorem

The mixed graph G_q defined in the Construction is a mixed graph of diameter 2 with parameters $r = q$, $z = (q - 1)/2$ and $2q^2$ vertices.

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Idea of the proof: For $q = 3$ it turns out that G_3 has 18 vertices and parameters $r = 3$ and $z = 1$. Since Bosak's graph is unique [Nguyen, Miller, Gimbert, 2008], we obtain that G_3 given in the Construction is isomorphic to Bosak's graph.

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Thank you for your attention.