



## Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative ring

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**Abstract.** Let  $R$  be a ring with unity. The cozero-divisor graph  $\Gamma'(R)$  of a ring  $R$  is an undirected simple graph whose vertices are the set of all non-zero and non-unit elements of  $R$ , and two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent if and only if  $x \notin Ry$  and  $y \notin Rx$ . To extend the corresponding results of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of integer modulo  $n$ , in this article, we derive a closed-form formula of the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative ring  $R$ . As applications, we compute the Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(R)$ , when either  $R$  is the product of ring of integers modulo  $n$  or a reduced ring. At the final part of this paper, we provide a SageMath code to compute the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of these classes of rings including the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of integers modulo  $n$ .

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The Wiener index is one of the most frequently used topological indices in chemistry as a molecular shape descriptor. This was first used by H. Wiener in 1947 and then the formal definition of the Wiener index was introduced by Hosoya [17]. The *Wiener index* of a graph is defined as the sum of the lengths of the shortest paths between all pairs of vertices in a graph. Other than the chemistry, the Wiener index was used to find various applications in quantitative structure-property relationships (see [19]). The Wiener index was also employed in crystallography, communication theory, facility location, cryptography, etc. (see [13, 16, 26]). An application of the Wiener index has been established in the water pipeline network, which is essential for water supply management (see [14]). Other utilization of the Wiener index can be found in [15, 18, 31, 32] and reference therein.

The association of the graphs to rings was introduced by Beck [12] and he was mainly interested in the coloring of a graph associated to a commutative ring. Then Anderson and Livingston [8] studied a subgraph of the graph introduced by Beck and named as the zero divisor graph. Further, various aspects of the zero divisor graphs have been explored, see [7, 20, 21, 24] and reference therein. Moreover, various other graphs, namely: inclusion ideal graph, total graph, annihilating-ideal graph, co-maximal graph and cozero-divisor graphs of rings have been introduced and studied extensively. Afkhami *et al.* [1] introduced the cozero-divisor graph of a commutative ring and studied its basic graph-theoretic properties including

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completeness, girth and clique number etc. They also investigated the relations between the zero-divisor graph and the cozero-divisor graph. The *cozero-divisor* graph  $\Gamma'(R)$  of the ring  $R$  with unity is an undirected simple graph whose vertex set is the set of all non-zero and non-unit elements of  $R$ , and two distinct vertices  $x, y$  are adjacent if and only if  $x \notin Ry$  and  $y \notin Rx$ . The complement of the cozero-divisor graph and the characterization of the commutative rings with forest, star, or unicyclic cozero-divisor graphs have been investigated in [2]. Akbari *et al.* [5] studied the cozero-divisor graph associated to the polynomial ring and the ring of power series. Some of the work on the cozero-divisor graphs of rings can be found in [3, 4, 6, 11, 22, 23, 25].

Over the recent years, the Wiener index of certain graphs associated with rings has been studied by various authors. The Wiener index of the zero divisor graph of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of integers modulo  $n$  has been studied in [9, 29]. Recently, Selvakumar *et al.* [28] calculated the Wiener index of the zero divisor graph for a finite commutative ring with unity. The Wiener index of the unit graph associated with commutative rings has been investigated in [10]. The Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  has been obtained in [23]. The aim of this manuscript is to extend the results of [23] to an arbitrary ring. In this connection, we study the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative ring with unity. First, we provide the necessary results and notations used throughout the paper. The remaining paper is arranged as follows: In Section 2, a closed-form formula of the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative ring with unity is presented. Using this formula, in Section 3, we obtain the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of the ring  $R$ , where  $R$  is the product of ring of integers modulo  $n$ . In Section 4, we compute the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative reduced ring. In Section 5, we derive SageMath codes to compute the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of various classes of rings.

Now we recall the necessary definitions, results and notations of graph theory from [30]. A *graph*  $\Gamma$  is a pair  $\Gamma = (V, E)$ , where  $V = V(\Gamma)$  and  $E = E(\Gamma)$  are the set of vertices and edges of  $\Gamma$ , respectively. Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph. Two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $\Gamma$  are *adjacent*, denoted by  $x \sim y$ , if there is an edge between  $x$  and  $y$ . Otherwise, we denote it by  $x \not\sim y$ . A *subgraph*  $\Gamma'$  of a graph  $\Gamma$  is a graph such that  $V(\Gamma') \subseteq V(\Gamma)$  and  $E(\Gamma') \subseteq E(\Gamma)$ . If  $U \subseteq V(\Gamma)$ , then the subgraph  $\Gamma(U)$  of  $\Gamma$  induced by  $U$  is the graph with vertex set  $U$  and two vertices of  $\Gamma(U)$  are adjacent if and only if they are adjacent in  $\Gamma$ . The *complement*  $\bar{\Gamma}$  of  $\Gamma$  is a graph with the same vertex set as  $\Gamma$  and distinct vertices  $x, y$  are adjacent in  $\bar{\Gamma}$  if they are not adjacent in  $\Gamma$ . A graph  $\Gamma$  is said to be *complete* if any two distinct vertices are adjacent. The complete graph on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $K_n$ . A *path* in a graph is a sequence of distinct vertices with the property that each vertex in the sequence is adjacent to the next vertex of it. The graph  $\Gamma$  is said to be *connected* if there is a path between every pair of vertices. The *distance* between any two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $\Gamma$ , denoted by  $d(x, y)$  (or  $d_\Gamma(x, y)$ ), is the number of edges in a shortest path between  $x$  and  $y$ . The *Wiener index*  $W(\Gamma)$  of the connected graph  $\Gamma$  is defined as the sum of all the distances between every pair of vertices, that is

$$W(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u \in V(\Gamma)} \sum_{v \in V(\Gamma)} d(u, v)$$

Let  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_k$  be  $k$  pairwise disjoint graphs. Then the *generalised join graph*  $\Gamma[\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_k]$  of  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_k$  is the graph formed by replacing each vertex  $u_i$  of  $\Gamma$  by  $\Gamma_i$  and then joining each vertex of  $\Gamma_i$  to every vertex of  $\Gamma_j$  whenever  $u_i \sim u_j$  in  $\Gamma$  (cf. [27]).

