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## Abstract

In this work we study maximal chain of subgroups of abelian groups G of order less than 26. Then we find the maximal graph m(G) of those groups. Finally we investigated the Wiener index, the Wiener polynomial, the dimeter and the radical of some of the maximal subgroup graphs m(G) where |G| < 26.

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## Introduction

Let be a group. A subgroup  $N_1$  of M is maximal in a subgroup  $N_2$  of M if there is no subgroup  $N_3$  of M such that  $N_1 \subset N_3 \subset N_2$ . A chain of subgroups  $K_0 \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \cdots$  of a group G is called maximal chain of subgroups of G if  $K_{t-1}$  is a maximal subgroup in  $K_t$  for each  $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $K_0 \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \cdots \subset K_h$ is a finite chain, then  $K_0$  is said to be the initial subgroup and  $K_h$  is the terminal subgroup of the chain. A subgroup  $K_0$  of G is called a maximal subgroup of length m with respect to the maximal chain of subgroups  $K_0 \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset$  $\cdots \subset K_{m-1} \subset M$ . The maximal subgroup graph of G, denoted by m(M), is the undirected graph with vertex set, the set of all subgroups of M, where two vertices  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are adjacent if and only if  $N_1$  maximal  $N_2$ , or  $N_2$  maximal  $N_1$ . In the chapter three we study maximal chain of subgroups of groups less than 26. Then we find the maximal subgroup graph m(G) of groups G. Finally we find each of the Wiener index, Wiener polynomial and dimeter of the maximal subgroup graphs m(G).

## **Chapter One**

## **Definitions and Back grounds of group theory**

**Definition 1.1** (Dummit & Foote, 2004, p. 15). A group is an ordered pair

(G,\*) where G is a set and \* is a binary operation on G satisfying the following axioms:

(i) (a \* b) \* c = a \* (b \* c), for all  $a, b, c \in G$ , i.e., \* is associative,

(ii) there exists an element e in G, called an identity of G, such that for all

 $a \in G$  we have a \* e = e \* a = a,

(iii) for each  $a \in G$  there is an element  $a^{-1}of G$ , called an inverse of a,

such that  $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$ .

**Definition 1.2** (Dummit & Foote, 2004, p. 46). Let *G* be a group. The subset *H* of *G* is a subgroup of *G* if *H* is nonempty and *H* is closed under products and inverses  $(i.e., x , y \in H \text{ implies } x^{-1} \in H \text{ and } x y \in H)$ . If *H* is a subgroup of *G* we shall write  $H \leq G$ .

#### Example.1.3

- 1. Consider the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{36} = \{0, 1, 2, ..., 35\}$ . The proper subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{36}$  are  $H_0 = <0>=\{0\}, H_1 = <18>=\{0, 18\}, H_2 = <12>=\{0, 12, 24\}, H_3 = <9>=\{0, 9, 18, 27\}, H_4 = <6>=\{0, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30\}, H_5 = <4>=\{0, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32\}$  and  $H_1 = <2>=\{0, 2, 4, ..., 34\}$
- 2. Consider the symmetric group  $S_3 = \{(), (12), (23), (13), (123), (132)\}$ . The proper subgroups of  $S_3$  are  $L_0 = \{e\}$ ,  $L_1 = \{e, (12)\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{e, (13)\}$ ,  $L_3 = \{e, (23)\}$ ,  $L_4 = \{e, (123), (132)\}\}$ .

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The following table illustrates the multiplication table of the symmetry group  $S_3$ .

**Definition 1.4** (Dummit & Foote, 2004). For G a group and  $x \in G$  define the order of x to be the smallest positive integer n such that  $x^n = 1$ , and denote this integer by |x| order n. If no positive power of x is the identity. The order of a finite group is the number of its elements. If a group is not finite, one says that its order is infinite.

**Definition 1.5** (Dummit & Foote, 2004, p. 37). The map  $\varphi$ : G  $\rightarrow$  H is called an isomorphism and *G* and *H* are said to be isomorphic or of the same isomorphism type, written  $G \cong H$ , if

(1)  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism (*i.e.*,  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x) \varphi(y)$ ), and

(2)  $\varphi$  is a bijection.

**Definition 1.6** (Dummit & Foote, p. 65). A subgroup M of a group G is called a maximal subgroup if  $M \neq G$  and the only subgroups of G which contain M are M and G.

