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# Some Graph Parameters of the Zero-divisor Graphs of Finite Commutative Rings

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**Abstract.** In this paper, some graph parameters of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(R)$  of a finite commutative ring R for  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  and  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  where p > 2 a prime, are investigated. The graph  $\Gamma(R)$  is a simple graph whose vertex set is the set of non-zero zero-divisors of a commutative ring R with non-zero identity and two vertices u and v are adjacent if and only if uv = vu = 0.

In this paper, we study some of the topological indices such as graph energies, the Zagreb indices and the domination parameters of graphs  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  and  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$ .

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### 1 Introduction

Suppose that G = (V, E) is a simple graph in which V and E are the vertex and edge sets, respectively. The set  $N_G(u) = \{v \in V | uv \in E\}$ 

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and  $|N_G(u)|$  are called the neighborhood of vertex  $u \in V$  and the degree of vertex u in graph G, respectively. The degree of vertex u is denoted by deg(u). The isolated vertex and pendant vertex are the vertices with degrees zero and 1 in graph G, respectively. The first Zagreb index  $M_1(G)$  and the second Zagreb index  $M_2(G)$  are defined as follows[13]

$$M_1 = M_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)^2, \qquad M_2 = M_2(G) = \sum_{v u \in E(G)} d(u)d(v), (1)$$

for a graph G.

A topological index in a graph G is the Randić index, which is defined in [22] as follows

$$R(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{d(u)d(v)}.$$
(2)

An  $n \times n$  matrix is called the adjacency matrix of the graph G in which  $a_{ij} = 1$  if two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are adjacent and  $a_{ij} = 0$  otherwise. One can consider the eigenvalues of A(G) as the eigenvalues of graph G [14]. The energy of a graph G is defined as  $E(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\lambda_i|$  in which  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_n$  are the eigenvalues of the graph G [10].

For a graph G, its line graph  $L_G$  is a graph such that each vertex of the  $L_G$  represents an edge of G, and two vertices of  $L_G$  are adjacent if and only if their corresponding edges have a common vertex in G [14]. The energy of the line graph of a given graph is called the edge energy of a graph G and is denoted by EE(G) [3].

If we assume that  $D(G) := (d_{ii})$  is the diagonal matrix of order  $n \times n$  such that  $d_{ii} = deg(v_i)$  for any  $v_i \in V(G)$ , then the matrix L(G) = D(G) - A(G) is called the Laplacian matrix of the graph G. In [11], it is defined the Laplacian energy of G as follows

$$LE = LE(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right|,$$

where  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_n$  are the eigenvalues of the matrix L(G).

More about Laplacian energies and the energy of a line graph can be seen in [7, 8, 11, 12].

A dominating set of a given graph G is a set  $D \subseteq V$  such that every vertex of  $V \setminus D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex of D. The number of vertices in the smallest dominating set is called a minimum dominating set and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$  [15]. A dominating set D of the graph Gis a total dominating set if every vertex has, at least, a neighbor in D. The total domination number  $\gamma_t(G)$  is the number of elements of the smallest total dominating set [15]. The dominating set D is a connected dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle D \rangle$  is connected. The connected domination number  $\gamma_c(G)$  is the number of elements of the smallest size among all connected dominating sets of G [15].

Suppose that  $f: V \to \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and  $(V_0, V_1, V_2)$  is the ordered divisions of V such that  $V_i = \{v \in V | f(v) = i\}$  and  $|V_i| = n_i$ , for i = 0, 1, 2. A 1 - 1 correspondence between the functions  $f: V \to \{0, 1, 2\}$  and the ordered divisions  $(V_0, V_1, V_2)$  of V(G). So, one can consider  $f = (V_0, V_1, V_2)$ . For a function  $f = (V_0, V_1, V_2)$ , if  $V_2 \succ V_0$ , where  $\succ$  means that the set  $V_2$  dominates the set  $V_0$ , then f is a Roman dominating function. The weight of f is  $f(V) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} f(v) = 2n_2 + n_1$  [5]. The Roman domination number, denoted  $\gamma_R(G)$ , equals the minimum weight of a Roman dominating function of G.

