

# Detour Global Domination for $k$ -Regular Graphs with Girth 3 Where $k$ is Even

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*Abstract*

In this paper, we introduced the new concept detour global domination number for  $k$ -regular graph with girth 3, where  $k$  is even. First we recollect the concept of  $k$ -regular graphs and we produce some results based on the detour global domination number for  $k$ -regular graph with girth 3, where  $k$  is even. A set  $S$  is called a *detour global dominating set* of  $G$  if  $S$  is both detour and global dominating set of  $G$ . The *detour global domination number* is the minimum cardinality of a detour global dominating set in  $G$ .

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## 1 Introduction

By a graph  $G = (V, E)$  we mean a finite, connected, undirected graph with neither loops nor multiple edges. The *order*  $|V|$  and *size*  $|E|$  of  $G$  are denoted by  $p$  and  $q$  respectively. For graph theoretic terminology we refer to West[9]. For vertices  $x$  and  $y$  in a connected graph  $G$ , the *detour distance*  $D(x, y)$  is the length of a longest  $x - y$  path in  $G$ [1]. An  $x - y$  path of length  $D(x, y)$  is called an  $x - y$  detour. The closed interval  $I_D[x, y]$  consists of all vertices lying on some  $x - y$  detour of  $G$ . For  $S \subseteq V$ ,  $I_D[S] = \bigcup_{x, y \in S} I_D[x, y]$ . A set  $S$  of vertices is a *detour set* if  $I_D[S] = V$ , and the minimum cardinality of a detour set is the *detour number*  $dn(G)$ . A detour set of cardinality  $dn(G)$  is called a *minimum detour set* [2].

A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  in a graph  $G$  is a *dominating set* of  $G$  if for every vertex  $v$  in  $V - S$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in S$  such that  $v$  is adjacent to  $u$ . The *domination number* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ [3]. The complement  $\overline{G}$  of a graph  $G$  also has  $V(G)$  as its point set, but two points are adjacent in  $\overline{G}$  if and only if they are not adjacent in  $G$ . A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is called a *global dominating set* of  $G$  if it is a

dominating set of both  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$ [7].

A graph is  $k$ -regular if every vertex has degree  $k$ . The *girth* of a graph is the length of its shortest cycle.[5]

**Definition 1.1** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected graph with at least two vertices. A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a *detour global dominating set* of  $G$  if  $S$  is both *detour* and *global dominating set* of  $G$ . The *detour global domination number*, denoted by  $\overline{\gamma}_d(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a *detour global dominating set* of  $G$  and the *detour global dominating set* with cardinality  $\overline{\gamma}_d(G)$  is called the  $\overline{\gamma}_d$ -set of  $G$  or  $\overline{\gamma}_d(G)$ -set.[4]

In 2015, N. Mohanapriya, et. Al. [6] investigated the domination number and its parameters for four regular graphs  $G(n)$  on  $n$  vertices with girth 3. In 2019, Primo Potocnik and Jano Vidali[8] studied girth regular graphs. In 2020, C. Jayasekaran, S. Delbin Prema and S.V. Ashwin Prakash[5] studied irredundance and domination number for six regular graph with girth 3. This motivated us to determine detour global domination number for  $k$ -regular graph with girth 3 where  $k$  is even.

In Section 2 we deal with the structure for 4 regular graph with girth 3 and 6 regular graph with girth 3.

In Section 3 we introduce detour global domination number for  $k$ -regular graph with girth 3 where  $k$  is even and condition for minimum number of detour global dominating set.

## 2 Basic Definitions

**Definition 2.1** If  $v_1$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-1}, v_n, v_2, v_3$ ;  $v_2$  is adjacent with  $v_n, v_1, v_3, v_4$ ;  $v_i$  is adjacent with  $v_{i-2}, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}$ , where  $i = 3$  to  $n-2$ ,  $v_{n-1}$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-3}, v_{n-2}, v_n, v_1$  and  $v_n$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_1, v_2$  such that  $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_n$  forms a cycle, then clearly each vertex is of degree 4. Hence, the graph has  $2n$  edges. Thus, from the construction, we have a 4-regular graph of girth 3 with  $n$  vertices and  $2n$  edges. In Figure 1, a four regular graph on  $n$  vertices with girth 3 is shown.

