

# On the essential annihilating-ideal graph of commutative rings\*

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity,  $A(R)$  be the set of all annihilating-ideals of  $R$  and  $A^*(R) = A(R) \setminus \{0\}$ . In this paper, we introduced and studied the *essential annihilating-ideal graph* of  $R$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , with vertex set  $A^*(R)$  and two distinct vertices  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are adjacent if and only if  $\text{Ann}(I_1 I_2)$  is an essential ideal of  $R$ . We prove that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a connected graph with diameter at most three and girth at most four if  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  contains a cycle. Furthermore, the rings  $R$  are characterized for which  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star or a complete graph. Finally, we classify all the Artinian rings  $R$  for which  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is isomorphic to some well-known graphs.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper all rings are commutative rings (not a field) with unit element such that  $1 \neq 0$ . For a commutative ring  $R$ , we use  $\mathbb{I}(R)$  to denote the set of all ideals of  $R$  and  $\mathbb{I}^*(R) = \mathbb{I}(R) \setminus \{0\}$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is said to be *non-trivial* if it is nonzero and proper both. An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is said to be *annihilator ideal* if there is a nonzero ideal  $J$  of  $R$  such that  $IJ = 0$ . For  $X \subseteq R$ , we define *annihilator* of  $X$  as  $\text{Ann}(X) = \{r \in R : rX = 0\}$ . We use  $A(R)$  to denote the set of all annihilator ideas of  $R$  and  $A^*(R) = A(R) \setminus \{0\}$ . We denote the set of all zero-divisors, the set of all nilpotent elements, the set of all maximal ideals, the set of all minimal prime ideals, and the set of Jacobson radical of a ring  $R$  by  $Z(R)$ ,  $\text{Nil}(R)$ ,  $\text{Max}(R)$ ,  $\text{Min}(R)$  and  $J(R)$ , respectively. A nonzero ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is

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called *essential*, denoted by  $I \leq_e R$ , if  $I$  has a nonzero intersection with every nonzero ideal of  $R$ . Also, if  $I$  is not an essential ideal of  $R$  then, it is denoted by  $I \not\leq_e R$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be reduced, if it has no nonzero nilpotent element. For a nonzero nilpotent element  $x$  of  $R$ , we use  $\eta$  to denote the index of nilpotency of  $x$ . If  $S$  is any subset of  $R$ , then  $S^*$  denote the set  $S \setminus \{0\}$ . For any undefined notation or terminology in ring theory, we refer the reader to see [9].

Let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $V(G)$ . The *distance* between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$  denoted by  $d(u, v)$ , is the smallest path from  $u$  to  $v$ . If there is no such path, then  $d(u, v) = \infty$ . The *diameter* of  $G$  is defined as  $\text{diam}(G) = \sup\{d(u, v) : u, v \in V(G)\}$ . A *cycle* is a closed path in  $G$ . The *girth* of  $G$  denoted by  $\text{gr}(G)$  is the length of a shortest cycle in  $G$  ( $\text{gr}(G) = \infty$  if  $G$  contains no cycle). A graph is said to be *complete graph* if all its vertices are adjacent to each other. A complete graph with  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $K_n$ . If  $G$  is a graph such that the vertices of  $G$  can be partitioned into two nonempty disjoint sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  such that vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent if and only if  $u \in U_1$  and  $v \in U_2$ , then  $G$  is called a *complete bipartite graph*. A complete bipartite graph with disjoint vertex sets of size  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively, is denoted by  $K_{m,n}$ . We write  $K_{n,\infty}$  (respectively,  $K_{\infty,\infty}$ ) if one (respectively, both) of the disjoint vertex sets is infinite. A complete bipartite graph of the form  $K_{1,n}$  is called a *star graph*. A graph  $G$  is said to be *planar* if it can be drawn in the plane so that its edges intersect only at their ends. A subdivision of a graph is a graph obtained from it by replacing edges with pairwise internally-disjoint paths. A remarkably simple characterization of planar graphs was given by Kuratowski in 1930. Kuratowski's Theorem says that a graph  $G$  is planar if and only if it contains no subdivision of  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$ . The *genus* of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ , is the minimum integer  $k$  such that the graph can be drawn without crossing itself on a sphere with  $k$  handles (i.e. an oriented surface of genus  $k$ ). Thus, a planar graph has genus 0, because it can be drawn on a sphere without self-crossing. For more details on graph theory, we refer to reader to see [21, 22].

The concept of *zero-divisor graph* of a commutative ring  $R$ , denoted by  $\Gamma(R)$ , was introduced by I. Beck [10]. The vertex set of  $\Gamma(R)$  is  $Z^*(R) = Z(R) \setminus \{0\}$  (set of all nonzero zero-divisors of  $R$ ) and two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent if and only if  $xy = 0$ , for details see [5, 8, 7]. In [14], Dolžan and Oblak also obtained several interesting results related with zero-divisor graph of rings and semirings. The zero-divisor graph of a noncommutative ring has been introduced and studied by Redmond [18], whereas the same concept for semigroup by Demeyer et al. [13].

In [11], Behboodi et al. generalized the zero-divisor graph to ideals by defining the *annihilating-ideal graph*  $AG(R)$ , with vertex set is  $A^*(R)$  and two distinct vertices  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are adjacent if and only if  $I_1 I_2 = 0$ . For more details on annihilating-ideal graph, we refer the reader to see [1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 16].

In [17], M. Nikmehr et al. introduced the *essential graph*  $EG(R)$  with vertex set  $Z^*(R) = Z(R) \setminus \{0\}$  and two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent if and only if  $\text{ann}_R(xy)$  is an essential ideal of  $R$ .

Motivated by [17], we define the *essential annihilating-ideal graph* of  $R$  denoted by  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  with vertex set  $A^*(R)$  and two distinct vertices  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  adjacent if and only if  $\text{Ann}(I_1 I_2)$  is an essential ideal of  $R$ . In this paper we first prove that  $AG(R)$  is a subgraph of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  and then studied some basic properties of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  such as connectedness, diameter, girth and shows that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a connected graph with  $\text{diam}(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \leq 3$  and  $\text{gr}(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \leq 4$ , if  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  contains a cycle. In the third section, we determine some conditions on  $R$  under which  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph or a complete graph. In the last, we identify

all the Artinian rings  $R$  for which  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is isomorphic to some well-known graphs.

## 2 Basic properties of essential annihilating-ideal graph

We begin this section with the following lemma given by [17].

**Lemma 2.1.** [17, Lemma 2.1] *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then*

1.  $I + \text{Ann}(I)$  is an essential ideal of  $R$ .
2. If  $I^2 = (0)$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I)$  is an essential ideal of  $R$ .
3. If  $R$  contains no proper essential ideals, then  $J(R) = (0)$ .

