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Abstract. In this paper, we study ordinary radially critical graphs without loops and multiple edges, with cyclomatic number $\lambda \leq 2$ and with pendant vertices $j \leq 2$.

Key words: Graph, vertex, edge, radius, pendant vertex, peripheral vertex, central block.

Introduction. Suppose we are given a graph $L=(X, U)$, where X is a set of vertices and U is a set of edges of this graph. Cyclomatic number of graph L is the number $\lambda = m - n + 1 \geq 0$, where m is the number of edges and n is the number of vertices of this graph. This means, there are such λ of edges, removal of which makes the graph into a spanning tree. Vertex x is called pendant in case its degree $s(x)=1$. Distance between vertices x and y is denoted by $\rho(x, y)$. Vertices x_1 and x_2 are called similar if

$$\{x \in X \setminus \{x_1\} / \rho(x, x_1) = 1\} = \{x \in X \setminus \{x_2\} / \rho(x, x_2) = 1\}.$$

Diameter of graph is $d(L) = \max_{x, y \in X} \rho(x, y)$.

Radius of graph is $r = \min_{x \in X} (\max_{y \in X} \rho(x, y))$. A graph is called radially critical if, after adding any new edge, the graph radius decreases.

The author previously proved ([1]) that radially critical graphs can be obtained by expanding non-peripheral vertices of radially critical graphs without non-coincident similar vertices.

Cartesian product of graphs $L=(X, U)$ and $G=(Y, V)$ is a graph $T=(Z, W)=L \times G$, where $X=(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, $Y=(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_p)$,

$U=(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)$, $V=(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_q)$,
 $Z = \{(x_i, y_j) / x_i \in X, y_j \in Y\}$, $W = \{(x_i, y_j, x_k, y_l)\}$; at that the edges $w = \{(x_i, y_j, x_k, y_l)\}$ of obtained graph exist only for those pairs of vertices, when either $x_i = x_k \in X$ and $\exists y_j, y_l \in Y$, or $y_j = y_l \in Y$ and $\exists x_i, x_k \in X$.

Lemma 1. If in a radially critical graph L , the vertex x_0 is a peripheral vertex, then there is central vertex z_0 such that $\rho(z_0, x_0) = r$, $|x \in L \setminus \max_{x \in L} \rho(z_0, x) = r| = 1$.

Lemma 2. If in a radially critical graph L , the vertex x_0 is a peripheral vertex, then any central vertex z_0 of graph L_{+u} , where $u = yy'$, satisfying the conditions $\rho(z_0, x_0) = \rho(z_0, y) + \rho(y, y') + \rho(y', x_0) = r$, $\rho(z_0, y) = r - 3$, $\rho(y, y') = 2$, $\rho(y', x_0) = 1$, is also a central vertex for the source graph L .

Lemma 3. If for central vertex y_0 in a radially critical graph L , we have $|y \in L \setminus \max_{x \in L} \rho(y_0, x) = r| > 1$, where y is pendant, then the vertex y_0 is not central for L_{+u} , where $u = yy'$, $\rho(y_0, y') = \rho(y_0, y) = r - 2$, $\rho(y, y') = 2$. These Lemmas are used to prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. Graph $T = L \times G$ is radially critical if and only if one of the graphs is either a radially critical graph without non-

coincident similar vertices, where all the vertices are central, or graph F_2 , i.e. complete double hump graph; and the other one is an arbitrary radially critical graph without non-coincident similar vertices.

Proof. Sufficiency is quite obvious, therefore we prove only necessity. We assume that L and G are arbitrary radially critical graphs without non-coincident similar vertices, where the radius of graph L is equal to r_1 , and the radius of graph G is equal to r_2 . Accordingly, the radius of obtained graph T is equal to r_1+r_2 . Without loss of generality, it can be considered that for L and G the vertices x_0 and \bar{x}_0 are respectively peripheral, while z_0 and \bar{z}_0 are central vertices of these graphs, satisfying the conditions of Lemmas 1 and 2. In such a case, the vertex $(x_0\bar{x}_0) \in T$ is peripheral.