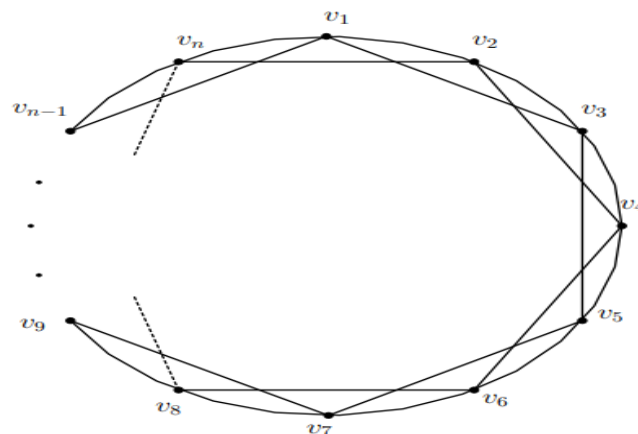


Figure 1 :  $G(n, 4, 3)$

**Definition 2.2** If  $v_1$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n, v_2, v_3, v_4$ ;  $v_2$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-1}, v_n, v_1, v_3, v_4, v_5$ ;  $v_i$  is adjacent with  $v_{i-3}, v_{i-2}, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}, v_{i+3}$ , where  $i = 3$  to  $n-2$ ,  $v_{n-1}$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-4}, v_{n-3}, v_{n-2}, v_n, v_1, v_2$  and  $v_n$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-3}, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_1, v_2, v_3$  such that  $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_n$  forms a cycle, then clearly each vertex is of degree 6. Hence, the graph has  $3n$  edges. Thus, from the construction, we have a 6-regular graph of girth 3 with  $n$  vertices and  $3n$  edges. In Figure 2, a six regular graph on  $n$  vertices with girth 3 is shown.

