

# METRIC DIMENSION OF GRAPHS OBTAINED FROM COMMUTATIVE RING

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## Abstract

For a connected graph of order n, the metric basis of a G is a smallest set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_k\}$  of vertices of G such that for vertex  $u \in G$ , the ordered k-tuples of distances  $\{d(u, v_1), d(u, v_2), d(u, v_3), \ldots, d(u, v_k)\}$  are all distinct. The metric dimension of G, denoted as dim(G), is the cardinality of a metric basis for G. In the present work we investigate metric dimension of intersection graphs and annihilator ideal graphs of commutative ring R.

# 1. Introduction

Throughout this work, we consider ring R as commutative ring with unity, unless otherwise stated. For the ring R, Z(R) denotes the set of all zero-divisors while  $Z^*(G)$  denotes the set of all non-zero zero-divisors. Moreover, we denote the set of all proper ideals of a ring R by  $I^*(R)$ . For any element  $r \in R$ , the ideal generated by the element r is denoted by (r) and an ideal I is said to be annihilating ideal of R if there exist an ideal J of R such that IJ = 0, where 0 denotes the zero ideal of R. The annihilator of I,

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Keywords: Commutative ring; intersection graph; annihilator ideal graph; metric dimension. Received August 13, 2021; Accepted October 29, 2021 denoted as  $Ann_R(I)$ , is defined as  $Ann_R(I) = \{J : IJ = 0\}$ . The set of all annihilating ideals of R is denoted as A(R) and, in addition, the set of all non-zero annihilating ideals denoted by  $A^*(R)$ . For any element x of R, the set of all annihilators of x is, denoted as  $ann_R(x)$ , defined as  $ann_R(x)$  $= \{y : xy = 0\}$ . For any ideal I of R, nilpotency (I) = n if  $I^n = 0$  for some least integer n. For any rings, R and S the direct product of R and S, denoted as  $R \times S$ , is defined as  $R \times S = \{(r, s) : r \in R, s \in S\}$ .

The concept of graph associated with ring was first studied by Beck [7], known as zero-divisor graph, in which all the elements of R were considered as the vertices of graph and two vertices x and y are adjacent if and only if xy = 0. Later on, this definition was reformed by Anderson and Livingston [3], in which they considered the set of all non-zero zero-divisors as the set of vertices. Chakra arty et al. [8] have introduced the concept of intersection graph for a commutative ring, denoted as G(R), with the vertex set  $I^*(R)$ , where two distinct vertices I and J are adjacent if and only if  $I \cap J \neq 0$ . Salehifar et al. [23] have introduced the concept of annihilator ideal graph for a commutative ring, denoted as  $A_I(R)$  with the vertex set  $A^*(R)$ , where two distinct vertices I and J are adjacent if and only if  $Ann_R(IJ) \neq Ann_R(I)$  $\bigcup Ann_R(J)$ . Badawi [5] introduced the concept of annihilator graph for a commutative ring with the set of non-zero zero-divisors considered as the set of vertices and two distinct vertices x and y are adjacent if and only if  $ann_R(x) \cup ann_R(x) \neq ann_R(xy)$ .

Let G = (V, E) be a graph, where V is the set of vertices and E is the set of edges. Now recall that a graph is connected if there exist a path between any pair of vertices. The distance between any two vertices x and y is denoted as d(x, y) and defined as the length of the shortest path between them. If such path does not exist then we say  $d(x, y) = \infty$ . The diameter of a connected graph G, denoted as diam(G), defined as the maximum distance between any pair of vertices of G. A graph in which every pair of vertices is joined by an edge is called complete graph and we denote  $K_n$  as the complete graph of n vertices. For the graph theoretic terminology we rely on [6, 25] and

for commutative ring theory we refer to [4, 11].

The next section is aimed to provide preliminaries needed for the present work.

