

## CHARACTERIZATION OF SUPER-RADIAL GRAPHS

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### Abstract

In a graph  $G$ , the distance  $d(u, v)$  between a pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is the length of a shortest path joining them. The eccentricity  $e(u)$  of a vertex  $u$  is the distance to a vertex farthest from  $u$ . The minimum eccentricity is called the radius,  $r(G)$ , of the graph and the maximum eccentricity is called the diameter,  $d(G)$ , of the graph. The super-radial graph  $R^*(G)$  based on  $G$  has the vertex set as in  $G$  and two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $R^*(G)$  if the distance between them in  $G$  is greater than or equal to  $d(G) - r(G) + 1$  in  $G$ . If  $G$  is disconnected, then two vertices are adjacent in  $R^*(G)$  if they belong to different components. A graph  $G$  is said to be a super-radial graph if it is a super-radial graph  $R^*(H)$  of some graph  $H$ . The main objective of this paper is to solve the graph equation  $R^*(H) = G$  for a given graph  $G$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The graphs considered are simple, non-trivial, undirected and finite.  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$ . In a graph  $G$ , the *distance*  $d(u, v)$  between a pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is the length of a shortest path joining them. The *eccentricity*  $e(u)$  of a vertex  $u$  is the distance to a vertex farthest from  $u$ . The *radius*  $r(G)$  of  $G$  is defined by  $r(G) = \min\{e(u) : u \in V(G)\}$  and the *diameter*  $d(G)$  of  $G$  is defined by  $d(G) = \max\{e(u) : u \in V(G)\}$ . A graph  $G$  for which  $r(G) = d(G)$  is called a *self-centered* graph of radius  $r(G)$ . A vertex  $v$  is called an *eccentric vertex of a vertex  $u$*  if  $d(u, v) = e(u)$ . A vertex  $v$  of  $G$  is called an *eccentric vertex of  $G$*  if it is an eccentric vertex of some vertex of  $G$ . The concept of antipodal graph was initially introduced by Singleton [21] and was further expanded by Aravamudhan and Rajendran [2, 3]. The *antipodal graph* of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $A(G)$ , is the graph on the same set of vertices as of  $G$ , two vertices being adjacent if the distance between them is equal to the diameter of  $G$  while  $G$  is connected and if  $G$  is disconnected, then two vertices are adjacent in  $A(G)$  if they belong to different components of  $G$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be *antipodal* if it is the antipodal graph of some graph  $H$ .

Aravamudhan and Rajendran [2, 3] have proved the following theorem. A graph  $G$  is an antipodal graph if and only if it is the antipodal graph of its complement  $\overline{G}$ . In [4] the same authors observed that if  $H$  is a connected graph with  $diam(H) > 2$ , then  $A(H) = A(H')$ , where  $H'$  is the graph on the same vertex set such that two vertices are adjacent in  $H'$  if the distance between them in  $H$  is less than  $diam(H)$ . This observation is still true when  $diam(H) = 2$  (for then  $H' = H$ ) and when  $H$  is disconnected. In this case, the components of  $H$  and  $H'$  consists of the same vertices and the edges of  $A(H)$  and  $A(H')$  are exactly the edges joining vertices in different components. This extension leads to another proof of the characterization of antipodal graphs which involves showing that  $A(H') = \overline{H'}$  by Johns [9].

Kathiresan and Marimuthu [14] introduced the *radial graph*  $R(G)$  of a graph  $G$  on the same vertex set as  $G$  and two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $R(G)$  if and only if the distance between them is equal to the radius. If  $G$  is disconnected, then two vertices are adjacent in  $R(G)$  if they belong to different components of  $G$ . A graph  $G$  is called a *radial graph* if  $R(H) = G$  for some graph  $H$ . Kathiresan and Marimuthu [15] characterized graphs  $G$  with specified radius for its radial graph.

In paper [20], the author defines a metric operator  $X_{\mathcal{P}}$  which unifies every known digraph operator related to a distance property  $\mathcal{P}$ . In Theorem 1 [20] the author characterizes those digraphs  $G$  such that  $X_{\mathcal{P}}(G) = H$  for some digraph  $G$  when  $\mathcal{P}$  is both unitary and vertex free distance property. In particular, the characterization of both antipodal and radial graphs arises from it.

