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## A NOTE ON RADIAL RADIO NUMBER OF A GRAPH

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#### **Abstract:**

Let G be any simple, connected, undirected and finite graph. A radial radio labeling, f, of G is a function  $f:V(G) \to \{1,2,...\}$  satisfying the condition  $d(u,v)+|f(u)-f(v)| \ge 1+rad(G)$ , for all  $u,v \in V(G)$ , where d(u,v) and rad(G) denote the distance between the vertices u and v and the radius of the graph G, respectively. The span of a radial radio labeling f is the largest integer in the range of f and is denoted by span(f). The radial radio number of G, rr(G), is the minimum span taken over all radial radio labelings of G. Denote  $N_0(v) = \{v\}$ ,  $N_\lambda(v) = \{w: d(v,w) = \lambda\}$  and  $N_\lambda[v] = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\lambda} N_i(v)$ . In this paper, we introduce some new concepts related with the sequence of the radial radio numbers of the induced subgraphs induced by  $\mathcal{N}_\lambda[v]$ .

**Key Words:** Frequency Assignment Problem, Radius, Diameter, Radio Labeling, Radial Radio Labeling, Radio Number, Radial Radio Number & rr Sequence.

## 1. Introduction:

In this paper, we consider only simple, connected, undirected and finite graphs. For basic notations and terminology, we follow [2]. Let G = (V, E) be a simple connected graph. A vertex  $v \in V$  is called a *full vertex*, if it is adjacent to all other vertices. Let  $u, v \in V$  be any two vertices of G. The *distance* d(u, v) between u and v, is the length of a shortest (u, v) path in G. For any vertex  $u \in V$ , the *eccentricity*, e(u), of u is the distance of a vertex farthest from u. The *radius* of a graph G is the minimum eccentricity among all the vertices and is denoted by rad(G). The *diameter* of G is the maximum eccentricity among all the vertices and is denoted by rad(G). The relation between rad(G) and rad(G) is given by the inequality  $rad(G) \le diam(G) \le 2rad(G)$  [6]. For further details on distance in graphs, one can refer [3].

For a subset S of V, let < S > denote the induced subgraph of G induced by S. A clique C is a subset of V with maximum number of vertices such that < C > is complete. The clique number of a graph G, denoted by  $\omega$ , is the number of vertices in a clique of G.

For any vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , the open neighborhood N(v) is the set of all vertices adjacent to v. That is,  $N(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G)\}$ . The closed neighborhood N[v] of v is defined by  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . Denote  $N_0(v) = \{v\}$ ,  $N_\lambda(v) = \{w : d(v, w) = \lambda\}$  and  $N_\lambda(v) = \{v\}$ .

In 1960's Rosa[11] introduced the concept of graph labeling. A graph labeling is an assignment of numbers to the vertices or edges or both, satisfying some constraint. Rosa named the labeling introduced by him as  $\beta$ -valuation and later on it becomes a very famous interesting graph labeling called graceful labeling, which is the origin for any graph labeling problem. Motivated by real life problems, many mathematicians introduced various labeling concepts[8]. Here, we see one of the familiar graph labelings in graph theory.

The problem of assigning frequencies to the channels for the FM radio stations is known as Frequency Assignment Problem (FAP). This problem was studied by W. K. Hale[9]. In a telecommunication system, the assignment of channels to FM radio stations play a vital role. Motivated by the FAP, Chartrand et al.,[4] introduced the concept of radio labeling. For a given k,  $1 \le k \le diam(G)$ , a Frequency Assignment Problem (FAP) and <math>Frequency Assignment Problem (FAP) are the stationary of the st

$$d(u,v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \ge 1 + k \tag{1}$$

for all  $u, v \in V$ . Whenever, diam(G) = k, the radio k-coloring is called a *radio labeling* [5] of G. The *span* of a radio labeling f is the largest integer in the range of f and is denoted by span(f). The *radio number* of G is the minimum span taken over all radio labelings of G and is denoted by rn(G).

