

# The Average Connectivity of an Arithmetic Graph

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## Abstract

The average connectivity  $\bar{\kappa}(G) = \frac{\sum_{u,v} \kappa_G(u,v)}{\binom{v}{2}}$ ,  $\kappa_G(u, v)$  is defined to be the maximum value of  $k$  for which  $u$  and  $v$  are  $k$ -connected. In this paper, we consider the concept of the average connectivity of an arithmetic graph. It is shown that  $\bar{\kappa}(G) \leq \frac{[(v-2)\binom{v-\beta}{2} + (v-\beta)\binom{\beta}{2} + (v-\beta)^2\beta]}{\binom{v}{2}}$  where  $v$  is the order and  $\beta$  is an independence number of an arithmetic graph. Also, it is clear that, if  $a_1$  is increasing then  $\bar{\kappa}(G)$  is decreasing for an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ , where  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2$ .

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## 1. Introduction

A graph  $G$  is an ordered triple  $(V(G), E(G), \Psi_G)$  consisting of a nonempty set  $V(G)$  of vertices, a set  $E(G)$  of edges and an incidence function  $\Psi_G$ , that associates with each edge of  $G$  an unordered pair of vertices of  $G$ . The number of vertices in  $G$  is denoted by  $v = |V(G)|$  is called the *order* of  $G$  while the number of edges in  $G$  is denoted by  $\varepsilon = |E(G)|$  is called the *size* of the graph  $G$ . A graph of order  $v$  and size  $\varepsilon$  is called  $(v, \varepsilon)$  graph. A graph is *simple* if it has no loops and no two of its links join the same pair of vertices. A simple graph in which each pair of distinct vertices is joined by an edge is called *complete graph*. The *degree* of a vertex  $v$  in a graph  $G$  is the number of edges of  $G$  incident with  $v$  and is denoted by  $deg_G v$  or  $d(v)$ . A vertex of degree one is called a *pendent vertex* or an *end vertex* of  $G$ . The maximum and minimum degree of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\Delta(G)$  and  $\square(G)$  respectively.

A vertex  $v$  of  $G$  is a *cut vertex* if  $E$  can be partitioned into  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  such that  $G[E_1]$  and  $G[E_2]$  have just the vertex  $v$  in common. A *bipartite graph*  $G$  is a graph whose vertex set  $V(G)$  can be partitioned into two subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every edge of  $G$  joins  $V_1$  with  $V_2$ ;  $(V_1, V_2)$  is a bipartition of  $G$ . A graph  $G$  is called *acyclic* if it has no cycles. A connected acyclic graph is called a *tree*. A non trivial path is a tree with exactly two end vertices. A family of paths in  $G$  is said to be *internally disjoint* if no vertex of  $G$  is

an internal vertex of more than one path of the family. The *arithmetic graph*  $G=V_n$  is introduced by Vasumathi. N and Vangipuram. S in [6] and later it was studied by various authors in [3, 4, 5]. It is defined as, a graph with its vertex set is the set consists of the divisors of  $n$ (excluding 1) where  $n$  is a positive integer and  $n=P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2} \times P_3^{a_3} \dots \dots \times P_r^{a_r}$  where  $P_i$ 's are distinct primes and  $a_i \geq 1$  and two distinct vertices  $a, b$  which are not of the same parity are adjacent to this graph if  $(a, b) = P_i$  for some  $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$ . The vertices  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be of the same parity if both  $a$  and  $b$  are the powers of the same prime, for instance  $a = P^2, b = P^5$ . Throughout the paper  $G$  is a simple connected graph with at least three vertices. The following observations are used in the sequel.

**Observation 1.1.[4]** Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph where  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2} \times P_3^{a_3} \times \dots \dots \times P_r^{a_r}$  the number of vertices of  $G$  is  $|V| = [\prod_{i=1}^r (a_i + 1)] - 1$ .

**Observation 1.2.[3]** Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph where  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2} \times P_3^{a_3} \times \dots \dots \times P_r^{a_r}, a_i = 1 \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, r\}$ . Then

$$(1) \Delta(G) = 2^{r-1}$$

$$(2) \square(G) = \begin{cases} r, & r \geq 3 \\ 1, & r = 2 \end{cases}$$

**Observation 1.3.[4]** Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph where  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2} \times P_3^{a_3} \times \dots \dots \times P_r^{a_r}$ , at least one  $a_i > 1$ . Then  $(G) = r$  and  $\Delta(G) = a_j \prod_{i \neq j}^r (a_i + 1) - 1$ , where  $a_j$  is the maximum exponent of  $P_i, i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, r\}$

$$\text{Observation 1.4.[1]} \sum_{v \in V} d(v) = 2\varepsilon$$

## 2. Average Connectivity

The definition of an average connectivity is studied from [2] and is determined the same for arithmetic graphs.

