

ISOMORPHISMS OF CONNECTED CYCLIC ABELIAN COVERS OF SYMMETRIC DIGRAPHS

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Abstract

Let D be a connected symmetric digraph, A a finite abelian group, $g \in A$ and Γ a group of automorphisms of D . We consider the number of Γ -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic A -covers of D for an element g of odd order. Specially, we enumerate the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic A -covers of D for an element g of odd order and the trivial automorphism group I of D , when A is the cyclic group \mathbb{Z}_p^n and the direct sum of m copies of \mathbb{Z}_p for any prime number $p(> 2)$.

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1 Introduction

Graphs and digraphs treated here are finite and simple.

A graph H is called a covering of a graph G with projection $\pi : H \rightarrow G$ if there is a surjection $\pi : V(H) \rightarrow V(G)$ such that $\pi|_{N(v')} : N(v') \rightarrow N(v)$ is a bijection for all vertices $v \in V(G)$ and $v' \in \pi^{-1}(v)$, where $N(v) = N_G(v) = \{w \in V(G) \mid (v, w) \in D(G)\}$, etc. The projection $\pi : H \rightarrow G$ is an n -fold covering of G if π is n -to-one. A covering $\pi : H \rightarrow G$ is said to be regular if there is a subgroup B of the automorphism group $\text{Aut } H$ of H acting freely on H such that the quotient graph H/B is isomorphic to G .

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Let G be a graph and A a finite group. Let $D(G)$ be the arc set of the symmetric digraph corresponding to G . Then a mapping $\alpha : D(G) \rightarrow A$ is called an ordinary voltage assignment if $\alpha(v, u) = \alpha(u, v)^{-1}$ for each $(u, v) \in D(G)$. The (ordinary) derived graph G^α derived from an ordinary voltage assignment α is defined as follows:

$$V(G^\alpha) = V(G) \times A, \text{ and } ((u, h), (v, k)) \in D(G^\alpha) \text{ if and only if } (u, v) \in D(G) \text{ and } k = h\alpha(u, v).$$

The graph G^α is called an A -covering of G . The A -covering G^α is an $|A|$ -fold regular covering of G . Every regular covering of G is an A -covering of G for some group A (see [3]). Furthermore the 1-cyclic A -cover $D_1(\alpha)$ of a symmetric digraph D can be considered as the A -covering \hat{D}^α of the underlying graph \hat{D} of D .

A general theory of graph coverings is developed in [4]. \mathbf{Z}_2 -coverings (double coverings) of graphs were dealt in [5] and [17]. Hofmeister [6] and, independently, Kwak and Lee [11] enumerated the I -isomorphism classes of n -fold coverings of a graph, for any $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Dresbach [2] obtained a formula for the number of strong isomorphism classes of regular coverings of graphs with voltages in finite fields. The I -isomorphism classes of regular coverings of graphs with voltages in finite dimensional vector spaces over finite fields were enumerated by Hofmeister [7]. Hong, Kwak and Lee [9] gave the number of I -isomorphism classes of \mathbf{Z}_n -coverings, $\mathbf{Z}_p \oplus \mathbf{Z}_p$ -coverings and D_n -coverings, n :odd, of graphs, respectively.

In the case of connected coverings, Kwak and Lee [13] enumerated the I -isomorphism classes of connected n -fold coverings of a graph G . Furthermore, Kwak, Chun and Lee [12] gave some formulas for the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected A -coverings of a graph G when A is a finite abelian group or D_n .

Let D be a symmetric digraph with arc set $A(D)$, A a finite group, and a function $\alpha : A(D) \rightarrow A$ an ordinary voltage assignment. For $g \in A$, a g -cyclic A -cover (or g -cyclic cover) $D_g(\alpha)$ of D is the digraph as follows:

$$V(D_g(\alpha)) = V(D) \times A, \text{ and } ((u, h), (v, k)) \in A(D_g(\alpha)) \text{ if and only if } (u, v) \in A(D) \text{ and } k^{-1}h\alpha(u, v) = g.$$

The natural projection $\pi : D_g(\alpha) \rightarrow D$ is a function from $V(D_g(\alpha))$ onto $V(D)$ which erases the second coordinates. A digraph D' is called a cyclic A -cover of D if D' is a g -cyclic A -cover of D for some $g \in A$. In the case that A is abelian, then $D_g(\alpha)$ is called simply a cyclic abelian cover.

