

## ALGEBRAIC GROUPS AND SMALL WORLD GRAPHS OF HIGH GIRTH

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ABSTRACT. We apply term algebraic graphs for an infinite family of graphs for which the vertex set and the neighbourhood of each vertex are quasiprojective varieties over the commutative ring  $K$ . For each integral domain  $K$  with unity of characteristic  $\neq 2$  and integral  $m \geq 2$  we construct an edge transitive graph  $\Gamma_m(K)$  of girth  $\geq m$  and diameter bounded by the constant independent on  $K$ . In particular, for each  $m$  we have a family of algebraic small world graphs  $\Gamma(m, F_{p^s})$ ,  $s = 1, 2, \dots$  over  $F_p$ , where  $p$  is prime, of girth  $\geq m$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The missing definitions of graph-theoretical concepts which appear in this paper can be found in [4]. All graphs (finite or infinite) we consider are simple, i.e. undirected without loops and multiple edges. Let  $V(\Gamma)$  denotes the set of vertices of the graph  $\Gamma$ . A pass in  $\Gamma$  is called *simple* if all its vertices are distinct. When it is convenient, we shall identify  $\Gamma$  with the corresponding antireflexive symmetric binary relation on  $V(\Gamma)$ . The *length* of a pass is the number of its edges. The diameter of the graph is the maximal length of the shortest pass between two vertices. The *girth* of a graph  $\Gamma$  is the length of the shortest cycle in  $\Gamma$ .

We shall use term *the family of algebraic graphs* for the family of graphs  $\Gamma(K)$ , where  $K$  belongs to some infinite class  $F$  of commutative rings, such that the neighbourhood of each vertex of  $\Gamma(K)$  and the vertex set itself are quasiprojective varieties over  $K$  of dimension  $\geq 1$  (see [1]).

Such a family can be treated as special Turing machine with the internal and external alphabet  $K$ .

Double cosets graphs corresponding to  $PwP'$ , where  $P$  and  $P'$  are maximal parabolic subgroups of simple group  $G(K)$  of Lie type defined over the field  $K$  are examples of algebraic edge-transitive graphs of finite diameter (see [1] or [6]). But the girth of them is bounded by 16 (case of generalised octagon defined over the field).

**Theorem 1.** *For each integer  $d$ ,  $d > 2$  there is an infinite family of edge-transitive algebraic graphs  $\Gamma_d(K)$ , where  $K$  is an integrity ring with unity of characteristic  $\neq$*

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2, such that  $g(\Gamma(K)) \geq d$  and diameter  $\text{diam}(\Gamma_d(K))$  is bounded by some constant, independent from  $K$ .

The statement proven by explicit construction of bipartite graphs  $\Gamma_n(K)$  with point set and line set of kind  $K^n$  such that neighbourhood of each vertex is isomorphic to  $K$ .

The diameter of a  $k$ -regular graph (or graph with the average degree  $k$ ) of order  $v$  is at least  $\log_{k-1}(v)$  and it is known that the random  $k$ -regular graph has diameter close to this lower bound. In the case of family of small world graphs the diameter is  $O(\log_{k-1}(v))$ . The girth of the graph is the smallest length of it is cycle. Most known explicit constructions of infinite families of regular small world graphs are of girth 4 (see, for instance, [5]).

**Corollary 2.** *For each pair  $(k \geq 3, g \geq 3)$  there is a regular small world graph of degree  $\geq k$  and girth  $\geq g$  with bounded diameter.*

The explicit construction of graph  $\Gamma_d(K)$  are connected with studies of infinite families of graphs of large girth in the sense of N. Biggs [2] i.e. graphs  $G_i$  of degree  $l_i$  and unbounded girth  $g_i$  such that

$$g_i \geq \gamma \log_{l_i-1}(v_i) \quad (1.1)$$

As it follows from Even Circuit Theorem by Erdős'  $\gamma \leq 2$ , but no family has been found for which  $\gamma = 2$ . Bigger  $\gamma$ 's correspond to the larger girth.

