

## A graph associated to a fixed automorphism of a finite group

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### Abstract

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $Aut(G)$  be the group of automorphisms of  $G$ . We associate a graph to a group  $G$  and fixed automorphism  $\alpha$  of  $G$  denoted by  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  as follows. The vertex set of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is  $G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  and two vertices  $x, g \in G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  are adjacent if  $[g, x]_\alpha \neq 1$  or  $[x, g]_\alpha \neq 1$ , where  $[g, x]_\alpha = g^{-1}x^{-1}gx^\alpha$  and  $Z^\alpha(G) = \{x \in G \mid [g, x]_\alpha = 1 \text{ for all } g \in G\}$ . In this paper, we state some basic properties of the graph, like connectivity, diameter, girth and Hamiltonian. Moreover, planarity and 1-planarity are also investigated here.

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### 1. Introduction

There are many papers on assigning a graph to a group and investigating the algebraic properties of the group through the associated graph. For instance, commuting graph [9], non-commuting graph [1], non-cyclic graph [3], non-normal graph [5], prime graph [12], power graph [7] and so on. In this paper, we are going to assign a new graph to a finite group  $G$  and an automorphism  $\alpha$  in the automorphism group  $Aut(G)$ . Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $\alpha$  is an arbitrary but fixed element in  $Aut(G)$ . We define a graph denoted by  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  as an undirected simple graph with vertex set consisting all elements of  $G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  and two distinct vertices  $g, x \in G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  are adjacent whenever  $[g, x]_\alpha \neq 1$  or  $[x, g]_\alpha \neq 1$ , where  $[g, x]_\alpha = g^{-1}x^{-1}gx^\alpha$  and  $Z^\alpha(G)$  is the set of all element  $x$  in  $G$  such that  $[g, x]_\alpha = 1$  for every  $g \in G$ . It is clear that if  $\alpha$  is an identity automorphisms then  $[x, g]_\alpha = [g, x]_\alpha$  and  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is the know non-commuting graph. Moreover, if  $G$  is an

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abelian group, then  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is a complete graph. Thus throughout the paper, we may always assume that  $\alpha$  is non-identity automorphism and  $G$  is a finite non-abelian group. Since we removed  $Z^\alpha(G)$  from  $G$ , so it would imply that  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  has no isolated vertex.

In section 2, we investigate about the degree of vertices, diameter, girth and suitable condition for the graph to be Hamiltonian. Section 3 is devoted to a determination of some numerical invariants of the graph. Planarity, outer planarity and 1-planarity of the graph are also considered in section 4.

In the rest of this section, we remind some necessary definitions in graph theory. We remind that the girth of a graph is the length of a shortest cycle contained in the graph. The distance between two vertices in a graph is the number of edges in a shortest path connecting them. The diameter of a graph is the greatest distance between any pair of vertices. In graph theory, a dominating set for a graph  $X$  with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E$  is a subset  $D$  of  $V$  such that every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to at least one member of  $D$ . The domination number  $\gamma(X)$  is the number of vertices in a smallest dominating set for  $X$ . An independent set or stable set is a set of vertices in a graph such that no two of which are adjacent. A planar graph is a graph that can be embedded in the plane, i.e., it can be drawn on the plane in such a way that its edges intersect only at their endpoints. In other words, it can be drawn in such a way that no edges crosses each other. Moreover, a 1-planar graph is a graph that can be drawn in the Euclidean plane in such a way that each edge has at most one crossing point, where it crosses a single additional edge. A Hamiltonian path is a path in a graph that visits each vertex exactly once a Hamiltonian cycle is a Hamiltonian path that is a cycle. A graph that contains a Hamiltonian cycle is called a Hamiltonian graph.