For a graph G with edge set  $\{e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_m\}$ , a subset  $F \subseteq E$  is the edge dominating set if every edge in  $E \setminus F$  is adjacent to some edges in F. The edge domination number, denoted by  $\gamma'$ , is the number of edges of the smallest edge dominating set of G [9]. Note that the minimum edge dominating set of G is the minimum dominating set of  $L_G$ . A  $m \times m$  matrix  $A_F(G) := (a_{ij})$  is defined as follows is called the minimum edge dominating matrix of G,

$$A_F(G) := (a_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e_i \text{ and } e_j \text{ are adjacent,} \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } e_i \in F, \\ 0 & otherwise. \end{cases}$$

The minimum edge dominating energy of G is introduced and studied in [1] as following

$$EE_F(G) = \sum_{i=1}^m |\lambda_i|,$$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_m$  are the eigenvalues of  $A_F(G)$ . Note the minimum edge dominating energy of graph G is a minimum dominating energy for its line graph  $L_G$ . For more results about the minimum edge dominating energy of a graph and its line graph, see [1, 18, 19, 20]. For a given ring R, Z(R) denotes the set of all zero-divisors of R. The zero-divisor graph of R, denoted by  $\Gamma(R)$ , is a simple graph with vertex set  $Z(R) \setminus \{0\}$  such that two distinct vertices  $x, y \in V(\Gamma(R))$  are adjacent if and only if xy = 0 [2].

In this paper, we study some graph parameters, namely, the Zagreb indices and Randić index, graph energy, Laplacian energy, the minimum edge dominating energy, and some parameters of domination of  $\Gamma(R)$  for the commutative rings  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  and  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  where p is a prime number.

## 2 Preliminaries and Known Results

In this section, we state some previous results that will be required in the proof of the main results.

**Lemma 2.1.** [4, 17] Let G be a graph with n vertices and m edges. Then

$$2\sqrt{m} \le E(G) \le \sqrt{2nm}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** [16] For a graph G with n vertices,

$$E(G) \le \frac{n}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{n} \right).$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [23, 24] Let G be a graph with n vertices and m edges. Then

$$\frac{4m}{n} \le LE(G) \le 4m\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right).$$

**Lemma 2.4.** [6] Let G be a connected graph of order n and size  $m \geq \frac{n}{2}$  with maximum degree  $\Delta$ . Then

$$2\left(\Delta+1-\frac{2m}{n}\right) \le LE(G) \le 4m-2\Delta-\frac{4m}{n}+2.$$

**Lemma 2.5.** [12] Let G be a graph of order n with m edges. Then

$$\sqrt{2M_1(G) - 4m} \le E(L_G) \le M_1(G) - 2m,$$

where  $L_G$  and  $M_1(G)$  are the line graph and the first Zagreb index of graph G.

**Lemma 2.6.** [18] Let G be a graph of size m. If F is the minimum edge dominating set of graph G, then

$$EE_F(G) \le M_1(G) - m,$$

where  $M_1(G)$  is the first Zagreb index of graph G.

**Lemma 2.7.** [18] For a connected graph G with n vertices and  $m \geq n$  edges,

$$EE_F(G) \ge 4(m-n+s) + 2p,$$

where p and s are the number of pendant vertices and isolated vertices in G, respectively.

### 3 Main Results

In this section, we give the results of some of the topological indices on the zero-divisor graphs  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  and  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$ .

First, we investigate these topological indices of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(R)$  where  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ . This graph is a connected graph with the vertex set  $Z(R^*) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{4} A_i$  where  $R^* = R \setminus \{0\}$  such that [21],

$$A_{1} = \{(u,0) : u \in \mathbb{Z}_{p}^{*}\}, \quad |A_{1}| = p - 1,$$

$$A_{2} = \{(0,v) : v \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^{2}}^{*}, v \notin Z(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{2}}^{*})\}, \quad |A_{2}| = p^{2} - p,$$

$$A_{3} = \{(0,w) : w \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^{2}}^{*}, w \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{2}}^{*})\}, \quad |A_{3}| = p - 1,$$

$$A_{4} = \{(a,b) : a \in \mathbb{Z}_{p}^{*}, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^{2}}^{*} \text{ and } b \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{2}}^{*})\}, \quad |A_{4}| = (p - 1)^{2}.$$
(3)