The first explicit examples of families with large girth were given by Margulis [13], [14], [15] with for some infinite families with arbitrary large valency. The constructions were Cayley graphs  $X^{p,q}$  of group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}_q)$  with respect to special sets of  $q+1$  generators,  $p$  and  $q$  are primes congruent to 1 mod 4. Then independently Margulis and Lubotsky, Phillips, and Sarnak [12] proved that for each  $p$  the constant  $\gamma$  for graphs  $X^{p,q}$  with fixed  $p$  is  $\geq 4/3$ . In [3] Biggs and Boshier showed that this  $\gamma$  is asymptotically  $4/3$ .

The family of  $X^{p,q}$  is not a family of algebraic graphs because the neighbourhood of each vertex is not an algebraic variety over  $F_q$ . For each  $p$ , graphs  $X^{p,q}$ , where  $q$  is running via appropriate primes, form a family of small world graph of unbounded diameter.

The first family of connected algebraic graphs with over  $F_q$  of large girth and arbitrarily large degree had been constructed in [9]. These graphs  $CD(k, q)$ ,  $k$  is an integer  $\geq 2$  and  $q$  is odd prime power had been constructed as connected component of graphs  $D(k, q)$  defined earlier (see [7], [8]). For each  $q$  graphs  $CD(k, q)$ ,  $k \geq 2$  form a family of large girth with  $\gamma = 4/3 \log_{q-1} q$ .

Some new examples of algebraic graphs of large girth and arbitrary large degree the reader can find in [22].

Graphs  $D(n, q)$  had been defined by diophantine equations, they have natural generalisations  $D(n, K)$  defined over general commutative ring (see section 2 of the paper). In [22] the following statement had been proven.

**Proposition 3.** *For each integral domain  $K$  the girth of the graph  $D(n, k)$  is  $\geq n + 5$ .*

We prove that for each commutative ring with unity of characteristic  $\neq 2$  the connected components of  $D(n, K)$  are isomorphic algebraic graphs over  $K$ . So the girth of the connected component is  $g(D(n, K))$  We establish the upper bound for

the diameter of the connected components of  $D(n, K)$  independent on the ring  $K$ . It means that for each  $d$  we can chose the graph  $\Gamma_d(K)$  among connected components of graphs  $D(n, K)$ ,  $n = 2, 3, \dots$

The description of the connected components  $D(n, F_q)$ ,  $q$  is odd number had been obtained in [10], but the question on the evaluation of diameter was open.

The technique of studies the connected components of  $CD(n, K)$  is group theoretical. In section 2 we define the automorphism group  $U(n, K)$  acting edge transitive on the vertex set of graphs  $D(n, K)$ . We introduce imprimitivity blocks  $CD(k, K) = C_t(K)$  of transformation group  $(U(n, K), D(n, K))$  such that induced subgraph is an bipartite algebraic graph with partition sets isomorphic to  $K^t$ , where  $t = [4/3n] + 1$  for  $n = 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $t = [3/4n] + 2$  for  $n = 1 \pmod{4}$ . We show that the graph  $C_t(K)$  for the ring  $K$  with unity of odd characteristic is the connected component of  $D(n, K)$ . Let  $D(K)$ ,  $CD(K)$  and  $U(K)$  are natural projective limits of graphs  $D(n, K)$ ,  $CD(n, K)$  and groups  $U(n, K)$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . As it was established in [22] for the case of integral domain  $K$  the girth of  $D(n, K) \geq n + 5$ . It means that if  $K$  is an integral domain with unity of odd characteristic then  $CD(K)$  is a tree and  $U(K)$  is isomorphic to the free product of two copies of additive group  $K^+$  for the ring  $K$ .

In section 3 we establish the upper bound for the diameter of the graph  $C_t(K)$ , where  $K$  is the ring with unity of odd characteristic. As a corollary we get that the following statement

**Proposition 4.** *The family  $C_t(K)$ , where  $t$  is fixed and  $K$  belongs to the class of finite rings with unity of odd characteristic is the family of algebraic small world graphs of bounded diameter.*

The combination of small diameter and large girth makes graphs  $C_t(K)$  useful in cryptographical applications (see [19], [20], [21], [22]).

## 2. TRANSFORMATION GROUPS OF INCIDENCE STRUCTURES DEFINED OVER COMMUTATIVE RINGS

The *incidence structure*  $(P, L, I)$  (or *bipartite graph*) is a triple where  $P$  and  $L$  are two disjoint sets (set of *points* and set of *lines*, respectively) and  $I$  is symmetric binary relation on  $P \cup L$  (*incidence relation*). As is usually done, we impose the following restrictions on  $I$ : two points (lines) are incident if and only if they coincide.