Let  $R$  be a ring. An element  $a$  of  $R$  is said to be a *zero-divisor* if there exists a non-zero element  $x \in R$  such that  $ax = xa = 0$ . An element  $u$  of a ring  $R$  with unity 1, is said to be a *unit* if there exists  $v \in R$  such that  $uv = vu = 1$ . The set of zero-divisors and the set of units of the ring  $R$  are denoted by  $Z(R)$  and  $U(R)$ , respectively. The set of all non-zero zero-divisors of the ring  $R$  is denoted by  $Z(R)^*$ . For  $x \in R$ , the principal ideal generated by  $x$  is denoted by  $(x)$ . For a positive integer  $k$ , we write  $[k] = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

## 2. Formulae for the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative ring

The purpose of this section is to provide a closed-form formula of the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative ring. Let  $R$  be a finite commutative ring with unity. Define a relation  $\equiv$  on  $V(\Gamma'(R))$  such that

$$x \equiv y \text{ if and only if } (x) = (y).$$

Note that  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  be the representatives of the equivalence classes of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$ , respectively under the relation  $\equiv$ . We begin with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *In the cozero-divisor graph  $\Gamma'(R)$ , an element of  $X_i$  is adjacent to an element of  $X_j$  if and only if  $(x_i) \not\subseteq (x_j)$  and  $(x_j) \not\subseteq (x_i)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $a \in X_i$  and  $b \in X_j$ . Then  $(a) = (x_i)$  and  $(b) = (x_j)$  in  $R$ . If  $a \sim b$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ , then  $(a) \not\subseteq (b)$  and  $(b) \not\subseteq (a)$ . It follows that  $(x_i) \not\subseteq (x_j)$  and  $(x_j) \not\subseteq (x_i)$ . The converse holds by the definition of  $\Gamma'(R)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** (i) *For  $i \in [k]$ , the induced subgraph  $\Gamma'(X_i)$  of  $\Gamma'(R)$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{K}_{|X_i|}$ .*

(ii) *For distinct  $i, j \in [k]$ , an element of  $X_i$  is adjacent to either all or none of the elements of  $X_j$ .*

Define a subgraph  $\Upsilon'(R)$  (or  $\Upsilon'$ ) induced by the set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  of representatives of the respective equivalence classes  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  under the relation  $\equiv$ .

In view of Corollary 2.2 and  $\Upsilon'$  (defined above), we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.3.** *For each  $i \in [k]$ , let  $\Gamma'_i$  be the subgraph of  $\Gamma'(R)$  induced by the set  $X_i$ . Then*

$$\Gamma'(R) = \Upsilon'[\Gamma'_1, \Gamma'_2, \dots, \Gamma'_k].$$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\Upsilon'(R)$  be a subgraph of  $\Gamma'(R)$  defined above and let  $\Upsilon'(R)$  contains at least two vertices. Then  $\Upsilon'(R)$  is connected if and only if the cozero-divisor graph  $\Gamma'(R)$  is connected. Moreover, for a connected graph  $\Gamma'(R)$  and  $a, b \in V(\Gamma'(R))$ , we have*

$$d_{\Gamma'(R)}(a, b) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } a, b \in X_i \text{ for some } i, \\ d_{\Upsilon'(R)}(x_i, x_j) & \text{if } a \in X_i, b \in X_j \text{ and } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* First suppose that the graph  $\Upsilon'(R)$  is connected. Let  $a, b$  be two arbitrary vertices of  $\Gamma'(R)$ . Suppose that  $a \in X_i$  and  $b \in X_j$ . If  $i = j$ , then  $a \neq b$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ . Since  $\Upsilon'(R)$  is connected, we have  $x_t \in X_t$  such that  $x_i \sim x_t$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ . Consequently,  $a \sim x_t \sim b$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$  and  $d_{\Gamma'(R)}(a, b) = 2$ . We may now suppose that  $i \neq j$ . If  $a \sim b$ , then there is nothing to prove. Further, suppose that  $a \not\sim b$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ . Connectedness of  $\Upsilon'(R)$  implies that there exists a path  $x_i \sim x_{i_1} \sim x_{i_2} \sim \dots \sim x_{i_t} \sim x_j$ , where  $i \neq j$ . It follows that  $a \sim x_{i_1} \sim x_{i_2} \sim \dots \sim x_{i_t} \sim b$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$  and  $d_{\Gamma'(R)}(a, b) = d_{\Upsilon'(R)}(x_i, x_j)$ . Therefore,  $\Gamma'(R)$  is connected. The converse is straightforward.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a finite commutative ring with unity. As a consequence of Proposition 2.3 and Lemma 2.4, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.** *The Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph  $\Gamma'(R)$  of a finite commutative ring with unity is given by*

$$W(\Gamma'(R)) = 2 \sum \binom{|X_i|}{2} + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} |X_i||X_j|d_{\Upsilon'(R)}(x_i, x_j),$$

where  $x_i$  is a representative of the equivalence class  $X_i$  under the relation  $\equiv$ .

