

A diameter formula for an undirected double-loop network *

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Abstract

Let n, s_1 and s_2 be positive integers such that $1 \leq s_1 < n/2$, $1 \leq s_2 < n/2$, $s_1 \neq s_2$ and $\gcd(n, s_1, s_2)=1$. An undirected double-loop network $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ is a graph (V, E) , where $V = \mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$, and $E = \{i \rightarrow i + s_1 \pmod{n}, i \rightarrow i - s_1 \pmod{n}, i \rightarrow i + s_2 \pmod{n}, i \rightarrow i - s_2 \pmod{n} \mid i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$. In this paper, a diameter formula is given for an undirected double-loop network $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$. As its application, two new optimal families of undirected double-loop networks are presented.

1 Introduction

An undirected double-loop network is very useful in designs of local area networks, multimodule memory organization, data alignment in parallel memory systems and super-computer architecture. Many researchers are interested in the case of undirected networks [2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15-18], while others are interested in the case of directed ones [1, 3, 6, 9-12, 14]. Their interests mainly focus on routing, diameters and optimal double-loop networks. For more details we refer readers to [3] and [12] and the references therein.

Now we give definitions of some notations used in the following. Let G be a finite group with e as its identity. Let $S \subset G$ be a generator set of G such that $e \notin S$ and $g^{-1} \in S$ if $g \in S$. Define Cayley graph $\text{Cay}(G, S) = (V, E)$, where $V = G$ and $E = \{(x, y) \mid y = xg \text{ for some } g \in S\}$. Then $\text{Cay}(G, S)$ is a regular, vertex-transitive graph of degree $= |S|$.

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Let $d(i, j)$ be the length of a shortest path from i to j . The maximum length among all pairs of nodes, denoted by $d(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$, is the diameter of $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$. As $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ is vertex symmetric, $d(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2) = \max\{d(i, 0) \mid 0 \leq i < n\}$. Let $D(n) = \min\{d(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2) \mid 1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < n/2\}$. Wong and Coppersmith [16] gave a lower bound $(\sqrt{2n} - 3)/2$ for $D(n)$. Boesch and Wang [4] sharpened the bound by giving $lb(n) = \lceil \sqrt{2n-1} \rceil$, where $\lceil x \rceil$ denotes the minimum integer $\geq x$. For any n , taking $s_1 = lb(n)$ and $s_2 = lb(n) + 1$ (see [4, 17]) yields a graph $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ of diameter $lb(n)$. Du et al. [7] gave an upper bound of $\max\{q+1, r-2, h-r-1\}$ for $d(n; \pm 1, \pm h)$, where $n = qh + r, 0 \leq r < h$. Mukhopadhyaya and Sinha [13] proposed an $O(D)$ time optimal routing for an undirected double-loop network, where D is the diameter of the network. They also listed some open problems in [13], one of which is to derive an analytical formula for the diameter of $G(n; \pm 1, \pm h)$. In this paper, we will give a diameter formula for an undirected double-loop network $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ and therefore solve this problem. This paper is organized in such a way that Section 2 provides some preliminary facts, observations, and known results concerning undirected double-loop networks. In Section 3, a diameter formula for $d(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ is presented. In Section 4, two new optimal families of undirected double-loop networks are given.

2 Preliminary Observations

Let \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Z}^+ be the set of integers and nonnegative integers respectively. Let $\lfloor x \rfloor$ denote the maximum integer $\leq x$. Given $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$, an edge from i to $(i \pm s) \pmod{n}$ is called a $[\pm s]$ edge, where $s \in \{s_1, s_2\}$. It is known that $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ is connected if and only if $\gcd(n, s_1, s_2) = 1$. In the following we always assume that $1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < n/2$ and $\gcd(n, s_1, s_2) = 1$.

Consider a path from i to j involving w, x, y , and z (all non-negative integers) number of $[+s_1], [-s_1], [+s_2], [-s_2]$ edges respectively. Then $j \equiv (i + ws_1 - xs_1 + ys_2 - zs_2) \pmod{n}$. Since we are only interested in the length of the paths, we shall denote such a path by $w[+s_1] + x[-s_1] + y[+s_2] + z[-s_2]$. If a path $w[+s_1] + x[-s_1] + y[+s_2] + z[-s_2]$ from i to j is the shortest one, then at most one of w and x is nonzero and at most one of y and z is nonzero.