Let α and β be two ordinary voltage assignments from $A(D)$ into A , and let Γ be a subgroup of the automorphism group $Aut D$ of D , denoted $\Gamma \leq Aut D$. Let $g, h \in A$. Then two cyclic A -covers $D_g(\alpha)$ and $D_h(\beta)$ are called Γ -isomorphic, denoted $D_g(\alpha) \cong_\Gamma D_h(\beta)$, if there exist an isomorphism $\Phi :$

$D_g(\alpha) \longrightarrow D_h(\beta)$ and a $\gamma \in \Gamma$ such that $\pi\Phi = \gamma\pi$, i.e., the diagram commutes. Let $I = \{1\}$ be the trivial group of automorphisms.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 D_g(\alpha) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & D_h(\beta) \\
 \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\
 D & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & D
 \end{array}$$

Cheng and Wells [1] discussed isomorphism classes of cyclic triple covers (1-cyclic \mathbf{Z}_3 -covers) of a complete symmetric digraph. Moreover, Mizuno and Sato [15] gave a formula for the characteristic polynomial of a cyclic A -cover of a symmetric digraph, for any finite group A . Mizuno and Sato [14] enumerated the number of I -isomorphism classes of g -cyclic \mathbf{Z}_p^n -covers of a connected symmetric digraph D for an element g of odd order and a prime number $p(> 2)$. Furthermore, Mizuno and Sato [16] gave a formula for the number of I -isomorphism classes of g -cyclic \mathbf{Z}_{p^n} -covers of D for any prime $p(> 2)$.

In Section 2, we discuss the number of Γ -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic A -covers of D for a finite abelian group A and $g \in A$ of odd order. In Section 3, we enumerate the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic \mathbf{Z}_p^n -covers and connected h -cyclic \mathbf{Z}_{p^n} -covers of D , where $p(> 2)$ is prime.

2 Isomorphisms of cyclic abelian covers

Let D be a symmetric digraph and A a finite group. A group Γ of automorphisms of D acts on the set $C(D)$ of ordinary voltage assignments from $A(D)$ into A as follows:

$$\alpha^\gamma(x, y) = \alpha(\gamma(x), \gamma(y)) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in A(D),$$

where $\alpha \in C(D)$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Any voltage $g \in A$ determines a permutation $\rho(g)$ of the symmetric group S_A on A which is given by $\rho(g)(h) = hg$, $h \in A$.

From now on, assume that D is connected and A is abelian. Let G be the underlying graph of D , T be a spanning tree of G and w a root of T . For any $\alpha \in C(D)$ and any walk W in G , the net α -voltage of W , denoted $\alpha(W)$, is the sum of the voltages of the edges of \overline{W} . Then the T -voltages α_T of α is defined as follows:

$$\alpha_T(u, v) = \alpha(P_u) + \alpha(u, v) - \alpha(P_v) \text{ for each } (u, v) \in D(G) = A(D),$$

where P_u and P_v denote the unique walk from w to u and v in T , respectively. For a function $f : A(D) \longrightarrow A$, the net f -values $f(W)$ of any walk

W is defined as the net f -voltage of W . For a function $f : A(D) \rightarrow A$, let the pseudolocal voltage group $A_f(v)$ of f at v denote the subgroup of A consisting of all net f -values of the closed walk based at $v \in V(D)$. By the hypothesis that A is abelian, we have $A_f(v) = A_f(w)$ for a function $f : A(D) \rightarrow A$ and any two vertices $v, w \in V(D)$. Thus, let $A_f = A_f(v)$ for any $v \in V(D)$. Notice that if $\alpha \in C(D)$ and $g \in A$, then the pseudolocal voltage groups $A_{\alpha-g}$ and A_{α_T-g} are equal to the group generated by g and $A_\alpha = A_{\alpha_T}$, where $(\alpha_T - g)(u, v) = \alpha_T(u, v) - g$, $(u, v) \in A(D)$. Moreover, $D_g(\alpha)$ is connected if and only if $A_{\alpha-g}$ is the full group A . Let $ord(g)$ be the order of $g \in A$.