Let us assume that in graph L we have $\rho(z_0, x_0) = \rho(z_0, y) + \rho(z_0, y) + \rho(y, y') + \rho(y', x_0) = r$, $\rho(z_0, y) = r - 2$, $\rho(y, y') = \rho(y', x_0) = 1$, and in graph G , in view of the fact that $\rho(\bar{z}_0, t) = r - 2$, $\rho(t, t') = \rho(t', x_0) = 1$, we have $\rho(\bar{z}_0, x_0) = \rho(\bar{z}_0, t) + \rho(t, t') + \rho(t', x_0) = r$.

Then, after adding new edge $w = (yt, y't')$ to the graph T , the radius of resulting graph T_{+w} remains equal to r_1+r_2 , i.e., it does not decrease, since peripheral vertex $(x_0\bar{x}_0)$ remains at distance r_1+r_2 from all central vertices of resulting graph (because it follows from Lemmas 1 and 2 that they all are central also for source graph T). Consequently, graph T is not a radially critical graph. The theorem is proved.

Let $G(j, \lambda)$ denote the class of radially critical graphs having a cyclomatic number λ and per j of pendant vertices.

It is known that with $\lambda=0$ each graph is a tree, and therefore class $G(j, 0)$ is empty.

Class $G(j, 1)$ is fully described in [2],

moreover, it has been proved that $4 \leq j \leq \frac{l}{2}$, where l is the length of a single cycle, and l is even-numbered.

Classes $G(j, 2)$, when $0 \leq j \leq 2$, are described here. Since it is sufficient to study radially critical graphs without non-coincident vertices, we can assume that all cycles of the length $l \geq 3$ are in central block ([3]). Without loss of generality, it can be considered that central block is comprised of three intercrossing simple chains P_1, P_2 and P_3 with common endpoints y_1 and y_2 , where $l(P_1) \geq l(P_2) \geq l(P_3)$.

Results.

Proposition 1. Class $G(0, 2)$ is empty.

Proof. If $l(P_1 \cup P_3) \leq 2r - 1$, then the radius of graph is less than r , since $\max_x \rho(y_1, x) \leq r - 1$. Therefore, $l(P_1 \cup P_3) \geq 2r$. Then, to decrease radius in the source graph with $l(P_2) > 2$ and $l(P_3) > 1$, adding of the edge $u = x_2x_3$, where $x_2 \in P_2, x_3 \in P_3, \rho(x_2, y_2) = \rho(x_3, y_2) = 1$, and adding of the edge $u' = x'_2x'_3$, where $x'_2 \in P_2, x'_3 \in P_3, \rho(x'_2, y_1) = \rho(x'_3, y_1) = 1$, requires existence of at least two completely different central vertices. Let these central vertices be z_0 and z'_0 . Then, due to the fact that $l_3 \leq l_2$, the outermost points from these central vertices are in chain P_2 . In such a situation, there would be $l(P_1 \cup P_2) < r - 1$, which is impossible, since then there would be a vertex $\bar{z} \in P_1 \cup P_2$ such that $\max_x \rho(\bar{z}, x) = r - 1$.

If $l(P_3) = 1$, then the point y_1 can be taken in place of the point x_3 , and the point y_2 can be taken in place of the point x'_3 , the result will be exactly the same.

In the case when $l(P_2) = 2$ and $l(P_3) = 1$, there should be $l(P_1 \cup P_2) \leq 2r - 1$. If not, adding of the edge $u = x_2z_0$, where $\rho(x_2, z_0) = 2, z_0 \in P_1$, (or the edge $u = x'_2z'_0$, where $\rho(x'_2, z'_0) = 2, z'_0 \in P_1$) does not

decrease the radius of graph, since in both cases

$$\forall x_0 \in G \exists x'_0 \in P_1 \cup P_3$$

$[\rho_{G+u}(x_0, x'_0) \geq r]$, which contradicts the criticality of the graph. Consequently, the source graph is not a radially critical and the class $G(0, 2)$ is empty.

Proposition 2. Class $G(1,2)$ is empty.

Proof. Then, in such graph there is only one cutpoint with hanging pendant chain. Let y_3 be a cutpoint, and P_0 be a pendant chain of the length k , where \bar{x} be a pendant vertex of this chain.