Kathiresan *et al.* [16] defined a graph  $G$  to be *periodic* if  $R^m(G) = G$  for some  $m$ . If  $p$  is the least positive integer with this property, then  $G$  is called a *periodic graph with iso-period*  $p$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be an *eventually periodic graph* if there exist positive integers  $m$  and  $k > 0$ , such that  $R^{m+i}(G) = R^i(G)$ , for all  $i \geq k$ . They proved that every graph is either periodic or eventually periodic. In their paper they characterized all periodic graphs.

Akiyama *et al.* [1] defined the *eccentric graph*  $G_e$  of  $G$  on the same set of vertices, by joining two vertices if and only if one of the two vertices has the maximum possible distance from the other, that is  $d(u, v) = \min\{e(u), e(v)\}$ . Iqbalunnisa *et al.* [10] defined the *super-eccentric graph*  $J(G)$  of a graph  $G$  on the same set of vertices of  $G$  and the adjacency relation between vertices is defined by  $d(u, v) \geq \text{rad}(G)$  while  $G$  is connected and when  $G$  is disconnected, two vertices are adjacent in  $J(G)$  if they belong to different components of  $G$ . Kathiresan *et al.* [18] have given a characterization of super-eccentric graphs.

For a digraph  $D$ , the *antipodal digraph*  $A(D)$  of  $D$  is the digraph which  $V(A(D)) = V(D)$  and  $E(A(D)) = \{(u, v) : u, v \in V(D) \text{ and } d_D(u, v) = d(D)\}$ . Johns and Sleno [8] obtained a characterization of antipodal digraphs. A digraph  $D$  is *self-antipodal* if  $A(D)$  is isomorphic to  $D$ .

Kathiresan and Sumathi [17] extended the definition of radial graph to a digraph  $D$  where the arc  $(u, v)$  is included in  $R(G)$  if  $d(u, v)$  is the radius of  $D$ . According to them a digraph  $D$  is called a *radial digraph* if  $R(H) = D$  for some digraph  $H$ .

Buckley [6] defined the *eccentric digraph*  $ED(G)$  of graph  $G$  to be the digraph that has the same vertex set as  $G$  such that there is an arc from  $v$  to  $u$  provided that  $u$  is an eccentric vertex of  $v$ . He examined eccentric digraphs of graphs.

Gimbert *et al.* [12] considered the behaviour of an iterated sequence of eccentric graphs or digraphs of a graph or a digraph. They concluded with several open problems. Boland *et al.* [11] defined the eccentric digraph of a digraph. They examined eccentric digraphs of digraphs for various families of digraphs and they considered the behaviour of an iterated sequence of eccentric digraphs of a digraph.

Huilgol *et al.* [19] considered an open problem, which is found in [11]. They characterized graphs with specified maximum degree such that  $ED(G) = G$ .

Gimbert *et al.* [13] presented a characterization of eccentric digraphs, which in the undirected case says that a graph  $G$  is eccentric if and only if its complement graph  $\bar{G}$  is either self-centered of radius two or it is the union of complete graphs.

In [5], the  $k^{\text{th}}$  power  $G^k$  of the graph  $G$  has the same vertex set as  $G$  and vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $G^k$  if the distance between them in  $G$  is at most  $k$ .

Motivated by these works, we introduce a new concept called *super-radial graph*  $R^*(G)$  of a graph  $G$  on the same vertex set of  $G$  and two vertices  $u$  and  $v$

are adjacent in  $R^*(G)$  if and only if the distance between them is greater than or equal to  $d(G) - r(G) + 1$ . If  $G$  is disconnected, then two vertices are adjacent in  $R^*(G)$  if they belong to different components of  $G$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be a *super-radial graph* if there exists a graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . In this paper, we have given a characterization for a graph to be a super-radial graph.

The following notation can be found in [14].