Let D be a connected symmetric digraph, G its underlying graph and A a finite abelian group. The set of ordinary voltage assignments of G with voltages in A is denoted by $C^1(G; A)$. Note that $C(D) = C^1(G; A)$. Furthermore, let $C^0(G; A)$ be the set of functions from $V(G)$ into A . We consider $C^0(G; A)$ and $C^1(G; A)$ as additive groups.

The automorphism group $Aut A$ acts on $C^0(G; A)$ and $C^1(G; A)$ as follows:

$$(\sigma s)(x) = \sigma(s(x)) \text{ for } x \in V(D),$$

$$(\sigma \alpha)(x, y) = \sigma(\alpha(x, y)) \text{ for } (x, y) \in A(D),$$

where $s \in C^0(G; A)$, $\alpha \in C^1(G; A)$ and $\sigma \in Aut A$.

We proceed according to an analogue of a method in [12].

Theorem 1 *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph, G the underlying graph of D , T a spanning tree of G and $\Gamma \leq Aut G$. Let A, B be two finite abelian groups, $g \in A$ and $h \in B$. Let $\alpha \in C^1(G; A)$ and $\beta \in C^1(G; B)$. Assume that the orders of g and h are odd. Then the following are equivalent:*

1. $D_g(\alpha) \cong_\Gamma D_h(\beta)$.
2. There exist $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and an isomorphism $\sigma : A_{\alpha_T-g}(w) \rightarrow B_{\beta_{\gamma T}-h}(\gamma(w))$ such that

$$\beta_{\gamma T}^\gamma(u, v) = \sigma(\alpha_T(u, v)) \text{ for each } (u, v) \in A(D),$$

and

$$\sigma(g) = h.$$

where $w \in V(D)$.

Furthermore, if both α and β derive connected cyclic abelian covers, then the above statement 1 is also equivalent to:

There exist $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and an group isomorphism $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ such that

$$\beta_{\gamma T}^\gamma(u, v) = \sigma(\alpha_T(u, v)) \text{ for each } (u, v) \in A(D),$$

and

$$\sigma(g) = h.$$

Proof. By an analogue of the proof of Theorem 2 of [16], $D_g(\alpha) \cong_{\Gamma} D_h(\beta)$ if and only if there exist $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and an isomorphism $\sigma : A_{\alpha_T - g}(w) \longrightarrow B_{\beta_{\gamma T} - h}(\gamma(w))$ such that

$$\beta_{\gamma T}^{\gamma}(u, v) - h = \sigma(\alpha_T(u, v) - g) \text{ for each } (u, v) \in A(D).$$

Note that $\alpha_T(u, v) = \beta_{\gamma T}^{\gamma}(u, v) = 0$ for all $(u, v) \in A(T)$.

But we have $\beta_{\gamma T}^{\gamma}(v, u) - h = \sigma(\alpha_T(v, u) - g)$. Thus we have $-2h = -2\sigma(g)$. Since $\text{ord}(g) = \text{ord}(h)$ are odd, it follows that $\sigma(g) = h$.
Q.E.D.

Corollary 1 *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph, G the underlying graph of D , T a spanning tree of G and A a finite abelian group.*

1. *Let $g, h \in A$, $\alpha, \beta \in C(D)$ and $\Gamma \leq \text{Aut } G$. Assume that the orders of g and h are equal and odd. Then the following are equivalent:*

(a) $D_g(\alpha) \cong_{\Gamma} D_h(\beta)$.