# **Chapter Two Definitions and Back grounds of Graph Theory**

**Definition 2.1** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 3). A graph *G* can be considered as an ordered triple  $(V, E, \psi)$ , where

- (i)  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, ...\}$  is called the vertex set of G and the elements of V are called the vertices (or points or nodes);
- (ii)  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3,...\}$  is the called the edge set of G and the elements of E are called edges (or lines or arcs); and
- (iii)  $\psi$  is called the adjacency relation, defined by  $\psi : E \to V \times V$ , which defines the association between each edge with the vertex pairs of *G*.

**Definition 2.2** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 4). The order of a graph *G*, denoted by  $\nu(G)$ , is the number of its vertices and the size of *G*, denoted by  $\varepsilon(G)$ , is the number of its edge

**Definition 2.3** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 4). A graph with a finite number of vertices as well as a finite number of edges is called a finite graph. Otherwise, it is an infinite graph

**Definition 2.4** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 4). An edge of a graph that joins a node to itself is called loop or a self-loop. That is, a loop is an edge uv, where u = v.

**Definition 2.5** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 5). The edges connecting the same pair of vertices are called multiple edges or parallel edges.

**Definition 2.6** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 5). A graph G which does not have loops or parallel edges is called a simple graph. A graph which is not simple is generally called a multigraph

**Definition 2.7** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 5). number of edges incident on a vertex v, with self-loops counted twice, is called the degree of the vertex v and is denoted by deg(v) or deg(v) or simply d(v).

**Definition 2.8** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 5). A vertex having no incident edge is called an isolated vertex. In other words, isolated vertices are those with zero degree.

**Definition 2.9** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 5). A vertex, which is neither a pendent vertex nor an isolated vertex, is called an internal vertex or an intermediate vertex.

**Definition 2.10** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 5). The maximum degree of a graph G, denoted by  $\Delta(G)$ , is defined to be  $\Delta(G) = max\{d(v) : v \in V(G)\}$ . Similarly, the minimum degree of a graph G, denoted by  $\delta(G)$ , is defined to be  $\delta(G) = min\{d(v) : v \in V(G)\}$ . Note that for any vertex v in G, we have  $\delta(G) \leq d(v) \leq \Delta(G)$ .

**Definition 2.11** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 7). The neighborhood (or open neighbourhood) of a vertex v, denoted by N(v), is the set of vertices adjacent to v. That is,  $N(v) = \{x \in V : vx \in E\}$ . The closed neighbourhood of a vertex v, denoted by N[v], is simply the set  $N(v) \cup \{v\}$ .

**Definition 2.12** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 8). A graph  $H(V_1, E_1)$  is said to be a subgraph of a graph G(V, E) if  $V_1 \subseteq V$  and  $E_1 \subseteq E$ .

**Definition 2.13** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 8).A graph  $H(V_1, E_1)$  is said to be a spanning subgraph of a graph G(V, E) if  $V_1 = V$  and  $E_1 \subseteq E$ .



**Definition 2.14** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 8). Suppose that V' be a subset of the vertex set V of a graph G. Then, the subgraph of G whose vertex set is V' and whose edge set is the set of edges of G that have both end vertices in V' is denoted by G[V] or  $\langle V \rangle$  called an induced subgraph of G

**Definition 2.15** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 8). Suppose that E' be a subset of the edge set V of a graph G. Then, the subgraph of G whose edge set is E' and whose

vertex set is the set of end vertices of the edges in E' is denoted by G[E] or  $\langle E \rangle$  called an edge-induced subgraph of G.

**Definition 2.16** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 8). A complete graph is a simple undirected graph in which every pair of distinct vertices is connected by a unique edge. A complete graph

**Definition 2.17** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 11). An isomorphism of two graphs G and *H* is a bijective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  such that any two vertices u and v of *G* are adjacent in *G* if and only if f(u) and f(v) are adjacent in *H*. This bijection is commonly described as edge-preserving bijection. If an isomorphism exists between two graphs, then the graphs are called isomorphic graphs and denoted  $as G \simeq H \text{ or } G \cong H$ .

**Definition 2.18** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 23). A walk in a graph G is an alternating sequence of vertices and connecting edges in *G*. In other words, a walk is any route through a graph from vertex to vertex along edges. If the starting and end vertices of a walk are the same, then such a trail is called a closed walk.