In the subsequent sections, we use Theorem 2.5 to derive the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph  $\Gamma'(R)$  of various classes of rings.

### 3. Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of the product of ring of integers modulo $n$

First note that the cozero-divisor graph  $\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_4)$  is a graph with exactly one vertex. Observe that the graph  $\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , where  $p$  is a prime, is a graph without any vertices. Moreover, for  $\alpha \geq 2$ , the cozero-divisor graph of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\alpha}$ , where  $p^\alpha \neq 4$ , is a graph with  $p^{\alpha-1} - 1$  vertices without any edge. Consequently, except the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\alpha}$ , we obtain the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of the ring  $R$  such that  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$  or  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{m_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{m_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{m_k}}$ . In this connection, first we obtain all the possible distances  $d(x, y)$  of any two vertices  $x, y$  of the graph  $\Gamma'(R)$ . We begin with the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$  and let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r, \dots, x_k)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r, \dots, y_k) \in R$ . Define  $S_r = \{(x, y) : x_r, y_r \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_r})^* \text{ and } (x_r) \subseteq (y_r), x_i = 0, y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i}) \text{ for each } i \neq r\}$ . Then*

$$d_{\Gamma'(R)}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \sim y, \\ 2 & \text{if } x \not\sim y \text{ and } (x, y) \notin S_r \text{ for all } r, \\ 3 & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_r \text{ for some } r. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Recall that all the elements of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{n_i}$  are either units or zero-divisors. For  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$ , the definition of  $\Gamma'(R)$  implies that for  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in V(\Gamma'(R))$ , all  $x_i$ 's ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) are neither units nor zero elements. Clearly, if  $x \sim y$ , then  $d(x, y) = 1$ . Consequently, to compute the distances  $d(x, y)$  between any two non-adjacent vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $\Gamma'(R)$ , we consider the following cases on the possibilities of  $x_i$ 's such that  $x \in V(\Gamma'(R))$ , that is,  $x$  is a non-unit and non-zero element of the ring  $R$ .

**Case-1.**  $x_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . First suppose that  $y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . Then consider  $z = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \in R$ . Note that  $(x) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (x)$ . Similarly,  $(y) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (y)$ . It follows that  $x \sim z \sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Now let  $y_j = 0$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . Since  $x \not\sim y$ , it implies that  $(y_i) \subseteq (x_i)$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . Choose  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that  $z_i = 0$  if  $y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$ , and  $z_j \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})$  if  $y_j = 0$ . Note that  $(z) \not\subseteq (x)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (y)$ . Also,  $(x) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(y) \not\subseteq (z)$ . Therefore,  $x \sim z \sim y$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Further, note that if  $y_j = 0$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ , then one can observe that  $x \sim y$  and so  $d(x, y) = 1$ . Now, let  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for some  $i \in [k]$  and  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  for remaining  $j \in [k]$ . Since  $x \not\sim y$ , we obtain  $(x_i) \subseteq (y_i)$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . Thus, consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that  $z_i = 0$  if  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$ , and  $z_j \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})$  if  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$ . It follows that  $x \sim z \sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Finally, assume that  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  and  $y_l = 0$  for some  $j, l \in [k]$ , and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . With this possibility, we have  $(x) \not\subseteq (y)$  and  $(y) \not\subseteq (x)$ . Thus,  $d(x, y) = 1$ .

**Case-2.**  $x_j = 0$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $x_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . Since  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ , then by **Case-1**, for  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)$  such that  $y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for each  $i \in [k]$ , we get  $d(x, y) = 1$ . Now let  $y_j = 0$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . For  $x \not\sim y$ , consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when both } x_i = y_i = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

With this choice of  $z$ , note that  $(x) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (x)$ . Similarly,  $(y) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (y)$ . It follows that  $x \sim z \sim y$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Further, suppose that  $y_j = 0$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . Since  $x \not\sim y$ , we obtain  $(y_i) \subseteq (x_i)$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . Consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k)$  such that  $z_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  if  $y_i = 0$ , and  $z_j = 0$  if  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$ . It follows that  $x \sim z \sim y$ . Consequently,  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Next, let  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for some  $i \in [k]$  and  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  for remaining  $j \in [k]$ . Since  $x \not\sim y$ , we have  $(x_i) \subseteq (y_i)$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . Then consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i}), \\ 1 & \text{if } y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*. \end{cases}$$

It follows that  $x \sim z \sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Finally, assume that  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  and  $y_l = 0$  for some  $j, l \in [k]$ , and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . For  $x \not\sim y$ , consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that  $z_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  if  $x_i = 0$ , and  $z_j = 0$  if  $x_j \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})$ . Consequently,  $x \sim z \sim y$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ .

**Case-3.**  $x_j = 0$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $x_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . If  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)$  is such that  $y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for each  $i \in [k]$ , then by **Case-1** and the fact  $d(x, y) = d(y, x) = 2$ . Similarly, if  $y_j = 0$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ , then by **Case-2**, we obtain  $d(x, y) = 2$ .