We need the following well known results on groups acting on graphs.

Let  $G$  be a group with proper distinct subgroups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . Let us consider the incidence structure with the point set  $P = (G : G_1)$  and the line set  $(G : G_2)$  and incidence relation  $I : \alpha I \beta$  if and only if the set theoretical intersection of cosets  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is nonempty set. We shall not distinguish the incidence relation and corresponding graph  $\Gamma(G)_{G_1, G_2}$ . Let  $l(g)$  be the minimal length of representation of  $g$  in the form of products of elements from  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . The following statement had been formulated first by G. Glauberman.

**Lemma 5.** *Graph  $I$  is connected if and only if  $\langle G_1, G_2 \rangle = G$ . The diameter of  $I$  is  $\max l(g)$ ,  $g \in G$ .*

Let  $A = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n | R_1(a_1, \dots, a_n), \dots, R_d(a_1, \dots, a_n) \rangle$  and

$B = \langle b_1, \dots, b_m | S_1(b_1, \dots, b_m), \dots, S_t(b_1, \dots, b_m) \rangle$  are subgroups with generators  $a_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $b_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$  and generic relations  $R_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$  and

$S_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, t$ , respectively. Free product  $F = A * B$  of  $A$  and  $B$  be the subgroup  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m | R_1, \dots, R_d, S_1, \dots, S_t \rangle$  (see [12]).

The definition of an operation of free product  $F_H$  of groups  $A$  and  $B$  amalgamated at common subgroup  $H$  can be found in [20]. If  $H = \langle e \rangle$ , then  $F_H = A * B$ .

**Theorem 6.** (see, for instance [12]) *Let  $G$  acts edge transitively but not vertex transitively on a tree  $T$ . Then  $G$  is the free product of the stabilizers  $G_a$  and  $G_b$  of adjacent vertices  $a$  and  $b$  amalgamated at their intersection.*

**Corollary 7.** *Let  $G$  acts edge regularly on the tree  $T$ , i. e.  $|G_a \cap G_b| = 1$ . Then  $G$  is the free product  $G_a * G_b$  of groups  $G_a$  and  $G_b$ .*

We define the family of graphs  $D(k, K)$ , where  $k > 2$  is positive integer and  $K$  is a commutative ring, such graphs have been considered in [8] for the case  $K = F_q$  (some examples are in [7]).

let  $P$  and  $L$  be two copies of Cartesian power  $K^N$ , where  $K$  is the commutative ring and  $N$  is the set of positive integer numbers. Elements of  $P$  will be called *points* and those of  $L$  *lines*.

To distinguish points from lines we use parentheses and brackets: If  $x \in V$ , then  $(x) \in P$  and  $[x] \in L$ . It will also be advantageous to adopt the notation for co-ordinates of points and lines introduced in [15] for the case of general commutative ring  $K$ :

$$(p) = (p_{0,1}, p_{1,1}, p_{1,2}, p_{2,1}, p_{2,2}, p'_{2,2}, p_{2,3}, \dots, p_{i,i}, p'_{i,i}, p_{i,i+1}, p_{i+1,i}, \dots),$$

$$[l] = [l_{1,0}, l_{1,1}, l_{1,2}, l_{2,1}, l_{2,2}, l'_{2,2}, l_{2,3}, \dots, l_{i,i}, l'_{i,i}, l_{i,i+1}, l_{i+1,i}, \dots].$$

The elements of  $P$  and  $L$  can be thought as infinite ordered tuples of elements from  $K$ , such that only finite number of components are different from zero.

We now define an incidence structure  $(P, L, I)$  as follows. We say the point  $(p)$  is incident with the line  $[l]$ , and we write  $(p)I[l]$ , if the following relations between their co-ordinates hold:

$$\begin{aligned} l_{i,i} - p_{i,i} &= l_{1,0} p_{i-1,i} \\ l'_{i,i} - p'_{i,i} &= l_{i,i-1} p_{0,1} \\ l_{i,i+1} - p_{i,i+1} &= l_{i,i} p_{0,1} \\ l_{i+1,i} - p_{i+1,i} &= l_{1,0} p'_{i,i} \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

(This four relations are defined for  $i \geq 1$ ,  $p'_{1,1} = p_{1,1}$ ,  $l'_{1,1} = l_{1,1}$ ). This incidence structure  $(P, L, I)$  we denote as  $D(K)$ . We identify it with the bipartite *incidence graph* of  $(P, L, I)$ , which has the vertex set  $P \cup L$  and edge set consisting of all pairs  $\{(p), [l]\}$  for which  $(p)I[l]$ .