The following lemma is analogue of [17, Lemma 2.2].

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then*

1. If  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are adjacent in  $AG(R)$ , then  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are also adjacent in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ .
2. If  $I^2 = 0$  for some  $I \in A^*(R)$ , then  $I$  is adjacent to every other vertex in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are adjacent in  $AG(R)$ , then  $I_1I_2 = 0$  and so  $\text{Ann}(I_1I_2) = R$ , is an essential ideal of  $R$ . Thus  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are also adjacent in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ .

(2) Suppose that  $I^2 = 0$  for some  $I \in A^*(R)$ . Then by Lemma 2.1(2),  $\text{Ann}(I)$  is an essential ideal of  $R$ . Since  $\text{Ann}(I) \subseteq \text{Ann}(IJ)$  for every  $J \in A^*(R)$ , therefore  $\text{Ann}(IJ)$  is also an essential ideal of  $R$ . Thus  $I$  is adjacent to every other vertex of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ .  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. By [11, Theorem 2.1], the annihilating ideal graph  $AG(R)$  is a connected graph with  $\text{diam}(AG(R)) \leq 3$ . Moreover, if  $AG(R)$  contains a cycle, then  $gr(AG(R)) \leq 4$ .

In view of part (1) of Lemma 2.2, we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is connected with  $\text{diam}(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \leq 3$ . Moreover, if  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  contain a cycle, then  $gr(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \leq 4$ .*

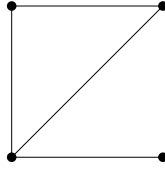
In Lemma 2.2(1), we proved that  $AG(R)$  is a spanning subgraph of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  but this containment may be proper. The following examples shows that  $AG(R)$  and  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  are not identical.

### Example 2.4.

1. If  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{16}$ , then  $AG(R)$  is  $P_3$  and  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is  $K_3$ .
2. If  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{p^5}$ , where  $p$  is a prime number. Then  $AG(R)$  is the following graph and  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is  $K_4$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative reduced ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R) = AG(R)$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly,  $AG(R) \subseteq \mathcal{EG}(R)$ . We just have to prove that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a subgraph of  $AG(R)$ . Suppose on contrary that  $I_1 \sim I_2$  is an edge of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  such that  $I_1I_2 \neq 0$ . Since  $R$  is a reduced ring, then  $I_1I_2 \cap \text{Ann}(I_1I_2) = 0$ , which implies that  $\text{Ann}(I_1I_2)$  is not an essential ideal of  $R$ , a contradiction. Thus  $I_1I_2 = 0$  and  $\mathcal{EG}(R) = AG(R)$ .  $\square$

Figure 1: The graph  $AG(\mathbb{Z}_{p^5})$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** [12, Theorem 1.9(3)] *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with finitely many minimal primes. Then  $\text{diam}(AG(R)) = 2$  if and only if either  $R$  is reduced with exactly two minimal primes and at least three nonzero annihilating-ideals, or  $R$  is not reduced,  $Z(R)$  is an ideal whose square is not  $(0)$  and for each pair of annihilating-ideals  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ ,  $I_1 + I_2$  is an annihilating-ideal.*

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with  $|\text{Min}(R)| < \infty$ . Then*

1. *If  $R$  is reduced ring, then  $\text{diam}(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 2$  if and only if  $|\text{Min}(R)| = 2$  and  $R$  has at least three nonzero annihilating-ideals. Moreover, in this case  $gr(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \in \{4, \infty\}$ .*
2. *If  $R$  is non-reduced, then  $\text{diam}(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \leq 2$ . Moreover, in this case  $gr(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \in \{3, \infty\}$ .*

*Proof.* (1) First part is clear from Theorems 2.5 and 2.6. Now, let  $\text{Min}(R) = \{P_1, P_2\}$ , then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete bipartite graph with partitions  $V_1 = \{I \in V(\mathcal{EG}) : I \subseteq P_1\}$  and  $V_2 = \{I \in V(\mathcal{EG}) : I \subseteq P_2\}$  by [12, Theorem 1.2]. Hence  $gr(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \in \{4, \infty\}$ .

(2) Since  $R$  is a non-reduced ring, then there is  $I_1 \in A^*(R)$  such that  $I_1^2 = 0$ . Thus by Lemma 2.2(2),  $I_1$  is adjacent to every other vertex of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . Hence  $\text{diam}(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \leq 2$ . Also, if there are  $I, J \in V(\mathcal{EG}(R)) \setminus \{I_1\}$  such that  $I \sim J$  is an edge of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , then  $I_1 \sim I \sim J \sim I_1$  is a triangle in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . Thus,  $gr(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 3$ , otherwise  $gr(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = \infty$ .  $\square$

### 3 Completeness of essential annihilating-ideal graph

In this section, we characterized commutative ring  $R$  for which  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph or a complete graph. We begin with the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative nonreduced ring. Then*

- (1) *For every nilpotent ideal  $I_1$  of  $R$ ,  $I_1$  is adjacent to every other vertex of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ .*
- (2) *The subgraph induced by the nilpotent ideals of  $R$  is a complete subgraph of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $I_1$  be any nilpotent ideal of  $R$ . Let  $I_2 \in A^*(R)$ . We show that  $\text{Ann}(I_1 I_2) \leq_e R$ . Since  $\text{Ann}(I_1) \subseteq \text{Ann}(I_1 I_2)$ , then it is enough to show that  $\text{Ann}(I_1) \leq_e R$ . Suppose on contrary that  $\text{Ann}(I_1) \not\leq_e R$ , then there exists  $I_3 \in \mathbb{I}^*(R)$  such that  $\text{Ann}(I_1) \cap I_3 = 0$ , which implies that  $rI_1 \neq 0$  for every  $r \in I_3^*$ . Since  $0 \neq rI_1 \subseteq I_3$ , then  $I_1 \cdot rI_1 = rI_1^2 \neq 0$ . Continuing this process, we get  $rI_1^n \neq 0$ , for every positive integer  $n$ , which is a contradiction. This complete the proof.

