



## Extension of Eulerian Graphs and Digraphs

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### Abstract

In this paper the concept of extensibility number has been studied. The Eulerian graphs(digraphs) which have extensibility number 1, 2 or 3 have been characterized.

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## 1 Introduction

Attar [2009] introduced the concept of extension graphs (digraphs). In fact he characterized the extensibility number for some graphs (digraphs). Akram and Ahmed [2013] introduced a new definition for extension graphs (digraphs). Further, they defined the extensible class of graphs (digraphs), and they characterized regular graphs (digraphs) which have extensibility number 1; 2 or 3. In this work, we characterized the Eulerian graphs (digraphs), which have extensibility number 1, 2 or 3.

If  $e$  is an edge of a graph  $G$  having end vertices  $v, w$  then  $e$  is said to join the vertices  $v$  and  $w$  and these vertices are said to be adjacent. In this case we also say that  $e$  is incident to  $v$  and  $w$ , and that  $w$  is a neighbor of  $v$ . An independent set of vertices in  $G$  is a set of vertices of  $G$  no two of which are adjacent.

Let  $v$  be a vertex of the graph  $G$ , if  $v$  joined to itself by an edge, such an edge is called loop. The degree of  $v$  denoted by  $d(v)$  is the number of edges of  $G$  incident with  $v$ , counting each loop twice. If two (or more) edges of  $G$  have the same end vertices then these edges are called parallel. A graph is called simple if it has no loops and parallel edges.

A trail in  $G$  is called Euler trail if it includes every edge of  $G$ . A tour of  $G$  is a closed walk of  $G$  which includes every edge of  $G$  at least once. An Euler tour of  $G$  is a tour which includes each edge exactly once. A graph  $G$  is called Eulerian or Eulerif it has an Euler tour.

The following theorem characterize the Eulerian graphs.

**Theorem 1 [3]:** A connected graph  $G$  is Eulerian if and only if the degree of every vertex is even.

A digraph  $D$  is said to be weakly connected (or connected) if its underlying graph is connected. A digraph  $D$  is called simple if, for any pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $D$ , there is at most one arc from  $u$  to  $v$  and there is no arc from itself.

Let  $v$  be a vertex in the digraph  $D$ . The indegree  $id(v)$  of  $v$  is the number of arcs of  $D$  that have  $v$  as its head, i. e., the number of arcs that go to  $v$ . Similarly the outdegree  $od(v)$  of  $v$  is the number of arcs of  $D$  that have  $v$  as its tail, i. e., that go out of  $v$ . Let  $D$  be a connected digraph. Then a directed Euler trail in  $D$  is a directed open trail of  $D$  containing all the arcs of  $D$  (once and only once). A directed Euler tour of  $D$  is a directed closed trail of  $D$  containing all the arcs of  $D$  (once and only once). A digraph  $D$  containing a directed Euler tour is called an Euler digraph.

The following theorem characterize the Eulerian digraph.

**Theorem 2 [4]:** Let  $D$  be a weakly connected digraph with at least one arc. Then  $D$  is Eulerian if and only if  $od(v) = id(v)$  for every vertex  $v$  of  $D$ .

All the graphs (digraph) through this paper are simple. For the undefined concepts and terminology we refer the reader to [3, 4, 5].

## 2 Extensibility of Graphs

In this section, we introduced the concepts, extension of graph, extensible class of graphs and the extensibility number of graphs.

### Definition 1 [3]

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs with no vertex in common. We define the join of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  denoted by  $G_1 + G_2$  to be the graph with vertex set and edges set given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} V(G_1 + G_2) &= V(G_1) \cup V(G_2), \\ E(G_1 + G_2) &= E(G_1) \cup E(G_2) \cup J \end{aligned}$$

Where  $J = \{x_1x_2: x_1 \in V(G_1), x_2 \in V(G_2)\}$

Thus  $J$  consists of edges which join every vertex of  $G_1$  to every vertex of  $G_2$ .

Attar[2] defined the extension of graphs as follows:

### Definition 2 [2]

Let  $G$  be a nontrivial graph. The extension of  $G$  is a graph denoted by  $G + S$  obtained from  $G$  by adding a nonempty set of independent vertices  $S$  such that every vertex in  $S$  is adjacent to every vertex in  $G$  exactly once.

