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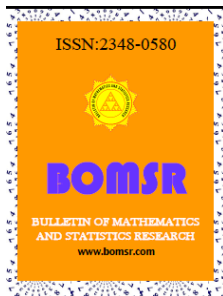
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GRAPH OF EQUIVALENCE CLASSES OF A COMMUTATIVE IS-ALGEBRA

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we introduce the graph of a commutative IS-algebra X , denoted by $\Gamma(X)$, as the (undirected) graph with all elements of X . Moreover, we study the graph $\Gamma_E(X)$ of equivalence classes of X which is determined by annihilator ideals. Also, several examples are presented.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Imai and Is'eki [3] in 1966 introduced the notion of a BCK-algebra. In the same year, Is'eki [4] introduced BCI-algebras as a super class of the class of BCK-algebras.

In 1993, Jun et al. [7] introduced a new class of algebras related to BCI-algebras and semigroups, called a BCI- semigroup /BCI-monoid/BCI-group. In 1998, for the convenience of study, Jun et al. [8] renamed the BCI-semigroup (respectively, BCI-monoid and BCI-group) as the IS-algebra (respectively, IM-algebra and IG-algebra) and studied further properties of these algebras (see [6], [10]). Many authors studied the graph theory in connection with semigroups and rings. For example, Beck [1] associated to any commutative ring R its zero divisors graph $G(R)$, whose vertices are the zero divisors of R , with two vertices a, b jointed by an edge in case $a \cdot b = 0$. Jun and Lee [5] defined the notion of zero divisors and quasi-ideals in BCI-algebra and show that all zero divisors are quasi-ideal. So, they introduced the concept of associated graph of BCK/BCI- algebra and verified some properties of this graph and proved that if X is a BCK-algebra, then the associated graph of X is connected. Moreover, if X is a BCI-algebra, then the associated graph of it is disconnected. Zahiri and R. A. Borzooei [12] associate a new graph to a BCI-algebra X which is denoted by $G(X)$, this definition is based on branches of X . If X is a BCK-algebras, then this definition and last definition which was introduced by Jun and Lee are the same. S.Mulay [9] introduced the graph of equivalence classes of zero-divisors of a ring R , which is constructed from classes of zero divisors determined by annihilator ideals. Inspired by ideas from Mulay, we study

the graph of equivalence classes of a commutative IS-algebra which is constructed from classes determined by annihilator ideals.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we submit some concepts related to IS-algebra (BCI-semi-groups) and theories from the literature, which are necessary for our discussion.

Definition 2.1 [3]. Let X be a set with a binary operation $*$ and a constant 0 , then $(X, *, 0)$ is called a BCI -algebra, if it satisfies the following axioms. For all $x, y, z \in X$.

$$(BCI-1) ((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0,$$

$$(BCI-2) (x * (x * y)) * y = 0, (BCI-3) x * x = 0,$$

$$(BCI-4) x * y = 0 \text{ and } y * x = 0 \text{ imply } x = y,$$

If a BCI -algebra X satisfies the identity $0 * x = 0$, for all $x \in X$, then X is called a BCK algebra.

It is known that the class of BCK-algebra is a proper subclass of the class of BCI-algebra.

A binary relation \leq in X is defined by: $x \leq y$ if and only if $x * y = 0$.

In a BCI-algebra $(X, *, 0)$, the following properties are satisfied:

$$(BCI1') (x * z) * (y * z) \leq x * y,$$

$$(BCI2') [x * (x * y)] \leq y,$$

$$(BCI3') x \leq y \text{ implies } z * x \leq z * y,$$

$$(BCI4') x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq z \text{ imply } x \leq z,$$

$$(BCI5') (x * y) * z = (x * z) * y,$$

$$(BCI6') x \leq y \text{ implies } x * z \leq y * z,$$

$$(BCI7') x * 0 = x.$$

Definition 2.2 [3].