Now let  $y_j = 0$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . Then consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that  $z_i = 0$  if  $x_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$ , and  $z_j = 1$  if  $x_j = 0$ . It follows that  $(x) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (x)$ . Also,  $(y) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (y)$ . Consequently,  $x \sim z \sim y$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Next, assume that  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  and  $y_l = 0$  for some  $j, l \in [k]$ , and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . Since  $x \not\sim y$ , it implies that  $(x_i) \subseteq (y_i)$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . Consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k)$  such that  $z_i = 1$  if  $x_i = 0$ , and  $z_j = 0$  if  $x_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$ . Consequently, we have  $x \sim z \sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ . Therefore,  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Further, let  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for some  $i \in [k]$  and  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  for remaining  $j \in [k]$ . Since  $x \not\sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ , we get  $(x_i) \subseteq (y_i)$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . Suppose that there exists exactly one  $r \in [k]$  such that  $x_r \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_r})^*$  and  $x_i = 0$  for each  $i \in [k] \setminus \{r\}$ . Also,  $y_r \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_r})^*$  and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for each  $i \in [k] \setminus \{r\}$ . Then  $(x_r) \subseteq (y_r)$ . It follows that  $(x, y) \in S_r$ . Let  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, \dots, a_k) \in V(\Gamma'(R))$  such that  $a \sim y$ . Then  $(y_r) \subseteq (a_r)$  and it follows that  $(x_r) \subseteq (y_r) \subseteq (a_r)$ . Consequently,  $(x_i) \subseteq (a_i)$  for each  $i \in [k]$  and so  $a \not\sim x$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ . Therefore,  $d(x, y) > 2$ . Consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k)$  and  $z' = (z'_1, z'_2, \dots, z'_k) \in R$  such that

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^* \end{cases}$$

and

$$z'_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i}), \\ 1 & \text{if } y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*. \end{cases}$$

Then note that  $(z) \not\subseteq (z')$  and  $(z') \not\subseteq (z)$ . Also,  $(x) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (x)$ . Moreover,  $(y) \not\subseteq (z')$  and  $(z') \not\subseteq (y)$ . It follows that  $x \sim z \sim z' \sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ . Therefore,  $d(x, y) = 3$ .

Next, we claim that if there exist  $t$  and  $r \in [k]$  such that  $x_t \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_t})^*$  and  $x_r \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_r})^*$ , then  $d(x, y) \leq 2$ . Since  $x \not\sim y$ , we obtain  $(x) \subseteq (y)$ . If there exists  $i_1 \in [k]$  such that  $x_{i_1}, y_{i_1} \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_{i_1}})^*$ , then take  $r = i_1$ . Now consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = t, \\ 1 & \text{if } i = r, \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i}) \text{ and } i \neq \{t, r\}, \\ 1 & \text{if } y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^* \text{ and } i \neq \{t, r\}. \end{cases}$$

Then note that  $x \sim z \sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ . Therefore,  $d(x, y) = 2$ .

**Case-4.**  $x_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for some  $i \in [k]$  and  $x_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  for remaining  $j \in [k]$ . Let  $y_j \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})$  for some  $j \in [k]$  and  $y_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . For  $x \not\sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ , consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that  $z_i = 0$  if  $x_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$ , and  $z_j = 1$  if  $x_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$ . Note that  $(z) \not\subseteq (x)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (y)$ . Also,  $(x) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(y) \not\subseteq (z)$ . Therefore,  $x \sim z \sim y$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Next, let  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  and  $y_l = 0$  for some  $j, l \in [k]$ , and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . Since  $x \not\sim y$  in  $\Gamma'(R)$ , we get  $(y_i) \subseteq (x_i)$  for each  $i \in [k]$ . Thus, consider  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k)$  such that  $z_i = 1$  if  $x_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^*$ , and  $z_j = 0$  if  $x_j \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})$ . Notice that  $(x) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (x)$ . Similarly,  $(y) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (y)$ . Therefore,  $x \sim z \sim y$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2$ .

**Case-5.**  $x_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  and  $x_l = 0$  for some  $j, l \in [k]$ , and  $x_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . In view of the earlier cases and  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ , in this case we require to compute  $d(x, y)$  only when  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) \in R$  such that  $y_j \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_j})^*$  and  $y_l = 0$  for some  $j, l \in [k]$ , and  $y_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})$  for remaining  $i \in [k]$ . For non-adjacent vertices  $x$  and  $y$ , choose  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) \in R$  such that

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_i \in Z(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i})^* \text{ and } x_i \in U(\mathbb{Z}_{n_i}), \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then observe that  $(x) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (x)$ . Moreover,  $(y) \not\subseteq (z)$  and  $(z) \not\subseteq (y)$ . Consequently,  $x \sim z \sim y$ . It follows that  $d(x, y) = 2$ .

Thus, the result holds.  $\square$

Now for a positive integer  $n$ , let  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_t$  be all the proper divisors of  $n$ . Then define

$$\mathcal{A}_{d_i} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_n : \gcd(x, n) = d_i\}.$$

We shall use the following facts and observations without referring them explicitly.

- (i)  $|\mathcal{A}_{d_i}| = \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_i}\right)$  (cf. [33]), where  $\phi$  is the Euler-totient function.
- (ii) For each  $d_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq t$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{d_i} \subseteq Z(\mathbb{Z}_n)^*$ .
- (iii) For  $u, v \in \mathcal{A}_{d_i}$ , we have  $(u) = (v) = (d_i)$ .