(b) *There exist $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and an isomorphism $\sigma : A_{\alpha_T - g}(w) \longrightarrow A_{\beta_{\gamma T} - h}(\gamma(w))$ such that*

$$\beta_{\gamma T}^{\gamma}(u, v) = \sigma(\alpha_T(u, v)) \text{ for each } (u, v) \in A(D),$$

and

$$\sigma(g) = h.$$

If both α and β derive connected cyclic A -covers, then the condition (a) is also equivalent to say that there exist $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and an automorphism $\sigma \in \text{Aut } A$ such that

$$\beta_{\gamma T}^{\gamma}(u, v) = \sigma(\alpha_T(u, v)) \text{ for each } (u, v) \in A(D),$$

and

$$\sigma(g) = h.$$

2. *Let $g \in A$ and $\alpha, \beta \in C(D)$. Assume that the order of g is odd. If both $D_g(\alpha)$ and $D_g(\beta)$ are connected, then the following are equivalent:*

(a) $D_g(\alpha) \cong_I D_g(\beta)$.

(b) *There exists $\sigma \in \text{Aut } A$ such that*

$$\beta_T(u, v) = \sigma(\alpha_T(u, v)) \text{ for each } (u, v) \in A(D) \setminus A(T)$$

and

$$\sigma(g) = g.$$

Let D be a connected symmetric digraph and A a finite abelian group, $g \in A$. Furthermore, let G be the underlying graph of D and T a spanning tree of G . Then set, $C_T(D) = \{\alpha_T \mid \alpha \in C(D) = C^1(G; A)\}$. By Corollary 1 of [16], we have $D_g(\alpha) \cong_I D_g(\alpha_T)$ for any $\alpha \in C(G; A)$ and any $g \in A$. Thus we consider only an element α in $C_T(D)$.

Let $\alpha \in C_T(D)$ and $v \in V(D)$. The component of g -cyclic A -cover $D_g(\alpha)$ containing $(v, 0)$ is called the identity component of $D_g(\alpha)$. By the definition of cyclic A -covers, each component of $D_g(\alpha)$ is isomorphic to the identity component. Furthermore, the identity component of g -cyclic A -cover $D_g(\alpha)$ is just a g -cyclic $A_{\alpha-g}$ -cover if g is of odd order.

Lemma 1 *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph, G be the underlying graph of D , T a spanning tree of G and A a finite abelian group, $g \in A$, $\alpha, \beta \in C_T(D)$ and $v \in V(D)$. Then the following are equivalent:*

1. $D_g(\alpha) \cong_I D_g(\beta)$.
2. The identity component of $D_g(\alpha)$ is I -isomorphic to that of $D_g(\beta)$.

For a finite abelian group A and $g \in A$, let $Iso(D, A, g, I)$ denote the number of I -isomorphism classes of g -cyclic A -covers of D . Furthermore, let $Isoc(D, A, g, I)$ be the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic A -covers of D .

Theorem 2 *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph, A a finite abelian group and $g \in A$. Assume that the order of g is odd. Then*

$$Iso(D, A, g, I) = \sum_B Isoc(D, B, g, I),$$

where B runs over all representatives of isomorphism classes of subgroups of A which contain g and have an isomorphism fixing g .

Proof. We use Lemma 1. Let B and C be any two isomorphic subgroups of A which contain g and have an isomorphism fixing g . Then by Theorem 1, we have $Isoc(D, B, g, I) = Isoc(D, C, g, I)$ Furthermore, $Isoc(D, B, g, I)$ is equal to the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic A -covers of D whose pseudolocal voltage groups are isomorphic to B .

Q.E.D.

3 Isomorphisms of connected cyclic abelian covers

Let D be a connected symmetric digraph and A a finite abelian group. For A and a natural number n , let

$$F_g(A; n) = \{(g_1, \dots, g_n) \in A^n \mid \{g, g_1, \dots, g_n\} \text{ generates } A\}.$$

We give a formula for the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic A -covers of D for an element g of odd order.

Theorem 3 *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph, A a finite abelian group and $g \in A$. Furthermore, assume that the order of g is odd. Then*

$$Isoc(D, A, g, I) = |F_g(A; B(D))| / |(Aut A)_g|,$$

where $B(D) = |A(D)| / 2 - |V(D)| + 1$ is the Betti number of D and $(Aut A)_g = \{\sigma \in Aut A \mid \sigma(g) = g\}$.