Therefore, the order of graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  equals  $n = \sum_{i=1}^4 |A_i| = 2p^2 - p - 1$ . In [21], the degree of any vertex in the sets  $A_i$  for i = 1, 2, 3, 4 is obtained. Thus, we can show the degree sequence of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  as following

$$DS(\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})) = \left\{ (p^2 - 1)^{[p-1]}, (p^2 - 2)^{[p-1]}, (p-1)^{[2p^2 - 3p+1]} \right\}.$$
 (4)

Here we study some of the topological indices such as the Zagreb indices and Randić index on the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(R)$  where  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of the commutative ring such that  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

i)  $M_1(\Gamma(R)) = 2p^5 - 13p^3 + 15p^2 - 4.$ ii)  $M_2(\Gamma(R)) = \frac{1}{2}(p-1)(7p^5 - 14p^4 - 8p^3 + 28p^2 - 6p - 8).$ 

*iii)* 
$$R(\Gamma(R)) = \frac{4p^5 - 2p^4 - 11p^3 + 2p^2 + 7p + 2}{2(p+1)(p^2 - 2)^2}$$

**Proof.** We suppose that G is the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  of order  $n = 2p^2 - p - 1$ .

i) According to the degree sequence (4) of graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$ , we get

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$$
  
=  $(p-1)(p^2-1)^2 + (p-1)(p^2-2)^2 + (2p^2-3p+1)(p-1)^2$   
=  $(p-1)(2p^4+2p^3-11p^2+4p+4)$   
=  $2p^5 - 13p^3 + 15p^2 - 4.$ 

ii) According to the structure of zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  in [21], the adjacency matrix of graph G is as follows

$$A(G) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{p-1} & \mathbf{1}_{(p-1)\times(p^2-p)} & \mathbf{1}_{p-1} & \mathbf{0}_{(p-1)\times(p-1)^2} \\ \mathbf{1}_{(p^2-p)\times(p-1)} & \mathbf{0}_{p^2-p} & \mathbf{0}_{(p^2-p)\times(p-1)} & \mathbf{0}_{(p^2-p)\times(p-1)^2} \\ \mathbf{1}_{p-1} & \mathbf{0}_{(p-1)\times(p^2-p)} & J_{p-1} & \mathbf{1}_{(p-1)\times(p-1)^2} \\ \mathbf{0}_{(p-1)^2\times(p-1)} & \mathbf{0}_{(p-1)^2\times(p^2-p)} & \mathbf{1}_{(p-1)^2\times(p-1)} & \mathbf{0}_{(p-1)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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in which  $\mathbf{1}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{0}_i$  and  $J_i$  denoting the all-ones matrix, the zero matrix, and a matrix with any elements on the main diagonal is equal to 0 and all other elements equal to 1, respectively, of order *i*. Based on the above matrix, the edge set of the graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$ can be divided  $E(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^4 E_i$  such that

$$E_{1} = \{uv \in E : u \in A_{1}, v \in A_{2}\}, |E_{1}| = (p-1)(p^{2}-p), \\ E_{2} = \{uv \in E : u \in A_{1}, v \in A_{3}\}, |E_{2}| = (p-1)^{2}, \\ E_{3} = \{uv \in E : u \in A_{3}, v \in A_{3}, u \neq v\}, |E_{3}| = \frac{(p-1)(p-2)}{2}, \\ E_{4} = \{uv \in E : u \in A_{3}, v \in A_{4}\}, |E_{4}| = (p-1)^{3}.$$

Consequently, the number of edges of the graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  is equal to

$$|E| = \sum_{i=1}^{4} |E_i| = \frac{1}{2}(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2).$$

Therefore, from the definition 1, we get

$$M_{2}(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} d(u)d(v)$$
  
=  $\sum_{i=1}^{4} |E_{i}| \{ d(u)d(v) : uv \in E_{i} \}$   
=  $(p-1)(p^{2}-p)((p^{2}-1)(p-1)) + (p-1)^{2}((p^{2}-1)(p^{2}-2))$   
+  $\frac{(p-1)(p-2)}{2}((p^{2}-2)^{2}) + (p-1)^{3}((p^{2}-2)(p-1))$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}(p-1)(7p^{5}-14p^{4}-8p^{3}+28p^{2}-6p-8).$ 

iii) Similar to the case (ii) and the definition 2, we have

$$\begin{split} R(G) &= \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{1}{d(u)d(v)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{4} \left| E_i \right| \left\{ \frac{1}{d(u)d(v)} : uv \in E_i \right\} \\ &= \frac{(p-1)(p^2-p)}{(p^2-1)(p-1)} + \frac{(p-1)^2}{(p^2-1)(p^2-2)} \\ &+ \frac{(p-1)(p-2)}{2(p^2-2)^2} + \frac{(p-1)^3}{(p^2-2)(p-1)} \\ &= \frac{4p^5 - 2p^4 - 11p^3 + 2p^2 + 7p + 2}{2(p+1)(p^2-2)^2}. \end{split}$$