#### 2. Preliminaries and Exiting Results

Let G be any connected graph with  $n \ge 2$  vertices. For an ordered subset  $W = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_k\}$  of vertices of G, we refer to the k-vectors as the metric representation of u with respect to W as

$$r(u \mid W) = \{ d(u, v_1), d(u, v_2), d(u, v_3), \dots, d(u, v_k) \}$$

The set W is said to be resolving set of G if distinct vertices have distinct metric representations. A resolving set containing minimum number of vertices is called a metric basis. The metric dimension, denoted by  $\dim(G)$ , of G is the cardinality of a metric basis. The metric basis and metric dimension are also known as locating set and locating number. This implies that the metric dimension of G is at most n-1. In fact, for every connected graph G of order  $n \ge 2$ ,  $1 \le \dim(G) \le n-1$ . The metric dimension of graphs arising from rings have been extensively studied in [14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19].

The following results are some existing results for metric dimension of some graphs.

**Lemma 2.1.** [20] A connected graph G of order n has metric dimension 1 if and only if  $G \cong P_n$ , where  $P_n$  is a path on n vertices.

**Lemma 2.2.** [20] A connected graph G of order  $n \ge 2$  has metric dimension n-1 if and only if  $G \cong K_n$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** [20] For  $n \ge 3$ , metric dimension of a cycle  $C_n$  is 2.

**Lemma 2.4.** [20] For  $n \ge 3$ , the metric dimension for the bipartite graph  $K_{1, n-1}$  is n-2 and for  $r \ge 2$ ,  $n \ge 5$ , the metric dimension for the bipartite graph  $K_{r, n-r} = K_{n, m}$  with n = r and m = n - r is n - 2.

**Lemma 2.5.** [20] Let G be a connected graph with  $diam(G) = m < \infty$ . If  $dim(G) = k < \infty$ , then  $|V(G)| \le (m+1)k$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** [20] Let G be a connected graph with finite diameter. Then |V(G)| is finite if and only if dim(G) is finite.

**Lemma 2.7.** [21] Let R be a commutative ring with unity. Then  $dim(\Gamma(R))$  is finite if and only if R is finite.

**Lemma 2.8.** [24] Let  $n \neq 2$  be a positive integer and  $R = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Then the following statements hold.

- (1)  $dim(AG(\prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{Z}_2)) = n 1$ , for n = 2, 3.
- (2)  $dim(AG(\prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{Z}_2)) = n$ , for  $n \ge 4$ .

The present work is intended to investigate metric dimension of the graphs obtained from commutative ring.

# 3. Metric Dimension of Intersection Graph of ideals of Ring

We begin with a commutative ring R with unity such that R is not isomorphic to product of two fields because intersection graph of product of two fields is not a connected graph.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let R be any ring. Then

(i) dim(G(R)) is finite if R is finite.

(ii) dim(G(R)) is undefined if and only if R is a field.

**Proof.** (i) It is clear that R has finitely many ideals as R is finite. Hence by Lemma 2.6, dim(G(R)) is finite.

(ii) It follows from the fact that the metric dimension of G(R) is undefined if and only if the vertex set of G(R) is empty.

**Remark 3.2.** The converse of (i) in Theorem 3.1 is not true in general. For example, Let  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  be a ring and  $\mathbb{Q}$  be a field of rational numbers. Then  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  has only 4 ideals namely (0), (2), (4) and  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  itself and  $\mathbb{Q}$  has only 2 ideals

namely (0) and  $\mathbb{Q}$ . That implies  $R = \mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Q}$  is infinite ring with 6 proper ideals namely ((0),  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), ((2),  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), ((4),  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), ((2), (0)), ((4), (0)), ( $\mathbb{Z}_8(0)$ ) and 2 trivial ideals namely ((0), (0)), ( $\mathbb{Z}_8$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). Now it is easy to check that the set {((2),  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), ((4),  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), ((2), (0)), ((4), (0))} is metric bases of G(R). Hence dim(G(R)) = 4.

**Theorem 3.3.** For any ring R

(i) dim(G(R)) = 1 if and only if G(R) is a path.

(ii) dim(G(R)) = 2 if G(R) is a cycle.

(iii)  $dim(G(R)) = |I^*(R)| - 1$  if and only if G(R) is a complete graph.

(iv)  $dim(G(R)) = |I^*(R)| - 2$  if and only if G(R) is a star graph (other than  $K_{1,1}$ ) or a bipartite graph.