1. $y_3 \in P_1 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. In view of the fact that the graph diameter is no more than $2r-2$, $\exists x \in P_1 \cup P_2 \cup P_3 [\max_x \rho(\bar{x}, x) \leq 2r-2]$ and $l(P_1 \cup P_2) \leq 2r-k$. If here $l(P_1 \cup P_2) = l(P_1) + l(P_2) = l_1 + l_2 \geq 2r-k$, then adding of the edge $u = y'_3 y''_3$, where $y'_3 \in P_1$, $y''_3 \in P_0$, $\rho(y''_3, y_3) = \rho(y_3, y'_3) = 1$, does not decrease the radius of graph, since $\exists x \in P_2 [\rho_{G+u}(z_0, x) \geq r]$ occurs for any central vertex z_0 of source graph, which is impossible due to the criticality of graph.

Consequently, $l_1 + l_2 \leq 2r - k - 1$. Assume that $l_2 = l_3$. It is obvious that $l_2 = l_3 \geq 2$. In this case adding of the edge $u = y'_1 y''_1$, where $\rho(y'_1, y''_1) = 2$, $\rho(y''_1, y_1) = \rho(y_1, y'_1) = 1$, $y'_1 \in P_2$, $y''_1 \in P_3$ does not decrease the radius of graph, since $l_2 + l_3 < 2r - k - 1$. Consequently, $l_2 > l_3$.

Let us prove that $\rho(y_3, y_1) = \rho(y_3, y_2)$. Indeed, if $l_1 \geq 5$, then adding of edges of type $u = y'_3 y''_3$ or $u = \bar{y}'_3 \bar{y}''_3$, where $y'_3 \in P_1$, $\bar{y}'_3 \in P_1$, $\rho(y_3, \bar{y}'_3) = 1$, $\rho(y'_3, \bar{y}'_3) = 2$, shows that there exist z_0 and z'_0 central vertices, for which $\rho(z_0, \bar{x}) = \rho(z'_0, \bar{x}) = r$. Then $\exists \bar{x}' \in$

$$P_2 [\rho(z_0, \bar{x}') = \max_{x \in Q} \rho(z_0, x) = r - 1] \text{ and } \exists \bar{x}'' \in P_2 [\rho(z'_0, \bar{x}'') = \max_{x \in Q} \rho(z'_0, x) = r - 1], \text{ where } Q = P_2 \cup P_3.$$

Therefore $l_1 + l_2 = 2r$; otherwise, adding of

the edge $u = y'_3 \bar{y}'_3$ does not decrease the radius of graph. In this case, all vertices from z_0 to z'_0 in P_1 chain will be central (odd number and not less than five vertices). From here it follows that l_1 is even-numbered. Note that $l_1 < 5$ is impossible.

Assume $l_3 = 1$. Let us add edge $u = y_2 y'_2$, to the source graph, where $\rho(y_1, y'_2) = 2$, $\rho(y_2, y'_2) = 1$, $y'_2 \in P_2$ or $u = y_2 y'_1$, where $\rho(y_2, y'_1) = 2$, $\rho(y_1, y'_1) = 1$, $y'_1 \in P_2$. Accordingly, it is obvious that $l_2 + l_3$ is an even number, and l_2 is an odd number. In this case, adding of the edge $u = y_3 y'_3$ does not decrease the radius of graph. Consequently, $l_3 \geq 2$. Since l_1 is even-numbered and $l_1 + l_2 = 2r$, l_2 is also be even-numbered; therefore, l_3 will be an even number. That way, if $l_2 = l_3 + 2$, then adding the edge of type $u = y''_1 \bar{y}'_1$, where $\rho(y'_1, \bar{y}'_1) = 1$, $\rho(y_1, \bar{y}'_1) = 2$, $\bar{y}'_1 \in P_2$, does not decrease the radius of graph. Therefore, under these conditions, we would have $l_1 \geq l_2 \geq l_3 + 4$, which is impossible.

2. $y_3 \in P_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. Similarly to item 1, it is proved that $\rho(y_1, y_3) = \rho(y_3, y_2)$ and l_1, l_2, l_3 are even numbers, $l_1 \geq l_2 \geq l_3 + 2$. It is known that with $l_2 = 4$, we would have $l_1 = 6, 8, 10$, etc. Consequently, this case is also impossible.