The following results, some of the graph energies such as the graph energy, Laplacian energy, edge energy and the minimum edge dominating energy of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(R)$  where  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2.

In the Theorem 3.2, we get a lower bound and upper bound for  $E(\Gamma(R))$  where  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$\sqrt{(2p-2)\alpha} \le E(\Gamma(R)) \le \alpha(p-1)\sqrt{(2p+1)\alpha},$$

where  $\alpha = 4p^2 - 3p - 2$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that G is the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  for p > 2 where p is a prime.

Since the graph G has  $n = 2p^2 - p - 1$  vertices and  $m = \frac{1}{2}(p - 1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2)$  edges, using Lemma 2.1 we get

$$\begin{split} E(G) &\geq 2\sqrt{m} \\ &= 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(p-1)(4p^2-3p-2)} \\ &= \sqrt{2(p-1)(4p^2-3p-2)}. \end{split}$$

With considering  $\alpha = 4p^2 - 3p - 2$ , the lower bound is achieved.

For the upper bound, by applying Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{split} E(G) &\leq \sqrt{2nm} \\ &= \sqrt{(p-1)^2(2p+1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2)} \\ &= (p-1)\sqrt{(2p+1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}. \end{split}$$

With putting  $\alpha = 4p^2 - 3p - 2$ , the result follows.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$\alpha \le LE(\Gamma(R)) \le \alpha(2p^2 - p - 2),$$

in which  $\alpha = \frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{(2p+1)}$ .

**Proof.** Assume that G is the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  of order  $n = 2p^2 - p - 1$  and size  $m = \frac{1}{2}(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2)$  for p > 2 where p a prime.

For the lower bound, we apply Lemma 2.3 and we have

$$\begin{split} LE(G) &\geq \frac{4m}{n} \\ &= \frac{2(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{2p^2 - p - 1} \\ &= \frac{2(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{(p-1)(2p+1)} \\ &= \frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{2p + 1}. \end{split}$$

With putting  $\alpha = \frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{(2p+1)}$  the result follows.

For the upper bound, using Lemma 2.3, we get

$$\begin{split} LE(G) &\leq 4m \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= 4m - \frac{4m}{n} \\ &= 2(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2) - \frac{2p(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{2p + 1} \\ &= \frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{2p + 1}(2p^2 - p - 2), \end{split}$$

where by putting  $\alpha = \frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{(2p+1)}$  in the above relation, the result is completed.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$\sqrt{2\alpha(p-1)} \le E(L_{\Gamma(R)}) \le \alpha(p-1),$$

where  $\alpha = 2p^4 + 2p^3 - 15p^2 + 7p + 6$ .

**Proof.** Theorem 3.1(i) and Lemma 2.5, give us the results.

In the next theorem, we study the minimum edge dominating energy of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$2(p-1)\alpha \le EE_F(\Gamma(R)) \le \frac{1}{2}(p-1)(\alpha(p-2)+\beta),$$

where  $\alpha = 4p^2 - 7p - 4$  and  $\beta = 4p^4 - 11p^2 + p + 2$ .

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  for p > 2 where p a prime.

According to the structure of the zero-divisor graph G, the number of isolated vertices and pendant vertices are zero. Since graph G has  $n=2p^2-p-1$  vertices and  $m=\frac{1}{2}(p-1)(4p^2-3p-2)$  edges, by applying Lemma 2.7 we have

$$\begin{aligned} EE_F(G) &\geq 4(m-n) \\ &= 4 \left( \frac{1}{2} (p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2) - (2p^2 - p - 1) \right) \\ &= \left( 2(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2) - 2(p-1)(2p + 1) \right) \\ &= 2(p-1) \left( 4p^2 - 7p - 4 \right). \end{aligned}$$

With considering  $\alpha = 4p^2 - 7p - 4$ , the result is obtained for the lower bound.