Akram and Ahmed [2013] defined the extension of graphs as follows:

**Definition 3 [1]**

Let  $G$  be a nontrivial graph. The extension of  $G$  is a simple graph denoted by  $G * S$  obtained by adding a nonempty set  $S$  of independent vertices to  $G$  such that every vertex in  $S$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $G$ . In such a way  $S$  is called extension set of  $G$ . In particular if  $S$  consists of a single element  $v$ , then  $v$  is called extension vertex of  $G$ . The graph  $G * S$  have vertex set and edge set as follows:

$$V(G * S) = V(G) \cup S,$$

$$E(G * S) = E(G) \cup J$$

where  $J$  is a set consists of edges join every vertex of  $S$  to at least one vertex of  $G$ .

Here, Akram and Ahmed [2013] define the extensible class of graphs.

**Definition 4 [1]**

Let  $\tau$  be the class of graphs with certain property. Then  $\tau$  is called extensible class of graphs, if for every graph  $G \in \tau$  there exists an extension vertex  $v$  such that  $G * v \in \tau$ .

**Proposition 1 [1]**

The class of Eulerian graphs is not extensible class.

Now, we introduce the definition of extensibility number.

**Definition 5 [1]**

Let  $\tau$  be the class of graphs with certain property, and  $G \in \tau$  be a non trivial. The extensibility number of  $G$  with respect to  $\tau$  is the smallest positive integer  $m$ , if exists such that there exists an extension set  $S$  of  $G$  with cardinality  $m$  in which the new graph  $G * S \in \tau$ . We write  $m = ext_{\tau}(G)$ . If such a number dose not exist for  $G$  then we say that the corresponding extensibility number is  $\infty$ .

One can see immediate, the class of graphs is extensible class if and only if the extensibility number of every graph  $G \in \tau$  is one.

**3 Extension of Eulerian Graphs**

In this section, we characterized the Eulerian graphs which have extensibility number equal to 1, 2 or 3.

**Remark 1**

Let  $\tau$  be the class of Eulerian graphs,  $G \in \tau$ , then  $ext_{\tau}(G) \geq 2$ .

**Proof:**

The proof is obvious from Definition 5.

**Theorem 3**

Let  $\tau$  be the class of connected Eulerian graphs,  $G \in \tau$  with  $n$  vertices,  $n > 2$ . Then  $ext_{\tau}(G) = 2$ , if and only if there exist two independent vertices  $u, v$  different from the vertices of  $G$ , such that each of  $u$  and  $v$  is adjacent to even number of vertices in  $G$  exactly once, and  $N(u) = N(v)$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $\tau$  the class of connected Eulerian graphs, and  $G \in \tau$  with  $n$  vertices. Suppose that  $ext_{\tau}(G) = 2$ . Then by Definition 5, there exists an extension set of two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , such that  $G * \{u, v\} \in \tau$ , and  $u, v$  are independent vertices. As  $G * \{u, v\}$  is Eulerian. Then by Theorem 1, every vertex of  $G * \{u, v\}$  has even degree. Thus each of  $u, v$  has even degree, and by Definition 3,  $G * \{u, v\}$  is simple, then each of  $u, v$  is adjacent to even number of vertices in  $G$  exactly once. Suppose that  $x$  is a vertex in  $G$  such that  $x$  is adjacent by exactly one vertex from  $u, v$ . Then  $x$  has odd degree in  $G * \{u, v\}$  which is a contradiction to our assumption. Thus  $x$  is adjacent by both  $u$  and  $v$ . Hence  $u$ , and  $v$  has the same neighbors in  $G$ . That is  $N(u) = N(v)$ .

Conversely, Suppose that there exist two vertices  $u, v$  different from the vertices of  $G$  such that each of  $u$  and  $v$  is adjacent to even number of vertices in  $G$  exactly once and  $N(u) = N(v)$ . Since  $u, v$  are independent vertices, and each of them is adjacent to even number in  $G$ , then  $\{u, v\}$  is extension set of vertices to  $G$ . Since the degree of every



vertex in  $G$  is even and  $N(u) = N(v)$ , then each vertex in  $N(u)$  and  $N(v)$  has even degree. Hence every vertex in  $G * \{u, v\}$  has even degree. By Theorem 1,  $G * \{u, v\} \in \tau$ . Hence  $ext_\tau(G) \geq 2$ . By Remark 1, above,  $ext_\tau(G) \neq 1$ . Hence  $ext_\tau(G) = 2$ .