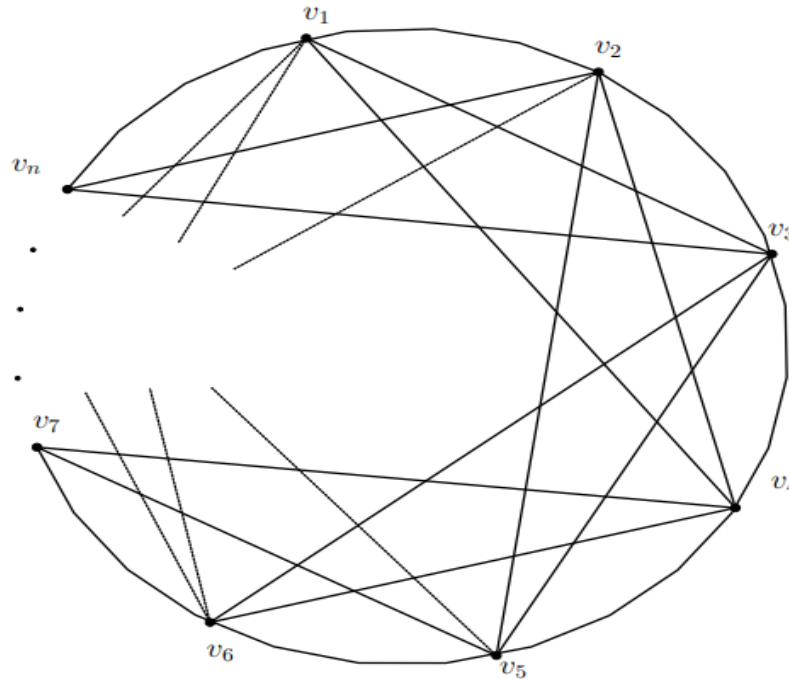


Figure 2 :  $G(n, 6, 3)$

### 3 Detour global domination number for $k$ -regular graph with girth 3

**Definition 3.1** If  $v_1$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-(\frac{k}{2}-1)}, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\frac{k}{2}+1}$ ;  $v_2$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-(\frac{k}{2}-2)}, \dots, v_n, v_1, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{\frac{k}{2}+2}$ ;  $v_i$  is adjacent with  $v_{i-\frac{k}{2}}, \dots, v_{i-2}, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}, \dots, v_{i+\frac{k}{2}}$ , where  $i = 3$  to  $n-2$ ,  $v_{n-1}$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-(\frac{k}{2}+1)}, \dots, v_{n-3}, v_{n-2}, v_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{\frac{k}{2}-1}$  and  $v_n$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-\frac{k}{2}}, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{\frac{k}{2}}$  such that  $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_n$  forms a cycle, then clearly each vertex is of degree  $k$ . Hence, the graph has  $\frac{nk}{2}$  edges. Thus, from the construction, we have a  $k$ -regular graph of girth 3 with  $n$  vertices and  $\frac{nk}{2}$  edges where  $k$  is even. In this section we denote the  $k$  regular graph on  $n$  vertices with girth 3 as  $G(n, k, 3)$ .

**Theorem 3.2** For any integer  $n \geq k+1$ ,  $\bar{\gamma}_d(G(n, k, 3)) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } n = k+1 \\ \left\lceil \frac{n}{k+1} \right\rceil & \text{for } n \geq k+2 \end{cases}$

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $G(n, k, 3)$  such that  $v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_n v_1$  forms a cycle. Now consider for  $n = k + 1$ ,  $G(k + 1, k, 3)$  is isomorphic to  $K_{k+1}$ . We know that all the vertices are isolated vertices in the complement graph of  $G(k + 1, k, 3)$ . Therefore, the detour global dominating set must contain all the vertices of  $G(k + 1, k, 3)$  and so, for  $n = k + 1$ ,  $\bar{\gamma}_d(G(k + 1, k, 3)) = k + 1$ .

Now consider for  $n \geq k + 2$ , starting with the vertex  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$   $N[v_i] = \{v_{i-\frac{k}{2}}, \dots, v_{i-2}, v_{i-1}, v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}, \dots, v_{i+\frac{k}{2}}\}$  where the suffices modulo  $n$  and  $|N[v_i]| = k + 1$ . Now, we choose the next vertex to be  $v_{i+k+1}$  where,  $N[v_{i+k+1}] = \{v_{i+\frac{k}{2}+1}, \dots, v_{i+k-1}, v_{i+k}, v_{i+k+1}, v_{i+k+2}, v_{i+k+3}, \dots, v_{i+\frac{3k}{2}+1}\}$ . Clearly,  $N[v_i] \neq N[v_{i+k+1}]$ . Proceeding like this we obtain a set  $S = \{v_i, v_{i+k+1}, v_{i+2(k+1)}, \dots, v_{i+(\lfloor \frac{n}{k+1} \rfloor - 1)(k+1)}\}$  which dominates every vertices in  $G(n, k, 3)$ . Also,  $v_i - v_{i+k+1}$  detour path covers all the vertices of  $G(n, k, 3)$ . As a result,  $S$  is a minimum detour dominating set. We now show that  $S$  is a global dominating set of  $G(n, k, 3)$ . In  $\overline{G(n, k, 3)}$ ,  $N[v_i] \cup N[v_{i+k+1}] = V(G(n, k, 3))$ . Since  $v_i, v_{i+k+1} \in S$ ,  $S$  is a dominating set of  $\overline{G(n, k, 3)}$ . Therefore,  $S = \{v_i, v_{i+k+1}, v_{i+2(k+1)}, \dots, v_{i+(\lfloor \frac{n}{k+1} \rfloor - 1)(k+1)}\}$  is a minimum detour global dominating set for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and the suffices modulo  $n$  and hence,  $\bar{\gamma}_d(G(n, k, 3)) = |S| = \left\lceil \frac{n}{k+1} \right\rceil$  for  $n \geq k + 2$ .

**Example 3.3** Consider the graph  $G(12, 8, 3)$  given in Figure 3. for which the minimum detour global dominating sets are  $\{v_1, v_{10}\}, \{v_2, v_{11}\}, \{v_3, v_{12}\}, \{v_4, v_1\}, \{v_5, v_2\}, \{v_6, v_3\}, \{v_7, v_4\}, \{v_8, v_5\}, \{v_9, v_6\}, \{v_{10}, v_7\}, \{v_{11}, v_8\}$  and  $\{v_{12}, v_9\}$  and hence by Theorem 3.2,  $\bar{\gamma}_d(G(12, 8, 3)) = \left\lceil \frac{12}{9} \right\rceil = 2$ .