**Definition 2.19** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 23). A trail is a walk that does not pass over the same edge twice. A trail might visit the same vertex twice, but only if it comes and goes from a different edge each time. A tour is a trail that begins and ends on the same vertex.

**Definition 2.20** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 23). A path is a walk that does not include any vertex twice, except that its first vertex might be the same as its last. A cycle or a circuit is a path that begins and ends on the same vertex.

**Definition 2.21** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 23). The length of a walk or circuit or path or cycle is the number of edges in it.

**Definition 2.22** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 24). The distance between two vertices u and v in a graph G, denoted by  $d_G(u, v)$  or simply d(u, v), is the length (number of edges) of a shortest path (also called a graph geodesic) connecting them. This distance is also known as the geodesic distance.

**Definition 2.23** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 24). The eccentricity of a vertex v, denoted by  $\varepsilon(v)$ , is the greatest geodesic distance between v and any other vertex. It can be thought of as how far a vertex is from the vertex most distant from it in the graph.

**Definition 2.24** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 24). The radius r of a graph G, denoted by rad(G), is the minimum eccentricity of any vertex in the graph. That is,  $rad(G) = \min_{v \in V(G)} \varepsilon(v)$ .

**Definition 2.25** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 24). The diameter of a graph *G*, denoted by diam(G) is the maximum eccentricity of any vertex in the graph. That is,  $diam(G) = \max_{v \in V(G)} \varepsilon(v)$ .

**Definition 2.26** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 24). A center of a graph G is a vertex of G whose eccentricity equal to the radius of G.

**Definition 2.27** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 25). Two vertices u and v are said to be connected if there exists a path between them. If there is a path between two vertices u and v, then u is said to be reachable from v and vice versa. A graph G is said to be connected if there exist paths between any two vertices in G.

**Definition 2.28** (Naduvath, 2017, p. 26). A connected component or simply, a component of a graph G is a maximal connected subgraph of G.

**Definition 2.29** (Sagan , et al., 1996, p. 27). Let d(u, v) denote the distance between vertices u and v in a graph G. The Wiener index of G is defined as  $W(G) = \sum_{\{u,v\}} d(u, v)$  where the sum is over all unordered pairs  $\{u, v\}$  of distinct vertices in G. If x is a parameter, then the Wiener polynomial of G is  $W(G; x) = \sum_{\{u,v\}} x^{d(u,v)}$  where the sum is taken over the same set of pairs.

## **Chapter three**

In this chapter, we study maximal chain of subgroups of abelian groups G of order less than 26. Then we find the maximal graph m(G) of those groups. Finally we investigated the Wiener index, the Wiener polynomial, the dimeter and the radical of some of the maximal subgroup graphs m(G) where |G| < 26.

**Definition 3.1** (Ahmad & Hummadi, 2023, p. 2). A subgroup  $H_1$  of a group G is maximal in a subgroup  $H_2$  of G if there is no subgroup  $H_3$  of G such that  $H_1 \subset H_3 \subset H_2$ .

**Example 3.2** Consider the group of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then

- 1. The subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  are the form  $n\mathbb{Z}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$ .
- 2. The nonzero maximal subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  are the form  $n\mathbb{Z}$  where n is a prime number.
- 3. For each prime number p, if n = pm, then  $n\mathbb{Z}$  is maximal in  $m\mathbb{Z}$ .
- 4. In the group of integers Z, the zero subgroup is not maximal in any another subgroup.

**Definition 3.3** (Ahmad & Hummadi, 2023, p. 2). A chain of proper subgroups  $I_0 \subset I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \cdots$  of a group *G* is called maximal chain of subgroups of *R* if  $I_{t-1}$  is maximal in  $I_t$  for each  $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $I_0 \subset I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \cdots \subset I_h$  is a finite chain, then  $I_0$  is said to be the initial subgroup and  $I_h$  is the terminal subgroup of the chain. A subgroup  $K_0$  of *M* is called a maximal subgroup of length *m* with respect to the maximal chain of subgroups  $K_0 \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \cdots \subset K_{m-1} \subset M$ . The length of  $K_0$  is said to be  $\infty$ , if there is no such finite maximal chain of subgroups with initial subgroup  $K_0$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let G be a group. The maximal subgroup graph of G, denoted by m(G), is the undirected graph with vertex set, the set of all subgroups of G, where two vertices I and J are adjacent if and only if I maximal in J, or J maximal in I.