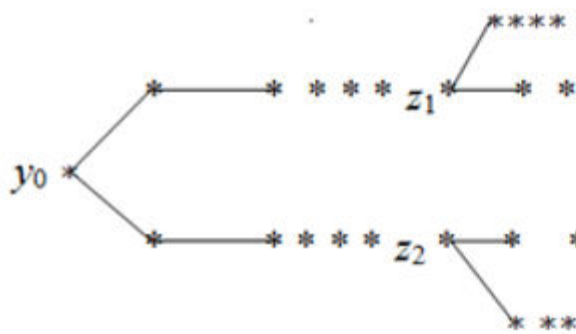
3. $y_3 \in P_3 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. This case is also impossible, since adding of the edge $u = y'_1 y''_1$ (or $u = y'_2 y''_2$) does not decrease the radius of graph.

4. $y_3 \in \{y_1, y_2\}$. Without loss of generality, it can be considered that $y_3 = y_1$. Assume that after adding the edge $u = c_1 y'_1$, where $c_1 \in P_0$, $y'_1 \in P_1$, $\rho(c_1, y'_1) = 2$, the radius of graph decreases by one unit. Moreover, ether a single vertex $z_1 \in P_1$, where $\rho_{G+u}(z_1, \bar{x}) = r - 1$, or the vertex \bar{z} from $P_2 \cup P_3$, where $\rho_{G+u}(\bar{z}, \bar{x}) = r - 1$, is a central vertex in the

obtained graph. Then adding of the edge $u=x_2x_3$, where $x_2 \in P_2$, $x_3 \in P_3$, $\rho(x_2, x_3) = 2$, $\rho(x_2, y_3) = \rho(y_3, x_3) = 1$, should decrease the radius of source graph by a unit. In the obtained graph $G+u$, \bar{z} will be the central vertex for which $\rho(\bar{z}, y_2) + \rho(y_2, x_3) + 1 + \rho(x_2, x'_2) = r-1$, where x'_2 is the most distant point from \bar{z} in the source graph. Consequently, it would be central vertex for the source graph. In such a case, $\max(l(P_1 \cup P_3), l(P_1 \cup P_2)) = r$, otherwise, adding of edges $u=y'_1x_2$ and $u=y'_1x_3$ does not decrease the radius of graph, which is impossible due to the criticality of graph. It follows that this case is also impossible.

Consequently, class $G(1, 2)$ is empty.

Theorem 2. For any odd $r \geq 3$ there is graph $L \in G(2, 2)$, having $2r + 2 \lfloor \frac{r-1}{2} \rfloor$ vertices, two pendant chains of length $k = \lfloor \frac{r-1}{2} \rfloor$ and $2r + 2 \lfloor \frac{r-1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ edges (Fig.1.)



Proof. Let $r \geq 3$ be odd-numbered. Assume that z_1 and z_2 are cutpoints, where P_4 and P_5 are pendant chains of graph, x_1 and x_2 are respectively their pendant vertices. Let $l_2 = 2$ and $l_3 = 1$.

1. We first check radially critical graphs with radius $r(L) = 3$. Then, due to the existence of pendant vertices, the graph diameter cannot be equal to 3, therefore $d(L) = 4$, $\rho(z_1, z_2) = 1$.

Assume that there is central vertex y_0 such that $\rho(y_0, z_2) = \rho(y_0, z_1) = 2$, $\max_x \rho(y_0, x) = \rho(y_0, x_1) = \rho(y_0, x_2) = 3$. In such a case, according Lemma 3, this vertex is not central for $L+u$, where $u = y_0y'$ is any new added edge.