(2) It is clear from (1).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a commutative Artinian local ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph.*

*Proof.* Follows from Lemma 3.1. □

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative decomposable ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph if and only if  $R = F \times D$ , where  $F$  is a field and  $D$  is an integral domain.*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph and let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are commutative rings. If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  both are not fields and  $I_1 \in \mathbb{I}^*(R_1)$ ,  $I_2 \in \mathbb{I}^*(R_2)$ , then  $(R_1 \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times R_2) \sim (I_1 \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times I_2) \sim (R_1 \times (0))$  is a cycle of length 4 in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Thus, without loss of generality we can assume that  $R_1$  is a field. We claim that  $R_2$  is an integral domain. Suppose on contrary that  $R_2$  is not an integral domain, then there exists  $I_3, I_4 \in \mathbb{I}^*(R_1)$  such that  $I_3 I_4 = 0$ . If  $I_3 \neq I_4$ , then  $(R_1 \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times I_3) \sim ((0) \times I_4) \sim (R_1 \times (0))$  is a triangle in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Also, if  $I_3 = I_4$ , then by Lemma 3.1,  $(R_1 \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times I_3) \sim ((0) \times R_2) \sim (R_1 \times (0))$  is a triangle in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , again a contradiction. This complete the proof. ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is clear. □

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $R$  be an Artinian commutative ring with atleast two non-trivial ideals. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph if and only if  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_2$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph. If  $R$  is a local ring, then from Lemma 3.2,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. Since  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph, therefore  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_2$ . If  $R$  is non-local ring, then it is decomposable. Thus by Lemma 3.3,  $R = F \times D$ , where  $F$  is a field and  $D$  is an integral domain. Since  $R$  is Artinian ring, then  $D$  is Artinian and hence is a field. Thus  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_2$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is evident. □

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with at least two non-trivial ideals. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph if and only if one of the following holds:*

1.  $R$  has exactly two non-trivial ideals.
2.  $R = F \times D$ , where  $F$  is a field and  $D$  is an integral domain which is not a field.
3.  $R$  has a minimal ideal  $I_1$  such  $I_1$  is not an essential ideal of  $R$ ,  $I_1^2 = 0$  and for any nonzero annihilating ideal  $I_2$  of  $R$ ,  $\text{Ann}(I_2) = I_1$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph. If  $|A^*(R)| < \infty$ , then from [11, Theorem 1.1],  $R$  is an Artinian ring. Thus, by Theorem 3.4,  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_2$  and hence (1) hold. Now, let  $|A^*(R)| = \infty$  and  $I_1$  is adjacent to every other vertex of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . We show that  $I_1$  is minimal ideal of  $R$ . Suppose on contrary that there exists  $I_2 \in \mathbb{I}^*(R)$  such that  $I_2 \subset I_1$ . Let  $I_3 \in A^*(R) \setminus \{I_1, I_2\}$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I_1 I_3) \leq_e R$ . Since  $I_2 I_3 \subseteq I_1 I_3$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I_2 I_3)$  is also essential ideal of  $R$ . This implies that  $I_2$  is also adjacent to every other vertex of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Now, following two cases occur:

**Case(i)**  $I_1^2 \neq 0$ . Then  $I_1^2 = I_1$ , thus by Brauer's Lemma [15, p. 172, Lemma 10.22],  $R$  is decomposable. Since  $|A^*(R)| = \infty$  and  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph. Then from Lemma 3.3,  $R = F \times D$ , where  $F$  is a field and  $D$  is an integral domain which is not a field. Hence (2) hold.

**Case(ii)**  $I_1^2 = 0$ . Let  $I_2 \in A^*(R) \setminus \{I_1\}$ . Then  $I_2 \neq \text{Ann}(I_2)$ , otherwise  $I_2^2 = 0$

implies that  $I_2$  is also adjacent to every other vertex of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Now, since  $I_2 \sim \text{Ann}(I_2)$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I_2) = I_1$ . If  $I_1$  is an essential ideal of  $R$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I_2)$  is also an essential ideal of  $R$ . This shows that  $I_2$  is also adjacent with every other vertex of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , which is a contradiction to our assumption that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph because we are assuming that  $I_1$  is adjacent with every other vertex of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  and  $I_1 \neq I_2$ . Hence  $I_1$  is not an essential ideal of  $R$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $R$  has exactly two non-trivial ideals, then  $R$  is Artinian ring with  $|A^*(R)| = 2$ . Since  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is connected, therefore  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_2$ . If  $R = F \times D$ , where  $F$  is a field and  $D$  is an integral domain which is not a field, then from Lemma 3.3,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a star graph. Now, suppose that  $R$  has a minimal ideal  $I_1$  such  $I_1$  is not an essential ideal of  $R$ ,  $I_1^2 = 0$  and for any nonzero annihilating ideal  $I_2$  of  $R$ ,  $\text{Ann}(I_2) = I_1$ . Let  $I_2, I_3 \in A^*(R) \setminus \{I_1\}$  such that  $I_2 \sim I_3$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . This implies that  $\text{Ann}(I_2 I_3) \leq_e R$  and  $\text{Ann}(I_2) = I_1 = \text{Ann}(I_3)$ . Since  $\text{Ann}(I_2) = \text{Ann}(I_3)$  is not an essential of  $R$ , there exists a nonzero ideal  $I_4$  of  $R$  such that  $\text{Ann}(I_2) \cap I_4 = \text{Ann}(I_3) \cap I_4 = 0$ . This shows that  $r I_2 \neq 0$  and  $r I_3 \neq 0$  for every  $r \in I_4^*$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{Ann}(I_2 I_3) \leq_e R$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I_2 I_3) \cap I_4 \neq 0$ . That is there exists  $s \in I_4^*$  such that  $s I_2 I_3 = 0$ . Now, observe that  $s I_2 \subseteq I_4^*$  satisfies  $s I_2 \subseteq \text{Ann}(I_3)$ , which implies that  $\text{Ann}(I_3) \cap I_4 \neq 0$ , a contradiction. This complete the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph if and only if one of the following holds:*

1.  $R = F_1 \times F_2$ , where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are fields.
2.  $R$  is a local ring.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. Since  $R$  is Artinian, then  $R = R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n$ , where  $R_i$  is Artinian local ring for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The following cases occur:

**Case(i)**  $n \geq 3$ . Then  $R_1 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$  and  $R_1 \times (0) \times R_3 \times \cdots \times (0)$  are nonzero annihilating ideals of  $R$  such that  $(R_1 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)) \not\sim (R_1 \times (0) \times R_3 \times \cdots \times (0))$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction.

**Case(ii)**  $n = 2$ . We show that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are fields. Suppose on contrary that  $R_1$  is not a field with non-trivial maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $\text{Ann}(((0) \times R_2) \cdot (\mathfrak{m} \times R_2)) = \text{Ann}((0) \times R_2) = R_1 \times (0)$ , which is not an essential ideal of  $R$ . Thus  $((0) \times R_2) \not\sim (\mathfrak{m} \times R_2)$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence (2) holds.

