



# Diameter of Circulant Graph $C_{n,r}$

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**Abstract:** Communication is a critical issue in the design of a parallel and distributed system. The speed of communication of an interconnection network is related to its diameter. The diameter is a measure of efficiency for studying the effects of link failures of a network with maximum time-delay or signal degradation. In this article, we determine the diameter of circulant graphs  $C_{n,r}$ .

**Keywords:** Diameter; Circulant Graph; Network Reliability; Signal Degradation.

## I. INTRODUCTION

An interconnection network connects the processors of a parallel and distributed system. The topological structure of a network can be modelled by a connected graph whose vertices and edges represent the sites and communication links of a network, respectively. Many graph theoretic techniques can be used to study the efficiency and reliability of a network, as discussed in [1]-[6]. The diameter is a measure of efficiency for studying the effects of link failures of networks with maximum time-delay or signal degradation. The circulant graphs has many applications in wireless networks. In this article, we determine the diameter of circulant graphs  $C_{n,r}$ .

**Definition 1.1** Let  $C_n$  be a cycle of  $n$  vertices. A *circulant graph*, denoted by  $C_{n,r}$ , is the graph with vertex set is same as of  $V(C_n)$  and two vertices  $u, v$  are adjacent  $C_{n,r}$  if  $u \sim v$  in  $C_n$  or they are of distance  $r$  in  $C_n$ .

**Proposition 1.1** In an  $n$  length cycle  $C_n$  following are true

- (a)  $d_{C_n}(x_i, x_j) = \min\{|i - j|, n - |i - j|\}$
- (b)  $diam(C_n) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

The following lemma can be proved easily from the definition of  $C_{n,r}$ .

**Lemma 1.1** The circulant graph  $C_{n,r}$  is regular and  $d_{C_{n,r}}(x_i, x_j) = \left\lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(x_i, x_j)}{r} \right\rfloor + \min\{m, r + 1 - m\}$  where

$$m = d_{C_n}(x_i, x_j) - r \left\lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(x_i, x_j)}{r} \right\rfloor.$$

## II. DIAMETER OF $C_{n,r}$

In literature, there exists no theoretical results of diameter of  $C_{n,r}$ . In the theorem below we give a formula for diameter of  $C_{n,r}$  explicitly.

**Theorem 1** Let  $diam(C_{n,r})$  be the diameter of circulant graph  $C_{n,r}$ . Then we have the following.

(a) For odd integer  $n$

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor - 1 + \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } m = 0; \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{r-2m}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } 0 < m \leq \lfloor \frac{r-1}{4} \rfloor; \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{2r-2m+1}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor < m \leq \lfloor \frac{3r-1}{4} \rfloor; \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + 1 + \lfloor \frac{2m-r}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{3r-1}{4} \rfloor < m \leq r-1. \end{cases}$$



(b) For even integer  $n$

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor - 1 + \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } m = 0; \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{r-2m+1}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } 0 < m \leq \lfloor \frac{r-1}{4} \rfloor; \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + r - m + 1, & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor < m \leq \lfloor \frac{3r+1}{2} \rfloor; \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + 1 + \lfloor \frac{2m-r+1}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{3r+1}{4} \rfloor < m \leq r-1. \end{cases}$$

where,  $m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - r \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor$ .

**Proof:** We have found maximum eccentricity of the circulant graph. From the symmetricity the maximum eccentricity is attained by every vertex of  $C_{n,r}$ . So, without loss of generality, we find the eccentricity of  $x_0$  i.e., we find a farthest distanced vertex of  $x_0$ . Let  $u$  be any vertex in  $C_{n,r}$ . Then  $d_{C_{n,r}}(x_0, u) \leq d_{C_n}(x_0, u)$  and it is true for every vertex  $u$  in  $C_{n,r}$ . Therefore,  $\max_{u \in V(C_{n,r})} d_{C_{n,r}}(x_0, u) \leq \max_{u \in V(C_n)} d_{C_n}(x_0, u)$  as  $V(C_{n,r}) = V(C_n)$ . Thus, we have  $diam(C_{n,r}) \leq diam(C_n)$  and hence  $diam(C_{n,r}) \leq \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor$ . Also  $2 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor$ . So, by division algorithm, we get  $m = \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor - r \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor$  and  $0 \leq m \leq r-1$ . Let  $S_i$  be a sub-graph formed by  $r+1$  vertices  $x_{(i-1)r}, x_{(i-1)r+1}, \dots, x_{ir}$ . As in  $C_{n,r}$ , every  $r$  distanced vertex are adjacent, so  $S_i$  is actually a cycle of  $r+1$  vertices. As  $\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor = r \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + m$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq r-1$ . So, the path  $P_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$  from  $x_0$  to  $x_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$  in  $C_{n,r}$  is  $S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor} \cup P_m$ , where  $P_m$  is a path from  $x_{r \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor}$  to  $x_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ . Clearly, here the maximum distanced vertex from  $x_0$  will be in the sub-graph  $S_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor} \cup P_m$ . We take following two cases according as  $n$  is odd or even.