**Remark 3.5.** Let G be a group and m(G) is the maximal subgroup graph of G. Then

- 1. The length of the maximal chain  $I_0 \subset I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \cdots \subset I_h$  of *G* is *h* and the length of the path  $I_0 e_1 I_1 e_2 I_2 e_3 \ldots e_h I_h$  of m(G) is *h*.
- 2.  $I_0 \subset I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \cdots \subset I_h$  is a shortest maximal chain of subgroups of *G* with the initial subgroup  $I_0$  and terminal subgroup  $I_h$  if and only if  $I_0 e_1 I_1 e_2 I_2 e_3 \ldots e_h I_h$  is a shortest path of m(G) with the initial vertex  $I_0$  and terminal vertex  $I_h$  where  $e_i = (I_{i-1}, I_i)$ .

**Remark 3.6.** Let G be a group. If |V(m(G))| > 2, then the m(G) graph is not complete.

**Proof.** Suppose *G* has at least three Let *G* be a groups  $I = \langle 0 \rangle$ , *J* and *K*. Without loss of generality if *I* is a maximal in both *J* and *K*, then neither *J* maximal in *K* nor *K* maximal in *J*. So that two vertices *J* and *K* are not adjacent.

**Definition 3.7** (Dummit & Foote, 2004, p. 751). A Group G is said to be Artinian or to satisfy the descending chain condition on subgroups (or D. C. C. on subgroups) if there is no infinite decreasing chain of subgroups in G, i.e., whenever  $I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq I_3 \supseteq \cdots$  is a decreasing chain of subgroups of G, then there is a positive integer m such that  $I_m = I_k$  for all k > m.

**Definition 3.8** (Dummit & Foote, 2004, p. 458) A Group G is said to be Noetherian or to satisfy the ascending chain condition on subgroups (or A.C.C. on subgroups) if there are no infinite increasing chains of subgroups, i.e., whenever  $I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq I_3 \subseteq \cdots$  is an increasing chain of subgroups of G, then there is a positive integer m such that for all  $k \ge m$ ,  $I_m = I_k$ .

**Theorem 3.9** (Ahmad & Hummadi, 2023, p. 8). If a group G is Artinian and Noetherian, then the maximal graph mG(G) is connected.

**Example 3.10.** Consider the group =  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$ . *G* has the following proper subgroups:  $I_0 = \langle (0,0) \rangle = \langle 0 \rangle \times \langle 0 \rangle = \{(0,0)\}$ ,

 $I_1 = <(1,0) >= \mathbb{Z}_2 \times <0> = \{(0,0), (1,0)\}, I_2 = <(0,1) >= <0> \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{(0,0), (0,1)\} \text{ and } I_3 = <(1,1) >= \{(0,0), (1,1)\}.$ 

The following diagram illustrates the maximal chain of subgroups of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

$$I_0 \subset \begin{cases} I_1 \subset I_4 \\ I_2 \subset I_4 \\ I_3 \subset I_4 \end{cases}$$

The following figure illustrates the maximal subgroup graph  $mG(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$  where  $I_i$  denoted by *i* for each  $0 \le i < 4$ .



**Definition 3.11** (Sagan , et al., 1996, p. 1). Let d(u, v) denote the distance between vertices u and v in a graph G. The Wiener index of G is defined as  $W(G) = \sum_{\{u,v\}} d(u, v)$  where the sum is over all unordered pairs  $\{u, v\}$  of distinct vertices in G. If x is a parameter, then the Wiener polynomial of G is  $W(G; x) = \sum_{\{u,v\}} x^{d(u,v)}$  where the sum is taken over the same set of pairs.

**Theorem 3.12.** Let *G* be a graph and W(G), W(G; x) be the Wiener index and Wiener polynomial of *G* respectively. Then

- 1. deg(W(G; q)) equals the diameter of G.
- 2. W(G) = f'(1)

#### **Proof.**

- 1. By (Sagan, et al., 1996, pp. 960, Theorem 1.1), the result is obtained.
- 2. By (Sagan, et al., 1996, pp. 960, theorem 1.1(5)), the result is obtained.

The following proposition is easy to prove

**Proposition 3.13.** If **G** is a group and  $G \simeq m(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  where p is a prime number, then

- 1. W(m(G)) = 1 and W(m(G); x) = x.
- 2. rad(m(G)) = diam(m(G)) = 1.