#### Theorem 4

Let  $\tau$  be the class of connected Eulerian graphs,  $G \in \tau$  with  $n$  vertices  $n \geq 3$  then  $ext_\tau(G) = 3$  if and only if there exist three independent vertices  $u, v, w$  different from the vertices of  $G$  such that each of them is adjacent to even number of vertices in  $G$  exactly once and each vertex in each of  $N(u), N(v), N(w)$  is a neighbor to exactly two vertices from the vertices  $u, v, w$  and no two vertices from  $u, v, w$  have the same neighbors in  $G$ .

#### Proof:

Let  $\tau$  be the class of connected Eulerian graphs,  $G \in \tau$  with  $n$  vertices  $n \geq 3$ . Suppose that  $ext_\tau(G) = 3$ . By Definition 5, there exists a set of three vertices  $u, v, w$  different from the vertices of  $G$  such that  $G * \{u, v, w\} \in \tau$  and  $u, v, w$  are independent vertices. As  $G * \{u, v, w\}$  is Eulerian, by Theorem 1, every vertex of  $G * \{u, v, w\}$  has even degree. Thus each of  $u, v, w$  has even degree in  $G * \{u, v, w\}$ . By Definition 3,  $G * \{u, v, w\}$  is simple, then each of  $u, v, w$  is adjacent to even number of vertices in  $G$  exactly once. Suppose that  $x$  is a vertex in  $G$  such that  $x$  is adjacent by exactly one vertex from  $\{u, v, w\}$ . In this case we get  $d(x)$  is odd in  $G * \{u, v, w\}$  which is a contradiction. We get a similar contradiction if  $x$  in  $G$  is a common neighbor for  $\{u, v, w\}$ . Hence each vertex in each of  $N(u), N(v), N(w)$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices from  $u, v, w$ . If two vertices from  $u, v, w$  have the same neighbors. Then by Theorem 3,  $ext_\tau(G) = 2$  a contradiction to our assumption that  $ext_\tau(G) = 3$ .

Conversely, Suppose that there exist three independent vertices  $u, v, w$  different from the vertices of  $G$  such that each of them is adjacent to even number of vertices in  $G$  exactly once and each vertex in each of  $N(u), N(v), N(w)$  is a neighbor to exactly two vertices from the vertices  $u, v, w$  and no two vertices from  $u, v, w$  have the same neighbors. Since  $u, v, w$  are independent vertices, and each of them is adjacent to even number of vertices in  $G$ . Then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is extension set of vertices of  $G$ . From our assumption every vertex in each of  $N(u), N(v)$  and  $N(w)$  has even degree. Thus every vertex in  $G * \{u, v, w\}$  has even degree. By Theorem 1,  $G * \{u, v, w\}$  is Eulerian. As such  $\{u, v, w\}$  is extension set of  $G$  with respect to Eulerian. Hence  $ext_\tau(G) \leq 3$ . By Remark 1,  $ext_\tau(G) \neq 1$ . Suppose that  $ext_\tau(G) = 2$  then by Theorem 1, there exist two independent vertices  $u, v$  different from the vertices of  $G$  and  $N(u) = N(v)$ , a contradiction to our assumption that no two of  $u, v, w$  have the same neighbors in  $G$ . Hence  $ext_\tau(G) = 3$ .

## 4 Extension of Digraphs

In this section, we introduced the concepts, extension of digraph, extensible class of digraphs and the extensibility number of digraphs.

Attar [2] defined the extension of digraphs as follows

#### Definition 6 [2]

Let  $D$  be a non trivial digraph. The extension of  $D$  is a simple digraph denoted by  $D + S$  obtained from  $D$  by adding a nonempty set of independent vertices  $S$  such that every vertex in  $S$  is adjacent or adjacent by but not both every vertex in  $D$ .