Let  $F_{11}, F_{12}, F_{22}, F_{23}, F_{24}, F_3$  denote the set of all connected graphs  $G$  for which  $r(G) = d(G) = 1, r(G) = 1$  and  $d(G) = 2, r(G) = d(G) = 2, r(G) = 2$  and  $d(G) = 3, r(G) = 2$  and  $d(G) = 4, r(G) \geq 3$ , respectively.  $F_4$  denote the set of all disconnected graphs. For graph theoretic terminology we follow [5], which is devoted entirely to the area of distance in graphs.

The following results will be used throughout this article.

**Theorem A** [5]. *If  $G$  is a simple graph with diameter at least 3, then  $\overline{G}$  has diameter at most 3.*

**Theorem B** [5]. *If  $G$  is a simple graph with diameter at least 4, then  $\overline{G}$  has diameter at most 2.*

**Theorem C** [5]. *If  $G$  is a simple graph with radius at least 3, then  $\overline{G}$  has radius at most 2.*

**Theorem D** [23]. *If  $G$  is a selfcentred graph with radius at least 3, then  $\overline{G}$  is a self centered graph of radius 2.*

From the above theorems, we have the following.

If  $G \in F_{11}$ , then  $\overline{G}$  is a totally disconnected graph and if  $G \in F_{12}$ , then  $\overline{G}$  has at least one isolated vertex. If  $G \in F_{22}$ , then  $\overline{G}$  is a member of  $F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{24} \cup F_3 \cup F_4$ . If  $G \in F_{23}$ , then  $\overline{G}$  is a member of  $F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . If  $G \in F_{24}$ , then  $\overline{G}$  is a member of  $F_{22}$ . If  $G \in F_3$ , then  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ . If every component of  $G$  is non-trivial, then  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ . If  $G$  has at least one isolated vertex, then  $\overline{G}$  is a member of  $F_{12}$ .

**Lemma E** [23]. *Let  $u, v$  be two vertices of a graph  $G$ . Then  $d_{G^k}(u, v) = \left\lceil \frac{d_G(u, v)}{k} \right\rceil$ .*

## 2. THE RELATION BETWEEN THE SUPER-RADIAL OPERATOR AND THE COMPLEMENT OPERATOR

In this section we find a graph  $G$  for which  $R^*(G) = H$  for a given graph  $H$ .

**Proposition 1.** *For any graph  $G$  on  $p$  vertices,  $R^*(G) = K_p$  if and only if either  $G$  is self-centered or  $G = \overline{K_p}$ .*

**Proof.** If either  $G$  is self-centered or  $G = \overline{K_p}$ , then the result follows from the definition of  $R^*(G)$ . Suppose that  $G$  is connected and  $r(G) \neq d(G)$ . This shows

that  $d(G) - r(G) + 1 \geq 2$ . Therefore  $R^*(G) \subseteq \overline{G}$ . This is a contradiction to the fact that  $R^*(G) = K_p$ . If  $G$  is a disconnected graph in which  $|V(G_i)| = 2$ , for some  $i^{th}$  component  $G_i$  of  $G$ , then  $uv \notin E(R^*(G))$  whenever  $u$  and  $v$  belong to  $V(G_i)$ . This implies that  $R^*(G) \neq K_p$ . ■

**Proposition 2.** *For any graph  $G$  with  $p \geq 3$  vertices,  $R^*(G) = K_{1,p-1}$  if and only if  $G$  is disconnected with exactly two components out of which one is an isolated vertex.*

**Proof.** If  $G$  is disconnected with exactly two components out of which one is an isolated vertex, then by the definition of  $R^*(G)$ ,  $R^*(G) = K_{1,p-1}$ .

Let  $v_1$  be the vertex of degree  $p - 1$  and  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_p$  be the pendant vertices of  $R^*(G)$ . If  $G$  is connected, then  $d_G(v_1, v_i) \geq d(G) - r(G) + 1$  for all  $i \neq 1$  and hence  $d_G(v_1, v_i) \geq 2$ . This is a contradiction to the fact that  $R^*(G) = K_{1,p-1}$ . If  $G$  is disconnected with more than two nontrivial components, then we arrive at a contradiction to the fact that  $R^*(G) = K_{1,p-1}$ . If  $G$  has exactly two nontrivial components, then  $R^*(G)$  is a complete bipartite graph.