For each positive integer  $k \geq 2$  we obtain an incidence structure  $(P_k, L_k, I_k)$  as follows. First,  $P_k$  and  $L_k$  are obtained from  $P$  and  $L$ , respectively, by simply projecting each vector onto its  $k$  initial coordinates with respect to the above order. The incidence  $I_k$  is then defined by imposing the first  $k-1$  incidence equations and ignoring all others. The incidence graph corresponding to the structure  $(P_k, L_k, I_k)$  is denoted by  $D(k, K)$ .

To facilitate notation in future results, it will be convenient for us to define  $p_{-1,0} = l_{0,-1} = p_{1,0} = l_{0,1} = 0$ ,  $p_{0,0} = l_{0,0} = -1$ ,  $p'_{0,0} = l'_{0,0} = -1$ , and to assume that (6) are defined for  $i \geq 0$ .

Notice that for  $i = 0$ , the four conditions (2.1) are satisfied by every point and line, and, for  $i = 1$ , the first two equations coincide and give  $l_{1,1} - p_{1,1} = l_{1,0}p_{0,1}$ .

The incidence relation motivated by the linear interpretation of Lie geometries in terms their Lie algebras [16] (see [18]). Let us define the "root subgroups"  $U_\alpha$ , where the "root"  $\alpha$  belongs to the root system

$$\text{Root} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 2)' \dots, (i, i), (i, i)', (i, i+1), (i+1, i) \dots\}.$$

The "root system above" contains all real and imaginary roots of the Kac-Moody Lie Algebra  $\tilde{A}_1$  with the symmetric Cartan matrix. We just doubling imaginary roots  $(i, i)$  by introducing  $(i, i)'$ .

Group  $U_\alpha$  generated by the following "root transformations"  $t_\alpha(x)$ ,  $x \in K$  of the  $P \cup L$  given by rules  $p_\beta = p_\beta + r_\beta(x)$ ,  $l_\beta = l_\beta + s_\beta(x)$ , where  $\beta \in \text{Root}$  and the functions  $r_\beta(x)$ ,  $s_\beta(x)$  are consist of summands defined by the following tables ( $i \geq 0$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ).

	$s_{0,1}(x)$	$s_{1,0}(x)$	$s_{m,m+1}(x)$	$s_{m+1,m}(x)$	$s_{m,m}(x)$	$s'_{m,m}(x)$
$l_{i,i}$		$-l_{i,i-1}x$	$+l_{r,r-1}x$ , $r-m \geq 1$		$-l_{r,r}x$ , $r-m \geq 0$	
$l_{i,i+1}$		$(l_{i,i} + l'_{i,i})x$ $+l_{i,i-1}x^2$	$+l'_{r,r}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$		$-l_{r,r+1}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$	
$l_{i+1,i}$	$+l_{i,i}x$			$-l_{r,r}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$		$+l_{r+1,r}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$
$l'_{i,i}$	$l_{i-1,i}x$	$l_{i,i-1}x$		$-l_{r-1,r-1}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 1$		$+l'_{r,r}$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$

TABLE 1

	$r_{0,1}(x)$	$r_{1,0}(x)$	$r_{m,m+1}(x)$	$r_{m+1,m}(x)$	$r_{m,m}(x)$	$r'_{m,m}(x)$
$p_{i,i}$	$+p_{i-1,i}x$	$p_{i,i-1}x$	$+p_{r,r-1}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 1$		$-p_{r,r}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$	
$p_{i,i+1}$		$+p'_{i,i}x$	$+p'_{r,r}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$		$-p_{r,r+1}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$	
$p_{i+1,i}$	$(p_{i,i} + p'_{i,i})x$ $+p_{i-1,i}x^2$			$-p_{r,r}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$		$+p_{r+1,r}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$
$p'_{i,i}$	$p_{i-1,i}x$			$-p_{r-1,r-1}x$ , $r=i-m \geq 1$		$+p'_{r,r}$ , $r=i-m \geq 0$

TABLE 2

**Proposition 8.** (i) For each pair  $(\alpha, x)$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{Root}$ ,  $x \in K$  the transformation  $t_\alpha(x)$  are automorphisms of  $D(K)$ . The projections of these maps onto the graph  $D(n, K)$ ,  $n \geq 2$  are elements of  $\text{Aut}(D(n, K))$ .