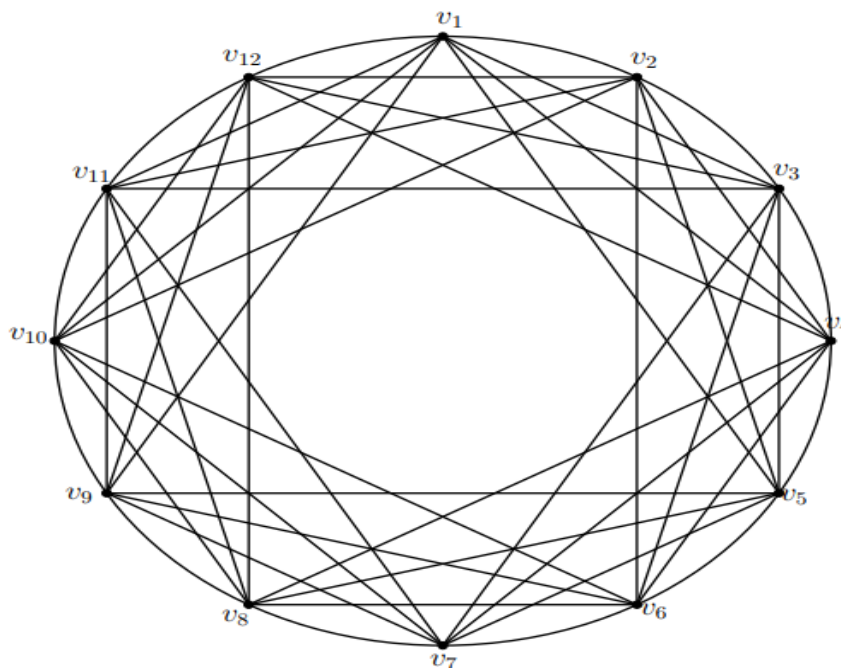


Figure 3 :  $G(12, 8, 3)$

**Theorem 3.4** In  $G(n, k, 3)$ , for  $n > k + 1$  and if  $n$  is a multiple of  $k + 1$ , then  $G(n, k, 3)$  contains only  $k + 1$  minimum detour global dominating set.

*Proof.* Let  $G(n, k, 3)$  be a  $k$ -regular graph with girth 3 where  $k$  is even and  $n$  be a multiple of  $k + 1$ . Then  $n = (k + 1)m$  where  $m \geq 1$ . If  $m = 1$ , then  $G(n, k, 3) = G(k + 1, k, 3) \cong K_{k+1}$  which contains every vertices of  $G(k + 1, k, 3)$ . Hence, for  $n = k + 1$  there exists only one minimum detour global dominating set. Now consider for  $n = (k + 1)m, m \geq 2$  where the minimum detour global dominating sets is  $S = \{v_i, v_{i+k+1}, v_{i+2(k+1)}, \dots, v_{i+(\lfloor \frac{n}{k+1} \rfloor - 1)(k+1)}\} = \{v_i, v_{i+k+1}, v_{i+2(k+1)}, \dots, v_{i+(m-1)(k+1)}\} = \{v_i, v_{i+k+1}, v_{i+2(k+1)}, \dots, v_{i+n-(k+1)}\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n, m \geq 2$  and the suffices modulo  $n$ .

Now we consider the following two cases for  $m = 2$  and  $m > 2$ .

Case 1.  $m = 2$

Here,  $G(n, k, 3) = G(2(k + 1), k, 3)$ . Then The minimum detour global dominating sets are  $\{v_1, v_{k+2}\}, \{v_2, v_{k+3}\}, \{v_3, v_{k+4}\}, \dots, \{v_k, v_{2k+1}\}$  and  $\{v_{k+1}, v_{2k+2}\}$ . Thus,  $G(n, k, 3)$  contains only  $k + 1$  minimum detour global dominating sets.