**Case(iii)**  $n = 1$ . Then  $R$  is Artinian local ring and (1) holds.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $R$  is local, then from Lemma 3.2,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. If  $R = F_1 \times F_2$ , where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are fields, then  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with at least one minimal ideal. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_{m,n}$ , where  $m, n \geq 2$  if and only if  $R = D \times S$ , where  $D$  and  $S$  are integral domains which are not fields.*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_{m,n}$ , where  $m, n \geq 2$ . Let  $I_1$  be minimal ideal of  $R$ . If  $I_1^2 = 0$ , then from Lemma 2.2,  $I_1$  is adjacent to every other vertex, a contradiction. Thus  $I_1^2 \neq 0$ . Since  $I_1$  is minimal, therefore  $I_1^2 = I_1$ . Therefore, Brauer's Lemma [15, p. 172, Lemma 10.22],  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are commutative rings. Now, our objective is to show that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are integral domains. Suppose on contrary that  $R_1$  is

not an integral domain with nonzero annihilating ideal  $I_2$ . As above,  $I_2^2 \neq 0$  which implies that  $I_2 \notin \text{Ann}(I_2)$ . Thus  $(I_2 \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times R_2) \sim (\text{Ann}(I_2) \times (0)) \sim (I_2 \times (0))$  is a triangle in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $R_1$  is an integral domain. Similarly, one can prove that  $R_2$  is an integral domain. Since  $m, n \geq 2$ , therefore  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are not fields. ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $R = D \times S$ , where  $D$  and  $S$  are integral domains which are not fields. Let  $U = \{I_1 \times (0) : I_1 \in \mathbb{I}^*(D)\}$  and  $V = \{(0) \times I_2 : I_2 \in \mathbb{I}^*(S)\}$ . Then  $A^*(R) = U \cup V$  such that no two vertices of  $U$  or  $V$  are adjacent in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . Also, every vertex of  $U$  is adjacent to every vertex of  $V$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_{m,n}$ . Since  $D$  and  $S$  are not fields, therefore  $m, n \geq 2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.8.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then*

1. *Let  $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in A^*(R)$  such that  $\text{Ann}(I_1) = \text{Ann}(I_2)$ . Then  $I_1 \sim I_3$  is an edge of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  if and only if  $I_2 \sim I_3$  is an edge of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ .*
2. *Let  $I \in A^*(R)$ . Then  $\text{Ann}(I) \leq_e R$  if and only if  $\text{Ann}(I^n) \leq_e R$  for every  $n \geq 2$ . In particular, if  $\text{Ann}(I^3) \leq_e R$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I^n) \leq_e R$  for every  $n \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.* (1) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $I_1 \sim I_3$  is an edge of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I_1 I_3) \leq_e R$ . We have to show that  $\text{Ann}(I_2 I_3) \leq_e R$ . Suppose on contrary that  $\text{Ann}(I_2 I_3)$  is not an essential ideal of  $R$ , then there exists  $I_4 \in \mathbb{I}^*(R)$  such that  $\text{Ann}(I_2 I_3) \cap I_4 = 0$ . This implies that  $r I_2 I_3 \neq 0$  for all  $r \in I_4^*$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{Ann}(I_1 I_3)$  is an essential ideal of  $R$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I_1 I_3) \cap I_4 \neq 0$ . That is there exists some  $s \in I_4^*$  such that  $s I_1 I_3 = 0$ . Now, observe that  $s I_3 \subseteq I_4^*$  satisfies  $s I_3 \subseteq \text{Ann}(I_1) = \text{Ann}(I_2)$ , which implies that  $s I_2 I_3 = 0$ , a contradiction.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Using similar argument as above we get the required result.

(2) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) is clear.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose on contrary that  $\text{Ann}(I)$  is not an essential ideal of  $R$ , then there exists nonzero ideal  $I_1$  of  $R$  such that  $\text{Ann}(I) \cap I_1 = 0$ . This implies that  $r I \neq 0$  for all  $r \in I_1^*$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{Ann}(I^2) \leq_e R$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I^2) \cap I_1 \neq 0$ . That is there exists some  $s \in I_1^*$  such that  $s I^2 = 0$ . Now, observe that  $r = s I \subseteq I_1^*$  such that  $r I = 0$ , a contradiction.

For the particular case, we need to show that  $\text{Ann}(I^2) \leq_e R$ . Suppose on contrary that there is some  $I_1 \in \mathbb{I}^*(R)$  such that  $\text{Ann}(I^2) \cap I_1 = 0$ , which implies that  $r I^2 \neq 0$  for all  $r \in I_1$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{Ann}(I^3) \leq_e R$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I^3) \cap I_1 \neq 0$ . That is there exists some  $s \in I_1^*$  such that  $s I^3 = 0$ . Now, observe that  $r = s I^2 \subseteq I_1^*$  such that  $r I = 0$ , which implies that  $\text{Ann}(I) \cap I_1 \neq 0$ . Since  $\text{Ann}(I)$  is a subset of  $\text{Ann}(I^2)$ , then  $\text{Ann}(I^2) \cap I_1 \neq 0$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative non-reduced ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph if and only if  $\text{Ann}(I) \leq_e R$  for every  $I \in A^*(R)$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. We claim that  $R$  is indecomposable ring. Suppose on contrary that  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are commutative rings. Since  $R$  is non-reduced ring, without loss of generality, we can assume that  $R_1$  is non-reduced ring with nonzero nilpotent element  $x$ . Let  $I_1 = x R_1$ . Then  $\text{Ann}((I_1 \times R_2) \cdot ((0) \times R_2)) = \text{Ann}((0) \times R_2) = R_1 \times (0)$ , is not an essential ideal of  $R$ , a contradiction to the completeness of  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . Let  $I \in A^*(R)$  be arbitrary. If  $I$  is nilpotent ideal, then from Lemma 3.1(1),  $\text{Ann}(I) \leq_e R$ . Suppose  $I$  is not nilpotent ideal. Since  $R$

is indecomposable, then  $I^2 \neq I$ , which implies that  $\text{Ann}(I^3) \leq_e R$ . Hence by Lemma 3.8(2),  $\text{Ann}(I) \leq_e R$ .  
 $(\Leftarrow)$  is evident. □

#### 4 Essential annihilating-ideal graph as some special type of graphs

In this section, we characterized all the Artinian rings  $R$  for which  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a tree, a unicycle graph, a split graph, a outerplanar graph, a planar graph and a toroidal graph.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring (not a field). Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a tree if and only if either  $R \cong F_1 \times F_2$ , where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are fields or  $R$  is a local ring with at most two non-trivial ideal.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a tree. Since  $R$  is an Artinian ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n$ , where each  $R_i$  is an Artinian local ring. If  $n \geq 3$ . Consider  $I_1 = R_1 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$ ,  $I_2 = (0) \times R_2 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$  and  $I_3 = (0) \times (0) \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$ . Then  $I_1 \sim I_2 \sim I_3 \sim I_1$  is a cycle of in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction.