Therefore the above argument forces us to conclude that  $G$  is a disconnected graph with exactly two components out of which one is an isolated vertex. ■

**Proposition 3.** *If  $G$  is a graph with  $d(G) \geq r(G) + 1$ , then  $R^*(G) \subseteq \overline{G}$ .*

**Proof.** By the definition of  $R^*(G)$  and  $\overline{G}$ , we have  $V(R^*(G)) = V(\overline{G}) = V(G)$ .  $d(G) \geq r(G) + 1$  implies that  $d(G) - r(G) + 1 \geq 2$ . This shows that  $R^*(G) \subseteq \overline{G}$ . ■

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $p$ . Then  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$  if and only if  $G$  is a graph with  $d(G) = r(G) + 1$  or  $G$  is disconnected in which each component is complete.*

**Proof.** If  $d(G) = r(G) + 1$ , then  $d(G) - r(G) + 1 = 2$ . Therefore  $R^*(G) \subseteq \overline{G}$ . Also, any two adjacent vertices in  $G$  are not adjacent in  $R^*(G)$ . Therefore  $\overline{G} \subseteq R^*(G)$ . Thus  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ .

If  $G$  is disconnected with each component complete, then by the definition,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ .

If  $d(G) < r(G) + 1$ , then  $G$  is self-centred and by Proposition 1,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G} = K_p$ . As a consequence  $G = \overline{K_p}$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $G$  is connected. This implies that  $R^*(G)$  is a complete graph.

If  $d(G) > r(G) + 1$ , then  $d(G) - r(G) + 1 \geq 3$  and hence  $R^*(G) \subset \overline{G}$ . Thus  $d(G) = r(G) + 1$ .

Suppose that  $G$  has a non-complete component, say  $G_1$ . Then  $G_1$  has two non-adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . It follows from the definitions that  $uv \in E(\overline{G})$  and  $uv \notin E(R^*(G))$ . ■

**Corollary 5.** *If  $G \in F_{12}$ , then  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $G \in F_{12}$ ,  $d(G) = r(G) + 1$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ . ■

**Lemma 6.** *If  $G \in F_3$  with  $r(G) + 2 \leq d(G) \leq 2r(G) - 1$ , then  $R^*(G) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$  and  $\overline{R^*(G)} \in F_{tt+1}$  for some  $t \geq 2$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $R^*(G) \in F_{11}$ . Then by Proposition 1, either  $G$  is self-centered or  $G$  is totally disconnected. This is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$  with  $r(G) + 2 \leq d(G) \leq 2r(G) - 1$ . Suppose  $R^*(G) \in F_{12}$ . Then  $R^*(G)$  has at least one vertex  $u$  of eccentricity one. Then  $d(u, v) \geq d(G) - r(G) + 1 \geq 3$  in  $G$  for all  $u \in V(G) - \{u\}$ . Since  $G$  is connected,  $u$  has at least one adjacent vertex  $w$  in  $G$ . Therefore  $d(u, w) = 1$  in  $G$ . Then  $u$  is not adjacent to  $w$  in  $R^*(G)$ . Which is a contradiction to  $R^*(G) \in F_{12}$ . Therefore  $R^*(G) \notin F_{12}$ . Now we claim that  $R^*(G)$  has at least one vertex of eccentricity two. Let  $u$  be any peripheral vertex. Then there exists a vertex  $v$  in  $G$  such that  $d(u, v) = d(G)$  in  $G$ . Therefore  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $R^*(G)$ .

Consider the set  $\overline{N}(u) = \{w : d(u, w) \leq d(G) - r(G)\}$  in  $G$ . Clearly in  $R^*(G)$ ,  $u$  is not adjacent to any vertex of  $\overline{N}(u)$ .