Akram and Ahmed[2013] defined the extension of digraphs as follows:

#### Definition 7 [1]

Let  $D$  be a non trivial digraph. The extension of  $D$  is a simple digraph denoted by  $D * S$  obtained from  $D$  by adding a nonempty set of independent vertices  $S$  different from the vertices of  $D$  such that every vertex in  $S$  is adjacent or adjacent by but not both at least one vertex in  $D$ . In such way  $S$  is called extension set of  $D$ . In particular, If  $S$  consists of single element  $v$ , then  $v$  is called extension vertex of  $D$ . The graph  $D * S$  have vertex set and edge set as follows:

$$V(D * S) = V(D) \cup S$$

$$E(D * S) = E(D) \cup J$$

where  $J$  is a set consists of edges join every vertex of  $S$  to at least one vertex of  $D$



Here, Akram and Ahmed [2013] defined the extensible class of digraphs.

**Definition 8 [1]**

Let  $\varphi$  be the class of digraphs with certain property. Then  $\varphi$  is called extensible class if for every digraph  $D \in \varphi$ , there exists an extension vertex  $v$  such that  $D * v \in \varphi$ .

**Proposition 2 [1]**

The class of Eulerian digraphs is not extensible class.

Now, we introduce the definition of extensibility number.

**Definition 9 [1]**

Let  $\varphi$  be the class of digraphs with certain property and  $D \in \varphi$  be a non trivial. The extensibility number of  $D$  with respect to  $\varphi$  is the smallest positive integer  $m$ , if exists such that there exists an extension set of vertices of  $D$  with cardinality  $m$  in which the new digraph  $D * S \in \varphi$ . We write  $m = ext_{\varphi}(D)$ . If such a number doesn't exist for  $D$ , then we say the corresponding extensibility number is  $\infty$ .

## 5 Extension of Eulerian Digraphs

In this section, we characterized Eulerian digraphs which have extensibility number equal to 1; 2 or 3.

**Remark 2**

Let  $\tau$  be the class of Eulerian digraphs,  $D \in \tau$ , then  $ext_{\tau}(D) \geq 2$ .

**Proof:**

The proof is obvious from Definition 9.

**Theorem 5**

Let  $\tau$  be the class of Eulerian digraphs,  $D \in \tau$  with  $n$  vertices,  $n > 2$ , then  $ext_{\tau}(G) = 2$  if and only if there exist two independent vertices  $u, v$  different from the vertices of  $D$  such that each of  $u, v$  is adjacent to set of vertices  $S$  in  $D$ , where  $|S| \leq [n/2]$ ,  $N^+(u) \cap N^+(v) = \emptyset$  and each vertex in  $N^+(u)$  is adjacent to  $v$  and each vertex in  $N^+(v)$  is adjacent to  $u$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $D$  be an Eulerian digraph with order  $n > 2$ . Suppose that  $ext_{\tau}(D) = 2$ . Then by Definition 9, there exist two vertices  $u, v$  different from the vertices of  $D$  such that  $D * \{u, v\} \in \tau$  and  $u, v$  are independent vertices. Then by Theorem 2,  $id(x) = od(x), \forall x \text{ in } D * \{u, v\}$ .

Suppose that  $N^+(u) \cap N^+(v) = y$ , then  $y$  is a common neighbor to  $u$  and  $v$ , then  $od(y) \neq id(y)$  in  $D * \{u, v\}$  a contradiction. It is easy to see that if  $|S| > [n/2]$ , is impossible. Suppose that  $h$  is a vertex in  $N^+(u)$  such that  $h$  is not adjacent to  $v$ . Then  $id(h) \neq od(h)$  in  $D * \{u, v\}$  a contradiction to  $D * \{u, v\} \in \tau$ . we get a similar contradiction for the vertices in  $N^+(v)$  which is not adjacent to  $u$ .

Conversely, Suppose that there exist two independent vertices  $u, v$  different from the vertices of  $D$ , such that each of  $u, v$  is adjacent to set of vertices  $S$  in  $D$ , where  $|S| \leq [n/2]$ ,  $N^+(u) \cap N^+(v) = \emptyset$  and each vertex in  $N^+(u)$  is adjacent to  $v$  and each vertex in  $N^+(v)$  is adjacent to  $u$ . Since  $u, v$  are independent vertices and each of them is adjacent to  $S$  vertices in  $D$ . Then by definition 7,  $\{u, v\}$  is an extension set of vertices of  $D$ . From our assumption  $id(x) = od(x) \forall x \text{ in } D * \{u, v\}$ . Then by Theorem 2,  $D * \{u, v\}$  is Eulerian digraph. Hence  $ext_{\tau}(D) \leq 2$ . By Remark 2, above  $ext_{\tau}(D) \geq 1$ . Hence  $ext_{\tau}(D) = 2$ .