Let  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{m_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{m_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{m_k}}$  ( $k \geq 2$ ), where each  $p_i$  is a prime. For each  $i \in [k]$ , consider  $X_i^0 = \{0\}$ ,  $X_i^1 = U(\mathbb{Z}_{p_i^{m_i}})$  and  $X_i^j = \mathcal{A}_{p_i^{j-1}}$  for  $2 \leq j \leq m_i$ . Then

$$|X_i^j| = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = 0, \\ p_i^{m_i} - p_i^{m_i-1} & \text{if } j = 1, \\ p_i^{m_i-j+1} - p_i^{m_i-j} & \text{if } 2 \leq j \leq m_i. \end{cases}$$

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) \in R$ . One can observe that  $(x) = (y)$  if and only if  $(x_i) = (y_i)$  for each  $i$ . Consequently, each equivalence class of  $V(\Gamma'(R))$ , under the relation  $\equiv$ , is of the form  $X_1^{j_1} \times X_2^{j_2} \times \dots \times X_k^{j_k}$ , where  $0 \leq j_r \leq m_r$ . Moreover,  $|X_1^{j_1} \times X_2^{j_2} \times \dots \times X_k^{j_k}| = \prod_{i=1}^k |X_i^{j_i}|$ .

In view of Lemma 3.1, now we calculate the Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(R)$ , where  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{m_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{m_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{m_k}}$  and  $k \geq 2$ . Let  $x = (x_1^{j_1}, x_2^{j_2}, \dots, x_k^{j_k})$  and  $y = (y_1^{l_1}, y_2^{l_2}, \dots, y_k^{l_k})$  be the representatives of two distinct equivalence classes  $X_1^{j_1} \times X_2^{j_2} \times \dots \times X_k^{j_k}$  and  $X_1^{l_1} \times X_2^{l_2} \times \dots \times X_k^{l_k}$ , respectively.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{m_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{m_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{m_k}}$  and  $S_r$  be the set defined in Lemma 3.1. Then the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph  $\Gamma'(R)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} W(\Gamma'(R)) = & 2 \sum_{(x_1^{j_1}, x_2^{j_2}, \dots, x_k^{j_k}) \in \Gamma'} \left( \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k (p_i^{m_i-j_i+1} - p_i^{m_i-j_i})}{2} \right) + \sum_{x \sim y} \left( \prod_{i=1}^k (p_i^{m_i-j_i+1} - p_i^{m_i-j_i}) \right) \left( \prod_{l_i \geq 1}^k (p_i^{m_i-l_i+1} - p_i^{m_i-l_i}) \right) \\ & + 2 \sum_{\substack{x \neq y \\ (x,y) \notin S_r \\ (y,x) \notin S_r}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^k (p_i^{m_i-j_i+1} - p_i^{m_i-j_i}) \right) \left( \prod_{l_i \geq 1}^k (p_i^{m_i-l_i+1} - p_i^{m_i-l_i}) \right) \\ & + 3 \sum_{(x,y) \in S_r} \left( \prod_{i=1}^k (p_i^{m_i-j_i+1} - p_i^{m_i-j_i}) \right) \left( \prod_{l_i \geq 1}^k (p_i^{m_i-l_i+1} - p_i^{m_i-l_i}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.3.** Let  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_9$ . Then note that  $X_1^0 = X_2^0 = X_3^0 = \{0\}$ ,  $X_1^1 = U(\mathbb{Z}_2) = \{1\}$ ,  $X_2^1 = U(\mathbb{Z}_4) = \{1, 3\}$ ,  $X_3^1 = U(\mathbb{Z}_9) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ ,  $X_2^2 = \mathcal{A}_2 = \{2\}$  and  $X_3^2 = \mathcal{A}_3 = \{3, 6\}$ . Thus, the set of all equivalence classes of  $V(\Gamma'(R))$  is  $\{X_1^{j_1} \times X_2^{j_2} \times X_3^{j_3} : 0 \leq j_1 \leq 1, 0 \leq j_2, j_3 \leq 2\} \setminus \{X_1^0 \times X_2^0 \times X_3^0, X_1^1 \times X_2^1 \times X_3^1\}$ . Consequently, we have

the following 16 equivalence classes of  $V(\Gamma'(R))$ , viz.  $Y_1 = X_1^0 \times X_2^0 \times X_3^1$ ,  $Y_2 = X_1^0 \times X_2^0 \times X_3^2$ ,  $Y_3 = X_1^0 \times X_2^1 \times X_3^0$ ,  $Y_4 = X_1^0 \times X_2^2 \times X_3^0$ ,  $Y_5 = X_1^0 \times X_2^1 \times X_3^1$ ,  $Y_6 = X_1^0 \times X_2^2 \times X_3^1$ ,  $Y_7 = X_1^0 \times X_2^1 \times X_3^2$ ,  $Y_8 = X_1^0 \times X_2^2 \times X_3^2$ ,  $Y_9 = X_1^1 \times X_2^0 \times X_3^0$ ,  $Y_{10} = X_1^1 \times X_2^0 \times X_3^1$ ,  $Y_{11} = X_1^1 \times X_2^0 \times X_3^2$ ,  $Y_{12} = X_1^1 \times X_2^1 \times X_3^0$ ,  $Y_{13} = X_1^1 \times X_2^1 \times X_3^1$ ,  $Y_{14} = X_1^1 \times X_2^2 \times X_3^0$ ,  $Y_{15} = X_1^1 \times X_2^2 \times X_3^1$  and  $Y_{16} = X_1^1 \times X_2^2 \times X_3^2$ . Let  $y_i$  be the representative of the equivalence class  $Y_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 16$ . Note that  $S_1$  is an empty set and  $S_2 = \{(y_4, y_{15})\}$ ,  $S_3 = \{(y_2, y_{13})\}$ . Now, the pair of equivalence classes whose elements are at distance two in  $\Gamma'(R)$  are