A subset A of a BCI-algebra $(X, *, 0)$ is called an ideal of X , if for any $x, y \in X$, the following conditions hold:

$$(i) 0 \in A,$$

$$(ii) x * y \text{ and } y \in A \text{ imply that } x \in A.$$

Definition 2.3 [8]. An IS-algebra is a nonempty set X with two binary operations $*$, \bullet and constant 0 such that following axioms are satisfied:

$$1. (X, *, \bullet) \text{ is a BCI-algebra,}$$

$$2. (X, \bullet) \text{ is a semigroup,}$$

The operation \bullet is distributive (on both sides) over the operation $*$, i.e.

$$3. x \bullet (y * z) = (x \bullet y) * (x \bullet z) \text{ and } (x * y) \bullet z = (x \bullet z) * (y \bullet z), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

Definition 2.4 [6]. A non empty subset I of X is called a left (resp. right) I-ideal of X if:

$$(I_1) I \text{ is an ideal of a BCI-algebra } X,$$

$$(I_2) x \in X, a \in I \text{ imply that } x \bullet a \in I \text{ (resp. } a \bullet x \in I).$$

Lemma 2.5 [10]. Let X be an IS-algebra. Then for any $x, y, z \in X$, we have:

$$(i) 0 \bullet x = x \bullet 0 = 0$$

$$(ii) x \leq y \text{ implies that } x \bullet z \leq y \bullet z \text{ and } z \bullet x \leq z \bullet y.$$

Definition 2.6. an IS-algebra X is said to be a commutative IS-algebra if the multiplication is commutative i.e., $x \bullet y = y \bullet x$ for all x, y in X .

Example 2.7. Let $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$ be a set. Define $*$ -operation and \bullet -operation by the following tables.

*	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	b	b
a	a	0	c	b
b	b	b	0	0
c	c	b	a	0

*	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	0	a
b	0	0	b	b
c	0	a	b	c

Then, $(X, *, \bullet, 0)$ is a commutative IS-algebra

Definition 2.8. Let X be a commutative IS-algebra and A be a subset of X . Then we define

$$ann(A) = \{x \in X; a * (a * (a \bullet x)) = 0 \text{ for each } a \in A\}$$

and call it the IS-annihilator of A . If $A = \{a\}$, then we write $ann(a)$ instead of $ann(\{a\})$.

Remark 2.9. Let X be a commutative IS-algebra and

$$ann(A) = \{x \in X; a * (a * (a \bullet x)) = 0 \text{ for each } a \in A\}$$

- (i) If x is a zero divisor of X , then $b \bullet x \in ann(A)$ for all $b \in A$.
- (ii) If $a \bullet x = 0$ for all $x \in X$, then $ann(A) = 0$ for all $a \in A$.

Proof. (i) Since x is a zero divisor, we have $a * (a * (a \bullet (b \bullet x))) = a * (a * (a \bullet 0)) = a * a = 0$. Hence, $b \bullet x \in ann(A)$.

(ii) Since $a \bullet x = 0$ for all $x \in X$, we have $a * (a * (a \bullet x)) = a * (a * 0) = a * a = 0$. Hence, $ann(A) = 0$.

Theorem 2.10. Let A be a non-empty subset of an IS-algebra X . If x is a zero divisor of X , then $ann(A)$ is an ideal of X .

Proof. For every $a \in A$, since $a * (a * (a \bullet 0)) = a * a = 0$, we have $0 \in ann(A)$.

First, we prove that $ann(A)$ is an ideal of a BCI-algebra, we suppose that $x, (y * x) \in ann(A)$. We obtain from definition that $a * (a * (a \bullet x)) = 0$(i), and which implies that $a * (a * (a \bullet x)) \leq a \bullet x$.

Also $a * (a * (a \bullet (y * x))) = 0$(ii)

It follows from (BCI 2') and (i) that $0 * a \bullet x = 0$, and hence

$$(a * a \bullet x) * a = (a * a) * a \bullet x = 0 * a \bullet x = 0. \text{ This means that } a = a * a \bullet x \text{ by (BCI-4).}$$

Similarly we have $a = a * a \bullet (y * x)$. From these, we have in turn

$$a = a * (a \bullet (y * x)) = (a * a \bullet x) * a \bullet (y * x) = (a * a \bullet x) * (a \bullet y * a \bullet x) \leq a * a \bullet y \text{ by (BCI 1')}$$

$$0 = a * a \leq (a * a \bullet y) * a = 0 * a \bullet y \text{ (By the property } x \leq y \Rightarrow x * z \leq y * z)$$

$$0 = 0 * (0 * a \bullet y) \leq a \bullet y, \text{ which implies that } 0 * a \bullet y = 0.$$

It follows that $(a * a \bullet y) * a = (a * a) * a \bullet y = 0 * a \bullet y = 0$ and hence $a = a * a \bullet y$. Thus

$y \in ann(A)$ and $ann(A)$ is an ideal of X . In the second place, if x is a zero divisor, then for all $a, b \in A, x \in X$, we have, $b \bullet x \in ann(A)$ by Remark 2.7.