Given $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$, we construct an infinite grid $G_{n, \pm s_1, \pm s_2}$ in \mathbb{Z}^2 by labelling each lattice point (i, j) by $is_1 + js_2 \pmod{n}$. We refer to a lattice point with label i as an i -point. If $is_1 + js_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, then we call (i, j) a 0-point.

We define

$$dist((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = |x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2|$$

as the distance between lattice points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) .

Let $|\vec{\alpha}|$ denote the length of the vector $\vec{\alpha}$ and let $\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}$ be the vector product of $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$. Suppose that A, B, C , and D are $(0, 0)$, (u, v) , $(u - a, v + b)$, and $(-a, b)$ respectively, where $u, v, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and lattice points A, B , and D are not on the same line. Let $S_{\square ABCD}$ denote the area of the parallelogram $ABCD$. Notice that $S_{\square ABCD} = |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AD}|$, we have $S_{\square ABCD} = ub + va$.

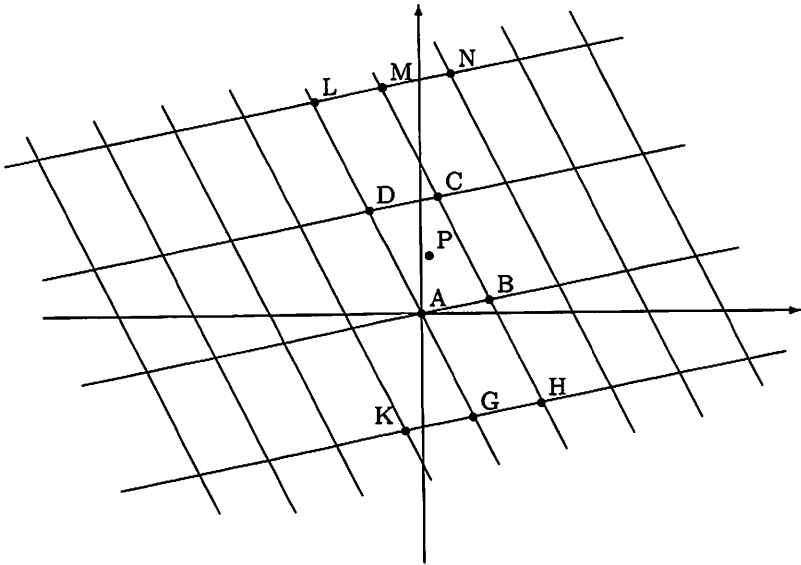


Fig. 1 $A, B, C, D, G, H, K, L, M$ and N are 0-points.

Since the following three lemmas can be proved just like Lemma 1, Lemma 2 and Lemma 3 in [7], their proofs are omitted here.

Lemma 1: Suppose that 0-points A, B, C, D have coordinates $(0, 0)$, (u, v) , $(u - a, v + b)$, and $(-a, b)$, respectively, with u, v, a, b are all nonnegative integers. If the area of the region Σ covered by the parallelogram $ABCD$, excluding the two edges BC and CD (and by implication, the lattice points B, C and D), is n , then Σ contains exactly n lattice points whose labels are $0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$.

Corollary 1: The region Σ and lattice points A, B, C, D are defined as in Lemma 1. Suppose that the area of Σ is n . If (p, q) is a 0-point, then there exist two integers t_1, t_2 such that $(p, q) = t_1(u, v) + t_2(-a, b)$.

Proof. As A, B and D are not on the same line, there exist two real numbers t_1, t_2 such that $(p, q) = t_1(u, v) + t_2(-a, b)$. If t_1 and t_2 are not both integers, as B and D are 0-points, then $T = (t_1 - [t_1])(u, v) + (t_2 - [t_2])(-a, b)$ is a 0-point. As T is in Σ , we know that there are two 0-points A and T in Σ . This contradicts the conclusion of Lemma 1. \square

Lemma 2: Suppose that the region Σ and the four lattice points A, B, C, D are defined as in Lemma 1 and that $u \geq v, a < u, a \leq b$ and $v < b$. Consider the points P and Q with coordinates $(\lfloor (u - a)/2 \rfloor, \lfloor (v + b)/2 \rfloor)$ and $(\lfloor (u -$

$a)/2], [(v + b)/2]$), respectively. If Σ includes n lattice points, then no 0-point is closer to P than the nearest of the points A, B, C, D . Thus, the shortest distance from node 0 to node $[(u - a)/2]s_1 + [(v + b)/2]s_2$ in $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ is $\min\{dist(A, P), dist(B, P), dist(C, P), dist(D, P)\}$. The shortest distance from node 0 to node $[(u - a)/2]s_1 + [(v + b)/2]s_2$ is similarly related to point Q .