## 2. Diameter and girth

Let  $G$  be a non-abelian finite group, and  $\alpha$  an arbitrary but fixed element in  $Aut(G)$ . We denote  $\alpha$ -conjugacy class containing  $x$  by  $x_\alpha^G$  and it is clear that  $x_\alpha^G = \{g^{-1}xg^\alpha : g \in G\}$ . If  $|x_\alpha^G| = 1$ , then  $\alpha$  is nothing but conjugation by  $x$ . Moreover a subgroup  $C_G^\alpha(x) = \{g \in G \mid [x, g]_\alpha = 1\}$  which satisfies  $|x_\alpha^G| = [G : C_G^\alpha(x)]$ . We have  $\alpha$ -center of the group  $G$  as  $Z^\alpha(G) = \bigcap_{x \in G} C_G^\alpha(x) = \{g \in G \mid [x, g]_\alpha = 1 \text{ for all } x \in G\}$ . It is easy to show that  $C_G^\alpha(x)$  is subgroup of  $G$  and also  $Z^\alpha(G)$  is normal subgroup of  $G$ . One can see that  $Z^\alpha(G) = Z(G) \cap \text{Fix}(\alpha)$  where  $\text{Fix}(\alpha) = \{x \in G : x^\alpha = x\}$ . It is interesting to see that the number of generalized conjugacy classes is the number of ordinary conjugacy classes which are invariant under  $\alpha$  and it is also equal to the number of irreducible characters which are invariant under  $\alpha$  (see [4] for more details). By the above notations we may define subsets  $R^\alpha(x) = \{g \in G \mid [g, x]_\alpha = 1\}$ ,  $T^\alpha(G) = \bigcap_{x \in G} R^\alpha(x) = \{g \in G \mid [g, x]_\alpha = 1 \text{ for all } x \in G\}$  of group  $G$ ,  $C_G^\alpha(S) = \{g \in G \mid [s, g]_\alpha = 1 \text{ for all } s \in S\}$  and  $R_G^\alpha(S) = \{g \in G \mid [g, s]_\alpha = 1 \text{ for all } s \in S\}$ , where  $S$  is a subset of group  $G$ . First, let us remind the definition of graph as the following.

**2.1. Definition.** Let  $G$  be a non-abelian finite group, and  $\alpha$  an arbitrary but fixed element in  $Aut(G)$ . We define a graph, denoted by  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ , such that vertex set of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is  $G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  and two different vertices  $x, g \in G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  are adjacent if  $[g, x]_\alpha \neq 1$  or  $[x, g]_\alpha \neq 1$ .

In the following lemma, we give the degree of any vertex in  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ .

**2.2. Lemma.** *The degree of every vertex of the graph  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is*

- (i) *If  $x = x^\alpha$  then  $\deg(x) = |G| - |C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)|$ ,*
- (ii) *If  $x \neq x^\alpha$  then  $\deg(x) = |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| - |R^\alpha(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| - 1$ .*

*Proof.* For the degree of any vertex  $x$  of the graph  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  we have two cases: (i)  $x = x^\alpha$  and (ii)  $x \neq x^\alpha$ . In case (i),

$$\deg(x) = |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| - |R^\alpha(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| + |Z^\alpha(G) \cap R^\alpha(x)|.$$

Furthermore, if  $x = x^\alpha$ , then  $R^\alpha(x) = C_G(x)$  and therefore  $\deg(x) = |G| - |C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)|$ . In case (ii) the degree of the vertex  $x$  is

$$|G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| - |R^\alpha(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| + |Z^\alpha(G) \cap R^\alpha(x)| - 1.$$

In this case  $R^\alpha(x) \cap Z^\alpha(G) = \emptyset$  which implies that  $\deg(x) = |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| - |R^\alpha(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| - 1$ .  $\square$

**2.3. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be a non-abelian finite group. Then the  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is Hamiltonian graph.*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a non-abelian finite group. We know that if  $x = x^\alpha$  then  $\deg(x) = |G| - |C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)|$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)| &= |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| < |G| \\ &= 2|G| - |G| < 2|G| - 2|C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| \\ &= 2(|G| - |C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)|) = 2\deg(x). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\deg(x) > \frac{|V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)|}{2}$ .

If  $x \neq x^\alpha$  then  $\deg(x) = |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| - |R^\alpha(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| - 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} |V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)| &= |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| < |G| = 2|G| - |G| \\ &\leq 2|G| - 2(|Z^\alpha(G)| + |R^\alpha(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\deg(x) > \frac{|V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)|}{2}$  and by Dirac's Theorem [6], the graph  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is Hamiltonian.  $\square$

By the above lemma, we can see that  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is always connected and also is not a star graph. Now in the following lemma, we determine of the diameter of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ .

**2.4. Lemma.** *For any non-abelian group  $G$ ,  $\text{diam}(\Gamma_G^\alpha) = 2$ .*

*Proof.* First assume that there exists a vertex  $x$  in  $Z(G) \setminus \text{Fix}(\alpha)$  and  $y$  is an arbitrary vertex in  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$ . Then  $[y, x]_\alpha = y^{-1}x^{-1}yx^\alpha = x^{-1}x^\alpha \neq 1$ , it implies that  $x$  is adjacent to  $y$  hence  $d(x, y) = 1$ . Secondly, assume that there exists  $x$  is an arbitrary vertex in  $\text{Fix}(\alpha) \setminus Z(G)$  and  $y$  is an arbitrary vertex in  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$ . Suppose that  $y \neq y^\alpha$ , then we have two cases, (i)  $x$  and  $y$  commute and (ii)  $x$  does not commute with  $y$ . If case (i) occurs then  $[x, y]_\alpha = [x, y]y^{-1}y^\alpha \neq 1$  thus  $x$  is adjacent to  $y$ . If case (ii) occurs then  $[y, x]_\alpha = y^{-1}x^{-1}yx^\alpha = [y, x] \neq 1$ . It implies that  $x$  is adjacent to  $y$ . Therefore  $d(x, y) = 1$ . Assume that  $y = y^\alpha$ , since  $\alpha$  is not identity automorphisms in  $\text{Aut}(G)$ , so there exists  $z \in G$  such that  $z \neq z^\alpha$ . Hence  $z$  is a vertex in  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$ . By the similar method, we can see that  $z$  is adjacent to  $x$  and  $y$ . It implies that  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Finally assume that  $x$  and  $y$  are two non-adjacent vertices in  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$  such that  $x, y \notin Z(G)$  and  $x, y \notin \text{Fix}(\alpha)$ . We have  $[x, xy]_\alpha = [x, y] \neq 1$  hence  $xy \notin Z(G)$ . Thus  $xy$  is a vertex in  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ . We know that  $[x, xy]_\alpha = [x, y]_\alpha[x, x]_\alpha^{y^\alpha}$ . Since  $x$  is not adjacent to  $y$  so  $[x, y]_\alpha = 1$  and  $[y, x]_\alpha = 1$ , hence  $[x, xy]_\alpha = [x, x]_\alpha^{y^\alpha}$ . Assume that  $[x, x]_\alpha^{y^\alpha} = 1$ , then  $[x, x]_\alpha = 1$  it is a contradiction. Therefore  $x$  is adjacent to  $xy$ . By the similar method we can show that  $y$  is adjacent to  $xy$ . It implies that  $d(x, y) = 2$ . The proof is now completed.  $\square$

**2.5. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be a non-abelian finite group. The girth of the graph  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is at most 4.*

*Proof.* We have to show that  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  indeed has a cycle of length at most four. Firstly suppose that there exists a vertex  $x$  in  $Z(G) \setminus \text{Fix}(\alpha)$ . Let  $y$  and  $z$  be two arbitrary vertices in  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$ . If  $y$  is adjacent to  $z$ , then three elements  $x, y, z$  induce a cycle of length 3. If  $y$  is not adjacent to  $z$ , then we can see that  $y$  and  $z$  are adjacent to  $yz$ . Hence elements  $x, y, yz$  induce a cycle of length 3. Secondly, assume that  $x$  is an arbitrary vertex in  $\text{Fix}(\alpha) \setminus Z(G)$  and  $y, z$  are two vertices in  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$  such that  $y \neq y^\alpha$  and  $z \neq z^\alpha$ . Then by Lemma 2.4. we have  $x$  is adjacent to  $y$  and  $z$ . If  $y$  is adjacent to  $z$ , then elements  $x, y, z$  induce a cycle of length 3. If  $y$  is not adjacent to  $z$ , then we can see that  $y$  and  $z$  are adjacent to  $yz$ . Hence elements  $x, y, z, yz$  induce a cycle of length 4. Finally,  $Z^\alpha(G) = Z(G) = \text{Fix}(\alpha)$ . Since  $G$  is non-abelian group, there exists  $x \in V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$  such that  $x^2 \neq 1$ , so  $x^{-1}$  is vertex in  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  and therefore  $x$  is adjacent to  $x^{-1}$ . For  $y$  in  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$  that  $y$  is adjacent to  $x$ , it is easy to show that  $y$  is adjacent to  $x^{-1}$ . Thus elements  $x, y, x^{-1}$  induce a cycle of length 3. Therefore the girth of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is at most 4.  $\square$