Then $ann(A)$ is an ideal of an IS-algebra X .

Lemma 2.11. If $A \neq \emptyset, B \subseteq X$, then

- (I) If $A \subseteq B$, then $ann(B) \subseteq ann(A)$
- (II) $ann(A \cup B) = ann(A) \cap ann(B)$
- (III) $ann(A) \cup ann(B) \subseteq ann(A \cap B)$

Proof. (I) Suppose that

$x \in \text{ann}(B)$, then $b^*(b^*(b \bullet x)) = 0, \forall b \in B$, but $A \subseteq B$, therefore $b^*(b^*(b \bullet x)) = 0, \forall b \in A$ i.e $x \in \text{ann}(A)$, hence $\text{ann}(B) \subseteq \text{ann}(A)$.

(II) Since $A \subseteq A \cup B$ and $B \subseteq A \cup B$, we have by part (I) of Lemma 2.9 that, $\text{ann}(A \cup B) \subseteq \text{ann}(A), \text{ann}(B)$, and hence $\text{ann}(A \cup B) \subseteq \text{ann}(A) \cap \text{ann}(B)$ --(1)

Conversely, if $x \in \text{ann}(A) \cap \text{ann}(B)$, then $x \in \text{ann}(A), \text{ann}(B)$, therefore $a^*(a^*(a \bullet x)) = 0, \forall a \in A$ and $b^*(b^*(b \bullet x)) = 0, \forall b \in B$. But if $c \in (A \cup B)$, then $c^*(c^*(c \bullet x)) = 0 \forall c \in (A \cup B)$ we have $x \in \text{ann}(A \cup B)$, hence

$$\text{ann}(A) \cap \text{ann}(B) \subseteq \text{ann}(A \cup B) \text{-----} (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have $\text{ann}(A \cup B) = \text{ann}(A) \cap \text{ann}(B)$.

(III): we have $A \supseteq A \cap B, B \supseteq A \cap B$, from(I) $\text{ann}(A) \subseteq \text{ann}(A \cap B)$ and $\text{ann}(B) \subseteq \text{ann}(A \cap B)$ which implies that

$$\text{ann}(A) \cup \text{ann}(B) \subseteq \text{ann}(A \cap B) \text{ .}$$

Lemma 2.12. If A is a nonempty subset of an IS -algebra X , then

$$\text{ann}(A) = \bigcap_{a \in A} \text{ann}(a)$$

Proof. Since $A = \bigcup_{a \in A} \{a\}$, we have $\text{ann}(A) = \text{ann}\{\bigcup_{a \in A} \{a\}\} = \bigcap_{a \in A} \text{ann}(a)$.

Definition2.13. Define a relation ~ on X as follows:

$x \sim y$ if and only if $\text{ann}(x) = \text{ann}(y), \forall x, y \in X$

Lemma2.14. the relation ~ (from Definition2.13) is an equivalence relation on X .

Proof. The reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity follow very easily from Definition 2.13 showing ~ is an equivalence relation.

3- A graph of IS-algebra.

In this section, we introduce the concepts of graph of commutative IS-algebra X and the graph of equivalence classes of X . For a graph G , we denote the set of vertices of G as $V(G)$ and the set of edges as $E(G)$. A graph G is said to be complete if every two distinct vertices are joined by exactly one edge. A graph G is said to be bipartite graph if its vertex set $V(G)$ can be partitioned into disjoint subsets V_1 and V_2 such that, every edge of G joins a vertex of V_1 with a vertex of V_2 . So, G is called a complete bipartite graph if every vertex in one of the bipartition subset is joined to every vertex in the other bipartition subset. Also, a graph G is said to be connected if there is a path between any given pairs of vertices, otherwise the graph is disconnected. For distinct vertices x and y of G, let $d(x, y)$ be the length of the shortest path from x to y and if there is no such path we define $d(x, y) = \infty$. The diameter of G is $\text{diam}(G) = \sup \{d(x, y) : x \text{ and } y \text{ are distinct vertices of } G\}$. The diameter is 0 if the graph consists of a single vertex and a connected graph with more than one vertex has diameter 1 if and only if it is complete; i.e., each pair of distinct vertices forms an edge. The neighborhood of a vertex x is the set $N(x) = \{y \in V(G) : x - y\}$. In commutative IS-algebra X , it is easy to see that $N(x) = \text{ann}(x)$ for all $x \neq 0$. A graph H is called a subgraph of G if $V(H) \subseteq V(G)$ and $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$. Two graphs G_1 and G_2 are said to be isomorphic if there exists a bijective mapping $f : V(G_1) \rightarrow V(G_2)$ such that $x - y \in E(G_1)$ then $f(x) - f(y) \in E(G_2)$. For more details we refer to [11 and 12].