**Proof.** The proof is immediate from Lemma 2.1 to Lemma 2.4.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.4.** If R is a finite local principal ideal ring with nil potency  $(R) = n, n \ge 2$ , then  $\dim(G(R)) = n - 2$ .

**Proof.** Since *R* is finite local principal ideal ring with nil potency (R) = nthere exist a maximal ideal *m* of *R* such that  $m^n = (0)$ . So *R* has only n-1proper ideals, namely  $m, m^2, m^3, ..., m^{n-1}$  such that  $m^{n-1} \subset m^{n-2} \subset$  $\ldots \subset m^2 \subset m$ . Moreover  $m^i \cap m^j \neq (0)$  for any  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., n-1\}$ . Hence G(R) is complete graph with n-1, vertices and so by Lemma 2.2  $\dim(G(R)) = n-2$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let R be any ring with n proper ideals and  $\mathbb{F}$  be any field.

If dim(G(R)) = n - 1 then  $dim(G(R \times \mathbb{F})) = 2n$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\dim(G(R)) = n - 1$  which implies  $G(R) = K_n$ . Let  $I_1, I_2, \ldots, I_n$  be proper ideals of R, then  $I_i \cap I_j \neq (0), \forall i \neq j$ . Then  $R \times \mathbb{F}$  has total 2n + 4 ideals in which 2n + 2 proper ideals which are (R, (0)),

**Corollary 3.6.** If  $G(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is connected and non Hamiltonian, then  $\dim(G(\mathbb{Z}_n)) \in \{0, 1, 2\}.$ 

**Proof.** As proved by Chakrabarty et al. [8]  $G(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is non Hamiltonian if and only if  $n = P^2$ , pq,  $p^2q$ ,  $p^3$  and  $G(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is disconnected for n = pq. If  $n = p^2$ , then  $G(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is a graph with a single vertex. Hence  $\dim(G(\mathbb{Z}_n)) = 0$ . If  $n = p^3$ , then  $G(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is path of order 2. Hence  $\dim(G(\mathbb{Z}_n)) = 1$ . If  $n = p^2q$ , then  $G(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is shown in Figure 1 which has dimension 2. Hence proved.

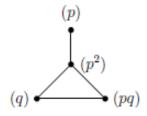


Figure 1.  $G(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2 a})$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are any finite local principle ideal rings with nilpotency  $(R_1) = n_1$  and nilpotency  $(R_2) = n_2$  then  $dim(G(R_1 \times R_2)) = n_1n_2 + n_1 + n_2 - 3$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be any finite local principle ideal rings with

nilpotency  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  respectively then  $G(R_1) = K_{n_1-1}$  and  $G(R_2) = K_{n_2-1}$ . Moreover  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  has total  $n_1 + 1$  and  $n_2 + 1$  ideals in which  $n_1 - 1$  and  $n_2 - 1$  are proper ideals. Let  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_{n_1-1}$  and  $J_1, J_2, \dots, J_{n_1-1}$  be proper ideals of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively, then  $R_1 imes R_2$  will have  $(n_1 + 1)(n_2 + 1) - 2$  proper ideals namely  $(R_1, 0), (0, R_2), (I_i, 0), (0, j_j)$  $(I_i, J_j), (I_i, R_2), (R_1, J_j)$  for  $i = 1, 2, ..., n_1 - 1$  and  $j = 1, 2, ..., n_2 - 1$ . Now consider all the proper ideals of  $R_1 \times R_2$  as vertices of  $G(R_1 \times R_2)$ . Since ideal  $I_i$  is adjacent with all other ideals of  $R_1$ , so the vertices  $(I_i, 0), (I_i, J_j)$ and  $(I_i, R_2)$  are mutually adjacent and also ideal  $J_j$  is adjacent with all other ideals of  $R_2$  then the vertices  $(0, J_j), (I_i, J_j)$  and  $(R_1, J_j)$  are mutually adjacent. Moreover the vertices  $(R_1, 0), (R_1, J_j), (I_i, J_j)$  are mutually adjacent and vertices  $(0, R_2), (I_i, R_2), (I_i, J_i)$  are also mutually three disjoint subsets Now consider of adjacent. vertices  $V_1 = \{(R_1, J_j), (I_i, R_2), (I_i, j_j)\}, V_2 = \{(R_1, 0), (I_i, 0)\}$  and  $V_3 = \{(0, R_2), (I_1, 0), (I_2, 0)\}$  $(0, J_j)$ . Then sub graph induced from  $V_1, V_2$ , and  $V_3$  will form complete graphs  $K_{n_1n_2-1}$ ,  $K_{n_1}$ ,  $K_{n_2}$  respectively. Hence the result follows. 