For the upper bound, by applying Lemma 2.6 and Theorem 3.1(i), we have

$$EE_F(G) \le M_1(G) - m$$
  
=  $(2p^5 - 13p^3 + 15p^2 - 4) - \frac{1}{2}(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2)$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}(p-1)(4p^4 + 4p^3 - 26p^2 + 11p + 10)$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}(p-1)(4p^4 + 4p^3 - 18p^2 - 3p + 2 - 2\alpha),$ 

in which  $\alpha = 4p^2 - 7p - 4$ .

By simplifying the right side of the above relation, we get

$$EE_F(G) \le \frac{1}{2}(p-1)(4p^4 + p(\alpha - 11p + 1) + 2 - 2\alpha)$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2}(p-1)(\alpha(p-2) + 4p^4 - 11p^2 + p + 2).$ 

With putting  $\beta = 4p^4 - 11p^2 + p + 2$ , the result follows.  $\Box$ 

In the following results, we study some parameters of the domination of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then  $\gamma(\Gamma(R)) = 2$  and the minimum dominating set of  $\Gamma(R)$  is the set  $\{x, y\} \in \{A_1, A_3\}$ .

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  for p > 2 where p is a prime. We suppose that D is a minimum dominating set of graph G. According to the proof of Theorem 3.1(ii) and since the vertex set of graph G is  $V(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{4} A_i$  such that the sets  $A_i$  are defined in (3), each vertex in  $A_3$  is adjacent to all other vertices in  $A_1$  and  $A_4$ . Also, any two vertices of  $A_3$  are adjacent to each other. Therefore, by selecting one vertex, called x, in  $A_3$  all vertices of  $V(G) \setminus A_2$  dominate. Thus,  $x \in D$ .

It is sufficient to dominate vertices of the set  $A_2$ . To do this, we select an arbitrary vertex, called y in  $A_1$  that is adjacent to all vertices of  $A_2$ . So,  $y \in D$ . Therefore, |D| = 2.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

- i)  $\gamma_t(\Gamma(R)) = 2$ ,
- *ii*)  $\gamma_c(\Gamma(R)) = 2$ ,
- *iii*)  $\gamma_R(\Gamma(R)) = 4.$

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  for p > 2 where p is a prime. According to the proof of Theorem 3.6 and the definition of a total dominating set, by selecting the vertices  $x \in A_1$  and  $y \in A_3$ , the set  $D = \{x, y\}$  is the total dominating set of graph G. Therefore,  $\gamma_t(G) = 2$ . Also, based on the definition of a connected dominating set, the set D is a connected dominating set.

We consider the function  $f: V \longrightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  such that f(x) = f(y) = 2 in which  $x \in A_1$  and  $y \in A_3$  and f(u) = 0 for  $u \in V(G) \setminus \{x, y\}$ . In this case, all the vertices are dominated by the set  $\{x, y\}$  and  $\gamma_R(G) = 4$ .  $\Box$ 

Now, we consider the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(R)$  where  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$ for p > 2. In [21], the vertex set of graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  is partitioned as

$$V = \bigcup_{i=1}^{4} B_i \text{ where } B_i \text{'s are as follows}$$

$$B_1 = \{(u,0) : u \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}, \quad |B_1| = p - 1,$$

$$B_2 = \{(0,v) : v \in \mathbb{Z}_{2p}^*, v \notin Z(\mathbb{Z}_{2p}^*)\}, \quad |B_2| = p - 1,$$

$$B_3 = \{(0,w) : w \in \mathbb{Z}_{2p}^*, w \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{2p}^*)\}, \quad |B_3| = p,$$

$$B_4 = \{(a,b) : a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{2p}^* \text{ and } b \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{2p}^*)\}, \quad |B_4| = p^2 - p.$$
(5)

Therefore, the order of graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  equals  $n = \sum_{i=1}^4 |B_i| = p^2 + 2p - 2$ . Based on the obtained degree of any vertices of the sets  $B_i$  for i = 1, 2, 3, 4 in [21], the degree sequence of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  is as following

$$DS(\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})) = \left\{ (2p-1)^{[2(p-1)]}, (p-1)^{[2(p-1)]}, (p^2-1)^{[1]}, (1)^{[(p-1)^2]} \right\}.$$
(6)