Definition3.1. For an IS-algebra X , the graph of a commutative IS-algebra X , denoted by $\Gamma(X)$ is a graph whose vertices are elements of X and two distinct vertices are adjacent in $\Gamma(X)$ if $x * (x * (x \bullet y)) = 0$.

Example 3.2. Let $Z_6 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}$. Define \ominus -operation and \circ -operation by the following

tables:

\ominus	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{1}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{2}$
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{4}$
$\bar{4}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{5}$
$\bar{5}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{0}$

\circ	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{4}$
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{4}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{2}$
$\bar{5}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{1}$

Then, $(Z_6, \ominus, \circ, 0)$ is a commutative IS-algebra. Now we determine the graph of Z_6 as follows.

The set of vertices are $V(\Gamma(Z_6)) = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}$ and the set of edges are

$E(\Gamma(Z_6)) = \{\bar{0} - \bar{1}, \bar{0} - \bar{2}, \bar{0} - \bar{3}, \bar{0} - \bar{4}, \bar{0} - \bar{5}, \bar{2} - \bar{3}, \bar{3} - \bar{4}\}$, hence Figure (1) shows the graph of Z_6 .

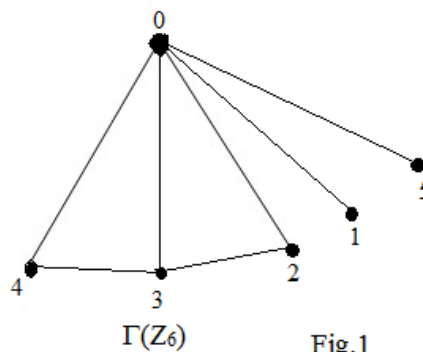


Fig.1

Definition3.3. For a commutative IS-algebra X , the graph of equivalence classes of X , denoted by $\Gamma_E(X)$ is a graph whose vertices are the set of equivalence classes $V(\Gamma_E) = \{\bar{x}; x \sim y, \forall x, y \in X\}$ and two distinct vertices \bar{x}, \bar{y} are adjacent in $\Gamma_E(X)$ if and only if $x \bullet y = 0$.

Example 3.4. Let $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$ be a set. Define $*$ -operation and \bullet -operation by the following tables.

$*$	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	c	b
a	a	0	c	b
b	b	b	0	c
c	c	c	b	0

\bullet	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	0	0	0
b	0	0	b	c
c	0	0	c	b

Then, $(X, *, \bullet, 0)$ is a commutative IS-algebra. Now, we determine the graph of X as follows: The set of vertices is $V(X) = \{0, a, b, c\}$, and the set of edges is

$E(X) = \{\{0, a\}, \{0, b\}, \{0, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$, and the set of vertices of $\Gamma_E(X)$ is $\{[0], [a], [b]\}$ since $ann(0) = X$, $ann(a) = \{0, b, c\}$, $ann(b) = ann(c) = \{0, a\}$, then

$E(\Gamma_E(X)) = \{\{[0], [a]\}, \{[0], [b]\}, \{[a], [b]\}\}$. The Figure (2) shows the graph $\Gamma(X)$ and the graph of equivalence classes $\Gamma_E(X)$.

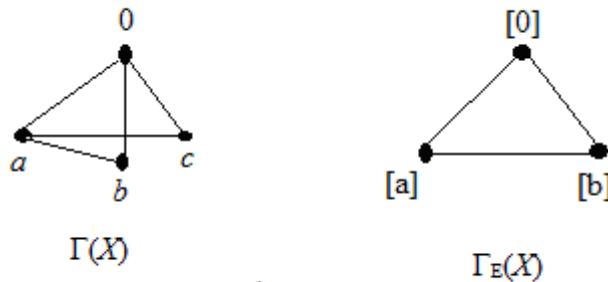


Fig. 2

Theorem3.5. Let X be a commutative IS-algebra. Then $\Gamma_E(X)$ is connected and $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) \leq 3$.