Motivated by the work of Chartrand et al., on radio labeling, KM. Kathiresan and S. Vimalajenifer[10] introduced the concept of radial radio labeling. A radial radio labeling f of G is a function  $f:V \to \{1,2,...\}$  satisfying the condition,

$$d(u,v)+|f(u)-f(v)| \ge 1+rad(G)$$
 (2)

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for all  $u, v \in V$ . This condition is obtained by taking k = rad(G) in (1). The above condition is known as *radial radio condition*. The *span* of a radial radio labeling f is the largest integer in the range of f. The *radial radio number* is the minimum span taken over all radial radio labelings of G and is denoted by rr(G). That is,  $rr(G) = \min_{f} \max_{v \in V} f(v)$ , where the minimum runs over all radial radio labelings of G.

The *centre* is the subgraph of G induced by the set of vertices of minimum eccentricity. Any graph G which is isomorphic to its centre is called a *self centered graph*. Note that in a self centered graph G, rad(G) = diam(G).

**Theorem 1.1:** Let G be a self-centered graph on n vertices. Then  $rr(G) \ge n$ .

**Proof:** Since G is self-centered, rad(G) = diam(G). This implies that, rn(G) = rr(G). But it is already proved that,  $rn(G) \ge n$  [7]. Thus we have,  $rr(G) \ge n$ .

**Fact** (1): Two vertices u and v have the same labels only when  $d(u,v) \ge 1 + rad(G)$ .

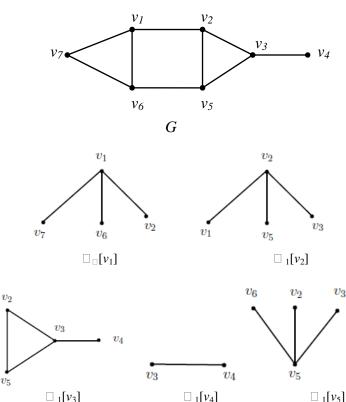
For, let G be a graph on n vertices and let f be a radial radio labeling of G. Then the radial radio condition for G give  $d(u,v)+|f(u)-f(v)|\geq 1+rad(G)$ , for all  $u,v\in V(G)$ . This implies that,  $|f(u)-f(v)|\geq 1+rad(G)-d(u,v)$ , for all  $u,v\in V(G)$ . Therefore, if f(u)=f(v), then  $d(u,v)\geq 1+rad(G)$ . In this paper, we introduce a new concept  $(\mu_{\lambda}(v))-rr$  sequence of a graph, where  $\mu_{\lambda}(v)=rr(<\mathcal{N}_{\lambda}[v]>)$ ,  $v\in V(G)$ . In addition, we mainly discuss about the  $(\mu_{\lambda}(v))-rr$  sequence of a graph. Also, the regularity of  $(\mu_{\lambda}(v))-rr$  sequence has been studied.

### 2. The *TT* Sequence of a Graph:

We have already studied about many sequences such as degree sequence, graphic sequence and so on. Likewise here, we introduce a new sequence based on the radial radio number of a graph.

For a vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , let  $\mu_{\lambda}(v)$  denote the radial radio number of the induced subgraph induced by  $\mathcal{N}_{\lambda}[v]$ . That is,  $\mu_{\lambda}(v) = rr(<\mathcal{N}_{\lambda}[v]>)$ . Then the sequence  $(\mu_{\lambda}(v))_{v \in V(G)}$  arranged in decreasing order is called the  $(\mu_{\lambda}(v)) - rr$  sequence of the graph G. The following example gives the  $(\mu_{1}(v)) - rr$  sequence of the graph G.

**Example 2.1:** Consider the graph G shown in Figure 2.1. The subgraphs induced by  $\mathcal{N}_1[v]$ ,  $v \in V(G)$  are also given in Figure 2.1.

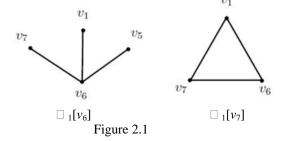


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Here,  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[v_i]>)=2$ , i=1,2,4,5,6 and  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[v_i]>)=3$ , i=3,7. Hence the  $(\mu_1(v))-rr$  sequence of G is (3,3,2,2,2,2,2).

In this paper, we mainly discuss about the  $(\mu_1(v))-rr$  sequence of a graph.