$\{Y_1, Y_2\}, \{Y_1, Y_5\}, \{Y_1, Y_6\}, \{Y_1, Y_{10}\}, \{Y_1, Y_{15}\}, \{Y_2, Y_5\}, \{Y_2, Y_6\}, \{Y_2, Y_7\}, \{Y_2, Y_8\}, \{Y_2, Y_{10}\}, \{Y_2, Y_{11}\}, \{Y_2, Y_{15}\}, \{Y_2, Y_{16}\}, \{Y_3, Y_4\}, \{Y_3, Y_5\}, \{Y_3, Y_7\}, \{Y_3, Y_{12}\}, \{Y_3, Y_{13}\}, \{Y_4, Y_5\}, \{Y_4, Y_6\}, \{Y_4, Y_7\}, \{Y_4, Y_8\}, \{Y_4, Y_{12}\}, \{Y_4, Y_{13}\}, \{Y_4, Y_{14}\}, \{Y_4, Y_{16}\}, \{Y_5, Y_6\}, \{Y_5, Y_7\}, \{Y_5, Y_8\}, \{Y_6, Y_8\}, \{Y_6, Y_{15}\}, \{Y_7, Y_8\}, \{Y_7, Y_{13}\}, \{Y_8, Y_{13}\}, \{Y_8, Y_{15}\}, \{Y_8, Y_{16}\}, \{Y_9, Y_{10}\}, \{Y_9, Y_{11}\}, \{Y_9, Y_{12}\}, \{Y_9, Y_{13}\}, \{Y_9, Y_{14}\}, \{Y_9, Y_{15}\}, \{Y_9, Y_{16}\}, \{Y_{10}, Y_{11}\}, \{Y_{10}, Y_{15}\}, \{Y_{11}, Y_{13}\}, \{Y_{11}, Y_{16}\}, \{Y_{12}, Y_{13}\}, \{Y_{12}, Y_{14}\}, \{Y_{13}, Y_{14}\}, \{Y_{13}, Y_{16}\}, \{Y_{14}, Y_{15}\}, \{Y_{14}, Y_{16}\}, \{Y_{15}, Y_{16}\}$ .

Thus, the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_9$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} W(\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_9)) &= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} [30 + 2 + 2 + 0 + 132 + 30 + 12 + 2 + 0 + 30 + 2 + 2 + 12 + 0 + 30 + 2] \\ &+ [6(2 + 1 + 4 + 2 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 2) + 2(2 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 1)] \\ &+ 2(6 + 2 + 1 + 6 + 2 + 1 + 6 + 2) + (1 + 6 + 2) + 12(1 + 6 + 2 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 6 + 2) \\ &+ 6(4 + 1 + 6 + 2 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 2) + 4(1 + 6 + 2 + 2 + 1 + 6 + 2) + 2(1 + 6 + 2 + 2 + 1) \\ &+ (0) + 6(2 + 4 + 1 + 2) + 2(2 + 1) + 2(6 + 2) + 4(6) + (0)] \\ &+ 2[6(2 + 12 + 6 + 6 + 6) + 2(12 + 6 + 4 + 2 + 6 + 2 + 6 + 2) + 2(1 + 12 + 4 + 2 + 4) \\ &+ (12 + 6 + 4 + 2 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 2) + 12(6 + 4 + 2) + 6(2 + 6) + 4(2 + 4) + 2(4 + 6 + 2) \\ &+ (6 + 2 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 6 + 2) + 6(2 + 6) + 2(4 + 6 + 2) + 2(4 + 1) + 4(1 + 2) + (6 + 2) + 6(2)] \\ &+ 3[(1 \times 6) + (2 \times 4)] \\ &= 2611. \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. The Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of reduced ring

In this section, we obtain the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative reduced ring. Let  $R$  be a reduced ring i.e.  $R \cong F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2} \times \dots \times F_{q_k}$  with  $k \geq 2$ , where  $F_{q_i}$  is a finite field with  $q_i$  elements. Notice that, for  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) \in R$  such that  $(x) = (y)$ , we have  $x_i = 0$  if and only if  $y_i = 0$  for each  $i$ . For  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r \in [k]$ , define

$$X_{\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r\}} = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in R : \text{only } x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_r} \text{ are non-zero}\}.$$

Note that the sets  $X_A$ , where  $A$  is a non-empty proper subset of  $[k]$ , are the equivalence classes of  $V(\Gamma'(R))$  under the relation  $\equiv$ . Let  $x_A$  be the representative of equivalence class  $X_A$ . Now we obtain the possible distances between the vertices of  $\Upsilon'(R)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** For the distinct vertices  $x_A$  and  $x_B$  of  $\Upsilon'(R)$ , we have

$$d_{\Upsilon'(R)}(x_A, x_B) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \not\subseteq B \text{ and } B \not\subseteq A, \\ 2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* First assume that  $A \not\subseteq B$  and  $B \not\subseteq A$ . Then  $(x_A) \not\subseteq (x_B)$  and  $(x_B) \not\subseteq (x_A)$ . It follows that  $d_{\Upsilon'(R)}(x_A, x_B) = 1$ . Now, without loss of generality, let  $A \subseteq B$ . Then there exists  $i \in [k]$  such that  $i \notin B$  and so  $i \notin A$ . By Lemma 2.1, we have  $x_A \sim x_{i|} \sim x_B$ . Thus,  $d_{\Upsilon'(R)}(x_A, x_B) = 2$ .  $\square$