Suppose  $n = 2$ , then we show that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  both are fields. Suppose on contrary that  $R_1$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Consider  $J_1 = (0) \times R_2$ ,  $J_2 = \mathfrak{m} \times (0)$ ,  $J_3 = \mathfrak{m} \times R_2$  and  $J_4 = R_1 \times (0)$ . Then  $J_1 \sim J_2 \sim J_3 \sim J_4 \sim J_1$  is a cycle in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction.

If  $n = 1$ , then  $R$  is Artinian local ring. Thus by Lemma 3.2,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. Since  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a tree, therefore  $R$  has at most two non-trivial ideal.

Converse is clear. □

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring (not a field). Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is unicycle if and only if either  $R \cong F_1 \times F_2 \times F_3$ , where  $F_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  or  $R$  is an Artinian local ring with exactly three non-trivial ideals.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is unicycle. Since  $R$  is Artinian ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n$ , where  $R_i$  is Artinian local ring for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $n \geq 4$ . Consider  $I_1 = R_1 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$ ,  $I_2 = (0) \times R_2 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$ ,  $I_3 = (0) \times (0) \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$  and  $J_1 = (0) \times (0) \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$ ,  $J_2 = R_1 \times R_2 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$ ,  $J_3 = (0) \times (0) \times (0) \times R_4 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$ . Then  $I_1 \sim I_2 \sim I_3 \sim I_1$  as well as  $J_1 \sim J_2 \sim J_3 \sim J_1$  are two different cycles in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $n \leq 3$ .

First, let  $n = 3$  and suppose on contrary that  $R_2$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Consider  $I_1 = R_1 \times (0) \times (0)$ ,  $I_2 = (0) \times R_2 \times (0)$ ,  $I_3 = (0) \times (0) \times R_3$  and  $J_1 = R_1 \times (0) \times (0)$ ,  $J_2 = (0) \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0)$ ,  $J_3 = (0) \times (0) \times R_3$ . Then  $I_1 \sim I_2 \sim I_3 \sim I_1$  and  $J_1 \sim J_2 \sim J_3 \sim J_1$  are two different cycles in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $R_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

Now, let  $n = 2$ . If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  both are fields then  $\mathcal{EG}(R) \cong K_2$ , a contradiction. Thus one of  $R_i$  say  $R_2$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $(R_1 \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times \mathfrak{m}) \sim ((0) \times R_2) \sim (R_1 \times (0))$  as well as  $(R_1 \times \mathfrak{m}) \sim ((0) \times \mathfrak{m}) \sim ((0) \times R_2) \sim (R_1 \times \mathfrak{m})$  are two different cycles in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , again a contradiction.

If  $n = 1$ , then  $R$  is Artinian local ring. Thus, by Lemma 3.2,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. Since  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is unicycle,  $R$  have exactly three non-trivial ideals. □

**Theorem 4.3.** [21] *Let  $G$  be a connected graph. Then  $G$  is a split graph if and only if  $G$  contains no induced subgraph isomorphic to  $2K_2$ ,  $C_4$ ,  $C_5$ .*



**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian non-local ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is split graph if and only if either  $R \cong F_1 \times F_2 \times F_3$  or  $R \cong F_1 \times F_2$ , where  $F_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is split graph. Since  $R$  is Artinian non-local ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n$ , where each  $R_i$  is an Artinian local ring and  $n \geq 2$ . If  $n \geq 4$ , then  $I_1 = R_1 \times R_2 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0) \sim J_1 = (0) \times (0) \times R_3 \times R_4 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$  and  $I_2 = R_1 \times (0) \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0) \sim J_2 = (0) \times R_2 \times (0) \times R_4 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)$  induces  $2K_2$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $n = 2$  or  $3$ . We have following cases:

**Case(i)** If  $n = 3$ , then we show that each  $R_i$  is a field. Suppose on contrary that  $R_1$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $(R_1 \times (0) \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times R_2 \times R_3) \sim (\mathfrak{m} \times (0) \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times R_2 \times (0)) \sim (R_1 \times (0) \times (0))$  is  $C_4$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $R_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

**Case(ii)** Let  $n = 2$  and suppose that  $R_2$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}'$ . Then  $(R_1 \times (0)) \sim ((0) \times R_2) \sim (R_1 \times \mathfrak{m}') \sim ((0) \times \mathfrak{m}') \sim (R_1 \times (0))$  is  $C_4$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  both are fields.

Converse is clear. □

**Theorem 4.5.** [22] *A graph  $G$  is outerplanar if and only if it does not contain a subdivision of  $K_4$  or  $K_{2,3}$ .*

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is outerplanar if and only if one of the following hold:*

1.  $R = F_1 \times F_2 \times F_3$ , where  $F_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .
2.  $R = F_1 \times F_2$ , where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are fields.
3.  $R = F \times R_1$ , where  $F$  is a field and  $(R_1, \mathfrak{m})$  is a local ring with  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$ .
4.  $R$  is a local ring with at most three non-trivial ideals.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is outerplanar. Since  $R$  is Artinian ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n$ , where each  $R_i$  is Artinian local ring. If  $n \geq 4$ , then the set  $\{I_1 = R_1 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), I_2 = (0) \times R_2 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), I_3 = (0) \times (0) \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), I_4 = (0) \times (0) \times (0) \times R_4 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)\}$  induces  $K_4$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $n \leq 3$ . The following cases occur:

**Case(i)**  $n = 3$ . We claim that  $R_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Suppose on contrary that  $R_2$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then the set  $\{R_1 \times (0) \times (0), R_1 \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0), (0) \times (0) \times R_3, (0) \times R_2 \times R_3\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{2,3}$  with partition sets  $A = \{(0) \times (0) \times R_3, (0) \times R_2 \times R_3\}$  and  $B = \{R_1 \times (0) \times (0), R_1 \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0)\}$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $R_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

**Case(ii)**  $n = 2$  and let  $R_i$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ . Then the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), (0) \times R_2, \mathfrak{m}_1 \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2\}$  induces a copy of  $K_4$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence one of  $R_i$  (say  $R_1$ ) must be a field. Let  $I$  be a non-trivial ideal of  $R_2$  other than maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_2$ . Then the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), R_1 \times \mathfrak{m}_2, (0) \times R_2, (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2, (0) \times I\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{2,3}$  with partition sets  $A = \{R_1 \times (0), R_1 \times \mathfrak{m}_2\}$  and  $B = \{(0) \times R_2, (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2, (0) \times I\}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $R_2$  is a field or has

unique non-trivial ideal.