A graph G is said to be  $\mu-rr$  regular if the  $(\mu_1(v))-rr$  sequence of G is  $(\mu,\mu,...,\mu)$ , where  $\mu=rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[u]>)$ , for all  $u\in V(G)$  and  $\mu$  is called rr- constant.

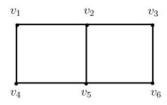


Figure 2.2

For the graph shown in Figure 2.2,  $(\mu_1(v))-rr$  sequence is (2,2,2,2,2,2) and hence the graph is 2-rr regular. A  $\mu-rr$  regular graph G is said to be  $\mu-rr$  highly regular if  $rr(G)=\mu$ .

For example, the complete graph  $K_n$  is n-rr highly regular and the star graph  $K_{1,n}$  is 2-rr highly regular. Wheel graph  $W_n$  is 3-rr highly regular, when n is even. Any tree other than  $K_{1,n}$  is 2-rr regular but not 2-rr highly regular. The complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n} (m \ge n \ge 2)$  is 2-rr regular but not 2-rr highly regular.

A graph G on n vertices is said to be rr irregular, if it is not  $\mu-rr$  regular, for any  $\mu$ ,  $2 \le \mu \le n$ .

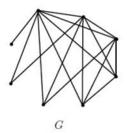


Figure 2.3

For the graph G, shown in Figure 2.3, the  $(\mu_1(v))-rr$  sequence is (5,5,5,5,5,4,3,2) and hence the graph is rr irregular.

## 3. Existence of $\mu - rr$ Regular and $\mu - rr$ Highly Regular Graphs:

In this section, we construct graphs with given integer  $\mu$  as rr- constant and graphs which are  $\mu-rr$  regular but not  $\mu-rr$  highly regular.

**Theorem 3.1:** For any given  $n \ge 4$ , there exists a n-rr regular graph G but not n-rr highly regular.

**Proof:** The required graph  $G_n$  is constructed using the three copies  $K_{n-2}$ ,  $n \ge 4$ . Take

$$V(G_n) = \{v, v_1, v_2, ..., v_{n-2}, w, w_1, w_2, ..., w_{n-2}, u, u_1, u_2, ..., u_{n-2}\} \quad and$$

$$E(G_n) = \{vw, wu, uv\} \cup \{vv_i, wv_i : 1 \le i \le n-2\} \cup \{v_iv_j : 1 \le i \ne j \le n-2\}$$

$$\cup \{ww_i, uw_i : 1 \le i \le n-2\} \cup \{w_iw_j : 1 \le i \ne j \le n-2\}$$

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$$\cup \{uu_i, vu_i : 1 \le i \le n-2\} \cup \{u_iu_i : 1 \le i \ne j \le n-2\}.$$

We have  $|V(G_n)| = 3n-3$  and rad(G) = 2. The graph  $G_4$  is shown in Figure 3.1.

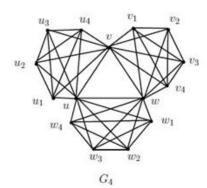


Figure 3.1

Now, we have to show that  $rr(G_n) \neq rr(\langle N[u] \rangle)$ , for any  $u \in V(G_n)$ .

For  $n \ge 6$ , define  $f: V(G_n) \to \{1,2,3,...\}$  such that

$$f(v) = 1;$$

$$f(v_{1}) = 4;$$

$$f(v_{2}) = 7;$$

$$f(v_{i}) = f(v_{i-1}) + 2, \ 3 \le i \le n - 2;$$

$$f(w) = f(v_{n-2}) + 2;$$

$$f(w_{1}) = 2;$$

$$f(w_{2}) = 5;$$

$$f(w_{3}) = 8;$$

$$f(w_{i}) = f(w_{i-1}) + 2, \ 4 \le i \le \lceil \frac{n-2}{2} \rceil + 1;$$

$$f(w_{\lceil (n-2)/2 \rceil + 2}) = f(w) + 2;$$

$$f(w_{i}) = f(w_{i-1}) + 2, \ \lceil \frac{n-2}{2} \rceil + 3 \le i \le n - 2;$$

$$f(u) = f(w_{\lceil (n-2)/2 \rceil + 1}) + 2;$$

$$f(u_{1}) = f(u) + 2;$$

 $f(u_i) = f(u_{i-1}) + 2, \ 2 \le i \le n - 4;$ 

The radial radio condition for  $G_n$  is

 $f(u_{n-3}) = 6;$  $f(u_{n-2}) = 3.$ 

$$d(u,v)+|f(u)-f(v)| \ge 3$$
 (3)

for all  $u, v \in V(G_n)$ . Now, we have to show that f is a radial radio labeling for  $G_n$ . To prove this, it is enough to show that every pair of vertices satisfies (3).