Let $|\{x \setminus \max \rho(y_0, x) = 3\}| > 1$. Assume that $\{x \setminus \max \rho(y_0, x) = 3\} = \{\bar{x}, \bar{x}'\}$, and add edges $u = z_{10}\bar{x}$ to graph L , where $\rho(y_0, z_{10}) = 1$, $\rho(z_{10}, \bar{x}) = 2$. It is clear, if y_0 is in chain l_1 , then vertex \bar{x} is either in chain l_2 , or it is pendant. If $\bar{x} \in l_2$, then $l_2 > 2$, and we have $\rho_{G+u}(y_0, \bar{x}_1) = 3$ for vertex $\bar{x}_1 \in l_2$, which is impossible due to criticality of the graph. If vertex \bar{x} is pendant, then we again have $\rho_{G+u}(y_0, \bar{x}) = 3$. Consequently, $|\{x \setminus \max \rho(y_0, x) = 3\}| = 1$. In this case, it is obvious that $l_1 = 5$. Among other things, vertices x_1 and y_0 are adjacent to vertex z_1 , while vertices x_2 and y_0 are adjacent to vertex z_2 , $\rho(y_3, \bar{x}) = \rho(y_4, \bar{x}) = 1$, i.e. the number of vertices of such graph $n(L) = 8$, and the number of edges $m(L) = 9$.

2. Let us see now the case, when radius of graph $r(L) \geq 4$. Let $l(P_4) = k$.

If the chain is hung on to vertex y_1 , then adding of edge $u = y_{11}z$, where $\rho(y_{11}, z) = 2$, $z \in P_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$, $\rho(y_1, y_2) = 1$, and $y_{11} \in P_4$, does not decrease the radius of graph. Accordingly, one of the chains may be hung on only to vertex z from vertices $P_2 \cup P_3$. We would have $\rho(x_{01}, z) = \rho(x_{01}, t_1) + \rho(t_1, y_2) + \rho(y_2, z) = r - k$ for vertex $x_{01} \in P_1$ in graph L . Then adding of edge $u = t_1z$, where $t_1 \in P_1$, $\rho(t_1, y_1) = 2$, $\rho(t_1, y_2) = 1$ and $\rho(t_1, z) = 2$, does not decrease the radius of graph, since $\rho_{Lu}(x_{01}, z) = \rho_{Lu}(x_{01}, t_1) + \rho_{Lu}(t_1, y_1) + \rho_{Lu}(y_1, z) = r - k$. Consequently, it is also impossible to hang on simple chain to vertex z . Therefore both chains will be hung on to the chain $P_1 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. Due to the simplicity of the

graph, it is clear that it is located symmetrically with respect to the vertices z and y_0 , where $\rho(y_0, z) = r$. Obviously, these chains will be hung closer to the vertex y_0 , than to the vertex z . Let x_1 and x_2 be pendant vertices, z_1 and z_2 be cutpoints, $\rho(z_1, x_1) = \rho(z_2, x_2) = k$, $\rho(y_0, z_1) = \rho(y_0, z_2) = r - k - 1$. Then $\rho(y_0, x_1) = \rho(y_0, x_2) = r - 1$,
 $\rho(x_1, x_2) = \rho(x_1, z_1) + \rho(z_1, y_0) + \rho(y_0, z_2) + \rho(z_2, x_2) = 2r - 2$, $\rho(y_1, z_1) = \rho(y_2, z_2) = k - 1$. Now, if we add edges $u = y_2 y_{10}$, where $\rho(y_1, y_{10}) = 1$, $\rho(y_2, y_{10}) = 2$, then vertex y_2 will be central vertex for graph L_u . Therefore, $\rho(x_1, z_1) + (\rho(z_1, y_1) + 1 + \rho(y_2, z_2)) + \rho(z_2, x_2) = k + (l_1 + l_3 - 2k) + k = 2k + ((2r - 1) - 2k) = 2r - 1$. On the other hand, $\rho(x_1, z_1) + (\rho(z_1, y_1) + 1 + \rho(y_2, z_2)) + \rho(z_2, x_2) = k + (k + 1 + k) + k = 4k + 1$, from which $2r - 1 = 4k + 1$, or $r = 2k + 1$, i.e. r is an odd

number and $k = \lceil \frac{r-1}{2} \rceil \in \mathbb{N}$.

Conclusion. Thus, for any odd $r \geq 3$ there is graph $L \in G(2, 2)$ with $2r + 2 \lceil \frac{r-1}{2} \rceil$ vertices, two pendant chains of the length $k = \lceil \frac{r-1}{2} \rceil$ and $2r + 2 \lceil \frac{r-1}{2} \rceil + 1$ edges.

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