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $R_1, R_2, ..., R_n$  be rings and  $R \cong R_1 \times ... \times R_n$ , then  $dim(G(R)) < \infty$  if and only of  $dim(G(R_i)) < \infty$ , for every  $i, 1 \le i \le n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R_1, R_2, ..., R_n$  be rings and  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2 \times ... \times R_n$ . Now suppose that  $\dim(G(R_i)) < \infty$  for every  $i, 1 \le i \le n$ , then it is clear that  $R_i$ has finitely many ideals, that means  $|I^*(R_i)|$  is finite. Since R is direct product of  $R_i$ , R has finitely many ideals which implies |V(G(R))| is finite. Hence  $\dim(G(R)) < \infty$ . Conversely suppose that  $\dim(G(R)) < \infty$ . Now suppose, if possible, that there is a ring  $R_i$  such that  $\dim(G(R)) < \infty$ , then  $|V(G(R_i))| = \infty$ , which implies that  $|V(G(R))| = \infty$ . This contradicts to our supposition that  $\dim(G(R))$  is finite. Hence  $\dim(G(R)) = \infty$ , for every  $i, 1 \le i \le n$ .

#### 4. Metric Dimension of Annihilator Ideal Graph of a Ring

A very obvious but important result has been proved in following theorem.

#### **Theorem 4.1.** Let R be any commutative ring, then

(i) If  $dim(\Gamma(R))$  is finite then  $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R))$  is finite.

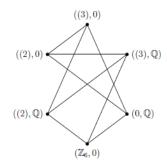
(ii)  $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{T}}(R))$  is undefined if and only if R is an integral domain.

**Proof.** (i) Suppose dim( $\Gamma(R)$ ) is finite then, by Lemma 2.7 *R* is finite.

(ii) It follows from the fact that an integral domain has no non-zero annihilating ideals.  $\hfill\square$ 

It can be seen from Illustration 4.2 that converse of Theorem 4.1 (i) need not be true.

Illustration 4.2. Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Q}$  then  $\dim(\Gamma(R))$  is infinite as R is infinite. Also R has 8 ideals and  $V(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = \{((3), 0), ((3), \mathbb{Q}), (0, \mathbb{Q}), ((1), \mathbb{Q}), ((2), \mathbb{Q}), ((2), 0)\}$ . Then  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)$  is as shown in Figure 2 and  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = 2$ .



**Figure 2.** Graph  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let R be a ring. Then  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R))$  is finite if and only if every vertex of  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)$  has finite degree.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R))$  is finite, say k. Hence the metric representation of any vertex v has k-tuple. As proved by Salehifar et al. [23]

diam $(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) \leq 2$ , it follows that each co-ordinate is either of 0, 1 or 2. Hence the number of vertices in  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)$  is at most  $3^k$ . Therefore every vertex has finite degree. Conversely suppose that every vertex of  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)$  has finite degree. Then  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)$  is finite as diam $(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) \leq 2$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let R be a reduced commutative ring such that  $|\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)| \geq 3$ . If  $gr(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = \infty$  then  $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = |\mathbb{A}^*(R)| - 2$ .

**Proof.** If R is a reduced commutative ring with  $|\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)| \ge 3$  then as proved by Salehifar et al. [23]  $(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = K_{1, |\mathbb{A}^*(R)|-1}$  and by Lemma 2.4

 $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = \mid \mathbb{A}^*(R) \mid -2.$ 

**Theorem 4.5.** Let R be any ring then

(i)  $diam(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = 0$  if and only if  $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = 0$ .