For distinct subsets  $A, B \subseteq [k]$ , define  $D_1 = \{A, B\} : A \not\subseteq B$  and  $D_2 = \{A, B\} : A \subseteq B$ . Using Theorem 2.5 and the sets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , we obtain the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor  $\Gamma'(R)$  of a reduced ring  $R$  in the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.2.** *The Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of a finite commutative reduced ring  $R \cong F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2} \times \dots \times F_{q_k}$ , where  $k \geq 2$ , is given by*

$$W(\Gamma'(R)) = 2 \sum_{A \subseteq [k]} \binom{\prod_{i \in A} (q_i - 1)}{2} + \sum_{\{A, B\} \in D_1} \left( \prod_{i \in A} (q_i - 1) \right) \left( \prod_{j \in B} (q_j - 1) \right) + 2 \sum_{\{A, B\} \in D_2} \left( \prod_{i \in A} (q_i - 1) \right) \left( \prod_{j \in B} (q_j - 1) \right).$$

*Proof.* The proof follows from Lemma 4.1.  $\square$

**Example 4.3.** [23, Corollary 6.2] *Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{pq} \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes. Then we have two distinct equivalence classes,  $X_{\{1\}} = \{(a, 0) : a \in \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}\}$  and  $X_{\{2\}} = \{(0, b) : b \in \mathbb{Z}_q \setminus \{0\}\}$ , of the equivalence relation  $\equiv$ . Moreover,  $D_1 = \{\{\{1\}, \{2\}\}\}$  and  $D_2$  is an empty set. Note that  $|X_{\{1\}}| = p - 1$  and  $|X_{\{2\}}| = q - 1$ . Consequently, by Theorem 4.2, we get  $W(\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_{pq})) = (p - 1)(p - 2) + (q - 1)(q - 2) + (p - 1)(q - 1) = p^2 + q^2 - 4p - 4q + pq + 5$ .*

**Example 4.4.** *Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{pqr} \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_r$ , where  $p, q, r$  are distinct primes. For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_q \setminus \{0\}$  and  $c \in \mathbb{Z}_r \setminus \{0\}$ , we have the equivalence classes :  $X_{\{1\}} = \{(a, 0, 0)\}$ ,  $X_{\{2\}} = \{(0, b, 0)\}$ ,  $X_{\{3\}} = \{(0, 0, c)\}$ ,  $X_{\{1,2\}} = \{(a, b, 0)\}$ ,  $X_{\{1,3\}} = \{(a, 0, c)\}$ ,  $X_{\{2,3\}} = \{(0, b, c)\}$ . Moreover,  $D_1 = \{\{\{1\}, \{2\}\}, \{\{1\}, \{3\}\}, \{\{2\}, \{3\}\}, \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}\}, \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}\}, \{\{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}\}, \{\{1\}, \{2, 3\}\}, \{\{2\}, \{1, 3\}\}, \{\{3\}, \{1, 2\}\}\}$  and  $D_2 = \{\{\{1\}, \{1, 2\}\}, \{\{1\}, \{1, 3\}\}, \{\{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}, \{\{2\}, \{2, 3\}\}, \{\{3\}, \{1, 3\}\}, \{\{3\}, \{2, 3\}\}\}$ . Also,  $|X_{\{1\}}| = p - 1$ ,  $|X_{\{2\}}| = q - 1$ ,  $|X_{\{3\}}| = r - 1$ ,  $|X_{\{1,2\}}| = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ ,  $|X_{\{1,3\}}| = (p - 1)(r - 1)$ ,  $|X_{\{2,3\}}| = (q - 1)(r - 1)$ . Then, by Theorem 4.2, the Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(R)$  is given by*

$$W(\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_{pqr})) = 2 \binom{p-1}{2} + 2 \binom{q-1}{2} + 2 \binom{r-1}{2} + 2 \binom{(p-1)(q-1)}{2} + 2 \binom{(p-1)(r-1)}{2} + 2 \binom{(q-1)(r-1)}{2} + (p-1)(q-1) + (p-1)(r-1) + (q-1)(r-1) + (p-1)(q-1)(p-1)(r-1) + (p-1)(q-1)(q-1)(r-1) + (p-1)(r-1)(q-1)(r-1) + (p-1)(q-1)(r-1) + (q-1)(p-1)(r-1) + (r-1)(p-1)(q-1) + 2(p-1)[(p-1)(q-1)] + 2(p-1)[(p-1)(r-1)] + 2(q-1)[(p-1)(q-1)] + 2(q-1)[(q-1)(r-1)] + 2(r-1)[(p-1)(r-1)] + 2(r-1)[(q-1)(r-1)].$$

*Simplifying this expression, we get*

$$W(\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_{pqr})) = pqr(p+q+r-3) + p^2q^2 + p^2r^2 + q^2r^2 - p^2(q+r) - q^2(p+r) - r^2(p+q) - 2(pq+pr+qr) + 4(p+q+r) - 3.$$

Let  $\tau(n)$  be the number of divisors of  $n$  and let  $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{\tau(n)-2}\}$  be the set of all proper divisors of  $n = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_r^{n_r} \dots p_k^{n_k}$ , where  $k \geq 2$ . If  $d_i \mid d_j$ , then define

$$A = \{(d_i, d_j) \in D \times D \mid d_i \neq p_r^s\};$$

$$B = \{(d_i, d_j) \in D \times D \mid d_i = p_r^s \text{ and } \frac{n}{d_j} \neq p_r^t\};$$

$$C = \{(d_i, d_j) \in D \times D \mid d_i = p_r^s \text{ and } \frac{n}{d_j} = p_r^t\}.$$

Using the notations defined above, the following theorem which was proved in [23], by using different approach, can also be obtained by using Lemma 3.1 and Theorem 3.2.