(ii) Group  $U(K)$  acts edge regularly on the vertices of  $D(K)$ .

(iii) Group  $U(n, K)$  generated by projections of  $t_\alpha(x)$  onto the set of vertices  $V$  of  $D(n, K)$  acts edge regularly on  $V$ .

*Proof.* Statement (i) follows directly from the definitions of incidence and closed formulas of root transformations  $t_\alpha(x)$ . Let  $<$  be the natural lexicographical linear order on roots of kind  $(i, j)$ , where  $|i - j| \leq 1$ . Let us assume additionally that  $(i, i) < (i, i)' < (i, i+1)$ . Then by application of transformations  $t_\alpha(x_\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \neq (0, 1)$  to a point  $(p)$  consecutively with respect to the above order, where parameter  $x_\alpha$  is chosen to make  $\alpha$  component of the image equals zero, we are moving point  $(p)$  to zero point  $(0)$ . A neighbour  $[a, 0, \dots, 0]$  of the zero point can be shifted to the line  $[0]$  by the transformation  $t_{(1,0)}(-a)$ . Thus each pair of incident elements can be shifted to  $((0), [0])$  and group  $U$  acts edge regularly on vertices of  $D(K)$ . This

action is regular ((ii)) because the stabilizer of the edge  $(0), [0]$  is trivial. Same arguments about the action of  $U(n, K)$  justify (iii).  $\square$

*Remark* For  $K = F_q$  this statement had been formulated in [8].

Let  $k \geq 6$ ,  $t = \lfloor (k+2)/4 \rfloor$ , and let  $u = (u_\alpha, u_{11}, \dots, u_{tt}, u'_{tt}, u_{t,t+1}, u_{t+1,t}, \dots)$  be a vertex of  $D(k, K)$  ( $\alpha \in \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ ), it does not matter whether  $u$  is a point or a line). For every  $r$ ,  $2 \leq r \leq t$ , let

$$a_r = a_r(u) = \sum_{i=0, r} (u_{ii}u'_{r-i, r-i} - u_{i, i+1}u_{r-i, r-i-1}),$$

$$\text{and } a = a(u) = (a_2, a_3, \dots, a_t).$$

**Proposition 9.** (i) *The classes of equivalence relation  $\tau = \{(u, v) | a(u) = a(v)\}$  form the imprimitivity system of permutation groups  $U(K)$  and  $U(n, K)$*

(ii) *For any  $t-1$  ring elements  $x_i \in K$ ,  $2 \leq t \leq \lfloor (k+2)/4 \rfloor$ , there exists a vertex  $v$  of  $D(k, K)$  for which*

$$a(v) = (x_2, \dots, x_t) = (x).$$

(iii) *The equivalence class  $C$  for the equivalence relation  $\tau$  on the set  $K^n \cup K^n$  is isomorphic to the affine variety  $K^t \cup K^t$ ,  $t = \lfloor 4/3n \rfloor + 1$  for  $n = 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $t = \lfloor 4/3n \rfloor + 2$  for  $n = 1 \pmod{4}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $C$  be the equivalence class on  $\tau$  on the vertex set  $D(K)$  ( $D(n, K)$ ) then the induced subgraph, with the vertex set  $C$  is the union of several connected components of  $D(K)$  ( $D(n, K)$ ).

Without loss of generality we may assume that for the vertex  $v$  of  $C(n, K)$  satisfying  $a_2(v) = 0, \dots, a_t(v) = 0$ . We can find the values of components  $v'_{i,i}$  from this system of equations and eliminate them. Thus we can identify  $P$  and  $L$  with elements of  $K^t$ , where  $t = \lfloor 3/4n \rfloor + 1$  for  $n = 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ , and  $t = \lfloor 3/4n \rfloor + 2$  for  $n = 1 \pmod{4}$ .  $\square$

We shall use notation  $C(t, K)$  ( $C(K)$ ) for the induced subgraph of  $D(n, K)$  with the vertex set  $C$ .