**Definition 2.1.[2]**

The *average connectivity*  $\bar{\kappa}(G) = \frac{\sum_{u,v} \kappa_G(u,v)}{\binom{v}{2}}, \kappa_G(u, v)$  is defined to be the maximum value of  $k$  for which  $u$  and  $v$  are  $k$ -connected. If the order of  $G$  is  $v$ , then the *average connectivity*  $\bar{\kappa}(G) = \frac{\sum_{u,v} \kappa_G(u,v)}{\binom{v}{2}}$ , the expression  $\sum_{u,v} \kappa_G(u, v)$  is sometimes referred to as the *total connectivity* of  $G$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Maximum number of internally disjoint paths between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are less than or equal to  $\min(\deg(v_i), \deg(v_j))$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$

- (i)  $\bar{\kappa}(G) = 1$  if  $n = P_1 \times P_2$ .
- (ii)  $\bar{\kappa}(G) < 2^{r-1}$  if  $n = P_1 \times P_2 \times P_3 \times \dots \times P_r$ .
- (iii)  $\bar{\kappa}(G) < a_j \prod_{i \neq j}^r (a_i + 1) - 1$  if  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2} \times P_3^{a_3} \times \dots \dots \times P_r^{a_r}$ .

**Proof.**

(i) In this case, the given arithmetic graph is a non-trivial tree, and hence the result is obvious.

(ii) Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph where  $n = P_1 \times P_2 \times P_3 \times \dots \times P_r$ . By observation 1.1, 1.2 and remark 2.1, and also the arithmetic graph is not regular we get the average connectivity  $\bar{\kappa}(G) < 2^{r-1}$

(iii) In this case, the given arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$  where  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2} \times P_3^{a_3} \dots \dots \times P_r^{a_r}$  has maximum degree  $a_j \prod_{i \neq j}^r (a_i + 1) - 1$ . Since the graph is not regular

$$\bar{\kappa}(G) < a_j \prod_{i=1, i \neq j}^r (a_i + 1) - 1.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $G = V_n$  where  $n = P_1 \times P_2 \times P_3 \times \dots \times P_r$  be an arithmetic graph of order  $v = 2^r - 1$  and an independence number  $\beta$ , then  $\bar{\kappa}(G) \leq \frac{[2^{r-1} \binom{v-\beta}{2} + (v-\beta) \binom{\beta}{2} + (v-\beta)^2 \beta]}{\binom{v}{2}}$ .

**Proof.** Consider the arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$  where  $n = P_1 \times P_2 \times P_3 \times \dots \times P_r$  of order  $2^r - 1$ . Let  $S$  be the set of independent vertices with  $|S| = \beta$ .

Since by observation 1.1, 1.2 and remark 2.1, the average connectivity between any two pair of vertices is at most  $2^{r-1}$ . Therefore, the total connectivity of  $G$  is the sum of the following cases, the vertices which are in  $S$  and not in  $S$

**Case (i)** If  $u, v \notin S$  then the total connectivity  $\sum_{u, v \notin S} \kappa_G(u, v)$  is at most  $2^{r-1} \binom{v-\beta}{2}$ .

**Case (ii)** If  $u \in S$  or  $v \in S$  (or both) is in  $S$  then the total connectivity is at most  $(v - \beta) \beta$ . Hence for these pairs  $\sum_{u, v} \kappa_G(u, v)$  will be at most  $(v - \beta) \beta$ .

Hence from these two cases we get  $\bar{\kappa}(G) \leq \frac{[2^{r-1} \binom{v-\beta}{2} + (v-\beta) \binom{\beta}{2} + (v-\beta)^2 \beta]}{\binom{v}{2}}$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph of order  $v$  and independence number  $\beta$ , where  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2} \times P_3^{a_3} \dots \times P_r^{a_r}$  and  $n \neq P_1 \times P_2$ , then  $\bar{\kappa}(G) \leq \frac{[(v-2) \binom{v-\beta}{2} + (v-\beta) \binom{\beta}{2} + (v-\beta)^2 \beta]}{\binom{v}{2}}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be an arithmetic graph with  $v$  vertices and independence number  $\beta$ , and let  $S$  be a set of independent vertices such that  $|S| = \beta$ . Since the arithmetic graph is not complete, the connectivity between any pair of vertices in  $G$  is at most  $v - 2$ , so the contribution to the total connectivity of  $G$  of the pairs of vertices not in  $S$  is bounded by  $(v - 2) \binom{v-\beta}{2}$ .

On the other hand, if  $u \in S$  or  $v \in S$  (or both) is in  $S$  then  $\kappa_G(u, v) \leq v - \beta$ , so such pairs contribute at most  $(v - \beta) \beta$  to the total connectivity. Addition of these two contributions gives the desired result.

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph where  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2} \times P_3^{a_3} \dots \times P_r^{a_r}$  at least one  $a_i > 1$  with order  $v = [\prod_{i=1}^r (a_i + 1)] - 1$  and independence number  $\beta$  then  $\bar{\kappa}(G) \leq \frac{[a_j \prod_{i=1, i \neq j}^r (a_i + 1) - 1] \binom{v-\beta}{2} + (v-\beta) \binom{\beta}{2} + (v-\beta)^2 \beta}{\binom{v}{2}}$ , where  $a_j$  is the maximum exponent of  $P_i$ .