Proof: Let $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in V(\Gamma_E(X))$ be distinct. We have the following two cases:

Case1: If $x \bullet y = 0$. Then \bar{x}, \bar{y} are adjacent in $\Gamma_E(X)$ and $d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 1$.

Case2: If $x \bullet y \neq 0$. Then we have the following sub cases:

Sub case1: $x \bullet x = y \bullet y = 0$. If $x \bullet y = x$, then

$x \bullet y = x \bullet y = (x \bullet y) \bullet y = x \bullet (y \bullet y) = x \bullet 0 = 0$, which is a contradiction. Thus $x \bullet y \neq x$ and $\bar{x} \bullet \bar{y} \neq \bar{x}$ similarly, $x \bullet y \neq y$. Therefore, $\bar{x} - \bar{x} \bullet \bar{y} - \bar{y}$ is a path of length 2, and so $d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 2$.

Sub case2: $x \bullet x = 0$ and $y \bullet y \neq 0$. Then there is $\bar{b} \in V(\Gamma_E(X)) \setminus \{\bar{x}, \bar{y}\}$ with $b \bullet y = 0$. If $b \bullet x = 0$, then $\bar{x} - \bar{b} - \bar{y}$ is a path of length 2. If $b \bullet x \neq 0$, then $\bar{x} - \bar{b} \bullet \bar{x} - \bar{y}$ is a path of length 2, in either case $d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 2$.

Sub case3: $y \bullet y = 0$ and $x \bullet x \neq 0$. The proof is similar to sub case 2.

Sub case4: $x \bullet x \neq 0$ and $y \bullet y \neq 0$. Then there exist $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in V(\Gamma_E(X)) \setminus \{\bar{x}, \bar{y}\}$ with $a \bullet x = b \bullet y = 0$. If $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$, then $\bar{x} - \bar{a} - \bar{y}$ is a path of length 2. Thus we may assume that $\bar{a} \neq \bar{b}$, if $a \bullet b = 0$, then $\bar{x} - \bar{a} - \bar{b} - \bar{y}$ is a path of length 3, and hence $d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leq 3$. If $a \bullet b \neq 0$, then $\bar{x} - \bar{a} \bullet \bar{b} - \bar{y}$ is a path of length 2 so $d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 2$. Hence in all the cases $d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leq 3$, therefore $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) \leq 3$ and there is a path between every two distinct vertices in $\Gamma_E(X)$, thus it is connected.

Theorem3.6. Let X be a commutative IS-algebra. If $\Gamma_E(X)$ contains a cycle, then $gr\Gamma_E(X) \leq 4$.

Proof. Assume that $\Gamma_E(X)$ contains a cycle of length which is greater than four, then $\Gamma_E(X)$ contains a cycle $\bar{x}_0 - \bar{x}_1 - \dots - \bar{x}_n - \bar{x}_0$ with $n \geq 4$, then we have two cases.

Case1: If $x_1 \bullet x_{n-1} = 0$, then we can form the cycle $\bar{x}_0 - \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_{n-1} - \bar{x}_n - \bar{x}_0$ of length 4.

Case2: If $x \bullet x_{n-1} \neq 0$, then we have three sub cases.

Sub case1: If $x_1 \bullet x_{n-1} \neq x_0$ and $x_1 \bullet x_{n-1} \neq x_n$, then $\bar{x}_1 \bullet \bar{x}_{n-1} \neq \bar{x}_0$ and $\bar{x}_1 \bullet \bar{x}_{n-1} \neq \bar{x}_n$ thus, we can form the cycle $\bar{x}_0 - \bar{x}_1 \bullet \bar{x}_{n-1} - \bar{x}_n - \bar{x}_0$ of length 3.

Sub case2: If $x_1 \bullet x_{n-1} = x_0$, then $x_1 \bullet x_{n-1} \bullet x_{n-2} = 0$, so we can form the cycle $\bar{x}_0 - \bar{x}_{n-2} - \bar{x}_{n-1} - \bar{x}_n - \bar{x}_0$ of length 4.

Lemma 3.7. If X is a commutative IS-algebra, then

- 1) $\Gamma_E(X)$ is a sub graph of $\Gamma(X)$.
- 2) $ann(0) = 0$, for all $x \in X$.
- 3) If $\Gamma(X)$ is the complete graph then $\Gamma(X) \cong \Gamma_E(X)$.
- 4) If $\Gamma(X)$ is the complete bipartite graph, then $\Gamma_E(X)$ is an edge.

