



A STUDY ON NUMBER OF EDGES IN THE CENTRAL GRAPH OF THE DUTCH-WINDMILL GRAPH D_3^m

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we have discussed the number of edges contained in the central graph of the Dutch-windmill graph and derived an equation for finding the number of edges in the central graph of the Dutch-windmill graph.

GENERAL TERMS

Dutch-windmill graph and Central graph of Dutch-windmill graph are denoted by D_3^m and $C(D_3^m)$ respectively.

KEY WORDS

Dutch-windmill graph, Central graph.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let G be a finite undirected graph with no loops and multiple edges. For the graph G we do an operation on G , by subdividing each edge exactly once and joining all the non-adjacent vertices of G . The graph obtained by this process is called the central graph [1,2] of G denoted by $C(G)$.

2. DUTCH-WINDMILL GRAPH

THEOREM.2.1

The number of edges contained in the central graph of the Dutch-windmill Graph, $C(D_3^m)$ is $2m(m+2)$.



Proof:

The edges of central graph of a graph is formed by the following two steps:

Step 1: By subdividing edges of G.

Step 2: By joining non-adjacent vertices of G.

Consider the Dutch-windmill graph D_3^m formed by m copies of the cycle C_3 with a vertex in common.

Consider step 1,

Initially there are $3m$ edges in D_3^m . If we subdivide them once, then the number of edges will become $2 \times 3m = 6m$ edges. Therefore the number of edges formed by subdividing edges of D_3^m is $6m$.

Next consider step 2,

Note that D_3^m contains $2m$ vertices other than the common vertex. The common vertex is already adjacent to every other vertices. Therefore we are left with these $2m$ vertices. We have to join every pair of these $2m$ vertices by a straight line. This can be done in $\binom{2m}{2}$ ways. But in G , m vertices are already joined (ie. exactly one vertex in each copy of the cycle C_3). Thus the number of non-adjacent vertices in G is $\binom{2m}{2} - m$.

Therefore total number of edges contained in the central graph of the Dutch-windmill graph D_3^m ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 6m + \binom{2m}{2} - m \\
 &= \binom{2m}{2} + 5m
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(2m)!}{2!(2m-2)!} + 5m \\
 &= \frac{2m(2m-1)(2m-2)!}{2!(2m-2)!} + 5m \\
 &= \frac{2m(2m-1)}{2} + 5m \\
 &= 2m^2 + 4m \\
 &= 2m(m+2)
 \end{aligned}$$

3.EXAMPLES.

Example 1:

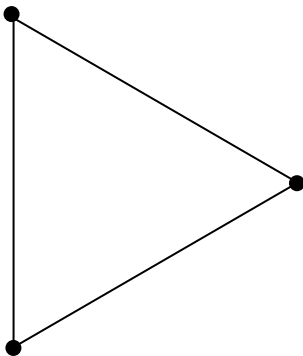


Figure 1(a): D_3^1

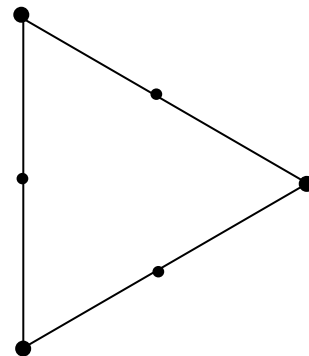


Figure 1(b): $C(D_3^1)$

In figure 1(b),

Number of edges formed by subdivision = 6 = 6m.

Number of edges formed by joining non-adjacent vertices of G,

$$= 0$$



$$= \binom{2}{2} - 1 .$$

$$= \binom{2m}{2} - m .$$

Total Number of edges in $C (D_3^1) = 6 = 2m(m+2).$

Example 2:

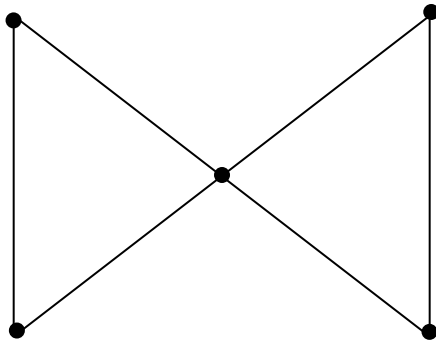


Figure 2(a): D_3^2

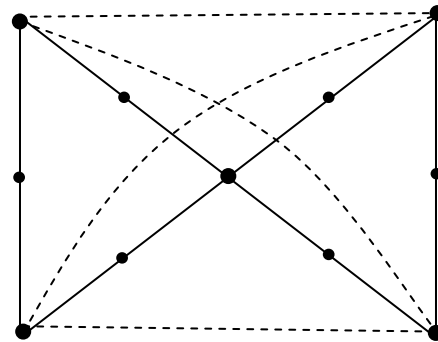


Figure 2(b): $C(D_3^2)$

In figure 2 (b),

Number of edges formed by subdivision = $12 = 6m.$

Number of edges formed by joining non-adjacent vertices of G,

$$= 4$$

$$= \binom{4}{2} - 2 .$$

$$= \binom{2m}{2} - m .$$

Total Number of edges in $C (D_3^2) = 16 = 2m(m+2).$

Example 3:

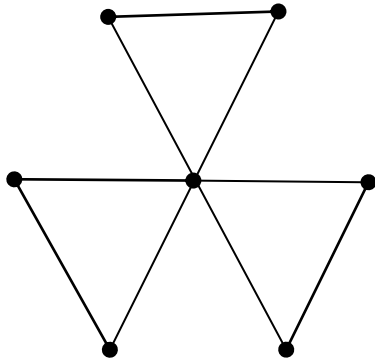


Figure 3(a): D_3^3

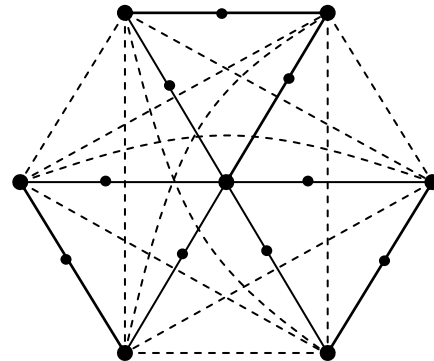


Figure 3(b): $C(D_3^3)$

In figure 3(b),

Number of edges formed by subdivision = $18 = 6m$.

Number of edges formed by joining non-adjacent vertices of G ,

$$= 12$$

$$= \binom{6}{2} - 3$$

$$= \binom{2m}{2} - m$$

Total Number of edges in $C(D_3^3) = 30 = 2m(m+2)$.

Example 4:

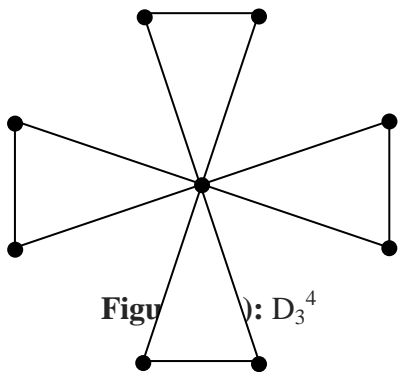


Figure 4(a): D_3^4

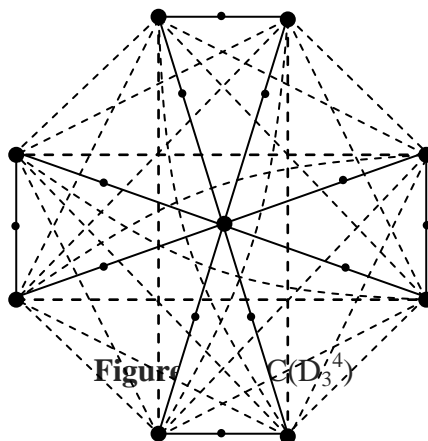


Figure 4(b): $C(D_3^4)$



In figure 4(b),

Number of edges formed by subdivision = $24 = 6m$.

Number of edges formed by joining non-adjacent vertices of G,

$$= 24$$

$$= \binom{8}{2} - 4 .$$

$$= \binom{2m}{2} - m .$$

$$\text{Total Number of edges in } C(D_3^4) = 48 = 2m(m+2).$$

4.CONCLUSION

In this present study, we have derived an equation for finding the number of edges in the central graph of a Dutch-windmill graph. That is, the number of edges contained in the central graph of the Dutch-windmill graph, $C(D_3^m)$ is $2m(m+2)$.

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