*Remark.*

If  $K = F_q$ ,  $q$  is odd, then the graph  $C(t, k)$  coincides with the connected component  $CD(n, q)$  of the graph  $D(n, q)$  (see [10]), graph  $C(F_q)$  is a  $q$ -regular tree. In other cases the question on the connectedness of  $C(t, K)$  is open. It is clear that  $g(C(t, F_q))$  is  $\geq 2\lfloor 2t/3 \rfloor + 4$ .

Let  $U_\alpha = \langle t_\alpha(x) | x \in K \rangle$  be a subgroup of  $U(K)$ . It is isomorphic to the additive group  $K^+$  of the ring  $K$ . Let  $U^C$  be subgroup generated by  $t_\alpha(x)$ ,  $x \in K$ ,  $\alpha \in \{(0, 1), (1, 0), \dots, (i, i), (i, i+1), \dots\}$ . Let  $U_n^C$  be the subgroup generated by transformations  $t_\alpha(x)$  from  $U^C$  onto the graph  $D(n, K)$  (or  $C(n, K)$ ).

**Proposition 10.** (i) *The connected component  $CD(n, K)$  of the graph  $D(n, K)$  (or its induced subgraph  $C(t, K)$ ) is isomorphic to  $\Gamma(U_n^C)_{U_{(0,1)}, U_{(1,0)}}$ .*

(ii) *Projective limit of graphs  $D(n, K)$  (graphs  $C(t, K)$ ,  $CD(n, K)$ ) with respect to standard morphisms of  $D(n+1, K)$  onto  $D(n, K)$  (their restrictions on induced subgraphs) equals to  $D(K)$  ( $C(K)$ ,  $CD(K) = U^C_{U_{(0,1)}, U_{(1,0)}}$ , respectively).*

If  $K$  is an integrity domain, then  $D(K)$  and  $CD(K)$  are forests. Let  $C$  be the connected component, i.e tree.

Group  $U^C$  acts regularly on  $CD(K)$ . So we can apply theorem on group acting regular on the tree and get the following statement.

**Proposition 11.** *If  $K$  is integrity domain then group  $U^C(K)$  is isomorphic to the free product of two copies of  $K^+$ .*

### 3. MAIN STATEMENT

**Theorem 12.** *The diameter of the graph  $C_m(K)$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $K$  is a commutative ring with unity of odd characteristic is bounded by function  $f(m)$ , defined by the following equations:*

$$f(m) = \begin{cases} (32/3)(4^{(m+1)/3} - 1) - m + 7, & \text{for } m \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ (32/3)(4^{(m-1)/3} - 1) + 4^{(m+5)/3} - m + 7 & \text{for } m \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ (32/3)(4^{m/3} - 1) + 32 \times 4^{(m-3)/3} - m + 7, & \text{for } m \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $C = C_t(K)$  be the block of equivalence relation  $\tau$ , containing zero point and zero line. Let us consider the stabiliser of this block. It is clear that group  $G$  generated by elements  $t_{i,i+1}(x)$ ,  $t_{i+1,i}(x)$ ,  $i \geq 0$ ,  $t_{1,1}(x)$  and  $t_i(x) = t_{i,i}(x)t'_{i,i}(x)$ ,  $i \geq 2$ ,  $x \in K$  stabilises  $C$  and acts regularly on this set.

Let  $l(g)$  be the minimal length of irreducible representation of  $g \in G$  in the form

$$T_1(x_1)T_2(x_2) \dots T_d(x_d), x_i \in K, \quad (3.1)$$

where consecutive elements  $T_i(x_i)$  and  $T_{i+1}(x_{i+1})$  belong to different subgroups  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ .

As it follows from the group theoretical interpretation of lemma 3 the diameter of group  $G$  is equal to the maximal length  $l(g)$ .

Let  $G_{1,1}$  be the totality of all commutator elements  $[t_{0,1}(x), t_{1,0}(y)] = t(x, y)$ . Then applications of  $T_{1,1}(y) = t(1, y)$  to zero point (0) (or line) do not change its first component. For the second component  $u_{1,1}$  of  $(u) = (0)^{T_{1,1}(y)}$  we have  $u_{1,1} = y$ . In fact,  $(O)^{T_{1,1}(y)} = (O)^{t_{1,1}(y)}$  and  $l(u) \leq 4$ .