In the first, some of the topological indices such as the Zagreb indices and Randić index on the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(R)$  where  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$ for a prime number p > 2 are obtained.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring such that  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

i)  $M_1(\Gamma(R)) = (p-1)(p^3 + 11p^2 - 12p + 2).$ ii)  $M_2(\Gamma(R)) = (p-1)^2(5p^2 - 2p - 1).$ iii)  $R(\Gamma(R)) = \frac{p(9p^2 - 8p + 1)}{(2p-1)^2(p+1)}.$ 

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  of order  $n = p^2 + 2p - 2$ .

i) According to the degree sequence (6) of graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$ , we get

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$$
  
= 2(p-1)(2p-1)^2 + 2(p-1)(p-1)^2 + (p^2-1)^2 + (p-1)^2  
= p<sup>4</sup> + 10p<sup>3</sup> - 23p<sup>2</sup> + 14p - 2  
= (p-1)(p<sup>3</sup> + 11p<sup>2</sup> - 12p + 2).

ii) According to the structure of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$ in [21], the adjacency matrix of graph G is as follows

$$A(G) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{p-1} & \mathbf{1}_{p-1} & \mathbf{1}_{(p-1)\times p} & \mathbf{0}_{(p-1)\times (p^2-p)} \\ \mathbf{1}_{p-1} & \mathbf{0}_{p-1} & \mathbf{0}_{(p-1)\times p} & \mathbf{0}_{(p-1)\times (p^2-p)} \\ \mathbf{1}_{p\times (p-1)} & \mathbf{0}_{p\times (p-1)} & M_1 & M_2 \\ \mathbf{0}_{(p^2-p)\times (p-1)} & \mathbf{0}_{(p^2-p)\times (p-1)} & M_2^T & \mathbf{0}_{p^2-p} \end{bmatrix},$$

in which  $\mathbf{1}_i$  and  $\mathbf{0}_i$  denote the all-ones matrix and the zero matrix of order *i*, respectively. Also, the matrix  $M_2^T$  is the transpose of the matrix  $M_2$  and the matrices  $M_1$  of order  $p \times p$  and  $M_2$  of order  $p \times (p^2 - p)$  are as following.

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Based on the above matrix, the edge set of graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  can be partitioned  $E(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{4} E_i$  such that

$$E_{1} = \{uv \in E : u \in B_{1}, v \in B_{2}\},\$$

$$E_{2} = \{uv \in E : u \in B_{1}, v \in B_{3}\},\$$

$$E_{3} = \{uv \in E : u, v \in B_{3}, u = (0, p) and v = (0, 2m)\},\$$

$$E_{4} = \{uv \in E : u \in B_{3}, v \in B_{4}, u = (0, p) and v = (a, 2m)\},\$$

$$E_{5} = \{uv \in E : u \in B_{3}, v \in B_{4}, u = (0, 2m) and v = (a, p)\},\$$

in which  $1 \le m \le p-1$  and  $a \in Z(P^*)$ .

One can easily obtain the cardinality of each set  $E_i$  for  $1 \le i \le 5$ . Therefore,  $|E_1| = (p-1)^2$ ,  $|E_2| = p(p-1)$ ,  $|E_3| = p-1$ ,  $|E_4| = (p-1)^2$  and  $|E_5| = (p-1)^2$ . Consequently, the number of edges of the graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  is equal to

$$|E| = \sum_{i=1}^{5} |E_i| = 2(p-1)(2p-1).$$

Therefore, using the definition 1, we get

$$M_{2}(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} d(u)d(v)$$
  
=  $\sum_{i=1}^{5} |E_{i}| \{ d(u)d(v) : uv \in E_{i} \}$   
=  $(p-1)^{2} ((2p-1)(p-1)) + p(p-1)((2p-1)^{2})$   
+  $p(p-1)((2p-1)(p^{2}-1)) + (p-1)((p^{2}-1)(2p-1))$   
+  $(p-1)^{2} (p^{2}-1) + (p-1)^{2} ((2p-1)(p-1)))$   
=  $(p-1)^{2} (5p^{2}-2p-1).$ 