(ii)  $diam(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = 1$  if and only if  $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = |\mathbb{A}^*(R)| - 1$ .

**Proof.** (i) diam $(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = 0$  if and only if it has a single vertex.

Hence  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = 0.$ 

(ii) diam $(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = 1$  if and only if it is complete graph. Hence result follows.

**Theorem 4.6.** If R is any local principle ideal ring with nil potency (R) = n, then  $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{T}}(R)) = n - 2$ .

**Proof.** Let *R* be any finite local principal ideal ring with nilpotency (R) = n, this implies that there exist a maximal ideal *m* of *R* such that  $m^n = (0)$ . Then ring *R* has only n-1 proper ideals, namely  $m, m^2, m^3, \ldots, m^{n-1}$  and  $Ann(m) = \{m^{n-1}\}, Ann(m^2) = \{m^{n-1}, m^{n-2}\}, Ann(m^3) = \{m^{n-1}, m^{n-2}, m^{n-3}\}, \ldots, Ann(m^{n-1}) = \{m^{n-1}, m^{n-2}, \ldots, m\}$ , in general we can write  $Ann(m^i) = \{m^{n-j} : 1 \le j \le i\}$ . Now by the definition of annihilator ideal graph, the ideals  $m^i$  and  $m^j$  are adjacent if  $i + j \ge n$  as

 $m^i m^j = (0)$ . Now what happens when i + j < n. In other words, we have to check the adjacency of ideals whenever  $m^i m^j = m^k \neq (0)$  and also in this case, it is clear that k > i, j. In this case  $Ann(m) \subset Ann(m^2)$  $\subset Ann(m^3) \subset ... \subset Ann(m^{n-1})$  as mentioned earlier  $Ann(m) = Ann\{m^{n-1}\},$  $Ann(m^2) = \{m^{n-1}, m^{n-2}\}, Ann(m^3) = \{m^{n-1}, m^{n-2}, m^{n-3}\}, ..., Ann(m^{n-1})$  $= \{m^{n-1}, m^{n-2}, ..., m\}$ . Therefore  $Ann(m^i, m^j) \supset Ann(m^i) \cup Ann(m^j)$ which implies that  $m^i$  and  $m^j$  are also adjacent whenever i + j < n. Hence all ideals of the ring R are mutually adjacent in  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)$ , that means  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R) = K_{n-1}$ . Hence the result follows.

**Theorem 4.7.** If R is a finite principle ideal ring with nil potency (R) = nand  $\mathbb{F}$  is any field, then  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{T}}(R \times \mathbb{F})) = 2n - 3$ .

**Proof.** As nilpotency (R) = n and  $\mathbb{F}$  is a field,  $R \times \mathbb{F}$  has total 2n + 2ideals, in which 2n ideals are proper. Since R is a finite local principal ideal ring, there exist maximal ideal m of R such that  $m^n = (0)$ . Therefore proper ideals of R and  $R \times \mathbb{F}$  are  $\{m, m^2, m^3, ..., m^{n-1}\}$  and  $\{((0), \mathbb{F}), (R, (0)), (R, ($  $(m^i, (0)), (m^i, \mathbb{F}), \forall i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n-1 \}$  respectively. Now, we will check the adjacency of ideals of  $R \times \mathbb{F}$ . Thus, we have  $Ann_R((0), \mathbb{F})$  $= \{(m^i, (0)) : 1 \le i \le n-1\}, Ann_R(R, (0)) = \{((0), \mathbb{F})\}, Ann_R(m^i, (0)) = \{((0), \mathbb{F})\}, (0, \mathbb{F})\}$  $(m^{n-j}, (0)), (m^{n-j}, \mathbb{F}) : 1 \le j \le i$  and  $Ann_R(m^i, \mathbb{F}) = \{(m^{n-j}, (0))\}$  $: 1 \le j \le i$ . As we know that if IJ = (0) then I and J are adjacent in annihilator ideal graph, the ideal  $((0), \mathbb{F})$  is adjacent to all elements of the set  $\{(m^{i}, (0)), \forall i = 1, 2, ..., n - 1\}$  and similarly, (R, (0)) is adjacent to  $\{((0), \mathbb{F})\}, (m^i, (0))$  is adjacent to all the elements of the set  $\{((0), \mathbb{F})\}, (m^{n-j}, (0)), (m^{n-j}, \mathbb{F})_{j=1}^{i}$ , and  $(m^{i}, \mathbb{F})$  is adjacent to all elements of the set  $\{(m^{n-j}, (0))\}_{i=1}^{i}$ . Now, the mutual product of remaining combinations