Proof. Let G be the underlying graph of D and T a spanning tree of G . Then the pseudolocal voltage group $A_{\alpha_T - g}(w)$ for any connected g -cyclic A -covers $D_g(\alpha_T)$ of D is isomorphic to A . By Corollary 1.2, the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic A -covers of D is equal to that of $(Aut A)_g$ -orbits on $F_g(A; B(D))$. By Burnside's Lemma, we have

$$Isoc(D, A, g, I) = \frac{1}{|(Aut A)_g|} \sum_{\sigma \in (Aut A)_g} |F_g(A; B(D))^\sigma|,$$

where U^σ is the set consisting of the elements of U fixed by σ .

If $|F_g(A; B(D))^\sigma| \neq 0$, then there exists a $(g_1, \dots, g_n) \in F_g(A; B(D))$ such that $\sigma(g_i) = g_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. Since $\{g\} \cup \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$ generates A , we have $\sigma(h) = h$ for each $h \in A$, i.e., $\sigma = 1$. Therefore it follows that

$$Isoc(D, A, g, I) = |F_g(A; B(D))| / |(Aut A)_g|.$$

Q.E.D.

Let $p (> 2)$ be a prime number and \mathbf{Z}_p^n the direct sum of n copies of the cyclic group \mathbf{Z}_p .

Theorem 4 *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph and $g \in \mathbf{Z}_p^n \setminus \{0\}$. Then the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic \mathbf{Z}_p^n -covers of D is*

$$Isoc(D, \mathbf{Z}_p^n, g, I) = \frac{p^{B-n+1}(p^B - 1) \dots (p^{B-n+2} - 1)}{(p^{n-1} - 1)(p^{n-2} - 1) \dots (p - 1)},$$

where $B = B(D)$.

Proof. Since \mathbf{Z}_p^n is the n -dimensional vector space over \mathbf{Z}_p , the general linear group $GL_n(\mathbf{Z}_p)$ is the automorphism group of \mathbf{Z}_p^n . By Lemma 2 of [7], we have

$$|(\text{Aut } \mathbf{Z}_p^n)_g| = p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} (p^{n-1} - 1)(p^{n-2} - 1) \cdots (p - 1).$$

Let K be the orthogonal complement of $\langle g \rangle$ in the vector space \mathbf{Z}_p^n . Note that $K \cong \mathbf{Z}_p^{n-1}$. Then we have

$$F_g(\mathbf{Z}_p^n; B) = F_0(\mathbf{Z}_p^n; B) \cup \{(g_1, \dots, g_B) \in (\mathbf{Z}_p^n)^B \mid \{g_1, \dots, g_B\} \text{ generates } K\}.$$

By Lemma 1 of [12], we have

$$|F_0(\mathbf{Z}_p^n; B)| = p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} (p^B - 1)(p^{B-1} - 1) \cdots (p^{B-n+1} - 1).$$

Now, set $X = \{(g_1, \dots, g_B) \in (\mathbf{Z}_p^n)^B \mid \{g_1, \dots, g_B\} \text{ generates } \mathbf{Z}_p^{n-1}\}$. Let $(g_1, \dots, g_B) \in X$. Furthermore, let \mathbf{A} be the $n \times B$ matrix having g_1, g_2, \dots, g_B as column vectors. By the definition of X , the rank of \mathbf{A} is $n - 1$. Let u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n be the row vectors of \mathbf{A} . Then $(g_1, \dots, g_B) \in X$ if and only if $\dim \langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \rangle = n - 1$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} |X| &= |\{(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in (\mathbf{Z}_p^n)^B \mid \dim \langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \rangle = n - 1\}| \\ &= (p^B - 1)(p^B - p) \cdots (p^B - p^{n-2}) p^{n-1} \\ &= p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} (p^B - 1)(p^{B-1} - 1) \cdots (p^{B-n+2} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore it follows that

$$|F_g(\mathbf{Z}_p^n; B)| = p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + B - n + 1} (p^B - 1)(p^{B-1} - 1) \cdots (p^{B-n+2} - 1).$$

By Theorem 3, the result follows.

