

# On Strong Metric Dimension of Diametrically Vertex Uniform Graphs

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**Abstract-** A pair of vertices  $u, v$  is said to be strongly resolved by a vertex  $s$ , if there exist at least one shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$  passing through  $v$ , or a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  passing through  $u$ . A set  $W \subseteq V$ , is said to be a strong metric generator if for all pairs  $u, v \notin W$ , there exist some element  $s \in W$  such that  $s$  strongly resolves the pair  $u, v$ . The smallest cardinality of a strong metric generator for  $G$  is called the strong metric dimension of  $G$ . The strong metric dimension (metric dimension) problem is to find a minimum strong metric basis (metric basis) in the graph. In this paper, we solve the strong metric dimension and the metric dimension problems for the circulant graph  $C(n, \pm\{1, 2, \dots, j\})$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ ,  $n \geq 3$  and for the hypercubes. We give a lower bound for the problem in case of diametrically uniform graphs. The class of diametrically uniform graphs includes vertex transitive graphs and hence Cayley graphs.

**Keywords-** Strong metric basis; strong metric dimension; circulant graphs; hypercubes; diametrically uniform graphs;

## I. INTRODUCTION

A generator of a metric space is a set  $W$  of points in the space with the property that every point of the space is uniquely determined by its distances from the elements of  $W$ . Given a simple and connected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , we consider the metric  $d: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , where  $d(x, y)$  is the length of a shortest path between  $x$  and  $y$ .  $(V, d)$  is clearly a metric space. A vertex  $v \in V$  is said to distinguish two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  if  $d(v, x) \neq d(v, y)$ . A set  $W \subseteq V$  is said to be a metric generator for  $G$  if any pair of vertices of  $G$  is distinguished by some element of  $W$ . A minimum generator is called a metric basis, and its cardinality the metric dimension of  $G$ , denoted by  $\dim(G)$ . For an ordered metric generator  $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$  of  $V(G)$ , we refer to the  $k$ -vector (ordered  $k$ -tuple)  $c(v|W) = (d(v, w_1), d(v, w_2), \dots, d(v, w_k))$  as the metric code (or representation) of  $v$  with respect to  $W$ . The problem of finding the metric dimension of a graph was first studied by Harary and Melter [2]. Slater described the usefulness of these ideas into long range aids to navigation [3]. Melter and Tomescu [5] studied the metric dimension problem for grid graphs. This problem has been studied for trees, multi-dimensional grids [6] and Torus Networks [7]. Also, these concepts have some applications in chemistry for representing chemical compounds [8] or to problems of pattern recognition and image processing, some of which involve the use of hierarchical data structures. Other applications of this concept to navigation of robots in networks and other areas appear in [9, 10]. Khuller *et al.* [6] describe the application of this problem in the field of com-

puter science and robotics. Garey and Johnson [11] proved that this problem is NP-complete for general graphs by a reduction from 3-dimensional matching. Recently Manuel *et al.* [12] have proved that the metric dimension problem is NP-complete for bipartite graphs by a reduction from 3-SAT, thus narrowing down the gap between the polynomial classes and NP-complete classes of the metric dimension problem. Some variations on resolvability or location number have been appearing in the literature, like those about conditional resolvability [15], locating domination [16], resolving domination [17] and resolving partitions [18, 19, 20, 21]. Given the metric basis of some graph and the representation of all the vertices, it is not possible to trace back the graph uniformly. To overcome this, a new variant of metric basis was introduced called strong metric basis.