of ideals are  $(m^i, (0)) (m^j, \mathbb{F}) = ((m^{i+j}, (0))), (m^i, \mathbb{F}), (m^j, \mathbb{F}) = (m^{i+j}, \mathbb{F})$ whenever  $i + j < n, (m^i, (0))(R, (0)) = ((m^i, (0)), (m^i, \mathbb{F}))((0), \mathbb{F}) = ((0), \mathbb{F})$ , and  $(m^i, \mathbb{F})(R, (0)) = (m^i, (0))$ . The pairs of vertices which are adjacent in annihilator ideal graphs are  $((m^i, (0)), (m^j, \mathbb{F})), ((m^i, (0)), ((m^j, (0)))$  $((m^i, \mathbb{F}), (m^j, \mathbb{F}))$  and  $((m^j, \mathbb{F}), (R, (0)), \text{ while } ((m^j, (0)), (R, (0)))$  and  $((m^i, \mathbb{F}), ((0), \mathbb{F}))$  are also non-adjacent. Onsider disjoint partitions of vertex set  $V(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{F}))$  such that  $A = \{(m^i, (0)) : i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n - 1\}, B$  $= \{(m^i, \mathbb{F}) : i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n - 1\}, C = \{((0), \mathbb{F})\}$  and  $D = \{(R, (0))\}$ , then sub graphs induced from A as well as B are complete. Moreover, the element of C is adjacent with all the elements of A and D, the element of D is adjacent with all the elements of B and all the elements of A are adjacent with all the elements of B. Therefore the annihilator ideal graph  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{F})$  has complete sub graph of order 2n - 2. Hence result follows.

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $R_1 = \mathbb{Z}_n$  for  $n = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$ , where  $p_i$ 's are distinct primes and  $R_2 = F_1 \times F_2 \times \dots \times F_k$ , where each  $F_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le k$ , is a field and  $R_3 = \prod_{i=1}^k \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Then  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_1) = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_2) = AG(R_3)$ .

**Proof.** First of all note that  $V(AG(R_3)) = \{(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k) : x_i \in \{0, 1\}\}$ , but not all  $x_i$ 's are 0 or 1 together. Also, the vertices of  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_1)$  are ideals generated by the divisors of n which are  $2^k$  because  $n = p_1 p_2 ... p_k$  has total  $2^k$  divisors.

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the set of all divisors of n. for  $d \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k) \in R_{3, d}$ define a map  $\varrho : \mathcal{D} \to R_3$  by

$$\varrho(d) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k), \text{ where } x_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p_i \mid d\\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For  $d_1, d_2 \in \mathcal{D}$ , if  $d_1 = d_2$ , then  $p_i \mid d_1$  if and only if  $p_i \mid d_2$ . Therefore,  $\varrho$  is bijection. Let  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be two divisors of n such that  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are adjacent in  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_1)$ , then  $Ann_{R_1}(d_1) \cup Ann_{R_1}(d_2) \neq Ann_{R_1}(d_1d_2)$ . Let