For example consider the graph  $G(n, 6, 3) = G(14, 4, 3)$ , given in Figure 4. The minimum detour global dominating sets are  $\{v_1, v_8\}, \{v_2, v_9\}, \{v_3, v_{10}\}, \{v_4, v_{11}\}, \{v_5, v_{12}\}$  and  $\{v_6, v_{13}\}$ . Thus,  $G(n, 6, 3)$  contains only 7 minimum detour global dominating sets.

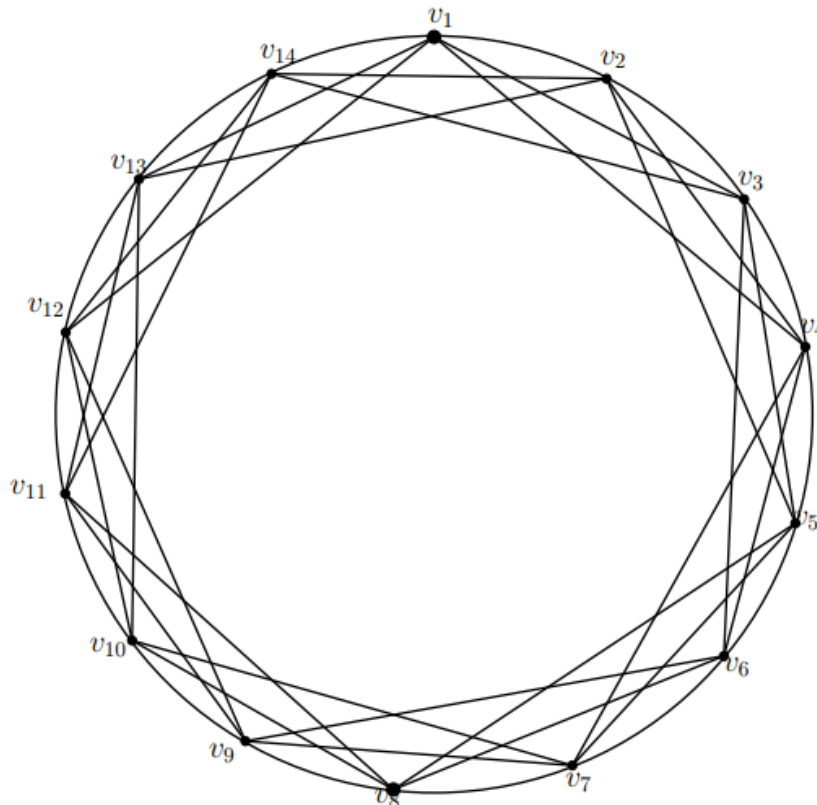


Figure 4 :  $G(14, 6, 3)$

Case 2.  $m > 2$

The minimum detour global dominating sets are  $S_i = \{v_i, v_{i+k+1}, \dots, v_{i+n-(k+1)}\}$  where

$1 \leq i \leq n$  and the suffices modulo  $n$ . Here,  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_{k+2}, \dots, v_{n-k}\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{v_2, v_{k+3}, \dots, v_{n-(k-1)}\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $S_k = \{v_k, v_{2k+1}, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ , and  $S_{k+1} = \{v_{k+1}, v_{2(k+1)}, \dots, v_n\}$ . Proceeding like this we get  $S_p = \{v_p, v_{p+k+1}, \dots, v_{p+n-(k+1)}\}$  for  $k+2 \leq p \leq n$ . Since the suffices are modulo  $n$ ,  $S_p$  is either  $S_1$  or  $S_2$  or  $\dots$   $S_k$  or  $S_{k+1}$  according as  $p \equiv 1(\text{mod } (k+1))$  or  $p \equiv 2(\text{mod } (k+1))$  or  $\dots$   $p \equiv k(\text{mod } (k+1))$  or  $p \equiv 0(\text{mod } (k+1))$ , respectively. Thus,  $G(n, k, 3)$  contains only  $k+1$  minimum detour global dominating sets.

The theorem follows from cases 1 and 2.