### 3. Dominating set and independent set

Suppose that  $[G : Z^\alpha(G)] = r$ . We know that  $G$  can be partitioned into disjoint cosets of  $Z^\alpha(G)$ . Now, assume that  $G \setminus Z^\alpha(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{r-1} g_i Z^\alpha(G)$ .

**3.1. Lemma.** *By the above notation let  $g \in G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$ , then  $gZ^\alpha(G)$  is an independent set in  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  if and only if  $g \in \text{Fix}(\alpha)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $x$  and  $y$  two arbitrary elements in  $gZ^\alpha(G)$  such that  $x = gz_1$  and  $y = gz_2$  where  $z_1, z_2 \in Z^\alpha(G)$ . Let  $x$  be not adjacent to  $y$ . We know that  $x$  is not adjacent to  $y$  if and only if  $[x, y]_\alpha = 1$  and  $[y, x]_\alpha = 1$ . Hence  $1 = [x, y]_\alpha = [gz_1, gz_2]_\alpha = [g, g]_\alpha [z_2, z_1]_\alpha$ . It implies that  $[g, g]_\alpha = [g, \alpha] = 1$ , thus  $g \in \text{Fix}(\alpha)$ .  $\square$

Let  $A$  be an independent set of  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{r-1}\} \cap \text{Fix}(\alpha)$  and  $|A| = k$ ,  $B = \bigcup_{a \in A} aZ^\alpha(G)$ . By the above lemma, we can see that  $\alpha(\Gamma_G^\alpha) \geq |B| = k|Z^\alpha(G)|$  where  $\alpha(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$  is the independence number of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ . The following lemma states that every vertex of the coset  $gZ^\alpha(G)$  is adjacent to every vertex of coset  $xZ^\alpha(G)$  if and only if  $g$  is adjacent to  $x$ , where  $g$  and  $x$  are in  $G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$ .

**3.2. Lemma.** *Let  $gZ^\alpha(G)$  and  $hZ^\alpha(G)$  be two arbitrary disjoint cosets of  $G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$ , where  $g, h \notin Z^\alpha(G)$ . Then every element of  $gZ^\alpha(G)$  is adjacent to every element of  $hZ^\alpha(G)$  if and only if  $g$  is adjacent to  $h$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x$  is an arbitrary element in  $gZ^\alpha(G)$  and  $y$  is an arbitrary element in  $hZ^\alpha(G)$  such that  $x = gz_1$  and  $y = hz_2$  where  $z_1, z_2 \in Z^\alpha(G)$ . Let  $x$  is adjacent to  $y$ . We know that  $x$  is adjacent to  $y$  if and only if  $[x, y]_\alpha \neq 1$  or  $[y, x]_\alpha \neq 1$ . Let  $[x, y]_\alpha \neq 1$  then

$$1 \neq [x, y]_\alpha = [gz_1, hz_2]_\alpha = [g, h]_\alpha [z_2, z_1]_\alpha = [g, h]_\alpha.$$

Therefore  $g$  is adjacent to  $h$ .  $\square$

**3.3. Lemma.** *Let  $x$  be in  $\text{Fix}(\alpha)$ . If  $\{x\}$  is a dominating set of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ , then  $Z^\alpha(G) = 1$  and  $x^2 = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $Z^\alpha(G) \neq 1$ . Then every element of the set  $xZ^\alpha(G) - \{x\}$  is a vertex which is adjacent to  $x$ . This is a contradiction. Now, suppose that  $x^2 \neq 1$ , then  $x^{-1} \in V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$ . We have  $[x, x^{-1}]_\alpha = 1$ , this is a contradiction. The proof is now complete.  $\square$