Let us consider the totality  $G_{1,2}$  of the commutators  $t(x, y) = [t_{0,1}(x), T_{1,1}(y)]$ . Then its action of on zero line (point) does not change its first, second components. The third component will be  $2xy$ . Let us consider  $T_{1,2}(y) = t(x/2, y)$ . Let  $u = [O]^{T_{1,2}(y)}$ , then  $u_{1,2} = y$ . Similarly, we construct the totality  $G_{2,1}$  of commutators  $t(x, y)[t_{1,0}(x)T_{1,1}(y)]$  containing element  $T = T_{2,1}(y)$ , such that  $O^T = O^{T_{2,1}(y)} = [0, 0, 0, y, \dots]$ . We can write the irreducible presentation of  $g \in G$  in the form (3.1) starting either with element from  $U_1$  or  $U_2$ . It means that  $l(g) \leq 8$  for  $g \in G_{1,2} \cup G_{2,1}$ .

Let us define  $G_{2,2}$  as totality of commutators  $[t_{1,0}(x), T_{1,2}(y)]$  (or equivalently as set of elements of kind  $[t_{0,1}(x), T_{2,1}(y)]$ ). Then for element  $t \in G_{2,2}$  we have  $O^t = O^{t_{2,1}(xy)} = (0, 0, 0, 0, xy, xy, \dots)$ . We have  $l(g) \leq 16$  for  $g \in G_{2,2}$ .

We can define recurrently  $G_i, i+1$ ,  $G_{i+1}, i$  and  $G_{i+1}, i+1$ ,  $i \geq 2$  as totalities of elements of kind  $[t_{0,1}(x), T_{i,i}(y)]$ ,  $[t_{1,0}(x), T_{i,i}(y)]$  and  $[t_{0,1}(x), T_{i,i+1}(y)]$ , respectively. The length of elements from  $G_{i,i+1}$  and  $G_{i+1,i}$  are bounded by  $2^{2i+1}$  and  $l(g) \leq 2^{2i+2}$  for  $g \in G_{i+1,i+1}$ . Notice, that the element  $g \in G_\alpha$  acting on element  $v$  (point or line) changing only components  $v_\beta$ ,  $\beta > \alpha$ . We can find an element  $g \in G_\alpha$ , such that for  $u = v^g$  the component  $u_\alpha$  equals zero.

Let  $u \in G$  be element such that  $O^u = v$ . Then by consecutive applications of appropriate transformations  $g \in G_\alpha$  with respect to natural order on roots we

can move  $v$  to  $O$ . It means that each element  $g \in G$  can be presented as product  $g_{0,1}g_{1,0}g_{1,1} \cdots g_{\alpha} \cdots$ , where  $g_{\alpha} \in G_{\alpha}$ . Let  $d(\alpha)$  be the length of  $g_{\alpha}$ . We can bound the length of  $g$  by the sum  $S$  of  $d_{\alpha}$ . In case when  $\alpha$  is not simple root we have a choice to write irreducible representation of  $g_{\alpha}$ , is with the first character from  $U_1$  or the one from  $U_2$ . It allows slightly improve the bound for the diameter - get  $S - m + 1$  instead of  $S$ .

Let us count  $S$  for the case  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . If  $m = 2$  then  $S = 6$ . In case of  $m \geq 5$  each triple of roots  $(i, i+1)$ ,  $(i+1, i)$ ,  $(i+1, i+1)$ ,  $i \geq 1$  contributes summands  $2^{2i+1}$ ,  $2^{2i+1}$  and  $2^{2i+2}$ . So we can count  $S$  via the sum of the geometrical progression.

Let  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  then each triple as above contribute summand  $2^{2i+3}$ . So we have the geometrical progression  $2^{(2i+3)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, (m-2)/3$ . The roots  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(1, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$  contribute 6.

In case  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  we have a geometrical progression  $2^{2i+3}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m/3 - 1$  and last root contributes  $32 \times 4^{m/3-1}$ .

In case  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  we have a geometrical progression  $2^{2i+3}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, (m-4)/3$  and two last roots contribute  $64 \times 4^{(m-4)/3}$ .

This way we are getting the formulae for the bound. □

*Remark.* Theorem 1 follows directly from theorem 12 and Proposition 3.

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