**Case 1:  $n$  is odd.**

**Sub-case (1a) :  $m = 0$ .** In this case maximum distance from  $x_0$  to  $S_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor}$  is  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor - 1 + \lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \rfloor$  and  $P_m$  does not exist. So  $diam(C_{n,r}) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor - 1 + \lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \rfloor$ .

**Sub-case (1b) :  $0 < m \leq \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor$ .** Since  $r \geq 2m$ , the  $r$ -th distanced vertex from  $e$  is  $b$  and it is in between of  $a$  and  $c$ . Now  $d_{C_n}(c, e) = 2m + 1$  and  $d_{C_n}(b, e) = r$ . So  $d_{C_n}(b, c) = d_{C_n}(b, e) - d_{C_n}(c, e) = r - 2m - 1$  and  $d_{C_n}(a, b) = d_{C_n}(a, c) - d_{C_n}(b, c) = 2m + 1$ . Hence maximum distance from  $x_0$  to vertices of path from  $a$  to  $b$  is given by

$$d_{C_n}(x_0, a) + \left\lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(a, b) + 2}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2m + 1}{2} \right\rfloor$$

Again, maximum distance from  $x_0$  to vertices of  $b$  to  $c$  path is given by

$$d_{C_n}(x_0, c) + \left\lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(b, c) + 1}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{r - 2m}{2} \right\rfloor$$

Hence

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \max \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2m+1}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{r-2m}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}.$$

Thus, we have

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{r-2m}{2} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } 0 < m \leq \left\lfloor \frac{r-1}{4} \right\rfloor; \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2m+1}{2} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } \left\lfloor \frac{r-1}{4} \right\rfloor < m \leq \left\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \right\rfloor. \end{cases}$$



**Sub-case (1c):**  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor < m \leq (r - 1)$ . In this case  $r$ -th distanced vertex  $b$  from  $e$  will be in between of  $c$  and  $d$ . Also,  $r$ -th distanced vertex  $f$  from  $b$  will be in between of  $a$  and  $c$ . Here

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(c, b) = d_{C_n}(c, e) - d_{C_n}(b, e) = 2m + 1 - r$$

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(f, c) = d_{C_n}(f, b) - d_{C_n}(c, b) = 2r - 2m - 1$$

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(a, f) = d_{C_n}(a, c) - d_{C_n}(f, c) = 2m + 1 - r$$

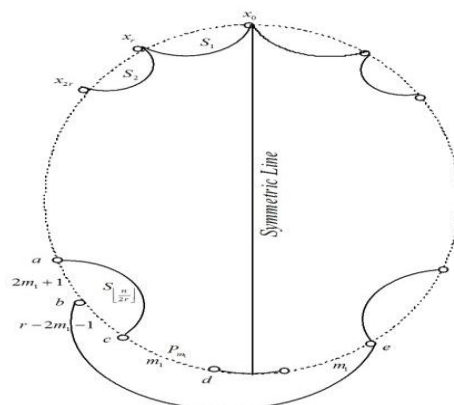
$$d_{C_{n,r}}(b, d) = m_1 - d_{C_n}(c, b) = r - m - 1.$$

So maximum distanced vertex from  $x_0$  will lies in path  $f - c$  or in path  $c - b$ . Now maximum distance from  $x_0$  to vertices of path  $f - c$  is  $d_{C_{n,r}}(x_0, c) + \lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(f,c)+2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{2r-2m+1}{2} \rfloor$  and maximum distance from  $x_0$  to vertices of path  $c - b$  is  $d_{C_{n,r}}(x_0, c) + \lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(c,b)+1}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{2m+2-r}{2} \rfloor$ .

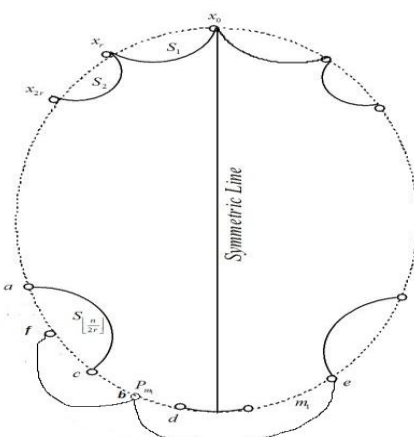
Hence

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \max \left\{ \lfloor \frac{2r-2m+1}{2} \rfloor, \lfloor \frac{2m+2-r}{2} \rfloor \right\}.$$

Thus



**Fig 1:** The graph  $C_{n,r}$  with odd  $n$  and  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor < m \leq r - 1$



**Fig 2:** The graph  $C_{n,r}$  with odd  $n$  and  $0 < m \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor$



$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2r - 2m + 1}{2} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } \left\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \right\rfloor < m \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3r - 1}{4} \right\rfloor; \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{2m - r}{2} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } \left\lfloor \frac{3r - 1}{4} \right\rfloor < m \leq r - 1. \end{cases}$$

**Case-II: n is even.**

**Sub-case (2a) :m=0.**In this case maximum distance from  $x_0$  to  $S_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor}$  is  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor - 1 + \lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \rfloor$  and  $P_m$  does not exist. So, in this case  $diam(C_{n,r}) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor - 1 + \lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \rfloor$ .