**3.4. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group. Then subset  $S$  of  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$  is a dominating set of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  if and only if  $R^\alpha(S) \cap C_G^\alpha(S) \subseteq Z^\alpha(G) \cup S$ .*

*Proof.* First assume that  $S$  is a dominating set of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  and  $g \in G$ . If  $g \notin Z^\alpha(G) \cup S$ , then  $g \notin S$ . Since  $S$  is a dominating set, hence there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $g$  is adjacent to  $x$ . Thus  $[x, g]_\alpha \neq 1$  or  $[g, x]_\alpha \neq 1$ . If  $[x, g]_\alpha \neq 1$  then  $g \notin C_G^\alpha(S)$ . Also if  $[g, x]_\alpha \neq 1$ , then  $g \notin R^\alpha(S)$ . Therefore  $R^\alpha(S) \cap C_G^\alpha(S) \subseteq Z^\alpha(G) \cup S$ . Conversely, suppose that  $R^\alpha(S) \cap C_G^\alpha(S) \subseteq Z^\alpha(G) \cup S$ . If there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $g \notin Z^\alpha(G) \cup S$ , then either  $g \notin C_G^\alpha(S)$  or  $g \in C_G^\alpha(S)$  but  $g \notin R^\alpha(S)$ . In each case, there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $[x, g]_\alpha \neq 1$  or  $[g, x]_\alpha \neq 1$ . It implies that  $g$  is adjacent to  $x$ .  $\square$

**3.5. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be a non-abelian group such that  $G = \langle X \rangle$ . Then  $X \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  is a dominating set of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $G$  is a non-abelian group such that  $G = \langle X \rangle$ , then  $Y = X \setminus Z^\alpha(G) \neq \emptyset$ . We show that  $R^\alpha(Y) \cap C_G^\alpha(Y) \subseteq Z^\alpha(G) \cup Y$ . Let  $g \in R^\alpha(Y) \cap C_G^\alpha(Y)$ , then  $g \in C_G^\alpha(Y) = C_G^\alpha(X \setminus Z^\alpha(G))$ . Hence  $g \in C_G^\alpha(\langle X \rangle - Z^\alpha(G)) = C_G^\alpha(G - Z^\alpha(G))$ . Clearly  $g \in C_G^\alpha(Z^\alpha(G))$  and therefore  $g \in Z^\alpha(G) \subseteq Z^\alpha(G) \cup Y$ . Now, Lemma 3.4 implies that  $X \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  is a dominating set.  $\square$

**3.6. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be a non-abelian simple group and  $\gamma(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$  be the dominating number of the graph  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ . Then  $\gamma(\Gamma_G^\alpha) \leq 2$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $G$  is a non-abelian simple group, hence we can see that  $G = \langle g, x \rangle$ . Since  $G$  is a non-abelian simple group then  $Z^\alpha(G) = 1$ , we set  $X = \{g, x\}$ . It is clear that  $Z^\alpha(G) \cap X = \emptyset$ , thus by Lemma 3.5, it is clear  $X$  is a dominating set of  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ .  $\square$

## 4. Planarity

This section is devoted to a determination of planarity, outer planarity and 1-planar graph of the graph  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ . We will show that, with exception of a few possible cases,  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not planar.