iii) Similar to the case (ii) and the definition 2, we have

$$\begin{split} R(G) &= \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{1}{d(u)d(v)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{5} \left| E_i \right| \left\{ \frac{1}{d(u)d(v)} : uv \in E_i \right\} \\ &= \frac{(p-1)^2}{(2p-1)(p-1)} + \frac{p(p-1)}{(2p-1)^2} + \frac{p(p-1)}{(2p-1)(p^2-1)} \\ &+ \frac{(p-1)}{(p^2-1)(2p-1)} + \frac{(p-1)^2}{(p^2-1)} + \frac{(p-1)^2}{(2p-1)(p-1)} \\ &= \frac{p(9p^2 - 8p + 1)}{(2p-1)^2(p+1)}. \end{split}$$

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$2\sqrt{\alpha(\alpha+1)} \le E\big(\Gamma(R)\big) \le \frac{1}{16}\Big(\alpha(\alpha+8)+4\Big)\Big(2+\sqrt{\alpha(\alpha+8)+4}\Big),$$

where  $\alpha = 2(p-1)$ .

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  for p > 2 where p is a prime. According to the above discussions, the graph G has  $n = p^2 + 2p - 2$  vertices and m = 2(p-1)(2p-1) edges. So using Lemma 2.1 we obtain

$$E(G) \ge 2\sqrt{m}$$
  
=  $2\sqrt{2(p-1)(2p-1)}$   
=  $2\sqrt{2(p-1)(2(p-1)+1)}$ .

With considering  $\alpha = 2(p-1)$ , the lower bound is obtained.

For the upper bound, by applying Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{split} E(G) &\leq \frac{n}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{n} \right) \\ &= \frac{p^2 + 2p - 2}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{p^2 + 2p - 2} \right) \\ &= \frac{p^2 + 2(p - 1)}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{p^2 + 2(p - 1)} \right) \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{2(p - 1)}{2} + 1\right)^2 + 2(p - 1)}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\left(\frac{2(p - 1)}{2} + 1\right)^2 + 2(p - 1)} \right). \end{split}$$

With putting  $\alpha = 2(p-1)$ , the result follows.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$\alpha \le LE(\Gamma(R)) \le \alpha(2p^2 - p - 2),$$

in which  $\alpha = \frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{(2p+1)}$ .

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  of order  $n = p^2 + 2p - 2$  and size m = 2(p-1)(2p-1) for p > 2 where p a prime.

For lower bound using Lemma 2.3, we have

$$LE(G) \ge \frac{4m}{n}$$
  
=  $\frac{8(p-1)(2p-1)}{p^2 + 2p - 2}$   
=  $\frac{2(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{(p-1)(2p+1)}$   
=  $\frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{2p + 1}$ .

With putting  $\alpha = \frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{(2p+1)}$  the result follows. For the upper bound, using Lemma 2.3, we get

$$LE(G) \le 4m\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)$$
  
=  $4m - \frac{4m}{n}$   
=  $2(p-1)(4p^2 - 3p - 2) - \frac{2p(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{2p+1}$   
=  $\frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{2p+1}(2p^2 - p - 2),$ 

where by putting  $\alpha = \frac{2(4p^2 - 3p - 2)}{(2p+1)}$  in the above relation, the result is completed.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$\frac{2\alpha}{\beta} \le LE(\Gamma(R)) \le \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + (p-1)^2,$$

in which  $\alpha = p^4 + 2p^3 - 10p^2 + 12p - 4$  and  $\beta = p^2 + 2p - 2$ .

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  of order  $n = p^2 + 2p - 2$  and size m = 2(p-1)(2p-1) for p > 2 where p a prime.

According to the degree sequence of graph G in (6), the maximum degree in graph G is  $\Delta = P^2 - 1$ . Therefore, using Lemma 2.4, for the lower bound we obtain

$$LE(G) \ge 2\left(\Delta + 1 - \frac{2m}{n}\right)$$
  
=  $2\left(p^2 - 1 + 1 - \frac{4(p-1)(2p-1)}{p^2 + 2p - 2}\right)$   
=  $\frac{p^4 + 2p^3 - 10p^2 + 12p - 4}{p^2 + 2p - 2}$ .

With putting  $\alpha = p^4 + 2p^3 - 10p^2 + 12p - 4$  and  $\beta = p^2 + 2p - 2$  the result follows.