Two vertices  $u, v$  are said to be strongly resolved by the vertex  $s$ , if there exist at least one shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$  passing through  $v$ , or a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  passing through  $u$ . A subset  $W \subseteq V$ , is said to be a strong metric generator if for all pairs  $u, v \notin W$ , there exist some element  $s \in W$  such that  $s$  strongly resolves the pair  $u, v$ . The smallest cardinality of a strong metric basis for  $G$  is called the strong metric dimension of  $G$  denoted by  $sdim(G)$ . It is proved that  $sdim(G) = n - 1$  if and only if  $G$  is the complete graph of order  $n$ . For the cycle  $C_n$  of order  $n$ ,  $sdim(C_n) = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  and if  $T$  is a tree, its strong metric dimension equals the number of leaves of  $T$  minus 1 [18]. It is known that the problem of computing the strong metric dimension of a graph is NP-hard [22]. The aim of this paper is to find the metric dimension and strong metric dimension of circulant graphs.

## II. DIAMETRICALLY VERTEX UNIFORM GRAPHS

Following symmetrical graphs such as Cayley graphs, vertex transitive graphs, we discuss about the strong metric dimension of a new class of symmetrical graphs called diametrically uniform graphs. The class of diametrically uniform graphs includes vertex transitive graphs and hence Cayley graphs. For each vertex  $u$  of a graph  $G$ , the maximum distance  $d(u, v)$  to any other vertex  $v$  of  $G$  is called its eccentricity and is denoted by  $\text{ecc}(u)$ . In a graph  $G$ , the maximum value of eccentricity of vertices of  $G$  is called the diameter of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\lambda$ . In a graph  $G$ , the minimum value of eccentricity of vertices of  $G$  is called the radius of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\rho$ . In a graph  $G$ , the set of vertices of  $G$  with eccentricity equal to the radius  $\rho$  is called the center of  $G$  and is denoted by  $Z(G)$ . Let  $G$  be a graph with diameter  $\lambda$ . A vertex  $v$  of  $G$  is said to be diametrically opposite to a vertex  $u$  of  $G$ , if  $d(u, v) =$

$\lambda$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be a diametrically vertex uniform (DVU) graph if every vertex of  $G$  has at least one diametrically opposite vertex. The set of diametrically opposite vertices of  $u$  in  $G$  is denoted by  $D(u)$ . An edge  $(u^*, v^*)$  of  $G$  is said to be diametrically opposite to an edge  $(u, v)$  of  $G$ , if  $d(u, u^*) = \lambda$  and  $d(v, v^*) = \lambda$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be a diametrically edge uniform (DEU) graph if every edge of  $G$  has at least one diametrically opposite edge. The set of diametrically opposite edges of  $(u, v)$  in  $G$  is denoted by  $D(u, v)$ . A complete graph is a diametrically vertex uniform graph with the diameter 1.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a any graph, if two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are at diameter distance, then either  $u \in W$  or  $v \in W$  where  $W$  is a strong metric generator. Using the above lemma, we can arrive at a lower bound for the strong metric dimension of all diametrically vertex uniform graphs.

**Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a all diametrically vertex uniform graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\text{sdim} \geq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

**Proof.** In a all diametrically vertex uniform graph, for all vertices  $v \in V(G)$ , there exist at least one vertex at diameter distance. Hence by Lemma 2.1  $\text{sdim} \geq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$  for all circulant graphs.

### III. CIRCULANT GRAPHS

The circulant graph is a natural generalization of the double loop network and was first considered by Wong and Copersmith [23]. Circulant graphs have been used for decades in the design of computer and telecommunication networks due to their optimal fault-tolerance and routing capabilities [24]. It is also used in VLSI design and distributed computation [25, 26, 27]. The term circulant comes from the nature of its adjacency matrix. A matrix is circulant if all its rows are periodic rotations of the first one. Circulant matrices have been employed for designing binary codes [24]. Theoretical properties of circulant graphs have been studied extensively and surveyed by Bermond et al. [21]. Every circulant graph is a vertex transitive graph and a Cayley graph [25]. Most of the earlier research concentrated on using the circulant graphs to build interconnection networks for distributed and parallel systems [24, 25]. An undirected circulant graph, denoted by  $C(n, \pm\{1, 2 \dots j\})$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ ,  $n \geq 3$  is a graph with vertex set  $V = \{0, 1 \dots n-1\}$  and edge set  $E = \{(i, j) : |j-i| \equiv s \pmod{n}, s \in \{1, 2 \dots j\}\}$ . It is clear that  $C(n, \pm 1)$  is an undirected cycle  $C_n$  and  $C(n, \pm\{1, 2 \dots \lfloor n/2 \rfloor\})$  is the complete graph  $K_n$ .  $C_n$  is a subgraph of  $C(n, \pm\{1, 2 \dots j\})$  for every  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ , and is sometimes referred to as the outer cycle.