**Case(iii)**  $n = 1$ , then  $R$  is Artinian local ring. Thus by Lemma 3.2,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. Since  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is outerplanar,  $R$  have at most three non-trivial ideals.

Converse follows from Lemma 3.2, Theorem 4.5, Figures 2 and 3. □

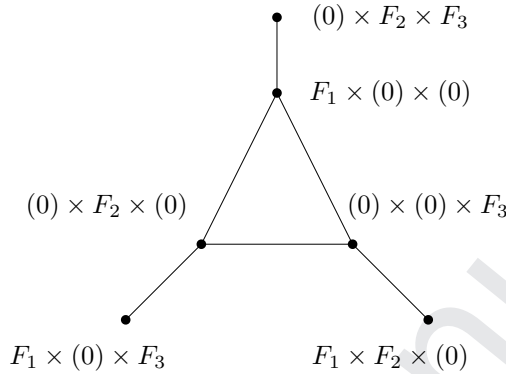


Figure 2: The graph  $\mathcal{EG}(F_1 \times F_2 \times F_3)$ .

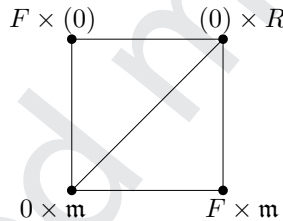


Figure 3: The graph  $\mathcal{EG}(F \times R_1)$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$ .

**Lemma 4.7.** [20, Proposition 2.7] If  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is an Artinian local ring and there is an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $I \neq \mathfrak{m}^i$  for every  $i$ , then  $R$  has at least three distinct non-trivial ideals  $J, K$  and  $L$  such that  $J, K, L \neq \mathfrak{m}^i$  for each  $i$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** (Kuratowski’s Theorem) A graph  $G$  is planar if and only if it contains no subdivision of  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$ .

**Lemma 4.9.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a commutative Artinian local ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is planar if and only if  $R$  have at most four non-trivial ideals.

*Proof.* It is clear from Lemma 3.2 and Theorem 4.8. □

**Theorem 4.10.** Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring. Then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is planar graph if and only if one of the following hold:

1.  $R = F_1 \times F_2 \times F_3$ , where  $F_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

2.  $R$  has at most four non-trivial ideals.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a planar graph. If  $|A^*(R)| \leq 4$ , then (2) holds. Thus, we assume that  $|A^*(R)| \geq 5$ . Since  $R$  is Artinian ring, then  $R \cong R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n$ , where each  $R_i$  is Artinian local ring. If  $n \geq 4$ , then the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), (0) \times \cdots \times (0), R_1 \times R_2 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), (0) \times R_2 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)\} \cup \{(0) \times (0) \times R_3 \times R_4 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), (0) \times (0) \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), (0) \times (0) \times (0) \times R_4 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,3}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $n \leq 3$ . The following cases occur:

**Case(i)**  $n = 3$ . We claim that  $R_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Suppose on contrary that one of  $R_i$  say  $R_2$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then the set  $\{R_1 \times (0) \times (0), R_1 \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m} \times R_3, (0) \times (0) \times R_3, (0) \times R_2 \times R_3\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,3}$  with partition sets  $A = \{R_1 \times (0) \times (0), R_1 \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m} \times (0)\}$  and  $B = \{(0) \times (0) \times R_3, (0) \times \mathfrak{m} \times R_3, (0) \times R_2 \times R_3\}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence, (1) satisfied.

**Case(ii)**  $n = 2$ . Since  $|A^*(R)| \geq 5$ , then one of  $R_i$  is not a field for some  $i = 1, 2$ . Suppose that  $R_1$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_1$ . If  $R_2$  is a field, then  $|A^*(R)| \geq 5$  shows that  $R_1$  have at least two non-trivial ideals. Let  $I$  be a non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$  other than the maximal ideal. Then the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), \mathfrak{m}_1 \times (0), I \times (0)\} \cup \{(0) \times R_2, \mathfrak{m}_1 \times R_2, I \times R_2\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,3}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction.

Now, if  $R_2$  is not a field with nonzero maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_2$ , then the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2, R_1 \times \mathfrak{m}_2\} \cup \{(0) \times R_2, \mathfrak{m}_1 \times (0), \mathfrak{m}_1 \times R_2\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,3}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , again a contradiction.

**Case(iii)**  $n = 1$ . Then  $R$  is an Artinian local ring. Thus, by Lemma 3.2,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. Since  $|A^*(R)| \geq 5$ , then  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  contains a copy of  $K_5$ , which is a contradiction.

Conversely, If  $R$  is an Artinian ring with at most four non-trivial ideals, then by Theorem 4.8,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is planar. Also, if  $R = F_1 \times F_2 \times F_3$ , where  $F_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , then from Figure 2,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is planar.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.11.** [22]  $\gamma(K_n) = \lceil \frac{1}{12}(n-3)(n-4) \rceil$ , where  $\lceil x \rceil$  is the least integer that is greater than or equal to  $x$ . In particular,  $\gamma(K_n) = 1$  if  $n = 5, 6, 7$ .

**Lemma 4.12.** [22]  $\gamma(K_{m,n}) = \lceil \frac{1}{4}(m-2)(n-2) \rceil$ , where  $\lceil x \rceil$  is the least integer that is greater than or equal to  $x$ . In particular,  $\gamma(K_{4,4}) = \gamma(K_{3,n}) = 1$  if  $n = 3, 4, 5, 6$ .

**Theorem 4.13.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a commutative Artinian local ring. Then  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$  if and only if  $R$  have at least five and at most seven non-trivial ideals.

*Proof.* Since  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is Artinian local ring, then from Lemma 3.2,  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a complete graph. Thus, by Lemma 4.11,  $5 \leq r \leq 7$ , where  $r$  is the number of non-trivial ideals of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.14.** Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring such that  $R = F_1 \times F_2 \times \cdots \times F_n$ , where  $n \geq 4$  and  $F_i$  is a field for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$  if and only if  $n = 4$ .