Lemma 3: Suppose that the region Σ and the four lattice points A, B, C, D are defined as in Lemma 1 and that $u < v, b < a, u < a$ and $b \leq v$. Consider the points P' and Q' with coordinates $-[(a - u)/2], [(v + b)/2]$ and $-[(a - u)/2], [(v + b)/2]$), respectively. If Σ includes n lattice points, then no 0-point is closer to P' than the nearest of the points A, B, C, D . Thus, the shortest distance from node 0 to node $-[(a - u)/2]s_1 + [(v + b)/2]s_2$ in $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ is $\min\{dist(A, P'), dist(B, P'), dist(C, P'), dist(D, P')\}$. The shortest distance from node 0 to node $-[(u - a)/2]s_1 + [(v + b)/2]s_2$ is similarly related to point Q' .

By Lemma 2 and Lemma 3, we know that

$$d(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2) \geq \min\{dist(P, A), dist(P, B), dist(P, C), dist(P, D)\},$$

where P is a lattice point near or in the center of the parallelogram $ABCD$. This inequality is helpful in studying diameters of undirected double-loop networks in the next section.

3 A diameter formula for an undirected double-loop network

In this section, we will give a diameter formula for an undirected double-loop network.

Definition 1: (a_1, a_2) is said to be a non-negative solution of the congruence equation

$$xs_1 + ys_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \tag{1}$$

if $a_1s_1 + a_2s_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $(a_1, a_2) \neq (0, 0)$. (u, v) is said to be the smallest non-negative solution of the congruence equation (1) if (u, v) is a non-negative solution of the equation (1) and the following conditions hold:

- (1) if (a_1, a_2) is a non-negative solution of the equation (1), then $u + v \leq a_1 + a_2$.
- (2) if (a_1, a_2) is a non-negative solution of the equation (1) with $(a_1, a_2) \neq (u, v)$ and $u + v = a_1 + a_2$, then $u > a_1$.

For example, it is easy to see that $(4, 1), (2, 3), (0, 5), (8, 2), (4, 6), \dots$ are non-negative solutions of the equation $x + 6y \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$. Thus $(4, 1)$ is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation $x + 6y \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$.

Definition 2: Let (u, v) be the smallest non-negative solution of the congruence equation (1). $(-a_1, a_2)$ is said to be a cross solution of the congruence equation (1) if $-a_1s_1 + a_2s_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $(-a_1, a_2) \neq (0, 0)$, and $(-a_1, a_2), (0, 0), (u, v)$ are not on the same line. $(-a, b)$ is said to be the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation (1) if $(-a, b)$ is a cross solution of the equation (1) and the following conditions hold:

- (1) if $(-a_1, a_2)$ is a cross solution of the equation (1), then $a + b \leq a_1 + a_2$.

(2) if $(-a_1, a_2)$ is a cross solution of the equation (1) with $(-a_1, a_2) \neq (-a, b)$ and $a + b = a_1 + a_2$, then $b > a_2$.

For example, it is easy to see that (2, 2) is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation $4x + 5y \equiv 0 \pmod{18}$, and $(-9, 0), (-7, 2), (-5, 4), (-3, 6), (-1, 8), (-18, 0), (-14, 4), (-16, 2), \dots$ are cross solutions of the congruence equation $4x + 5y \equiv 0 \pmod{18}$. Thus $(-1, 8)$ is the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation $4x + 5y \equiv 0 \pmod{18}$.

Lemma 4: Let (u, v) be the smallest non-negative solution of the congruence equation (1) and $(-a, b)$ be the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation (1). If $u < v$, then $a > u, a > b, b < v$.

Proof. Firstly, we claim that $b < v$. In fact, if $b \geq v$, then $(-a - u, b - v)$ is a cross solution of the equation (1) and $a + u + b - v < a + b$. This contradicts the hypothesis that $(-a, b)$ is the smallest cross solution of the equation (1).

Secondly, we prove $a > b$. If $a \leq b$, since $b < v$, $(u + a, v - b)$ must be a non-negative solution of the equation (1) and $u + a + v - b \leq u + v$. This contradicts the hypothesis that (u, v) is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation (1).