Proof. (1) and (2) straightforward. (3) Suppose that $V(\Gamma(X)) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$. Since $\Gamma(X)$ is the complete graph, then every pair of its vertices are adjacent. Thus

$$ann(x_1) = \{x_2, x_3, \dots, x_i\}, i = 2, \dots, n, ann(x_2) = \{x_1, x_3, \dots, x_i\}, i = 1, 3, \dots, n \dots$$

$ann(x_n) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}\}, i = 1, \dots, n$. Then $ann(x_1) \neq ann(x_2) \neq \dots \neq ann(x_n)$, therefore every vertex of $\Gamma(X)$ is a equivalence class of $\Gamma_E(X)$, thus the vertices of $\Gamma_E(X)$ are distinct and the same number of vertices of $\Gamma(X)$, then there exist an isomorphism $f : \Gamma(X) \rightarrow \Gamma_E(X)$ satisfies $f(x_i) = \bar{x}_i$ for each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. And the mapping of edges $f : E(\Gamma(X)) \rightarrow E(\Gamma_E(X))$, which sends the edge $x_i - x_j$ in $\Gamma(X)$ to the edge $\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j$ in $\Gamma_E(X)$ is a well-defined bijection. Thus $\Gamma(X) \cong \Gamma_E(X)$.

(4) Suppose that $\Gamma(X)$ is the complete bipartite graph with vertex set $V(\Gamma(X)) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{r_1}, x_{r_1+1}, \dots, x_r\}$. This set can be split into two sets $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{r_1}\}$ and $B = \{x_{r_1+1}, \dots, x_r\}$ such that each vertex of A is joined to each vertex of B by exactly one edge. Thus

$$E(\Gamma(X)) = \{x_1 - x_{r_1+1}, x_1 - x_{r_2+1}, \dots, x_1 - x_r, x_2 - x_{r_1+1}, \dots, x_2 - x_r, \dots, x_{r_1} - x_{r_1+1}, x_{r_1} - x_{r_2+1}, \dots, x_{r_1} - x_r\}$$

, so $ann(x_1) = ann(x_2) = \dots, ann(x_{r_1}) = B$ and $ann(x_{r_1+1}) = ann(x_{r_2+2}) = \dots, ann(x_r) = A$

Then there are two distinct equivalence classes \bar{x}_1 and \bar{x}_{r_1+1} in $\Gamma_E(X)$, which are adjacent. Thus $\Gamma_E(X)$ is an edge.

Theorem3.8. Let X be a commutative IS-algebra.

- (a) If $diam(\Gamma(X)) = 0$, then $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 0$
- (b) If $diam(\Gamma(X)) = 1$, then $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 0$ or 1
- (c) If $diam(\Gamma(X)) = 2$, then $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 0, 1$ or 2
- (d) If $diam(\Gamma(X)) = 3$, then $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 0, 1, 2$ or 3

Proof: (a) Let $diam(\Gamma(X)) = 0$ i.e. there exist $x \in \Gamma(X)$, which is one vertex. Since $ann(x) = ann(x)$, then $\bar{x} \in \Gamma_E(X)$. Thus $\Gamma_E(X)$ has also one vertex and so $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 0$.

(b) if $diam(\Gamma(X)) = 1$, then $\Gamma(X)$ is complete graph with more than one vertex. Thus there exist two vertices $x, y \in \Gamma(X)$, such that $x - y$ is a path of length 1 connecting x and y . Now, either $ann(x) = ann(y)$, then $\Gamma_E(X)$ has one vertex. Thus $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 0$ or $ann(x) \neq ann(y)$ and $x \bullet y = 0$, by Definition3.3, then there exist an edge connecting x and y so $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 1$.

(c) If $diam(\Gamma(X)) = 2$, then there exist three vertices $x, y, z \in \Gamma(X)$, such that $x - y - z$ is a path of length 2. Now, if $ann(x) = ann(y) = ann(z)$ then there exist one equivalent class contains these points, thus $\Gamma_E(X)$ has one vertex and so $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 0$. If $ann(x) \neq ann(y)$ and $ann(x) = ann(z)$ then $\Gamma_E(X)$ have two vertices \bar{x} and \bar{y} such that $\bar{x} - \bar{y}$ is a path of length 1, thus $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 1$. If $ann(x) \neq ann(y) \neq ann(z)$ then $\Gamma_E(X)$ have three vertices \bar{x} , \bar{y} and \bar{z} such that $\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \bar{z}$ is a path of length 2, thus $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 2$.