**4.1. Lemma.** *If  $|Z^\alpha(G)| \geq 3$ , then  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not a planar graph.*

*Proof.* Since  $G$  is not abelian, so  $\frac{G}{Z(G)}$  is not cyclic and so  $[G : Z(G)] \geq 4$ . Similarly  $[G : Z^\alpha(G)] \geq 4$ , because  $Z^\alpha(G) \subseteq Z(G)$ . Thus  $G \setminus Z^\alpha(G)$  is the union of at least three distinct cosets of  $Z^\alpha(G)$ . Since  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is connected, so there exists at least an edge between two cosets of  $Z^\alpha(G)$ . Now, by Lemma 3.2 and the assumption that  $|Z^\alpha(G)| \geq 3$ , we have a subgraph  $K_{3,3}$ . Therefore  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not planar.  $\square$

**4.2. Corollary.** *If  $|Z^\alpha(G)| \neq 1$ , then  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not an outer planar graph.*

*Proof.* Let  $|Z^\alpha(G)| \geq 2$ , then by Lemma 4.1, we can see that  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  have a subgraph  $K_{2,2}$ . Hence  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not an outer planar graph.  $\square$

We know that if  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is a planar graph, then there exists a vertex  $x$  such that  $\deg(x) \leq 5$ . Moreover if  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is a 1-planar graph, then there exists a vertex  $y$  such that  $\deg(y) \leq 7$  (see [8]). By this fact, we are going to state the following result.

**4.3. Lemma.** *If  $|G| \neq 6, 8, 10$  then  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not planar graph.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is a planar graph, then there exists a vertex  $x$  in a  $V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)$  such that  $\deg(x) \leq 5$ . First assume that  $x = x^\alpha$ , from Lemma 2.2 we see that  $\deg(x) = |G| - |C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)|$ . We have  $|C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| \leq |C_G(x)|$ . Thus  $|G| - |C_G(x)| \leq$

$|G| - |C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| \leq 5$ . Since  $x$  is a vertex in  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ , so  $x \notin Z(G)$  and consequently  $C_G(x) \not\subseteq G$ . Therefore

$$|G| - \frac{|G|}{2} \leq |G| - |C_G(x)| \leq |G| - |C_G(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| \leq 5.$$

It implies that  $|G| \leq 10$ .

Second assume that  $x \neq x^\alpha$  and  $x \in Z(G)$ , then  $\deg(x) = |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| - |R^\alpha(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| - 1$ . Since  $x \in Z(G)$  so  $R^\alpha(x) = \emptyset$ , hence  $\deg(x) = |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| - 1$ . We have  $|G| - \frac{|G|}{2} \leq |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| \leq 6$ . Thus  $|G| \leq 12$ . Finally suppose that  $x \neq x^\alpha$  and  $x \notin Z(G)$  then  $Z^\alpha(G) \leq Z(G) \subsetneq C_G(x) \subsetneq G$ . Hence

$$|G| - \frac{|G|}{4} - |C_G^\alpha(x)| \leq |G| - |Z^\alpha(G)| - |R^\alpha(x) \cap C_G^\alpha(x)| \leq 6.$$

It implies that  $|G| \leq 24$ . We know that the groups of orders 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23 are abelian groups. So associated graphs of the groups of orders 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23 are not planar graph. Moreover, if  $|E(\Gamma_G^\alpha)| \leq 3|V(\Gamma_G^\alpha)| - 6$ , where  $|E(\Gamma_G^\alpha)|$  is a number of edges in graph  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$ , then  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not planar (see [6, Corollary 9.5.2]). Hence by using the group theory package GAP [11], it is easy to see that graphs of the associated to groups of orders 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24 are not planar. It implies that if  $|G| \neq 6, 8, 10$  then  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not planar graph.  $\square$

By the above lemma, we can state that following corollary.

**4.4. Corollary.** *If  $|G| \neq 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16$  then  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is not 1-planar graph.*

*Proof.* If  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is a 1-planar graph, then there exists a vertex  $x$  such that  $\deg(x) \leq 7$ . Then we can see that if  $x = x^\alpha$  then  $|G| \leq 14$ . If  $x \neq x^\alpha$  and  $x \in Z(G)$  then  $|G| \leq 16$ , and if  $x \neq x^\alpha$  and  $x \notin Z(G)$  then  $|G| \leq 32$ . Moreover, the groups of orders 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31 are abelian groups. So if  $\Gamma_G^\alpha$  is a 1-planar graph then  $|G|$  is equal to 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32. Since every 1-planar graph with  $n$  vertices has at most  $4n - 8$  edges, a straightforward computation shows that the associated graph of groups of orders 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32 are not 1-planar. The proof is now complete.  $\square$

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