Finally, we prove $a > u$. If $a \leq u$, since $a > b$, $(u - a, v + b)$ must be a non-negative solution of the equation (1) and $u - a + b + v < u + v$. This contradicts the hypothesis that (u, v) is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation (1). \square

By similar arguments, we can show the following Lemma 5.

Lemma 5: Let (u, v) be the smallest non-negative solution of the equation (1), and $(-a, b)$ be the smallest cross solution of the equation (1). If $u \geq v$, then $a < u, a \leq b, v < b$.

Lemma 6: Let (u, v) be the smallest non-negative solution of the congruence equation (1) and $(-a, b)$ be the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation (1). Then $ub + va = n$.

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1: $u \geq v$, by Lemma 5 we know that $a < u, a \leq b, v < b$.

As any one of two cases: (1) $u + v > a + b$, (2) $u + v \leq a + b$ may happen, for convenience, in the following we just consider the first case: $u + v > a + b$. The other case can be similarly proved.

Let $M = \begin{pmatrix} u & -a \\ v & b \end{pmatrix}$. The set $M\mathbb{Z}^2$, whose elements are linear combinations (with integral coefficients) of the (column) vectors $m_1 = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ and $m_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$, is said to be the lattice generated by M . Clearly, $M\mathbb{Z}^2$ with usual vector addition is a normal subgroup of \mathbb{Z}^2 .

Let $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Now define a map $\varphi: \text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}^2/M\mathbb{Z}^2, \{e_1, e_2, -e_1, -e_2\}) \rightarrow \text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \{s_1, s_2, -s_1, -s_2\})$ by $\varphi\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = x_1 s_1 + x_2 s_2$.

For any $t \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, as $\text{gcd}(n, s_1, s_2) = 1$, there exist two integers x_1, x_2 such that $x_1 s_1 + x_2 s_2 \equiv t \pmod{n}$. That is, φ is a surjective map.

In the following we will prove φ is injective.

Since $m_1 = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ and $m_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ are linear independent, for any two integers x_1, x_2 , there exist two real numbers t_1, t_2 such that $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = t_1 m_1 + t_2 m_2$. If $x_1 s_1 + x_2 s_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, then we will prove that t_1, t_2 are both integers. That is, $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in M\mathbb{Z}^2$.

If t_1, t_2 are not both integers, then $t_1 = [t_1] + r_1$, $t_2 = [t_2] + r_2$, where $0 \leq r_1 < 1, 0 \leq r_2 < 1$ and at least one of r_1, r_2 is not zero. Thus $(r_1u - r_2a)s_1 + (r_1v + r_2b)s_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$.

If $r_1u - r_2a < 0$, since $-r_1u + r_2a + r_1v + r_2b < a + b$, it is contradictory to that $(-a, b)$ is the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation (1).

If $r_1u - r_2a \geq 0$, three subcases are considered.

Subcase 1.1: $r_1u - r_2a \leq u - a$. As $(r_1u - r_2a, r_1v + r_2b)$ and $(u - a - r_1u + r_2a, b + v - r_1v - r_2b)$ are two non-negative solutions of the equation (1) and $r_1u - r_2a + r_1v + r_2b + u - a - r_1u + r_2a + b + v - r_1v - r_2b = u - a + b + v \leq a + b + u + v < 2u + 2v$, we see that either $r_1u - r_2a + r_1v + r_2b < u + v$ or $u - a - r_1u + r_2a + b + v - r_1v - r_2b < u + v$ holds. This contradicts the hypothesis that (u, v) is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation (1).

Subcase 1.2: $r_1u - r_2a > u - a$ and $r_1v + r_2b < v$. As $(u - r_1u + r_2a, v - r_1v - r_2b)$ is a non-negative solution of the equation (1) and $u - r_1u + r_2a + v - r_1v - r_2b < u + v$, it contradicts the hypothesis that (u, v) is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation (1).

Subcase 1.3: $r_1u - r_2a > u - a$ and $r_1v + r_2b \geq v$. As $(u - a - r_1u + r_2a, b + v - r_1v - r_2b)$ is a cross solution of the equation (1) and $-(u - a - r_1u + r_2a) + b + v - r_1v - r_2b < a + b$, it contradicts the hypothesis that $(-a, b)$ is the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation (1).