**Proof.** It is clear that  $V(m(\mathbb{Z}_p)) = \{ < 0 >, \mathbb{Z}_p \}$ . Then  $d(< 0 >, \mathbb{Z}_p) = 1$ . Therefore, that W(m(G)) = 1, W(m(G); x) = x and rad(m(G)) = diam(m(G)) = 1.

#### Corollary 3.14.

- 1.  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_2)) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_3)) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_5)) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_7)) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{11})) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{13})) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{17})) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{19})) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{23})) = 1.$
- 2.  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_2); x) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_3); x) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_5); x) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_7); x) =$  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{11}); x) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{13}); x) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{17}); x) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{19}); x) =$  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{23}); x) = x.$

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $P_n$  be a path with n vertices for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then

1. 
$$W(P_n) = \binom{n+1}{3} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-2)!3!};$$
  
2.  $W(P_n; x) = (n-1)x + (n-2)x^2 + (n-3)x^3 + \dots + 2x^{n-2} + x^{n-1}.$   
**Proof.**

#### 1. By (Sagan, et al., 1996, p. Theorem 1.3(5)), the result is obtained.

2. By (Sagan, et al., 1996, p. Theorem 1.2(5)), the result is obtained.

**Theorem 3.16.** Consider the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  where p is a prime number and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $I_i = \langle p^i \rangle$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Then

1. For any two subgroups  $I_r$ ,  $I_s$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ ,  $d(I_r, I_s) = |r - s|$ . 2.  $W\left(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})\right) = \binom{n+2}{3} = \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-1)!}$ 3.  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}); x) = nx + (n-1)x^2 + (n-2)x^3 + \dots + x^n$ 4.  $diam\left(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})\right) = n$ . 5.  $rad\left(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is an even number} \\ \frac{n+1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is an add number} \end{cases}$ 

**Proof.** It is clear that the subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  are of the form  $I_i = \langle p^i \rangle =$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . That is there are n + 1 subgroups as follows:

 $0\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ ,  $p^{n-1}\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ ,  $p^{n-1}\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ ,  $p^{n-2}\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ , ...,  $I_1 = p\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ ,  $I_0 = \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ . This means that the graph  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})$  is a path  $P_{n+1}$ , that is it is a path with n + 1 vertices.

- **1.** Let  $I_r = \langle p^r \rangle$  and  $I_s = \langle p^s \rangle$  be two subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ . Then exactly one of the following is true. *a*) r = s b) r > s c) r < s.
- a) If r = s, then |r s| = 0 and  $I_r = I_s$ , consequently,  $d(I_r, I_s) = 0 = |r s|$ .
- b) If r > s, then the chain  $I_r \subset I_{r-1} \subset I_{r-2} \subset ... \subset I_{s+1} \subset I_s$  is the shortest maximal chain of subgroups with the initial subgroup  $I_r$  and the terminal subgroup  $I_s$ . So that  $d(I_r, I_s) = |r s|$ .
- c) Similarly, if r < s, then  $d(I_r, I_s) = |r s|$ .

The following figure illustrates the distance from  $\langle p^s \rangle$  to  $\langle p^s \rangle$  in the maximal subgroup graph  $mG(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})$ 



- 2. Since  $W\left(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})\right) = W(P_{n+1})$ , then by **Theorem 3.15(1)**,  $W\left(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})\right) = \binom{n+2}{3} = \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-1)!3!}$  and
- **3.** By **Theorem 3.15(2)**,  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}); x) = W(P_{n+1}; x) = nx + (n-1)x^2 + (n-2)x^3 + \dots + x^n$ .
- **4.** By **Theorem 3.12(1)**,  $diam(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})) = degW(P_{n+1}; x) = n$ .
- 5. It is clear that  $\varepsilon(<0>) = \varepsilon(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}) = n$ ,  $\varepsilon(<p^{n-1}>) = \varepsilon() = n-1$ ,  $\varepsilon(<p^{n-2}>) = \varepsilon(<p^2>) = n-2$ ,... So that for  $0 \le i \le n$ ,  $\varepsilon(<p^{n-i}>) = \varepsilon(<p^i>) = n-i$ . Now, there are two cases. Case one, if n is an even number, then  $\varepsilon(<p^{\frac{n}{2}}>) \le \varepsilon(<p^t>)$  where  $0 \le t \le n$ . Case two, if n is an add number, then  $\varepsilon(<p^{\frac{n+1}{2}}>) \le \varepsilon(<p^t>)$  where  $0 \le t \le n$ . Therefore,  $rad\left(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & if n is an add number \end{cases}$

