

THE LINE GRAPH OF A COMMUTING GRAPH ON THE DIHEDRAL GROUP D_{2n}

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ABSTRACT. Let Γ be a non-abelian group and $\alpha \subseteq \Gamma$. Then the Commuting graph $C(\Gamma, \alpha)$ has α as its vertex set and two distinct vertices in α are adjacent if they commute with each other in Γ . Let $G = L(C(\Gamma, \alpha))$ be the Line graph of the Commuting graph. A vertex v_i of G is given by $\{x, y\} = \{y, x\}$ where x and y are the vertices that are adjacent in $C(\Gamma, \alpha)$. In this paper, we discuss certain properties of the Line graph of the Commuting graph on the Dihedral group D_{2n} . More specifically, we obtain the chromatic number, clique number and genus of this graph.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let G be any graph. The *line graph* of G , denoted $L(G)$, is the graph whose points are the lines of G , with two points of $L(G)$ adjacent whenever the corresponding lines of G are adjacent. Various extensions of the concept of a line graph have been studied, including line graphs of line graphs, line graphs of multigraphs, line graphs of hypergraphs and line graphs of weighted graphs. For any integer $n \geq 3$, the Dihedral group D_{2n} is given by $D_{2n} = \langle r, s : s^2 = r^n = 1, rs = sr^{-1} \rangle$.

The line graph of $C(\Gamma, \alpha)$, denoted by $L(C(\Gamma, \alpha))$ has vertices as the lines of $C(\Gamma, \alpha)$, and two points of G are adjacent whenever the corresponding lines of $C(\Gamma, \alpha)$ are adjacent. We consider simple graphs which are undirected, with no loops and multiple edges.

A *graph* G consists of a finite nonempty set $V = V(G)$ of points together with a prescribed set E of unordered pairs of distinct points of V . Each pair $e = \{u, v\}$ of points in E is a line of G . We write $e = uv$ and say that u and v are adjacent points; point u and line e are incident with each other, as are v and e . A *walk* on a graph G is an alternating sequence of points and lines $v_0, e_1, v_1, e_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, e_n, v_n$, beginning and ending with points, in which each line is incident with the two points immediately preceding and following it. A walk is called a *path* if all the points (and thus necessarily all the lines) are distinct. A graph is *connected* if every pair

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of points are joined by a path. The *length* of a walk is the number of occurrences of lines in it. The *degree* of a point v_i in graph G , denoted by $\deg_G(v_i)$, is the number of lines incident with v_i . The shortest $u - v$ path is often called a *geodesic*. The *diameter*, $\text{diam}(G)$ of a connected graph G is the length of any longest geodesic. A *clique* of a graph is a maximal complete subgraph. The maximum size of a clique in a graph G is called the *clique number* of G and is denoted by $\omega(G)$. A *colouring* of a graph is an assignment of colors to its points so that no two adjacent points have the same color. The *chromatic number* $\chi(G)$ is defined as the minimum n for which G has an n -colouring. A graph is *planar* if it can be embedded in the plane. The *genus* of a simple graph G is the smallest integer g such that G can be embedded into an orientable surface S_g . Since the number of vertices in $L(G)$ is the same as the number of edges in G , from the following theorem we have the number of vertices in $L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$.

Theorem 1.1. [4]: For any integer $n \geq 3$, let $G = C(D_{2n}, D_{2n})$. Then the number of edges in G ,

$$\varepsilon(G) = \begin{cases} n \frac{(n+1)}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ n \frac{(n+4)}{2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The following lemmas are used in the proofs of our main results.

Lemma 1.1. [3]: (Fundamental Theorem of Graph Theory)

The sum of the degrees of the points of a graph G is twice the number of lines,

$$\sum \deg(v_i) = 2q.$$

Lemma 1.2. [3]: (Kuratowski's Theorem)

A graph is planar if and only if it has no subgraph homeomorphic to K_5 or $K_{3,3}$.