**Theorem 4.5.** [23, Theorem 6.3] For  $n = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_r^{n_r} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$  with  $k \geq 2$  and  $p_i$ 's are distinct primes, we have

$$W(\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_n)) = \sum_{i=1}^{\tau(n)-2} \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_i}\right) \left(\phi\left(\frac{n}{d_i}\right) - 1\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{d_i \nmid d_j \\ d_j \nmid d_i}} \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_i}\right) \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_j}\right) + 2 \sum_{(d_i, d_j) \in A} \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_i}\right) \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_j}\right) + 2 \sum_{(d_i, d_j) \in B} \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_i}\right) \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_j}\right) + 3 \sum_{(d_i, d_j) \in C} \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_i}\right) \phi\left(\frac{n}{d_j}\right).$$

### 5. SageMath Code

In this section, we produce a SAGE code to compute the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of ring classes considered in this paper including the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of integers modulo  $n$ . On providing the value of integer  $n$ , the following SAGE code computes the Wiener index of the graph  $\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ .

```
cozero_divisor_graph=Graph()
E=[]
n=72

for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n):
        if (i!=j):
            p=gcd(i ,n)
            q=gcd(j ,n)
            if (p%q!=0 and q%p!=0):
                E.append((i , j))

cozero_divisor_graph.add_edges(E)

if (E==[]):
    V=[]
    for i in range(1,n):
        if (gcd(i ,n)!=1):
            V.append(i)
    cozero_divisor_graph.add_vertices(V)

W=cozero_divisor_graph.wiener_index();

if (W==oo):
    print("Wiener Index undefined for Null Graph")
else :
    print("Wiener Index: " , W)
```

Using the given code, in Table 1, we obtain the Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  for some values of  $n$ .

$n$	100	500	1000	1500	2000	2500
$W(\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_n))$	2954	77174	306202	930248	1222530	1946274

Table 1: Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(\mathbb{Z}_n)$

Let  $R$  be a reduced ring i.e.  $R \cong F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2} \times \cdots \times F_{q_n}$ , where  $F_{q_i}$  is a field with  $q_i$  elements. The following code determines the Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(R)$  by providing the values of the field size  $q_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ).

```

field_orders=[3,5,7]
P=Subsets(range(len(field_orders)))[1:-1]
P=[Set(i) for i in P]

D1=[]
D2=[]
for i in P:
    for j in P:
        if (not(i.issubset(j) or j.issubset(i)) and P.index(i) > P.index(j)):
            D1.append([i, j])
        if (i.issubset(j) and i!=j):
            D2.append([i, j])

partial_sum=0
for i in P:
    sum_pp=1
    for j in i:
        sum_pp *= field_orders[j]-1
    partial_sum +=((sum_pp*(sum_pp-1))/2)

D1_sum=0
for i in D1:
    D1_pp=1
    for j in i[0]:
        D1_pp *= field_orders[j]-1
    for k in i[1]:
        D1_pp *= field_orders[k]-1
    D1_sum += D1_pp

D2_sum=0
for i in D2:
    D2_pp=1
    for j in i[0]:
        D2_pp *= field_orders[j]-1
    for k in i[1]:
        D2_pp *= field_orders[k]-1
    D2_sum += D2_pp

W = 2*partial_sum + D1_sum + 2*D2_sum
print("Wiener Index: " , W)

```

Using the given code, in the following tables, we obtain the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graphs of the reduced rings  $F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2}$  (see Table 2) and  $F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2} \times F_{q_3}$  (see Table 3), respectively.

$(q_1, q_2)$	(9, 25)	(49, 81)	(101, 121)	(125, 139)	(163, 169)	(289, 343)
$W(\Gamma'(F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2}))$	800	12416	36180	51270	81354	297774

Table 2: Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2})$

$(q_1, q_2, q_3)$	(7, 8, 13)	(9, 25, 49)	(53, 64, 81)	(83, 101, 121)	(125, 131, 169)	(289, 343, 361)
$W(\Gamma'(F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2} \times F_{q_3}))$	35196	2500400	108637254	620456582	2355211790	71251552134

Table 3: Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(F_{q_1} \times F_{q_2} \times F_{q_3})$

Let  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{m_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{m_2}} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{m_k}}$ . Then the following SAGE code gives the value of  $W(\Gamma'(R))$  after providing the values of  $p_i^{m_i} (1 \leq i \leq k)$ , where each  $p_i$  is a prime.

```

orders = [2, 4, 9]
A = cartesian_product([range(i) for i in orders]).list()
units = [{i for i in range(1, j) if gcd(i, j) == 1} for j in orders]

def contQ(lst1, lst2):
    flag = True
    for i in range(len(orders)):
        p=gcd(lst1[i], orders[i])
        q=gcd(lst2[i], orders[i])
        if(not(lst1[i]==0 or {lst2[i]}.issubset(units[i]) or p%q==0)):
            flag = False
    return flag

E=[]
for i in A:
    for j in A:
        if(not(contQ(i, j) or contQ(j, i))and A.index(i) > A.index(j)):
            E.append([i, j])

G = Graph()
G.add_edges(E)
W=G.wiener_index()
print("Wiener_Index:", W)

```

Using the given code, we obtain the Wiener index of the cozero-divisor graph of the ring  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{m_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{m_2}} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{m_k}}$ , where  $k \geq 2$ , in Table 4.

R	$W(\Gamma'(R))$
$\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_9$	420
$\mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_{25}$	8808
$\mathbb{Z}_{16} \times \mathbb{Z}_{25}$	48870
$\mathbb{Z}_{27} \times \mathbb{Z}_{49}$	268022
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	521
$\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_{11}$	14948
$\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	167769
$\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_{25}$	327394
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_9$	232937
$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_8$	333963

Table 4: Wiener index of  $\Gamma'(R)$

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