**Proof.** The result is obvious from theorem 2.4.

**Theorem 2.7.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n$ ,  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2}$ ,  $a_1, a_2 \geq 1$  then  $\epsilon = 4a_1 a_2 - a_1 - a_2$ , where  $\epsilon$  is the size of the graph  $G$ .

**Proof.** The vertex set  $V(G)$  contains primes, prime powers, and product of powers. The neighbors of  $P_1$  is a set  $N(P_1)$ , containing vertices, which are the Cartesian product of the sets  $\{P_1, P_1^2, P_1^3, \dots, P_1^{a_1}\}$  and  $\{P_2, P_2^2, P_2^3, \dots, P_2^{a_2}\}$ . Similarly the vertices of  $N(P_2)$ .

The vertices  $P_1^{a_1}, a_1 > 1$  are adjacent to  $P_1 \times P_2, P_1 \times P_2^2, \dots, P_1 \times P_2^{a_2}$ . Also the vertices  $P_2^{a_2}, a_2 > 1$  are adjacent to  $P_1 \times P_2, P_1^2 \times P_2, \dots, P_1^{a_1} \times P_2$ .

$P_1$ . The vertices  $P_1^{a_1} \times P_2, a_1 > 1$  are adjacent to  $P_1, P_2, P_2^2, P_2^3, \dots, P_2^{a_2}$ . Similarly, the vertices of the form  $P_1 \times P_2^{a_2}, a_2 \geq 1$  are adjacent to  $P_1, P_2, P_1^2, P_1^3, \dots, P_1^{a_1}$ . If  $a_1 > 1$  and  $a_2 > 1$  then  $P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2}$  is adjacent only to  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Hence the degrees of the vertices are given by

$$d(v) = \begin{cases} a_1 a_2 & \text{if } v = P_1 \text{ or } P_2 \\ a_2 & \text{if } v = P_1^m, 1 < m \leq a_1 \\ a_1 & \text{if } v = P_2^n, 1 < n \leq a_2 \\ a_1 + a_2 & \text{if } v = P_1^m \times P_2^n; m, n = 1 \\ a_2 + 1 & \text{if } v = P_1^m \times P_2^n; n = 1, 1 < m \leq a_1 \\ a_1 + 1 & \text{if } v = P_1^m \times P_2^n; m = 1, 1 < n \leq a_2 \\ 2 & \text{if } v = P_1^m \times P_2^n, 1 < m \leq a_1, 1 < n \leq a_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\sum d(v) = 2 a_1 a_2 + (a_1 - 1)a_2 + (a_2 - 1)a_1 + a_1 + a_2 + (a_1 - 1)(a_2 + 1) + (a_2 - 1)(a_1 + 1) + (a_1 - 1)(a_2 - 1)2.$$

$$\sum d(v) = 8 a_1 a_2 - 2a_1 - 2a_2.$$

Therefore by Observation 1.4, we have

$$\epsilon = \frac{\sum d(v)}{2}$$

$$\epsilon = 4a_1 a_2 - a_1 - a_2$$

**Theorem 2.8.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n, n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2, a_1 > 1$  then  $\bar{\kappa}(G) \in [1, 2)$ , Further if  $a_1$  is increasing then  $\bar{\kappa}(G)$  is decreasing.

**Proof.** Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph where  $n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2$ , by observation 1.1 and theorem 2.7, we get the number of pendent vertices are  $a_1 - 1$ . The contribution to the total connectivity will be reduced if the pendent vertices are increased. Hence  $\bar{\kappa}(G)$  is decreasing if  $a_1$  is increasing.

**Theorem 2.9.** For an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n, n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2}, a_1, a_2 \geq 1$  then  $G$  is a bipartite graph.

**Proof.** Let  $G = V_n$  be an arithmetic graph, such that  $V(G) = X_1 \cup X_2$ , where  $X_1 = \{p_i, p_i^n, 1 \leq n \leq a_i; i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}, X_2 = \{p_i^m \times p_j^n; 1 \leq m, n \leq a_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . By the definition of an arithmetic graph no two vertices of the set  $X_1$  are adjacent as well as no two vertices of the set  $X_2$  are also adjacent and every edge joins a vertex of  $X_1$  to a vertex of  $X_2$ . This shows that the graph  $G$  is a bipartite graph.

### 3. Conclusion

We conclude by noting that the average connectivity of an arithmetic graph is strictly less than the maximum degree of  $G$ . Also, for an arithmetic graph  $G = V_n, n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2, a_1 > 1$ , if  $a_1$  is increasing then  $\bar{\kappa}(G)$  is decreasing and for  $G = V_n, n = P_1^{a_1} \times P_2^{a_2}, a_1, a_2 \geq 1, G$  is a bipartite graph. The readers can classify the different arithmetic graphs as in terms of multipartite graphs.

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