Lemma 1.3. [3]: For $p \geq 3$, the genus of the complete graph is

$$\gamma(k_p) = \left\lceil \frac{(p-3)(p-4)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

2. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 2.1. Let $n \geq 3$ be an odd integer. Let $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$. Then

- i) $\deg_G(\{1, sr^i\}) = 2n - 2; 1 \leq i \leq n$
- ii) $\deg_G(\{1, r^j\}) = 3n - 4; 1 \leq j \leq n - 1$
- iii) $\deg_G(\{r^k, r^l\}) = 2n - 4; k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ and $2 \leq l \leq n - 1$.

Proof. Let $n \geq 3$ be an odd integer.

i) The vertex $\{1, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{1, sr^j\}; j \neq i, 1 \leq j \leq n$ and $\{1, r^t\}; 1 \leq t \leq n - 1$. Hence $\deg_G(\{1, sr^i\}) = (n - 1) + (n - 1) = 2n - 2$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

ii) The vertex $\{1, r^j\}; 1 \leq j \leq n-1$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{1, r^k\}; k \neq j, n, 1 \leq k \leq n-1, \{1, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n, \{r^j, r^l\}; 1 \leq l \leq n-1, l \neq j, n$. Hence $deg_G(\{1, r^j\}) = (n-2) + n + (n-2) = 3n-4$ for $1 \leq j \leq n-1$.

iii) The vertex $\{r^k, r^l\}; k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n-2, 2 \leq l \leq n-1$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{r^k, r^s\}; s \neq k, l, 1 \leq s \leq n$ and $\{r^t, r^l\}; t \neq l, k, 1 \leq t \leq n$. Hence $deg_G(\{r^k, r^l\}) = (n-2) + (n-2) = 2n-4$ for $k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n-2$ and $2 \leq l \leq n-1$. \square

Theorem 2.2. *Let $n \geq 3$ be an even integer. Let $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$. Then*

- i) $deg_G(\{1, sr^i\}) = 2n; 1 \leq i \leq n$
- ii) $deg_G(\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}) = 2n; 1 \leq i \leq n$
- iii) $deg_G(\{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus \frac{n}{2}}\}) = 4; 1 \leq i \leq n$
- iv) $deg_G(\{1, r^j\}) = 3n-4; j \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$
- v) $deg_G(\{1, r^{\frac{n}{2}}\}) = 4n-4$
- vi) $deg_G(\{r^k, r^l\}) = 2n-4; k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n-2, 2 \leq l \leq n-1, k, l \neq \frac{n}{2}$
- vii) $deg_G(\{r^k, r^{\frac{n}{2}}\}) = 3n-4; k \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq k \leq n-1$.

Proof. Let $n \geq 3$ be an even integer.

i) The vertex $\{1, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{1, sr^t\}; t \neq i, 1 \leq t \leq n, \{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}, \{sr^{i \oplus \frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}$ and $\{1, r^j\}; 1 \leq j \leq n-1$. Hence $deg_G(\{1, sr^i\}) = (n-1) + 1 + 1 + (n-1) = 2n$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

ii) The vertex $\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^t\}; t \neq i, 1 \leq t \leq n, \{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, r^j\}; j \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq j \leq n$ and $\{1, sr^i\}$ and $\{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus \frac{n}{2}}\}$. Hence $deg_G(\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}) = (n-1) + (n-1) + 1 + 1 = 2n$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

iii) The vertex $\{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus \frac{n}{2}}\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$ is adjacent with each of the vertices $\{1, sr^t\}; t = i, i \oplus \frac{n}{2}$ and $\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^t\}; t = i, i \oplus \frac{n}{2}$. Hence $deg_G(\{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus \frac{n}{2}}\}) = 4$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

iv) The vertex $\{1, r^j\}; j \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{1, r^t\}; t \neq j, 1 \leq t \leq n-1$ and $\{r^j, r^m\}; m \neq j, 1 \leq m \leq n-1$ and $\{1, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. Hence $deg_G(\{1, r^j\}) = (n-2) + (n-2) + n = 3n-4$ for $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ and $j \neq \frac{n}{2}$.