*Proof.* Since  $R$  is a reduced ring,  $\mathcal{EG}(R) = AG(R)$  by Theorem 2.5. Hence the result follows from [19, Theorem 2].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.15.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring such that  $R = R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n$ , where  $n \geq 2$  and each  $(R_i, \mathfrak{m}_i)$  is an Artinian local ring with  $\mathfrak{m}_i \neq 0$ . Let  $\eta_i$  be the nilpotency of  $\mathfrak{m}_i$ . Then  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$  if and only if  $n = 2$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_2$  are the only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$ . If  $n \geq 3$ , then the set  $\{\mathfrak{m}_1^{\eta_1-1} \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2^{\eta_2-1} \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), \mathfrak{m}_1^{\eta_1-1} \times \mathfrak{m}_2^{\eta_2-1} \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)\} \cup \{(0) \times (0) \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), (0) \times (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), \mathfrak{m}_1 \times \mathfrak{m}_2 \times \mathfrak{m}_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), \mathfrak{m}_1 \times (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2 \times \mathfrak{m}_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), \mathfrak{m}_1 \times (0) \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0), (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2 \times R_3 \times (0) \times \cdots \times (0)\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,7}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . Thus, from Lemma 4.12,  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) > 1$ , a contradiction. Hence  $n = 2$ .

Suppose  $I$  is non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$  such that  $I \neq \mathfrak{m}_1$ . Then the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), \mathfrak{m}_1 \times (0), R_1 \times \mathfrak{m}_2, I \times (0), I \times \mathfrak{m}_2\} \cup \{(0) \times R_2, (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2, \mathfrak{m}_1 \times R_2, \mathfrak{m}_1 \times \mathfrak{m}_2\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{4,5}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . By Lemma 4.12,  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) > 1$ , a contradiction. Hence  $R_1$  has unique non-trivial ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_1$ . Similarly, we can show that  $R_2$  has unique non-trivial ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_2$ .

Conversely, let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_2$  are the only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively, then  $|A^*(R)| = 7$ . It is easy to see that the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), \mathfrak{m}_1 \times (0), R_1 \times \mathfrak{m}_2\} \cup \{(0) \times R_2, (0) \times \mathfrak{m}_2, \mathfrak{m}_1 \times R_2\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,3}$ , which implies that  $K_{3,3} \leq \mathcal{EG}(R) \leq K_7$ . Hence, by Lemma 4.11 and 4.12,  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.16.** [19, Theorem 4] *Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2 \times F$  be a commutative ring, where each  $(R_i, \mathfrak{m}_i)$  is local ring with  $\mathfrak{m}_i \neq 0$  and  $F$  is a field. Let  $\eta_i$  be the nilpotency of  $\mathfrak{m}_i$ . Then  $\gamma(\mathcal{AG}(R)) > 1$ .*

**Theorem 4.17.** [19, Theorem 5] *Let  $R = R_1 \times F_1 \times F_2 \times \cdots \times F_m$  be a commutative ring, where each  $(R_1, \mathfrak{m}_1)$  is local ring with  $\mathfrak{m}_1 \neq 0$  and each  $F_j$  is a field. Let  $\eta_1$  be the nilpotency of  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  and  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $\gamma(\mathcal{AG}(R)) > 1$ .*

**Theorem 4.18.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring such that  $R = R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n \times F_1 \times F_2 \times \cdots \times F_m$  where each  $(R_i, \mathfrak{m}_i)$  is Artinian local ring with  $\mathfrak{m}_i \neq 0$  and each  $F_j$  is a field. Let  $\eta_i$  be the nilpotency of  $\mathfrak{m}_i$  and  $n \geq 2$  or  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) > 1$ .*

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 4.16 and 4.17.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.19.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring such that  $R = R_1 \times F_1 \times F_2$ , where  $(R_1, \mathfrak{m})$  is Artinian local ring and  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are fields. Let  $\eta$  be the nilpotency of  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$  if and only if  $\eta = 2$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\eta = 2$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$ . Then from Figure 5, we get  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$ , where  $a = \mathfrak{m} \times (0) \times (0)$ ,  $b = R_1 \times (0) \times (0)$ ,  $c = \mathfrak{m} \times F_1 \times F_2$ ,  $d = (0) \times F_1 \times F_2$ ,  $e = \mathfrak{m} \times (0) \times F_2$ ,  $f = (0) \times F_1 \times (0)$ ,  $g = R_1 \times F_1 \times (0)$ ,  $h = R_1 \times (0) \times F_2$ ,  $i = (0) \times (0) \times F_2$ ,  $j = \mathfrak{m} \times F_1 \times (0)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$ . Let  $J$  be a non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$  such that  $J \neq \mathfrak{m}$ . Then the set  $\{\mathfrak{m} \times (0) \times (0), \mathfrak{m} \times F_1 \times (0), J \times F_1 \times (0), (0) \times F_1 \times (0)\} \cup \{J \times (0) \times (0), \mathfrak{m} \times (0) \times F_2, J \times (0) \times F_2, (0) \times (0) \times F_2, R_1 \times (0) \times (0)\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{4,5}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.20.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative Artinian ring such that  $R = R_1 \times F$ , where  $(R_1, \mathfrak{m})$  is an Artinian local ring and  $F$  is a field. Let  $\eta$  be the nilpotency of  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$  if and only if one of the following holds:*

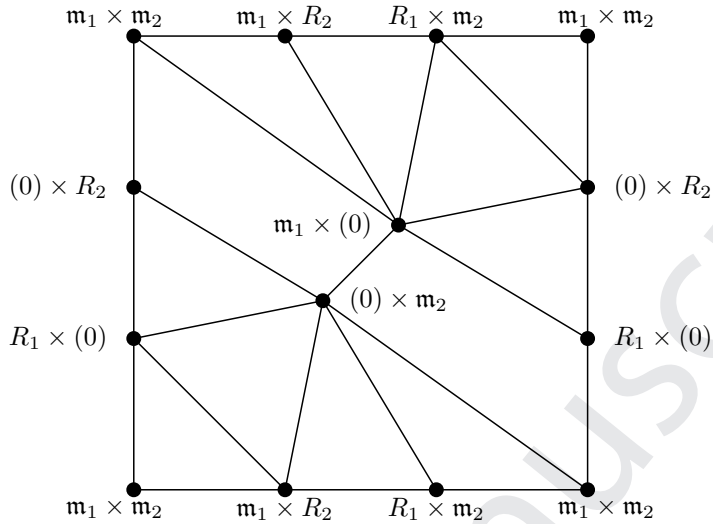


Figure 4: Toroidal embedding of  $\mathcal{EG}(R_1 \times R_2)$ , where  $m_i$  is the only non-trivial ideal of  $R_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

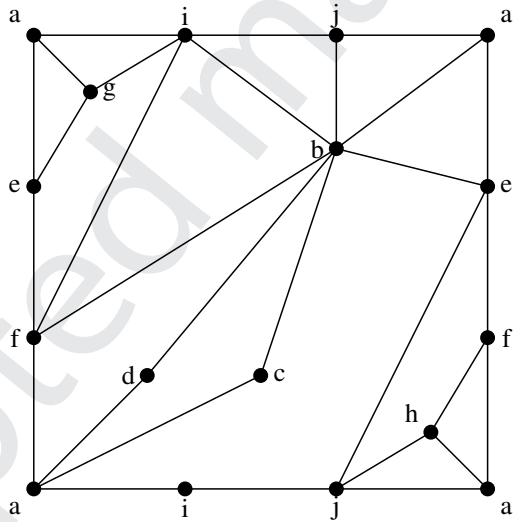


Figure 5: Toroidal embedding of  $\mathcal{EG}(R_1 \times F_1 \times F_2)$ , where  $m$  is the only non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$ .