**Theorem 6**

Let  $\tau$  be the class of Eulerian digraphs,  $D \in \tau$  with  $n$  vertices,  $n \geq 3$ , then  $ext_{\tau}(D) = 3$  if and only if there exist three independent vertices  $u, v, w$  different from the vertices of  $D$  and the following holds:

1. Each of  $u, v, w$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$  exactly once and  $N^+(u), N^+(v), N^+(w)$ , are mutually disjoint.
2.  $u$  is adjacent by exactly  $|N^+(u)|$  vertices from  $N^+(v) \cup N^+(w)$ ,  $v$  is adjacent by exactly  $|N^+(v)|$



vertices from  $N^+(u) \cup N^+(w)$ ,  $w$  is adjacent by exactly  $|N^+(w)|$  vertices from  $N^+(u) \cup N^+(v)$  and no two vertices from  $u, v, w$  such that each of them adjacent by exactly the neighbors of the other.

$$3. |N^+(u)| \leq |N^+(v)| + |N^+(w)|, \text{ for } u, v, w.$$

**Proof:**

Let  $D$  be an Eulerian digraph with  $n \geq 3$ , vertices. Suppose that  $ext_\tau(D) = 3$ . Then by Definition 9, there exist three vertices  $u, v, w$  different from the vertices of  $D$  such that  $D * \{u, v, w\} \in \tau$  and  $u, v, w$  are independent vertices. Then by Theorem 2,  $id(y) = od(y) \forall y \in D * \{u, v, w\}$ . If  $u$  is adjacent by a set of vertices  $h$  from the vertices  $N^+(v) \cup N^+(w)$ , with  $h \neq |N^+(u)|$  then  $od(u) \neq id(u)$  in  $D * \{u, v, w\}$  which is a contradiction. Similarly for the vertices  $v$  and  $w$ . Suppose that  $x$  is a vertex in  $D$  which is a common neighbor for two or three vertices from  $u, v, w$  in this case  $id(x) \neq od(x)$  in  $D * \{u, v, w\}$  which is a contradiction to  $D * \{u, v, w\}$  is Eulerian. Suppose that,  $|N^+(u)| > |N^+(v)| + |N^+(w)|$  then it is easy to see that  $D * \{u, v, w\}$  is not Eulerian. If  $n < 3$  it is easy to see this case is impossible. Suppose that there exist two vertices from  $u, v, w$  each of them is adjacent by exactly the neighbors of the other. Then by Theorem 5,  $ext_\tau(D) = 2$  a contradiction.

Conversely, Suppose that there exist three independent vertices  $u, v, w$  different from the vertices of  $D$  and the conditions 1, 2 and 3 in our theorem are holds. Since  $u, v, w$  are independent vertices and each of them is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$ . Then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is extension set of  $D$ . From assumption we can see that in degree equals to the out degree for every vertex of  $D * \{u, v, w\}$ . Then  $id(y) = od(y) \forall y \in D * \{u, v, w\}$ . Then by Theorem 2,  $D * \{u, v, w\}$  is Eulerian digraph. Thus  $ext_\tau(D) \leq 3$ . By Remark 2,  $ext_\tau(D) \neq 1$  if  $ext_\tau(D) = 2$  if then by Theorem 5, there exist two independent vertices  $u, v$  different from the vertices of  $D$  such that each of  $u, v$  is adjacent to  $S$  vertices in  $D$  where  $|S| \leq [n/2]$ ,  $N^+(u) \cap N^+(v) = \emptyset$  and each vertex in  $N^+(u)$  is adjacent to  $v$ , and each vertex in  $N^+(v)$  is adjacent to  $u$  a contradiction to our assumption that  $N^+(u), N^+(v)$  and  $N^+(w)$  are mutually disjoint. Hence  $ext_\tau(D) = 3$ .

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