From above, we see that φ is injective. It is easy to verify that φ is a homomorphism. Thus φ is an isomorphism between $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}^2/M\mathbb{Z}^2, \{e_1, e_2, -e_1, -e_2\})$ and $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \{s_1, s_2, -s_1, -s_2\})$. So $|\mathbb{Z}^2/M\mathbb{Z}^2| = |\mathbb{Z}_n| = n$. By Proposition 2.1 [10], we have $|\det M| = |\mathbb{Z}^2/M\mathbb{Z}^2|$. Thus $n = |\det M| = ub + va$.

Case 2: $u < v$. The equality $n = ub + va$ can be similarly proved. \square

Theorem 1: Given $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$, where n, s_1 and s_2 are positive integers such that $1 \leq s_1 < n/2, 1 \leq s_2 < n/2, s_1 \neq s_2$ and $\gcd(n, s_1, s_2) = 1$. Let (u, v) be the smallest non-negative solution of the congruence equation (1) and $(-a, b)$ be the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation (1). Let $r_1 = \lfloor (u + v)/2 \rfloor, r_2 = \lfloor (a + b)/2 \rfloor, r_3 = \lfloor (|u - a| + v + b)/2 \rfloor, r_4 = \lfloor (u + a + |v - b|)/2 \rfloor$, and $d_1 = \max\{r_1, r_2, \min\{r_3, r_4\}\}$. Then $d(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ equals $r_3 - 1$ if $r_3 = r_4$ and $(u + a)(v - b) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$; otherwise, it equals d_1 .

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1: $u \geq v$. By Lemma 5 and Lemma 6 we know that $a < u, a \leq b, b > v$ and $ub + va = n$.

Let lattice points A, B, C and D be $(0, 0), (u, v), (u - a, v + b)$ and $(-a, b)$ respectively (see Fig. 1), and Σ be region surrounded by the parallelogram $ABCD$, excluding the edges BC and CD . As the area of Σ is $ub + va = n$, by Lemma 1, we see that Σ includes exactly n lattice points whose labels are $0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$.

Since $u \geq v, a < u, a \leq b, b > v$ and Σ includes n lattice points, we can use Lemma 2, 3 and follow the proof of Lemma 4 [7] to prove that the diameter formula for $G(n; \pm s_1, \pm s_2)$ is true.

Case 2: $u < v$. The diameter formula can be similarly proved by using Lemma 2, 3, 4, 6 and Lemma 5 [7]. \square

Example 1: computing the diameter of $G(38; \pm 2, \pm 5)$. It is easy to see that

(4, 6) is the smallest non-negative solution of the congruence equation $2x + 5y \equiv 0 \pmod{38}$, and $(-5, 2)$ is the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation $2x + 5y \equiv 0 \pmod{38}$. Thus, by Theorem 1, we have $r_1=5, r_2=3, r_3=4$ and $r_4=6$. As $r_3 \neq r_4$, we have $d(38; 2, 5) = \max\{r_1, r_2, \min\{r_3, r_4\}\} = 5$.

Example 2: computing the diameter of $G(39; \pm 1, \pm 17)$. It is easy to see that $(5, 2)$ is the smallest non-negative solution of the congruence equation $x + 17y \equiv 0 \pmod{39}$, and $(-2, 7)$ is the smallest cross solution of the congruence equation $x + 17y \equiv 0 \pmod{39}$. Thus, by Theorem 1, we have $r_1=3, r_2=4, r_3=6$ and $r_4=6$. As $r_3=r_4$ and $(u + a)(v - b) = (5 + 2) * (2 - 7) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, we then have $d(39; 1, 17) = r_3 - 1 = 5$.

4 Applications

Many optimal families of undirected double-loop networks are given in [2, 7, 15]. Two new optimal families of undirected double-loop networks will be given in this section.

In the following, we shall use the following notations:

$$n_k = 2k^2 + 2k + 1, k \geq 0;$$

$$R[k] = \{n_{k-1} + 1, n_{k-1} + 2, \dots, n_k\}, k \geq 1;$$

Let $n \in R[k]$ and $D_n^* = \min\{d(n; \pm 1, \pm s) \mid 1 < s < n/2\}$. Then

$$D_n^* \geq lb(n) = \lceil \frac{\sqrt{2n-1} - 1}{2} \rceil = k.$$

If there exists some h_n such that $D_n^* = d(n; \pm 1, \pm h_n) = k$, then n and $G(n; \pm 1, \pm h_n)$ will be called optimal.