#### Corollary 3.17.

1. Consider the maximal graphs  $m(\mathbb{Z}_4), m(\mathbb{Z}_8), m(\mathbb{Z}_9), m(\mathbb{Z}_{16})$  and  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{25})$ . Then

a) 
$$W(m(\mathbb{Z}_4)) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_9)) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{25})) = {\binom{2+2}{3}} = \frac{4!}{1!3!} = 4.$$

- b)  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_4); x) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_9); x) = W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{25}); x) = 2x + x^2.$
- c)  $diam(m(\mathbb{Z}_4)) = diam(m(\mathbb{Z}_9)) = diam(m(\mathbb{Z}_{25})) = 2.$
- d)  $rad(m(\mathbb{Z}_4)) = diam(m(\mathbb{Z}_9)) = diam(m(\mathbb{Z}_{25})) = 1.$

2. Consider the maximal graph 
$$m(\mathbb{Z}_8)$$
. Then  
a)  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_8)) = {\binom{2+3}{3}} = \frac{5!}{2!3!} = 10.$   
b)  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_8); x) = 3x + 2x^2 + x^3.$   
c)  $diam(m(\mathbb{Z}_8)) = 3.$   
d)  $rad(m(\mathbb{Z}_8)) = 3.$   
3. Consider the maximal graph  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{16})$ . Then  
a)  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{16})) = {\binom{2+4}{3}} = \frac{6!}{3!3!} = 20.$   
b)  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{16}); x) = 4x + 3x^2 + 2x^3 + x^4.$   
c)  $diam(m(\mathbb{Z}_{16})) = 4.$ 

d) 
$$rad(m(\mathbb{Z}_{16})) = 2.$$

**Definition 3.18** (Sagan, et al., 1996, p. 960). The Cartesian product of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , is a graph  $G_1 \times G_2$  such that  $V(G_1 \times G_2) = \{(v_1, v_2): v_1 \in G_1 \text{ and } v_2 \in G_2\}$  and  $E(G_1 \times G_2) = \{(u_1, u_2)(v_1, v_2): u_1v_1 \in E(G_1) \text{ and } u_2 = v_2 \text{ or } u_2v_2 \in E(G_2) \text{ and } u_1 = v_1\}.$ 

**Proposition 3.19.** Let *p* and *q* be any two distinct prime numbers and  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then

- 1.  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n} = \{(a, b) : a \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}\}$  is a group.
- 2.  $|\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}| = p^m$ ,  $|\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}| = q^n$  and  $|\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}| = |\mathbb{Z}_{p^m q^n}| = p^m q^n$
- 3. The subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}$  are of the form  $I_1 \times I_2$  where  $I_1$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}$  and  $I_2$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}$ .
- 4.  $I_1 \times I_2$  is maximal in  $J_1 \times J_2$  if and only if  $I_1$  is maximal in  $J_1$  and  $I_2 = J_2$  or  $I_2$  is maximal in  $J_2$  and  $I_1 = J_1$ .
- 5.  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}) = m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}) \times m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}) = m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m q^n}).$
- 6.  $V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}\times\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}\right)\right) = V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}\right)\times V(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}\right)\right) = V(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p^mq^n}\right))$
- 7.  $I_1 \times I_2$  is maximal in  $J_1 \times J_2$  if and only if  $(I_1 \times I_2)(J_1 \times J_2) \in E(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n})).$

#### **Proof.**

1, 2, 3 and 4 are obvious.

5, 6, 7 are direct consequences of Definition 3.18.

Note that if p = q, then  $V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}\right)\right) \neq V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}\right)) \times V(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}\right))$ . For example,  $V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2\right)\right) \neq V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_2\right)\right) \times V(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_2\right))$ , since  $V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2\right)\right) =$  $\{<0> \times <0>, \mathbb{Z}_2 \times <0>, <0> \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2,$   $\{(0,0),(1,1)\}$  and  $V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_2\right)\right) \times V(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_2\right)) = \{<0> \times <0>, \mathbb{Z}_2 \times <0>, <0> \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2\}$ 

**Definition 3.20** (Sagan , et al., 1996, p. 961). The ordered Wiener Polynomial defined by  $\overline{W}(G;q) = \sum_{(u,v)} x^{d(u,v)}$ , where the sum is over all ordered pairs (u,v) of vertices, including those where u = v. Thus,  $\overline{W}(G;q) = \sum_{(u,v)} x^{d(u,v)} = 2W(G;q) + |V(G)|$ .