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 $\varrho(d_1) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ , where  $x_i = 0$  if  $p_i \mid d_1$  and  $\varrho(d_2) = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)$ , where  $y_i = 0$  if  $p_i | d_2$  then  $(\varrho(d_1))(\varrho(d_2)) = (z_1, z_2, ..., z_k)$ , where  $z_i = 0$  if  $p_i \mid d_1 \text{ or } p_i \mid d_2.$  Also  $ann_{R_3}(\varrho(d_1)) = \{(x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_k) : x'_i = 0 \text{ if } p_i \nmid d_1\}$ and  $ann_{R_2}(\varrho(d_2)) = \{(y'_1, y'_2, ..., y'_k) : y'_i = 0 \text{ if } p_i \nmid d_2\}$  implies that  $ann_{R_3}(\varrho(d_1))ann_{R_3}(\varrho(d_2)) = \{(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k) : w_i = 0 \text{ if } p_i \nmid d_1 \text{ or } p_i \nmid d_2\}$ and  $ann_{R_3}(\varrho(d_1))(\varrho(d_2)) = \{(z'_1, z'_2, \dots, z'_k) : z'_i = 0 \text{ if } p_i \nmid d_1 \text{ and } p_i \nmid d_2\}$ . By using our assumption that  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are adjacent, that means  $Ann_{R_1}(d_1)$  $\bigcup Ann_{R_1}(d_2) \neq Ann_{R_1}(d_1d_2)$ , then it is clear that  $ann_{R_3}(\varrho(d_1)) \cup ann_{R_3}(\varrho(d_2))$  $\neq ann_{R_3}(\varrho(d_1))(\varrho(d_2))$ . Therefore  $\varrho(d_1)$  and  $\varrho(d_2)$  are adjacent in  $AG(R_3)$ . Thus  $\rho$  preserves adjacency. Similarly we can prove that  $\rho$  preserves nonadjacency and hence  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_1) \cong AG(R_3)$ . Since each field  $F_i$  has two ideals, the numbers of ideals of  $R_2$  is  $2^k$ . The vertices of  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_2)$  are of the form  $I_1 \times I_2 \times \ldots \times I_k$ , where at least one  $I_i = (0)$  and at least one  $I_i = F_i$ . Therefore,  $|V(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_2))| = 2^k - 2$ . Also, we have  $|V(AG(R_3))| = 2^k - 2$ . Now, define a map  $\varrho: V(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_2)) \to V(AG(R_3))$  by  $\varrho(I_1 \times I_2 \times \ldots \times I_k)$  $= (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$ , where  $a_i = 0$  if and only if  $I_i = (0)$ . Then,  $\varrho$  clearly a bijection and also preserves the adjacencies and non-adjacencies in  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{T}}(R_2)$ and  $AG(R_3)$  and therefore,  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{T}}(R_1) \cong AG(R_3)$ . 

**Theorem 4.9.** If  $R = F_1 \times F_2 \times \ldots \times F_n$  or  $Z_{p_1p_2\ldots p_n}$ , then

- (i)  $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{T}}(R)) = n 1$  for n = 2, 3.
- (ii)  $dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) = n$  for  $n \ge 4$ .

**Proof.** The result follows from Lemma 2.8 and Theorem 4.8.

**Corollary 4.10.** Let  $R_1, R_2, ..., R_n$  be rings and  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2 \times ... \times R_n$ .

Then  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) < \infty$  if and only if  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) < \infty$ , for every  $i, 1 \le i \le n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_n$  be rings and  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2 \times \ldots \times R_n$ . Now

suppose that  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_i)) < \infty$  for every  $i, 1 \le i \le n$ , then it is clear that it has finitely many ideals. That means  $|I^*(R_i)|$  is finite. Since R is direct product of  $R_i$ , R has finitely many ideals which implies  $|V(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R))|$  is finite. Hence  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) < \infty$ . Conversely suppose that  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R)) < \infty$ , Now suppose that there is a ring  $R_i$ , such that  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_i)) = \infty$ , then  $|V(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_i))| = \infty$ . Which implies that  $|V(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R))| = \infty$ . This is contradicts to our supposition that  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R))$  is finite. Therefore  $\dim(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{I}}(R_i)) = \infty$ , for every  $i, 1 \le i \le n$ .

## 5. Conclusion

There are ample number of graphs arising from commutative rings available in literature and study of properties of these graphs is also interesting. The metric dimension has been studied in zero-divisor graphs, annihilator graphs and total graphs of commutative ring. To investigate such parameter for graphs from commutative ring is an open area of research.

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