**Sub-case (2b):**  $0 < m \leq \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor$ . As,  $r \geq m$  so the  $r$ -th distanced vertex from  $e$  is between  $a$  and  $c$ . Now  $d_{C_n}(c, e) = 2m$  and  $d_{C_n}(b, e) = r$ . So  $d_{C_n}(b, c) = d_{C_n}(b, e) - d_{C_n}(c, e) = r - 2m$  and  $d_{C_n}(a, b) = d_{C_n}(a, c) - d_{C_n}(b, c) = 2m$ . Hence maximum distance from  $x_0$  to vertices of path from  $a$  to  $b$  is

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(x_0, a) + \left\lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(a,b)+2}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{r-2m+1}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

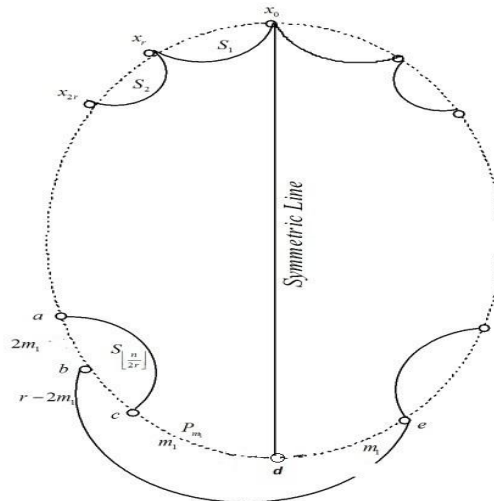
Again, maximum distance from  $x_0$  to vertices of  $b$  to  $c$  path is

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(x_0, c) + \left\lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(b,c)+1}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{r-2m+1}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Hence

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \max \left\{ m, \left\lfloor \frac{r-2m+1}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}.$$

Thus



**Fig 3:** The graph  $C_{n,r}$  with even  $n$  and  $0 < m \leq \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor$

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + r - m + 1, & \text{if } \left\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \right\rfloor < m \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3r + 1}{4} \right\rfloor; \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2m + 1}{2} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } \left\lfloor \frac{3r + 1}{4} \right\rfloor < m \leq r - 1. \end{cases}$$

**Sub-case (2c):**  $\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor < m \leq (r - 1)$ . In this case  $r$ -th distanced vertex  $b$  from  $e$  will be in between of  $c$  and  $d$ . Also  $r$ -th distanced vertex  $f$  from  $b$  will be in between of  $a$  and  $c$ .

Here

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(c, b) = d_{C_n}(c, e) - d_{C_n}(b, e) = 2m - r$$



$$d_{C_{n,r}}(f, c) = d_{C_n}(f, b) - d_{C_n}(c, b) = 2r - 2m$$

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(a, f) = d_{C_n}(a, c) - d_{C_n}(f, c) = 2m - r$$

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(b, d) = m - d_{C_n}(c, b) = r - m.$$

So maximum distanced vertex from  $x_0$  will lie in path  $f - cor$  in path  $c - b$ . Now maximum distance from  $x_0$  to vertices of path  $f - cis$   $d_{C_{n,r}}(x_0, c) + \lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(f,c)+2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + r - m + 1$  and maximum distance from  $x_0$  to vertices of path  $c - bis$

$$d_{C_{n,r}}(x_0, c) + \lfloor \frac{d_{C_n}(c,b)+1}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{r-2m+1}{2} \rfloor.$$

Hence,

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \max \{ r - m + 1, \lfloor \frac{2m-r+1}{2} \rfloor \}.$$

Thus

$$diam(C_{n,r}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + r - m + 1, & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor < m \leq \lfloor \frac{3r+1}{4} \rfloor; \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{2m-r+1}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{3r+1}{4} \rfloor < m \leq r-1. \end{cases}$$

On account of all cases describes in above we get the results.

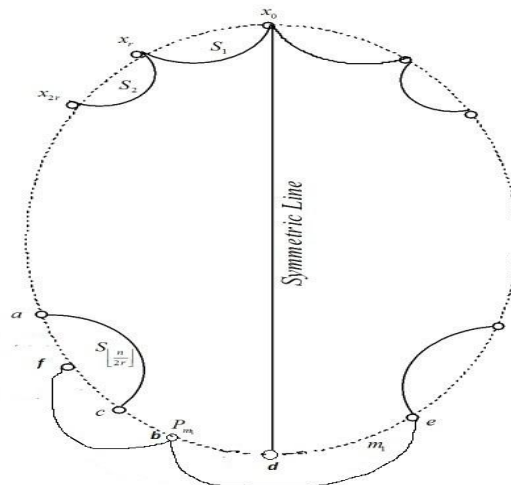


Fig 4: The graph  $C_{n,r}$  with even  $n$  and  $\frac{r}{2} < m \leq r - 1$

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