**Theorem 3.21** (Sagan, et al., 1996, pp. 961, Proposition 1.4(2)). Suppose that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are two connected graphs. Then  $\overline{W}(G_1 \times G_2; x) = \overline{W}(G_1; x) \times \overline{W}(G_2; x)$ .

**Theorem 3.22.** Let p and q be any two prime numbers and  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) = 2W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) + (n + 1)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x) + (m + 1)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x).$ 

**Proof.** By **Theorem 3.21**,  $\overline{W}(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}; x) = \overline{W}(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}; x) \times \overline{W}(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}; x)$ . Then by **Definition 3.20**,  $(2W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) + |V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}))|) =$  $(2W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x) + |V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}))|)(2W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) + |V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}))|))$ . So that  $2W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) = 4W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) +$  $2|V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}))|W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x) + 2|V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}))|W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x).$  Then  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) = 2W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) +$  $|V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}))|W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x) + |V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x) =$ 

$$2W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x) + (n+1)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^m}); x) + (m+1)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{q^n}); x).$$

**Corollary 3.23.** Consider the group  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$  where p and q are two prime numbers. Then

- 1. The wiener polynomial of the maximal subgroup graph  $m(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$  is  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q); x) = 4x + 2x^2$ .
- 2. The wiener index of the maximal subgroup graph  $m(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$  is  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q)) = 8$ .

#### Proof.

 By Proposition 3.13, W (m(Z<sub>p</sub>)) = W (m(Z<sub>q</sub>)) = x. By Theorem 3.22, W(m(Z<sub>p</sub> × Z<sub>q</sub>); x) = 2W(m(Z<sub>p</sub>); x)W(m(Z<sub>q</sub>); x) + (1 + 1)W(m(Z<sub>p</sub>); x) + (1 + 1)W(m(Z<sub>q</sub>); x)=4x + 2x<sup>2</sup>.
 W(m(Z<sub>p</sub> × Z<sub>q</sub>)) = W'(m(W(m(Z<sub>p</sub> × Z<sub>q</sub>); 1) = 4 + 4(1) = 8.

The following diagram illustrates the maximal chains of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ .

$$I_1 \subset \begin{cases} I_2 \subset \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q \\ I_3 \subset \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q \end{cases}$$

The following figure illustrates the maximal subgroup graph  $mG(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$ 



**Example 3.24.** Consider the maximal graphs  $m(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3)$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_5)$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_7)$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{11})$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5)$  and  $m(\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_7)$ . If *G* is one of the above group, then

a) W(m(G)) = 8. b)  $W(m(G); x) = 4x + 2x^2$ . c) diam(m(G)) = 2. d) rad(m(G)) = 2.

**Theorem 3.25.** Let  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ ,  $p_3$ , ...,  $p_r$  be r distinct prime numbers and r,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_3, \ldots, \alpha_r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then

- 1.  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\dots p_r^{\alpha_r}} = \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{\alpha_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_r^{\alpha_r}} = \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{\alpha_2}} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_r^{\alpha_r}}$  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_r}^{\alpha_r} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}^{\alpha_i}$
- 2.  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\dots p_r^{\alpha_r}}) = m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\dots p_{(r-1)}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}}) \times m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_r^{\alpha_r}}) = m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1}}) \times m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\dots p_{(r-1)}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}})$  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_2}^{\alpha_2}) \times \ldots \times m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_r}^{\alpha_r}).$

3. 
$$V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_1}^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\dots p_r^{\alpha_r})) = V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_1}^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\dots p_{(r-1)}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}})) \times V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_r}^{\alpha_r})) = V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_1}^{\alpha_1})) \times V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_2}^{\alpha_2})) \times \dots \times V(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_r}^{\alpha_r}))$$

4. 
$$W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}\alpha_{1}p_{2}\alpha_{2}...p_{r}}\alpha_{r});x) = \\ 2W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}\alpha_{1}p_{2}\alpha_{2}...p_{(r-1)}}\alpha_{(r-1)});x)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}}\alpha_{r});x) + (\alpha_{r} + \\ 1)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}\alpha_{1}p_{2}\alpha_{2}...p_{(r-1)}}\alpha_{(r-1)});x) + \prod_{1}^{r-1}(\alpha_{i} + 1)W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}}\alpha_{r});x)$$