v) The vertex $\{1, r^{\frac{n}{2}}\}$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{1, r^m\}; m \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq m \leq n-1, \{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, r^m\}; m \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq m \leq n-1, \{1, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$ and $\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. Hence $deg_G(\{1, r^{\frac{n}{2}}\}) = (n-2) + (n-2) + n + n = 4n-4$.

vi) The vertex $\{r^k, r^l\}; k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n-2, 2 \leq l \leq n-1, k, l \neq \frac{n}{2}$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{r^k, r^t\}; 1 \leq t \leq n, t \neq k, l$ and $\{r^u, r^l\}; 1 \leq u \leq n, u \neq k, l$. Hence $deg_G(\{r^k, r^l\}) = (n-2) + (n-2) = 2n-4$ for $k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n-2, 2 \leq l \leq n-1, k, l \neq \frac{n}{2}$.

vii) The vertex $\{r^k, r^{\frac{n}{2}}\}; k \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq k \leq n-1$ is adjacent with each of the vertices of the form $\{r^k, r^t\}; 1 \leq t \leq n, t \neq k, \frac{n}{2}, \{r^u, r^{\frac{n}{2}}\}; 1 \leq u \leq n, u \neq k, \frac{n}{2}$

and $\{sr^i, r^{\frac{n}{2}}\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. Hence $\deg_G(\{r^k, r^{\frac{n}{2}}\}) = (n-2) + (n-2) + n = 3n-4$ for $k \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq k \leq n-1$. \square

Theorem 2.3. *Let $n \geq 3$ be any integer and let $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$. Then the number of edges in G ,*

$$E(G) = \begin{cases} \frac{n^3-n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n^3+3n^2+2n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. **Case i:** n is odd

By the Fundamental theorem of Graph Theory and Theorem 2.1, we have

$$2n^2 - 2n + (n-1)(3n-4) + \left(\frac{n(n-3)}{2} + 1\right)(2n-4) = 2q$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{n^3-n}{2}.$$

Case ii: n is even

By the Fundamental theorem of Graph Theory and Theorem 2.2, we have

$$2n^2 + 2n^2 + 2n + (n-2)(3n-4) + (4n-4) + \left(\frac{n^2-5n+6}{2}\right)(2n-4) + (n-2)(3n-4) = 2q$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{n^3+3n^2+2n}{2}. \quad \square$$

Theorem 2.4. *Let $n \geq 3$ be any integer and let $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$. Then $\omega(G) = \chi(G) = 2n-1$.*

Proof. Consider the subset

$$\alpha_1 = \{\{1, r\}, \{1, r^2\}, \dots, \{1, r^{n-1}\}, \{1, sr\}, \{1, sr^2\}, \dots, \{1, sr^n\}\}.$$

Then $L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha_1))$ is a complete subgraph of G .

Claim: $L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha_1))$ is a clique of G .

Case i: n is odd

Consider the vertex $\{r^k, r^l\}; k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n-2, 2 \leq l \leq n-1$. Now $\{r^k, r^l\}$ is not adjacent with any of $\{1, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. Thus the graph $L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha_1 \cup \{r^k, r^l\}))$ is not complete.

Hence $M = L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha_1))$ is a clique of G , when n is odd and $|M| = 2n-1$.

Let M_1 be a maximum clique of G . Let $\{a, b\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ be any two vertices of M_1 . $\{a, b\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ are adjacent when $a = c$ or $b = d$. When $a = c$, there are $2n-1$ such vertices and when $b = d$, there are $n-1$ such vertices. Hence $|M_1| = 2n-1$.

Case ii: n is even

Consider the vertex $\{r^k, r^l\}; k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n-2, 2 \leq l \leq n-1$. Now $\{r^k, r^l\}$ is not adjacent with any of $\{1, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. Thus the graph $L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha_1 \cup \{r^k, r^l\}))$ is not complete.

Consider the vertex $\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. Now $\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}$ is not adjacent with any of $\{1, r^j\}; j \neq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$. Thus the graph $L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha_1 \cup \{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}))$ is not complete.