If there exists some h_n such that $D_n^* = d(n; \pm 1, \pm h_n) = k + 1$, then n and $G(n; \pm 1, \pm h_n)$ will be called suboptimal.

A set Θ of natural numbers will be called an optimal (suboptimal) family if each $n \in \Theta$ is optimal (suboptimal).

Lemma 7[2]: Let $n \in R[k]$, then n is optimal in each of the cases:

- (1) $\gcd(n, k) = 1$,
- (2) $\gcd(n, k + 1) = 1$,
- (3) $\gcd(n, k - 1) = 1$ and $n \leq 2k^2 + 1$.

and in each case the associated hop h_n is easily determined.

If k is odd, then $\gcd(2k^2 - 2, k) = 1$. By Lemma 7 it is easy to see that $2k^2 - 2$, where $k = 2e + 3, e \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, is optimal. On the other hand, there exists k such that $2k^2 - 2$ is suboptimal. For example, when $k = 14, 2k^2 - 2 = 390$ is suboptimal. One can refer to Appendix B in [15].

By using the algorithm given in [18] and computer search, we find that $\{2k^2 - 2 \mid k = 10e + 10, e \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 20\}\}$ is an optimal family. Thus we conjecture that $\{2k^2 - 2 \mid k = 10e + 10, e \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ is an optimal family. For $n = 2k^2 - 2, k = 10e + 10$, we have $n = (10e + 8) * (4e + 2) + (10e + 13) * (16e + 14)$. Since $\gcd(10e + 13, 4e + 2) = 1$, there exist two integers α, β such that $\alpha(10e + 13) -$

$\beta(4e+2) = 1$. Let $s \equiv \alpha(16e+14) + \beta(10e+8) \pmod{n}$. It is easy to see that s satisfies $10e+8 + (10e+13)s \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ and $(-16e-14) + (4e+2)s \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$. By Theorem 1, we can see that $d(n; \pm 1, \pm s) = k = lb(n)$.

For $n = 2k^2 - 2, k = 10e+18$, we can find s' as above such that $d(n; \pm 1, \pm s') = k$. In the following we will use diameter formulas in section 3 to prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2: (1) Let $\Theta = \{2k^2 - 2 \mid k = 10e + 10, e \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. Then Θ is an optimal family.

(2) Let $\Phi = \{2k^2 - 2 \mid k = 10e + 18, e \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. Then Φ is an optimal family.

Proof. (1) Let $n = 2k^2 - 2$, where $k = 10e + 10$. Then $n = 200e^2 + 400e + 198$. Let $s \equiv 100e^5 + 50e^4 - 26e^3 - 86e^2 - 408e - 290 \pmod{n}$. It suffices to prove that $d(n; \pm 1, \pm s) = 10e + 10$.

Consider the congruence equation

$$x + ys \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \quad (*)$$

Let $(u, v) = (10e + 8, 10e + 13)$ and $(-a, b) = (-16e - 14, 4e + 2)$. In the following we will prove that (u, v) is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation $(*)$ and $(-a, b)$ is the smallest cross solution of the equation $(*)$.

Since $10e + 8 + (10e + 13)s = 1000e^6 + 1800e^5 + 390e^4 - 1198e^3 - 5198e^2 - 8194e - 3762 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, $(10e + 8, 10e + 13)$ is a non-negative solution of the equation $(*)$.

Since $-16e - 14 + (4e + 2)s = 400e^6 + 400e^5 - 4e^4 - 396e^3 - 1804e^2 - 1992e - 594 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, $(-16e - 14, 4e + 2)$ is a cross solution of the equation $(*)$.

Suppose that (p, q) is a non-negative solution of the equation $(*)$. As $ub + va = n$, by Corollary 1, we see that there exist two integers t_1, t_2 such that $(p, q) = t_1(u, v) + t_2(-a, b)$. Thus $(p, q) = (t_1(10e + 8) + t_2(-16e - 14), t_1(10e + 13) + t_2(4e + 2))$. As $p \geq 0$, we have $t_1 > t_2$.

If $t_2 \leq -1$, as $q \geq 0$, we have $t_1 \geq 1$. Thus $p + q \geq p = t_1(10e + 8) + t_2(-16e - 14) \geq 10e + 8 + 16e + 14 > 10e + 8 + 10e + 13$.