#### Proof.

1. By (Dummit & Foote, 2004, pp. 357, Exercises 20(a)), we obtain the result.

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- 2. By **Definition 3.18**, we obtain the result.
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4. By **Theorem 3.21**, 
$$\overline{W}\left(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{r}}^{\alpha_{r}});x\right) = \overline{W}\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{(r-1)}}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}\right);x\right) \times \overline{W}\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}}^{\alpha_{r}}\right);x\right)$$
. Then by **Definition 3.20**,  $\left(2W\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{r}}^{\alpha_{r}}\right);x\right)+|V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{r}}^{\alpha_{r}}\right))|\right) = \left(2W\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{(r-1)}}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}\right);x\right)+|V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{(r-1)}}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}\right);x\right)+|V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{(r-1)}}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}\right);x\right)+|V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}}^{\alpha_{r}}\right);x\right)| = 4W\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{(r-1)}}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}\right);x\right)W\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}}^{\alpha_{r}}\right);x\right)+2|V\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}}^{\alpha_{r}}\right))|W\left(m\left(\mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}}^{\alpha_{1}}p_{2}}^{\alpha_{2}}...p_{(r-1)}}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}\right);x\right)+$ 

$$2 \left| V \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} p_{2}^{\alpha_{2}} \dots p_{(r-1)}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}} \right) \right) \right| W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}^{\alpha_{r}}} \right); x \right). \text{ Then } W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} p_{2}^{\alpha_{2}} \dots p_{r}^{\alpha_{r}}} \right); x \right) \\ 2 W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} p_{2}^{\alpha_{2}} \dots p_{(r-1)}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}} \right); x \right) W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}^{\alpha_{r}}} \right); x \right) + (\alpha_{r} + 1) W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} p_{2}^{\alpha_{2}} \dots p_{(r-1)}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}} \right); x \right) + \prod_{1}^{r-1} (\alpha_{i} + 1) W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}^{\alpha_{r}}} \right); x \right).$$
  
Therefore,  

$$W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} p_{2}^{\alpha_{2}} \dots p_{r}^{\alpha_{r}}} \right); x \right) = 2 W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} p_{2}^{\alpha_{2}} \dots p_{(r-1)}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}} \right); x \right) + \prod_{1}^{r-1} (\alpha_{i} + 1) W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}^{\alpha_{r}}} \right); x \right) + (\alpha_{r} + 1) W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}^{\alpha_{1}} p_{2}^{\alpha_{2}} \dots p_{(r-1)}^{\alpha_{(r-1)}}} \right); x \right) + \prod_{1}^{r-1} (\alpha_{i} + 1) W \left( m \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_{r}^{\alpha_{r}}} \right); x \right)$$

**Corollary 3.26.** The wiener polynomial of the graph  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$  is  $W(m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_q); x) = 7x + 6x^2 + 2x^3$  and the wiener index of the graph  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$  is 7 + 12 + 6 = 25. The following figure illustrates the maximal subgroup graph  $mG(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$  where  $I_i$  denoted by *i* for each  $1 \le i < 7$ 



**Example 3.27.** Consider the maximal graphs  $m(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_3)$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_5)$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_7)$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{11})$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5)$  and  $m(\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_7)$ . If *G* is one of the above group, then

- a) W(m(G)) = 8.
- b)  $W(m(G); x) = 4x + 2x^2$ .
- c) diam(m(G)) = 2.
- d) rad(m(G)) = 2.

**Example 3.28.** The wiener polynomial of the graph  $m(\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_3)$  is  $(m(\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_3); x) = 10x + 10x^2 + 6x^3 + 2x^4$  and the wiener index of the graph  $m(\mathbb{Z}_{p^3} \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$  is 10+20+18+8=56 The following figure illustrates the maximal subgroup graph  $mG(\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_3)$  where  $I_i$  denoted by *i* for each  $1 \le i < 9$ .



- e) W(m(G)) = 56.
- f)  $W(m(G); x) = 10x + 10x^2 + 6x^3 + 2x^4$ .
- g) diam(m(G)) = 4.
- h) rad(m(G)) = 4.

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