Q.E.D.

For $n = 2$ and $g \in \mathbf{Z}_p^2 \setminus \{0\}$, we have

$$\text{Isoc}(D, \mathbf{Z}_p, g, I) = p^B$$

and

$$\text{Isoc}(D, \mathbf{Z}_p^2, g, I) = \frac{p^{B-1}(p^B - 1)}{p - 1},$$

where $B = B(D)$. By Theorem 2, these imply that

$$\text{Iso}(D, \mathbf{Z}_p^2, g, I) = p^B + \frac{p^{B-1}(p^B - 1)}{p - 1}.$$

This is given in Corollary 4.6 of [14].

In general, the following result holds. This formula is an explicit form of the formula in [14].

Corollary 2 (14, Theorem 4.4) *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph and $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n \setminus \{0\}$. Then the number of I -isomorphism classes of g -cyclic \mathbb{Z}_p^n -covers of D is*

$$Iso(D, \mathbb{Z}_p^n, g, I) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{p^{B-k+1}(p^B - 1) \cdots (p^{B-k+2} - 1)}{(p^{k-1} - 1)(p^{k-2} - 1) \cdots (p - 1)},$$

where $B = B(D)$.

Let $p(> 2)$ be a prime number and \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} the cyclic group of order p^n .

Theorem 5 *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph, \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} the cyclic group of order p^n ($p(> 2)$: prime) and $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \setminus \{0\}$. Furthermore, let $ord(g) = p^{n-\mu}$ ($\mu < n$) be the order of g . Then the number of I -isomorphism classes of connected g -cyclic \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} -covers of D is*

$$Isoc(D, \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}, g, I) = \begin{cases} p^{(n-1)B-\mu}(p^B - 1) & \text{if } \mu \geq 1, \\ p^{nB} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $B = B(D)$.

Proof. By Theorem 6 of [16], we have

$$|(Aut \mathbb{Z}_{p^n})_g| = p^\mu.$$

At first, assume that $\mu \geq 1$. Let $(g_1, \dots, g_B) \in F_g(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}; B)$. Then the set $\{g_1, \dots, g_B, g\}$ generates the group \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} . Since g is not a generator of \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} , the set $\{g_1, \dots, g_B\}$ generates the group \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} . Thus we have

$$F_g(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}; B) = F_0(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}; B).$$

By Lemma 1 of [12], we have

$$|F_g(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}; B)| = p^{(n-1)B}(p^B - 1).$$

Next, let $\mu = 0$. Then g is a generator of \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} . Thus it follows that

$$F_g(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}; B) = (\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})^B,$$

i.e.,

$$|F_g(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}; B)| = p^{nB}.$$

By Theorem 3, the result follows.

Q.E.D.

For $n = 2$ and $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \setminus \{0\}$, we have

$$Isoc(D, \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}, g, I) = p^{B-1}(p^B - 1)$$

and

$$I_{soc}(D, \mathbb{Z}_p, g, I) = p^B.$$

By Theorem 2, these imply that

$$Iso(D, \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}, g, I) = p^B + p^{B-1}(p^B - 1).$$

In general, the following result is obtained. This formula is an alternative form of the formula in [16].

Corollary 3 (16, Theorem 6) *Let D be a connected symmetric digraph and $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} \setminus \{0\}$. Furthermore, let $ord(g) = p^{n-\mu}$ ($0 < \mu < n$) be the order of g . Then the number of I -isomorphism classes of g -cyclic \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} -covers of D is*

$$Iso(D, \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}, g, I) = p^{(n-\mu-1)B} + p^{(n-\mu-1)B}(p^B - 1) \frac{p^{(\mu+1)(B-1)} - 1}{(p^{B-1} - 1)},$$

where $B = B(D)$.

We state a few problems on enumeration of isomorphism classes of cyclic A -covers.

Problem 1 *When g is even order, can we obtain a characterization when two g -cyclic A -covers are Γ -isomorphic ?*

We have no information on enumeration of cyclic A -covers for any non-abelian group A .

Problem 2 *Can we derive enumeration formula for any other abelian groups or non-abelian groups ?*

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