**Example 3.5** Consider the graph  $G(27, 8, 3)$  given in Figure 5 where the minimum detour global dominating sets are  $\{v_1, v_{10}, v_{19}\}$ ,  $\{v_2, v_{11}, v_{20}\}$ ,  $\{v_3, v_{12}, v_{21}\}$ ,  $\{v_4, v_{13}, v_{22}\}$ ,  $\{v_5, v_{14}, v_{23}\}$ ,  $\{v_6, v_{15}, v_{24}\}$ ,  $\{v_7, v_{16}, v_{25}\}$ ,  $\{v_8, v_{17}, v_{26}\}$  and  $\{v_9, v_{18}, v_{27}\}$ . Thus, by Theorem 3.4, there is only 9 minimum detour global dominating sets.

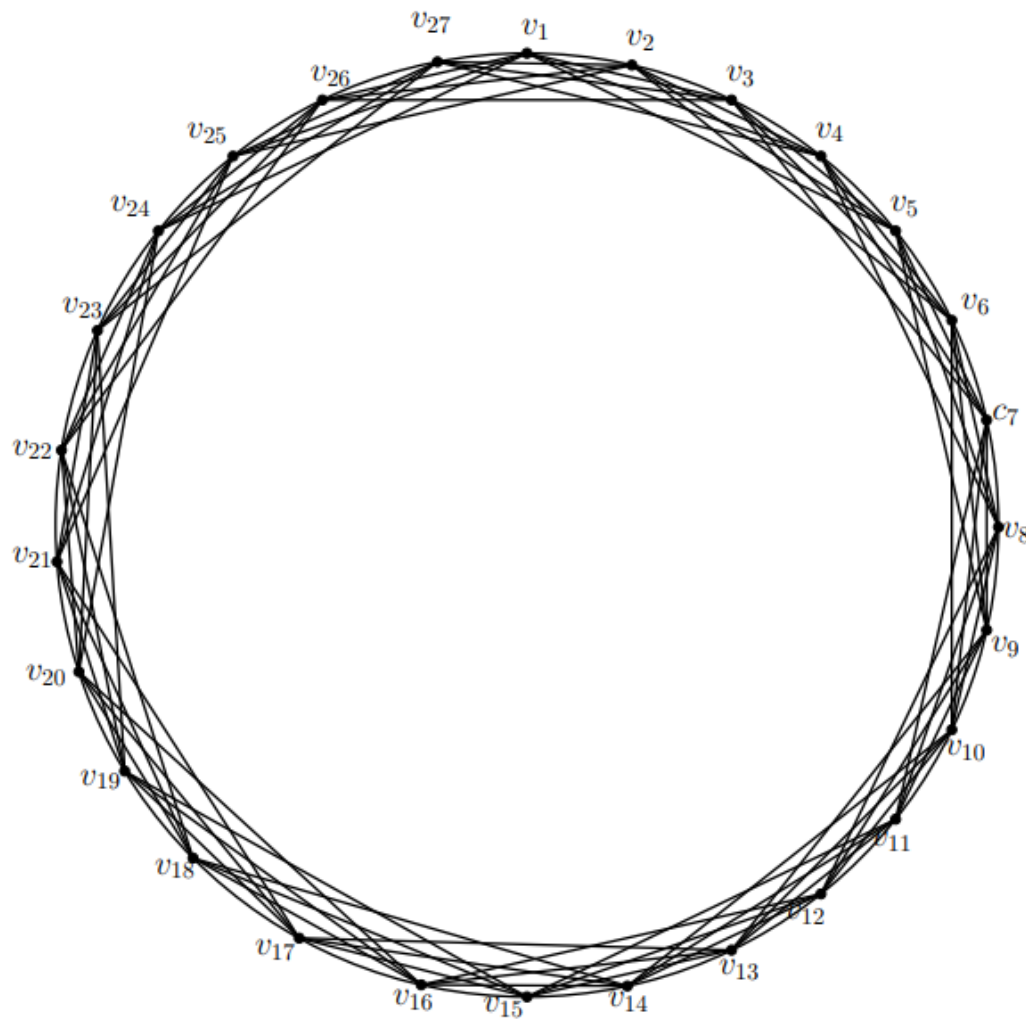


Figure 5 :  $G(27, 8, 3)$

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