For the upper bound, using Lemma 2.4, we get

$$\begin{split} LE(G) &\leq 4m - 2\Delta - \frac{4m}{n} + 2 \\ &= 8(p-1)(2p-1) - 2(p^2-1) - \frac{8(p-1)(2p-1)}{p^2+2p-2} + 2 \\ &= \frac{7p^4 + 2p^3 - 40p^2 + 48p - 16}{p^2+2p-2} \\ &= \frac{(p^4 + 2p^3 - 10p^2 + 12p - 4) + (p-1)^2(p^2+2p-2)}{p^2+2p-2}, \end{split}$$

where by putting with putting  $\alpha = p^4 + 2p^3 - 10p^2 + 12p - 4$  and  $\beta = p^2 + 2p - 2$  in the above relation, the result follows.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$\sqrt{2\alpha(p-1)} \le E(L_{\Gamma(R)}) \le \alpha(p-1),$$

where  $\alpha = p^3 + 11p^2 - 20p + 6$ .

**Proof.** Theorem 3.8(i) and Lemma 2.5, give us the results.

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

$$4(p-2)(3p-2) \le EE_F(\Gamma(R)) \le (p-1)^2(p^2+12p-4).$$

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  for p > 2 where p a prime. According to the structure of the zero-divisor graph G, the number of isolated vertices and pendant vertices are zero. Since graph G has  $n = p^2 + 2p - 2$  vertices and m = 2(p-1)(2p-1) edges, by applying Lemma 2.7 we have

$$EE_F(G) \ge 4(m-n)$$
  
= 4(2(p-1)(2p-1) - (p<sup>2</sup> + 2p - 2))  
= 4(3p<sup>2</sup> - 8p + 4)  
= 4(p-2)(3p - 2).

For the upper bound, by applying Lemma 2.6 and Theorem 3.8(i), we have

$$EE_F(G) \le M_1(G) - m$$
  
=  $(p-1)(p^3 + 11p^2 - 12p + 2) - 2(p-1)(2p-1)$   
=  $(p-1)(p^3 + 11p^2 - 16p + 4)$   
=  $(p-1)^2(p^2 + 12p - 4).$ 

Finally, we investigate the domination number, the total domination number, the connected domination number, and the Roman domination number of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $\Gamma(R)$  be a zero-divisor graph of the commutative ring  $R \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p}$  for a prime number p > 2. Then

- i)  $\gamma(\Gamma(R)) = 3$ ,
- *ii)*  $\gamma_t(\Gamma(R)) = 3,$
- *iii*)  $\gamma_c(\Gamma(R)) = 3$ ,
- iv)  $\gamma_R(\Gamma(R)) = 6.$

**Proof.** Let G be the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{2p})$  for p > 2 where p is a prime. Let D be the minimum dominating set of graph G.

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- i) Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.6, the subsets  $B_i$ 's of the vertex set of graph G and the subsets of the edge set in (5), one can select the vertex  $x = (0, p) \in B_3$  to dominate all of the vertices of  $B_1$ and the vertices  $(0, 2m) \in B_3$  and the vertices  $(a, 2m) \in B_4$ ) for  $1 \leq m \leq p - 1$  and  $a \in Z(P^*)$ . For dominating the remaining vertices in sets  $B_3$  and  $b_4$ , we select one of the vertices of the form  $(0, 2m) \in B_3$ , called y. Finally, it is sufficient to dominate vertices of set  $B_2$ . To do this, we select an arbitrary vertex z in  $B_1$  that is adjacent to all vertices of  $B_2$ . Therefore, |D| = 3.
- ii) According to the definition of the total dominating set and the proof of case (i), since the vertex  $z \in B_1$  is adjacent to any two vertices x = (0, p) and y = (0, 2m), thus D is the minimum total dominating set in G and  $\gamma_t(G) = 3$ .
- iii) Based on selecting the set D in the case (i) and the definition of the connected dominating set, the result is completed.
- iv) We consider the function  $f: V \longrightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  such that for the set D in case (i), f(x) = f(y) = f(z) = 2 in which  $x, y \in B_3$  and  $z \in B_1$  and f(u) = 0 for  $u \in V(G) \setminus \{x, y, z\}$ . In this case, all the vertices are dominated by the set  $\{x, y\}$  and  $\gamma_R(G) = 6$ .

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