(d) If $diam(\Gamma(X)) = 3$, then there exist four vertices $x, y, z, l \in \Gamma(X)$, such that $x - y - z - l$ is a path of length 3. Now, if $ann(x) = ann(y) = ann(z) = ann(l)$ then $\Gamma_E(X)$ has one vertex. Thus $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 0$. If $ann(x) = ann(y), ann(z) = ann(l)$ then $\Gamma_E(X)$ have two vertices \bar{x} and \bar{z} such that $\bar{x} - \bar{z}$ is a path of length 1, thus $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 1$. If $ann(x) \neq ann(y)$ and $ann(z) = ann(l)$, then $\Gamma_E(X)$ have three vertices \bar{x} , \bar{y} and \bar{z} such that $\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \bar{z}$ is a path of length 2, thus $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 2$. Finally, if $ann(x) \neq ann(y) \neq ann(z) \neq ann(l)$, then $\Gamma_E(X)$ have four vertices $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$ and \bar{l} such that $\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \bar{z} - \bar{l}$ is a path of length 3, thus $diam(\Gamma_E(X)) = 3$.

Theorem3.9. Let X and Y be two commutative IS-algebras. If $\Gamma(X) \cong \Gamma(Y)$, then $\Gamma_E(X) \cong \Gamma_E(Y)$.

Proof: clear.

The converse of this theorem is false as illustrated in Example 3.8. We have that $\Gamma_E(Z_6) \cong \Gamma_E(Z_{10})$ but $\Gamma(Z_6) \not\cong \Gamma(Z_{10})$.

Example 3.10. Figure (2) displays the zero divisor graphs and the equivalence class graphs of Z_6 and Z_{10} .

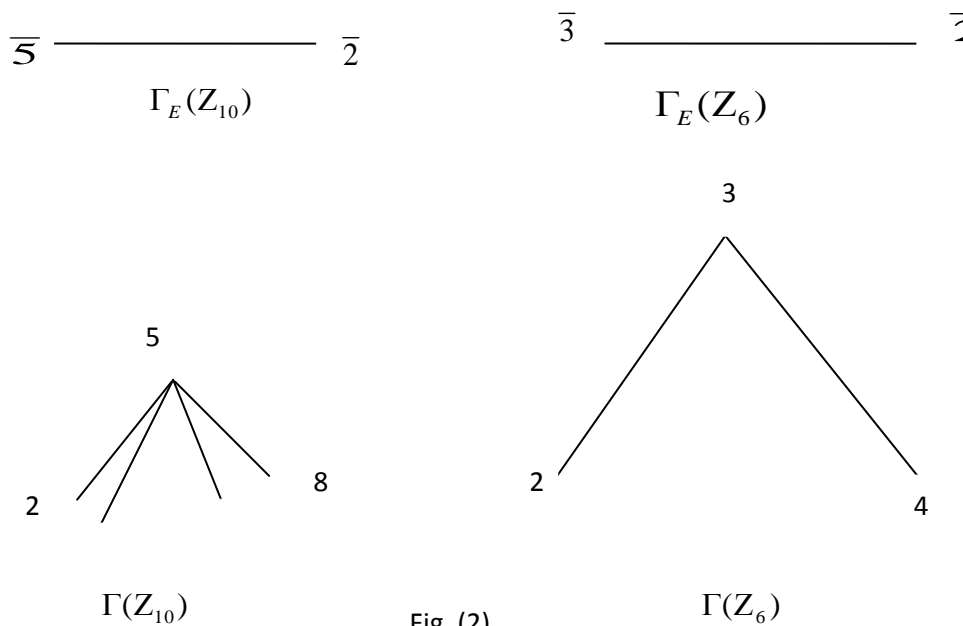


Fig. (2)

Theorem3.11. Let $\Gamma_E(X)$ be the associated graph of equivalence classes of IS algebra X . For any distinct vertices $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in \Gamma_E(X)$, if \bar{x} and \bar{y} are connected by an edge, then $ann(x) \neq ann(y)$.