Case 1: Consider the pair (u, v). Since d(u, v) = 1, we have  $d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| = 1 + |1 - (f(w_{\lceil (n-2)/2 \rceil + 1}) + 2)| \ge 3$ . Thus the pair (u, v) satisfies (3). Similarly, the pairs (v, w) and (w, u) satisfy (3).

Case 2: Consider the pair  $(v, v_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$ . Since  $d(v, v_i) = 1$ ,  $d(v, v_i) + |f(v) - f(v_i)| \ge 1 + |1 - 4| > 3$ . Therefore, the pair  $(v, v_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$  satisfies (3). Similarly, the pairs  $(u, u_i)$  and  $(w, w_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$  satisfy (3).

**Case 3:** Consider the pair  $(v, w_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$ . We have  $d(v, w_i) = 2$ ,  $d(v, w_i) + |f(v) - f(w_i)| \ge 2 + |1 - 2| \ge 3$ . Thus

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the pair  $(v, w_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$  satisfies (3). Similarly, the pairs  $(w, u_i)$  and  $(u, v_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$  satisfy (3).

Case 4: Consider the pair  $(v,u_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$ . Since  $d(v,u_i)=1$ , we have  $d(v,u_i)+|f(v)-f(u_i)|\ge 1+|1-(f(w_{\lceil (n-2)/2\rceil+1})+4)|>3$  and so the pair  $(v,u_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$  satisfies (3). Similarly, the pairs  $(u,w_i)$  and  $(w,v_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n-2$  satisfy (3).

Case 5: Consider the pair  $(v_i, v_j)$ ,  $1 \le i \ne j \le n-2$ . Since  $d(v_i, v_j) = 1$  and the label difference between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ ,  $1 \le i \ne j \le n-2$  is at least 2, the pair  $(v_i, v_j)$ ,  $1 \le i \ne j \le n-2$  satisfies (3). Similarly, we can show that the pairs  $(u_i, u_j)$ ,  $(w_i, w_i)$ ,  $1 \le i \ne j \le n-2$  satisfy (3).

Case 6: Consider the pair  $(v_i,w_j)$ ,  $1 \le i,j \le n-2$ . Since  $d(v_i,w_j)=2$ ,  $1 \le i,j \le n-2$ ,  $d(v_i,w_j)+|f(v_i)-f(w_j)| \ge 2+|4-2| \ge 3$ . Therefore, the pair  $(v_i,w_j)$ ,  $1 \le i,j \le n-2$  satisfies (3). Similarly, we can prove that the pairs  $(u_i,w_j)$ ,  $(u_i,v_j)$ ,  $1 \le i,j \le n-2$  satisfy (3).

Thus f is a radial radio labeling of G. Also, we have  $span(f) = |V(G_n)| = 3n - 3$ ,  $n \ge 6$ .

For n = 4,5, radial radio labeling of  $G_4$  and  $G_5$  are given in Figure 3.2.

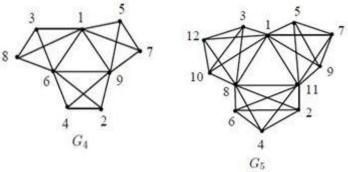


Figure 3.2

Hence  $rr(G_n) \leq 3n-3$ .

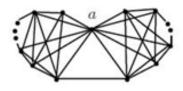
Since  $rad(G_n) = diam(G_n)$ ,  $G_n$  is self-centered. Thus by Theorem 1.1, we have  $rr(G_n) \ge 3n - 3$  Hence, we can conclude that  $rr(G_n) = 3n - 3$ .

Now, we find  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[u]>)$ , for all  $u \in V(G_n)$ . Here we have two types of vertices:

Type 1: vertex of degree 2n-2.

Type 2: vertex of degree n-1.