Consider the vertex $\{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus n \frac{n}{2}}\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. Now $\{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus n \frac{n}{2}}\}$ is not adjacent with any of $\{1, r^j\}; 1 \leq j \leq n-1$. Thus the graph $L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha_1 \cup \{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus n \frac{n}{2}}\}))$ is not complete.

Hence $M = L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha_1))$ is a clique of G , when n is even and $|M| = 2n - 1$.

Let M_2 be a maximum clique of G . Let $\{a, b\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ be any two vertices of M_1 . $\{a, b\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ are adjacent when $a = c$ or $b = d$. When $a = c$, there are $2n - 1$ such vertices and when $b = d$, there are $n + 2$ such vertices. Hence $|M_2| = 2n - 1$.

Hence $\omega(G) = 2n - 1$.

Claim: $\chi(G) = 2n - 1$

Since $\omega(G) = 2n - 1$, $2n - 1$ colours are required to colour the subgraph induced by α_1 . Let $c(x)$ denote the colour of the vertex x where $x \in \alpha_1$.

Case i: n is even Let $i < j, 1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ and $2 \leq j \leq n - 1$. Then assign

$$c(\{r^i, r^j\}) = \begin{cases} c(\{1, r^{i \oplus n j}\}) & \text{if } i + j \neq n \\ c(\{1, sr^i\}) & \text{if } i + j = n \end{cases}$$

Let $1 \leq k \leq n$. Then assign

$$c(\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^k\}) = \begin{cases} c(\{1, sr^{\frac{n}{2} \oplus n k}\}) & \text{if } k + \frac{n}{2} \neq n \\ c(\{1, sr^{\frac{n}{2} + k}\}) & \text{if } k + \frac{n}{2} = n \end{cases}$$

and

$$c(\{sr^k, sr^{k \oplus n \frac{n}{2}}\}) = c(\{1, r^t\}) \text{ for any } t \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1\}$$

Case ii: n is odd

Let $i < j, 1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ and $2 \leq j \leq n - 1$. Then assign

$$c(\{r^i, r^j\}) = \begin{cases} c(\{1, r^{i \oplus n j}\}) & \text{if } i + j \neq n \\ c(\{1, sr^i\}) & \text{if } i + j = n. \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Theorem 2.5. Let $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$, where $n \geq 3$ is any integer. Then

$$\text{diam}(G) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let n be an odd integer. Let $\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}$ be any two vertices of G . If $\{a, b\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ are adjacent, then either $a = c$ or $d = b = c$ or d . Now, suppose $\{a, b\}$ and $\{c, d\}$ are not adjacent then $a \neq b \neq c \neq d$. In this case, $\{a, b\}$ is adjacent with $\{b, c\}$ which in turn is adjacent with $\{c, d\}$. Hence there exists a path of length 2. Hence $\text{diam}(G) = 2$, when n is odd.

But when n is even, the vertex $\{r^k, r^l\}; k < l, 1 \leq k \leq n - 2, 2 \leq l \leq n - 1, k, l \neq \frac{n}{2}$ is not adjacent with the vertices $\{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus n \frac{n}{2}}\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. In this case $\{r^k, r^l\}$ is adjacent with $\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, r^t\}; t = k \text{ or } l$ which in turn is adjacent with $\{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, sr^i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$. Hence there exists a path of length 3. Hence $\text{diam}(G) = 3$, when n is even. \square

Corollary 2.1. Let $G = L(C(D_{2n}, \alpha))$, where α is any subset of the vertex set of $L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$.

- i) If n is odd and $\alpha = \{ \{r^i, r^j\}, \{1, sr^k\} : 1 \leq i \leq n-2, 2 \leq j \leq n-1, 1 \leq k \leq n \}$, then $\text{diam}(G) = \infty$.
- ii) If n is even and $\alpha = \{ \{r^i, r^j\}, \{sr^i, sr^{i \oplus_n \frac{n}{2}}\} : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \}$, then $\text{diam}(G) = \infty$.