1.  $\eta = 3$  and  $m$  and  $m^2$  are the only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$ .
2.  $\eta = 4$  and  $m, m^2$  and  $m^3$  are the only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$ . If  $\eta \geq 5$ , then the set  $\{m^{\eta-1} \times (0), m^{\eta-2} \times (0), m^{\eta-3} \times (0)\} \cup \{R_1 \times (0), m \times (0), (0) \times F, m^{\eta-1} \times F, m^{\eta-2} \times F, m^{\eta-3} \times F, m \times F\}$

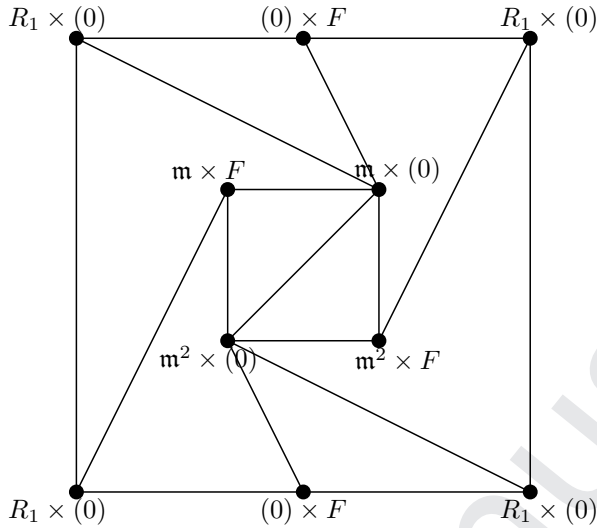


Figure 6: Toroidal embedding of  $\mathcal{EG}(R_1 \times F)$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}^2$  are only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$ .

induces a copy of  $K_{3,7}$ . Thus, by Lemma 4.12,  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) > 1$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\eta \leq 4$ . We have following cases:

**Case(i)**  $\eta = 2$ . Let  $J$  be a non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$  such that  $J \neq \mathfrak{m}$ . Then by Lemma 4.7,  $R_1$  has at least three non-trivial ideals  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  such that  $I_1, I_2, I_3 \neq \mathfrak{m}$ . We can see that the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), J \times (0), I_1 \times (0), I_2 \times (0)\} \cup \{(0) \times F, J \times F, I_1 \times F, I_2 \times F, \mathfrak{m} \times F\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,7}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$ . It follows from Theorem 4.10 that  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$  is a planar graph, a contradiction.

**Case(ii)**  $\eta = 3$ . Let  $I$  be a non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$  such that  $I \neq \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}^2$ . Then by Lemma 4.7,  $R_1$  has at least three non-trivial ideals  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  such that  $I_1, I_2, I_3 \neq \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}^2$ . It is easy to see that the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), \mathfrak{m} \times (0), \mathfrak{m}^2 \times (0)\} \cup \{I \times (0), I_1 \times (0), I_2 \times (0), 0 \times F, \mathfrak{m} \times F, \mathfrak{m}^2 \times F, I \times F\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,7}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}^2$  are the only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$ .

**Case(iii)**  $\eta = 4$ . Let  $I$  be a non-trivial ideal of  $R_1$  such that  $I \neq \mathfrak{m}^i$  for each  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then by Lemma 4.7,  $R_1$  has at least three non-trivial ideals  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  such that  $I_1, I_2, I_3 \neq \mathfrak{m}^i$  for each  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . It is easy to see that the set  $\{\mathfrak{m} \times (0), \mathfrak{m}^2 \times (0), \mathfrak{m}^3 \times (0)\} \cup \{R_1 \times (0), I \times (0), I_1 \times (0), I_2 \times (0), \mathfrak{m} \times F, \mathfrak{m}^2 \times F, \mathfrak{m}^3 \times F\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,7}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}^2$  and  $\mathfrak{m}^3$  are the only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$ .

Conversely, if  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}^2$  are the only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$ , then  $|A^*(R)| = 6$  and the set  $\{R_1 \times (0), \mathfrak{m} \times (0), \mathfrak{m}^2 \times (0)\} \cup \{(0) \times F, \mathfrak{m} \times F, \mathfrak{m}^2 \times F\}$  induces a copy of  $K_{3,3}$  in  $\mathcal{EG}(R)$ . Thus,  $K_{3,3} \leq \mathcal{EG}(R) \leq K_6$ , which implies that  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$ .

Now, if  $\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}^2$  and  $\mathfrak{m}^3$  are the only non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$ . Then from Figure 7,  $\gamma(\mathcal{EG}(R)) = 1$ . □

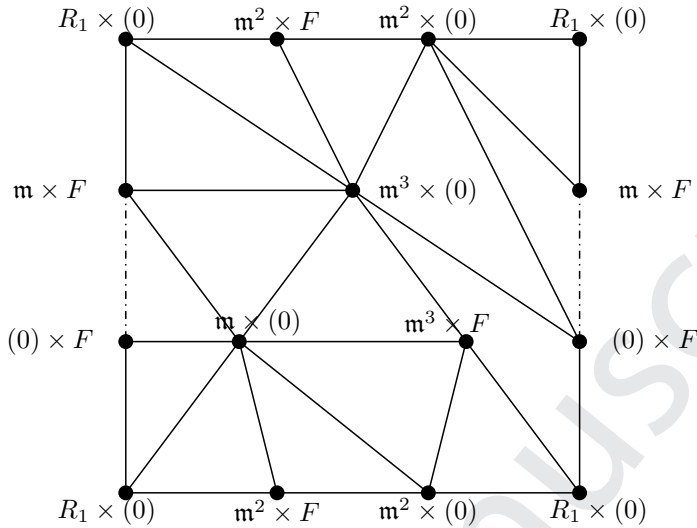


Figure 7: Toroidal embedding of  $\mathcal{E}\mathcal{G}(R_1 \times F)$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}^2$  and  $\mathfrak{m}^3$  are non-trivial ideals of  $R_1$ .

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