A. A lower bound for strong metric dimension

By Theorem 2.2, we can obtain the following lower bound for a circulant graph

**Theorem:** Let  $G = C(n, \pm\{1, 2 \dots j\})$  be a circulant graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\text{sdim} \geq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

**Proof.** In a circulant graphs for all vertices  $v \in V(G)$ , there exist at least one vertex at diameter distance. Hence by Lemma 2.1  $\text{sdim} \geq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$  for all circulant graphs.

B. An upper bound for strong metric dimension

An upper bound can be obtained by exhibiting a strong resolving set.

**Theorem:** Let  $G = C(n, \pm\{1, 2 \dots j\})$  be a circulant graph of order  $n$  and  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2j}$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq 2j+1$ . Then  $\text{sdim} = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor - 1$ . Labels of vertices are subjected to wrap-around convention.

**Proof.** We prove the theorem as follows. First we prove

$$\text{that } \text{sdim}(G) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$$

Let  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be the vertex set of  $G$ . We prove that

the subset  $W = \{1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor - 1\}$  of the vertex set  $V$  is a

strong resolving set of  $G$ . Consider two arbitrary vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . without loss of generality assume that  $u < v$ . The vertex  $u - dj \in W$  and both  $u$  and  $v$  are at different distances. Shortest path from  $u - dj \in W$  to  $v$  passes through  $u$  if  $|v - u| \leq i$  or shortest path from  $u - dj \in W$  to  $u$  passes

through  $v$  if  $|u - v| < i$ . Hence  $\text{sdim}(G) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ .

Since  $G$  is vertex transitive graph, any set of consecutive ver-

tices with the same cardinality  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$  is a strong resolving set of  $G$ .

We now prove that  $\text{sdim}(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ . For a vertex  $v$  there are exactly  $i-1$  vertices at diameter distance. Because of this, it can be easily shown that any subset of vertex set

with cardinality  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \right\rfloor - 2$  does not resolve  $G$

### IV. HYPER CUBES

An  $r$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q^r$  has vertices represented by all the binary  $r$ -tuples with two vertices being adjacent if and only if their corresponding  $r$ -tuples differ in exactly one position. The decimal representation of the vertices is given by the elements of the set  $\{0, 1, 2 \dots 2^r - 1\}$ . For convenience we use the symbol  $x+1$  instead of  $x$ , and therefore, the set of labels of the vertices is  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2^r\}$ .

**Theorem :** Let  $G$  be an  $r$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q^r$ , then  $\text{sdim}(Q^r) = 2^{r-1}$ .

**Proof:** Since an  $r$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q^r$  is diametrically vertex uniform, from Theorem 2.2 we get  $\text{sdim}(Q^r) \geq 2^{r-1}$ . To prove the upper bound, we show that the subset

$W = \{1, 2, \dots, 2^{r-1}\}$  of vertex set of the  $r$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q^r$  is a strong resolving metric basis. Consider two arbitrary vertices  $u, v \notin W$ . Without loss of generality assume that  $u < v$ . The vertex  $u' = u - 2^{r-1}$  is a vertex in  $W$  and it is at distance 1 from  $u$ . Clearly the shortest path from  $u'$  to  $v$  passes through  $u$ . Hence  $u$  and  $v$  are strongly resolved. This implies that  $\text{sdim}(Q^r) \leq 2^{r-1}$ . Hence we get that  $\text{sdim}(Q^r) = 2^{r-1}$ .

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