Theorem 2.6. For $n \geq 3$, the line graph $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$ is non-planar.

Proof. For $n \geq 3$, the induced subgraph $\langle \{ \{1, sr\}, \{1, sr^2\}, \{1, sr^3\}, \{1, r\}, \{1, r^2\} \} \rangle$ is K_5 . Hence by Kuratowski's Theorem, $L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$; $n \geq 3$ is non-planar. □

Theorem 2.7. For $n = 3$, the genus of the line graph $G = L(C(D_6, D_6))$ is 1.

Proof. Let $G = L(C(D_6, D_6))$. Then $V(G) = \{ \{1, sr\}, \{1, sr^2\}, \{1, sr^3\}, \{1, r\}, \{1, r^2\}, \{r, r^2\} \}$. The induced subgraph $\langle \{ \{1, sr\}, \{1, sr^2\}, \{1, sr^3\}, \{1, r\}, \{1, r^2\} \} \rangle$ is K_5 . By Lemma 1.3, $\gamma(K_5) = 1$. Thus $\gamma(G) \geq 1$. On the other hand, we can embed G into S_1 as shown in figure 2.1. Therefore, $\gamma(G) = 1$.

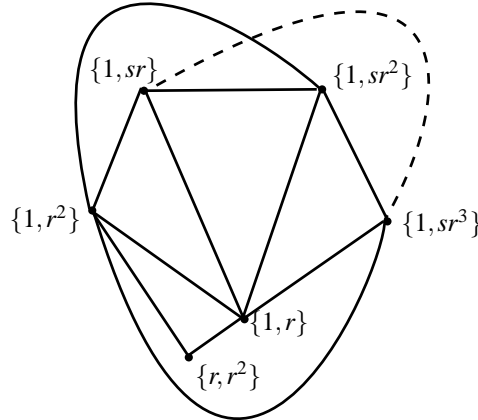


Figure 2.1

□

Theorem 2.8. For $n > 3$, the lower bound for the genus of the line graph $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$ is $\left\lceil \frac{(2n-4)(2n-5)}{12} \right\rceil$.

Proof. Let $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$. Since $\omega(G) = 2n - 1$, the genus of the graph G will be greater than $\gamma(K_{2n-1})$. By Lemma 1.4, $\gamma(K_{2n-1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(2n-4)(2n-5)}{12} \right\rceil$. Therefore,

$$\gamma(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{(2n-4)(2n-5)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

□

Theorem 2.9. For $n > 3$, the upper bound for the genus of the line graph $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$ is

$$\gamma(G) \leq \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{n(n^3+2n^2-13n-14)}{48} \right\rceil & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \left\lceil \frac{n(n^3+8n^2+2n-56)}{48} \right\rceil & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $G = L(C(D_{2n}, D_{2n}))$.

Case i: n is odd

Since the number of vertices in G is $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ and the graph is not complete, the genus of the graph G will be less than $\gamma(K_{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}})$. By Lemma 1.4, $\gamma(K_{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n^2+n-6)(n^2+n-8)}{48} \right\rceil$. Therefore,

$$\gamma(G) < \left\lceil \frac{(n^2+n-6)(n^2+n-8)}{48} \right\rceil$$

Thus,

$$\gamma(G) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n(n^3+2n^2-13n-14)}{48} \right\rceil.$$

Case ii: n is even

Since the number of vertices in G is $\frac{n(n+4)}{2}$ and the graph is not complete, the genus of the graph G will be less than $\gamma(K_{\frac{n(n+4)}{2}})$. By Lemma 1.4, $\gamma(K_{\frac{n(n+4)}{2}}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n^2+4n-6)(n^2+4n-8)}{48} \right\rceil$. Therefore,

$$\gamma(G) < \left\lceil \frac{(n^2+4n-6)(n^2+4n-8)}{48} \right\rceil.$$

Thus,

$$\gamma(G) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n(n^3+8n^2+2n-56)}{48} \right\rceil. \quad \square$$

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