Let  $a \in V(G_n)$ . If deg(a) = 2n - 2, then  $\langle \mathcal{N}_1[a] \rangle \cong G$ , where the graph G is given in Figure 3.3.



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Figure 3.3

We have, rr(G)=n. Hence  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[a]>)=n$ . If deg(a)=n-1, then  $<\mathcal{N}_1[a]>\cong K_n$ . We have,  $rr(K_n)=n$  [10] and so  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[a]>)=n$ . Hence  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[u]>)=rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[v]>)$ , for all  $u,v\in V(G)$ . Thus the  $(\mu_1(v))-rr$  sequence of  $G_n$  is (n,n,...,n). But  $rr(G_n)=3n-3$  and so  $rr(G_n)\neq rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[u]>)$ , for any

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Madurai Sivakasi Nadars Pioneer Meenakshi Women's College, Poovanthi, Tamilnadu  $u \in V(G_n)$ . Thus  $G_n$  is n-rr regular graph but not n-rr highly regular.

**Theorem 3.2:** For any given integers  $m \ge 1$  and  $n \ge 2$ , there exists a n-rr highly regular graph of order m(n-1)+1 with rr- constant n.

**Proof:** Consider the complete graph  $K_n$ ,  $n \ge 2$ . Let G be the required graph. Take  $V(G) = \{v, v_1^{(1)}, v_2^{(1)}, ..., v_{n-1}^{(1)}, v_1^{(2)}, ..., v_{n-1}^{(2)}, ..., v_{n-1}^{(m)}, v_2^{(m)}, ..., v_{n-1}^{(m)}, \}$  and

 $E(G) = \{vv_i^{(j)} : 1 \le i \le n-1, 1 \le j \le m\} \cup \{v_i^{(j)}v_i^{(j)} : 1 \le i \ne s \le n-1, 1 \le j \le m\}$ . The graph G is shown in Figure 3.4.

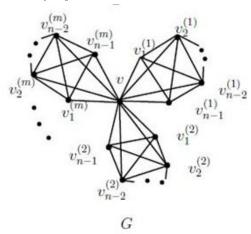


Figure 3.4

Here, we have  $\omega = n$  and rad(G) = 1.

Define 
$$f:V(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,3,...\}$$
 by

$$f(u_i^{(j)}) = i+1, \ 1 \le i \le n-1, 1 \le j \le m;$$
  
 $f(v) = 1.$ 

The radial radio condition for G is

$$d(u,v)+|f(u)-f(v)| \ge 2$$
 (4)

for all  $u,v\in V(G)$ . Now, we have to show that f is a radial radio labeling for G. Here, we have  $d(v_i^{(s)},v_j^{(t)})=2$ ,  $1\leq i\neq j\leq n-1,\ 1\leq s\neq t\leq m$ . From the definition,  $v_i^{(s)}$  and  $v_j^{(t)}$ ,  $1\leq i\neq j\leq n-1,\ 1\leq s\neq t\leq m$  have the same labels. By Fact (1), it can be allowed and hence f satisfies (4). Thus f is a radial radio labeling of G. Also, span(f)=n. Thus  $rr(G)\leq n$ . It is already proven that  $rr(G)\geq \omega[1]$  and hence  $rr(G)\geq n$ . Hence rr(G)=n.

Now, we find  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[u]>)$ , for all  $u \in V(G)$ . Here we have two types of vertices:

Type 1: vertex of degree m(n-1).

Type 2: vertex of degree n-1.

Let  $a\in V(G_n)$ . If deg(a)=m(n-1), then  $<\mathcal{N}_1[a]>\cong G$ . Hence  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[a]>)=n$ . If deg(a)=n-1, then  $<\mathcal{N}_1[a]>\cong K_n$ . We have,  $rr(K_n)=n$  [10] and so  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[a]>)=n$ . Hence  $rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[u]>)=rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[v]>)$ , for all  $u,v\in V(G)$ . Thus the  $(\mu_1(v))-rr$  sequence of G is (n,n,...,n) and hence G is n-rr regular. But rr(G)=n and so  $rr(G)=rr(<\mathcal{N}_1[u]>)$ , for any  $u\in V(G)$ . Thus G is n-rr highly regular.

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