If $t_2 = 0$, then $t_1 \geq 1$. Thus $p + q = t_1(10e + 8) + t_1(10e + 13) \geq 10e + 8 + 10e + 13$.

If $t_2 \geq 1$, then $t_1 \geq 2$. Thus $p + q \geq q = t_1(10e + 13) + t_2(4e + 2) \geq 2(10e + 13) + 4e + 2 > 10e + 8 + 10e + 13$.

From above we conclude that (1) $p + q \geq u + v$, (2) $p + q = u + v$ if and only if $t_1 = 1, t_2 = 0$. That is, $p + q = u + v$ if and only if $(p, q) = (u, v)$. Thus (u, v) is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation $(*)$. In the following we prove that $(-a, b)$ is the smallest cross solution of the equation $(*)$. Suppose that $(-p, q)$ is a cross solution of the equation $(*)$. By Corollary 1, we know that there exist two integers t_1, t_2 such that $(-p, q) = t_1(u, v) + t_2(-a, b)$. Thus $(-p, q) = (t_1(10e + 8) + t_2(-16e - 14), t_1(10e + 13) + t_2(4e + 2))$.

Now we prove that $t_2 > 0$. If $t_2 = 0$, as $p \geq 0, q \geq 0$, then $t_1 = 0$. Thus $(-p, q) = 0$, a contradiction. If $t_2 < 0$, as $p \geq 0$, we have $t_1 < 0$. On the other hand, since $q \geq 0$, we have $t_1 > 0$. A contradiction.

If $t_1 < 0$, since $q \geq 0$, we have $t_2 > -2t_1$. Thus $p + q \geq p = -t_1(10e + 8) + t_2(16e + 14) > 10e + 8 + 2(16e + 14) > 16e + 14 + 4e + 2$.

If $t_1 \geq 0$, then $p + q = -t_1(10e + 8) + t_2(16e + 14) + t_1(10e + 13) + t_2(4e + 2) = 20t_2e + 16t_2 + 5t_1 \geq 20t_2e + 16t_2 \geq 16e + 14 + 4e + 2$.

From above we conclude that (1) $p + q \geq a + b$, (2) $p + q = a + b$ if and only if $t_1 = 0, t_2 = 1$. That is, $p + q = a + b$ if and only if $(-p, q) = (-a, b)$. Thus $(-a, b)$ is the smallest cross solution of the equation (*).

Thus, by Theorem 1, we have $r_1 = \lfloor (10e + 8 + 10e + 13)/2 \rfloor = 10e + 10$, $r_2 = \lfloor (16e + 14 + 4e + 2)/2 \rfloor = 10e + 8$, $r_3 = \lfloor (|10e + 8 - 16e - 14| + 10e + 13 + 4e + 2)/2 \rfloor = 10e + 10$ and $r_4 = \lfloor (10e + 8 + 16e + 14 + |10e + 13 - 4e - 2|)/2 \rfloor = 16e + 16$. Since $r_3 < r_4$, we then have $d(n; \pm 1, \pm s) = 10e + 10$.

(2) Let $n = 2k^2 - 2$, where $k = 10e + 18$. Thus $n = 200e^2 + 720e + 646$. Let $s \equiv 100e^5 + 410e^4 + 478e^3 + 84e^2 - 42e + 30 \pmod{n}$.

It suffices to prove that $d(n; \pm 1, \pm s) = 10e + 18$. Consider the congruence equation

$$x + ys \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \tag{**}$$

It can be similarly proved that $(10e + 16, 10e + 21)$ is the smallest non-negative solution of the equation (**) and $(-18e - 30, 2e + 1)$ is the smallest cross solution of the equation (**).

Thus, by Theorem 1, we have $r_1 = \lfloor (10e + 16 + 10e + 21)/2 \rfloor = 10e + 18$, $r_2 = \lfloor (18e + 30 + 2e + 1)/2 \rfloor = 10e + 15$, $r_3 = \lfloor (|10e + 16 - 18e - 30| + 10e + 21 + 2e + 1)/2 \rfloor = 10e + 18$ and $r_4 = \lfloor (10e + 16 + 18e + 30 + |10e + 21 - 2e - 1|)/2 \rfloor = 18e + 33$. As $r_3 < r_4$, then we have $d(n; \pm 1, \pm s) = 10e + 18$. \square

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