Proof: Suppose that $ann(x) = ann(y)$, then $x \sim y$ and hence $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $ann(x)$ and $ann(y)$ are distinct annihilator ideal of X .

The following example shows that the converse of Theorem 3.11 may not be true.

Example 3.12. Let $(Z_{30}, \oplus, \circ, 0)$ be an IS-algebra, Figure (3) shows the difference between the zerodivisor graph and the equivalence class graph.

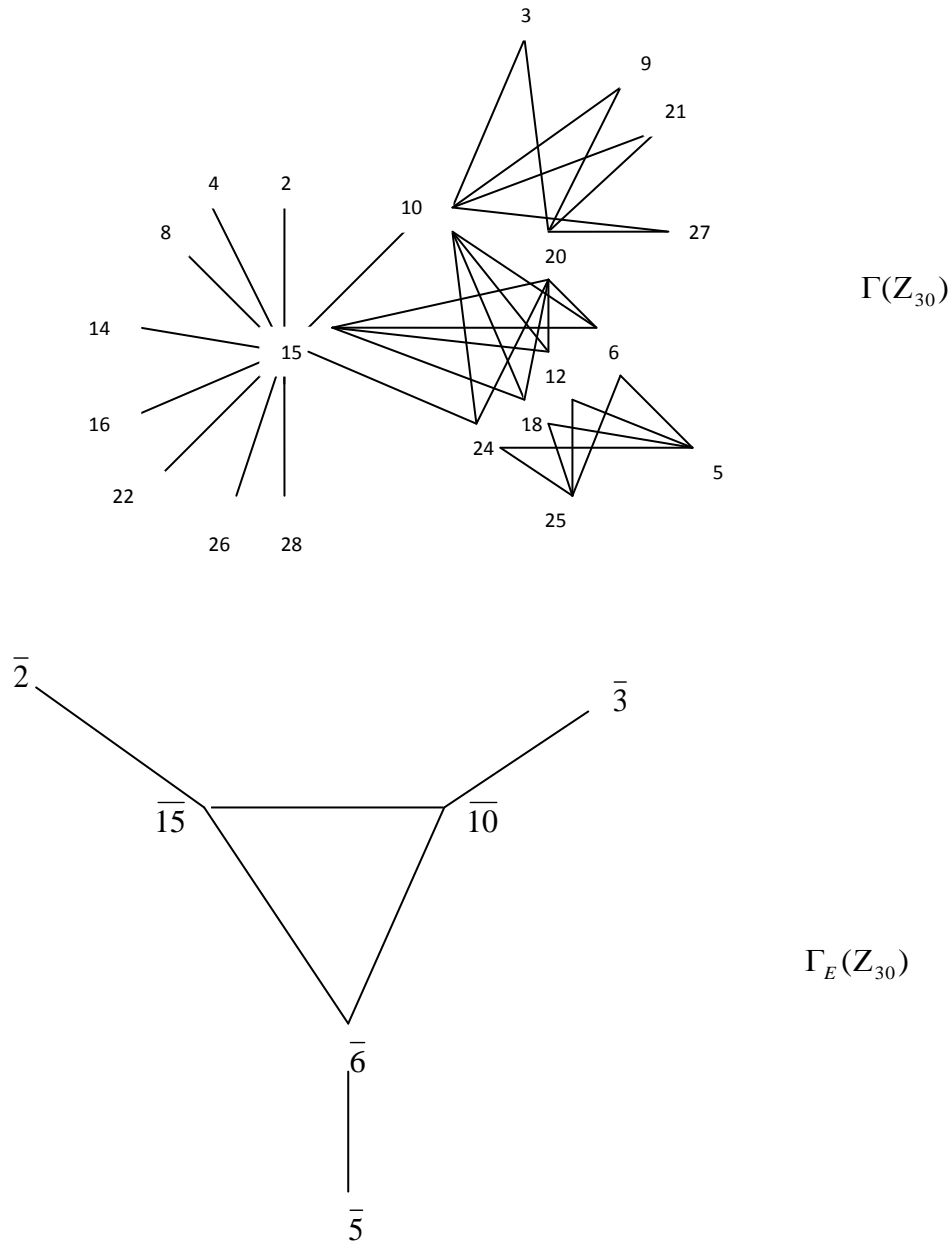


Fig.(3)

In $\Gamma_E(Z_{30})$, the vertices $\bar{3}$ and $\bar{5}$ are distinct annihilators, but no edge joint between them.

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