Let  $w \in \overline{N}(u)$ . Then  $d(u, w) \leq d(G) - r(G)$  for all  $w \in \overline{N}(u)$ . Now  $d(u, v) \leq d(u, w) + d(w, v)$  in  $G$ . Therefore  $d(G) \leq d(G) - r(G) + d(w, v)$  in  $G$ . Hence

$$(1) \quad d(w, v) \geq r(G) \text{ in } G.$$

Futher  $r(G) + 2 \leq d(G) \leq 2r(G) - 1$ , which implies,

$$(2) \quad d(G) - r(G) + 1 \leq r(G) \text{ in } G.$$

From (1) and (2),

$$d(w, v) \geq r(G) \geq d(G) - r(G) + 1 \text{ in } G.$$

Hence by the definition,  $v$  is adjacent to all the vertices of  $\overline{N}(u)$  in  $R^*(G)$ . Let  $d$  be the distance in  $R^*(G)$ . Therefore,  $d(u, w) = d(u, v) + d(v, w) = 1 + 1 = 2$  for all  $w \in \overline{N}(u)$ . Thus,  $R^*(G)$  has a vertex of eccentricity two. Hence  $R^*(G) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{24}$ . Let  $S = \{w : e(w) = d(G) \text{ in } G\}$ . Clearly,  $e(w) = 2$  for all  $w \in S$  in  $R^*(G)$ . Let  $x \in V(G) - S$ . Let  $\overline{N}(x) = \{y : d(x, y) \leq d(G) - r(G) \text{ in } G\}$ . Clearly,  $x$  is not adjacent to any vertex of  $\overline{N}(x)$  in  $R^*(G)$ . Since  $d(x, u) \geq d(G) - r(G) + 1$ ,  $d(x, u) = 1$  in  $R^*(G)$  for all  $u \notin \overline{N}(x)$ . That is  $xu \in E(R^*(G))$ .

Let  $v' \in S$ . Then there exists a vertex  $v'' \in S$  such that

$$(3) \quad d(v', v'') = d(G) \text{ in } G.$$

Clearly,  $v'v'' \in E(R^*(G))$ . Suppose both  $v'$  and  $v''$  are in  $\overline{N}(x)$  in  $G$ . Since  $r(G) + 2 \leq d(G) \leq 2r(G) - 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(v', v'') &\leq d(v', x) + d(x, v'') \\ &\leq d(G) - r(G) + d(G) - r(G), \\ d(v', v'') &\leq 2(d(G) - r(G)) < d(G) \text{ since } d < 2n. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $d(v', v'') < d(G)$  in  $G$  which is a contradiction to (3).

Hence among  $v'$  and  $v''$  at most one vertex can be in  $\overline{N}(x)$  in  $G$ . Without loss of generality,  $v' \notin \overline{N}(x)$  in  $G$ .  $xv' \in E(R^*(G))$ . Let  $w \in \overline{N}(x)$  in  $G$ . In  $R^*(G)$ ,  $d(x, w) \leq d(x, v') + d(v', w) \leq 1 + 2$  (because  $e(v') = 2$ ). That is  $d(x, w) \leq 3$  for all  $w \in \overline{N}(x)$ .

Suppose both  $v', v'' \notin \overline{N}(x)$ . Then  $d(x, w) \leq 3$  in  $R^*(G)$  for all  $w \in \overline{N}(x)$  in  $G$ . This is true for all  $x \in V(G) - S$ . Therefore  $2 \leq e(u) \leq 3$  in  $R^*(G)$  for all  $u \in V(R^*(G))$ . That is  $R^*(G) \notin F_{24}$  and  $R^*(G) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ .

**Claim.**  $\overline{R^*(G)} \in F_{tt+1}$  where  $t \geq 2$ .

By the definition of the  $k^{th}$  power of a graph  $G$ , we have  $d_{G^k}(u, v) = \left\lceil \frac{d_G(u, v)}{k} \right\rceil$ . Hence  $G^k = \overline{R^*(G)}$  where  $k = d(G) - r(G)$ .  $r(G) \leq e(u) \leq d(G)$  for all  $u$  in  $G$  implies  $\left\lceil \frac{r(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil \leq e_{\overline{R^*(G)}}(u) \leq \left\lceil \frac{d(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil$  for all  $u \in V(\overline{R^*(G)})$ . Since  $\frac{d(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} = 1 + \frac{r(G)}{d(G) - r(G)}$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{d(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{r(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil$ .

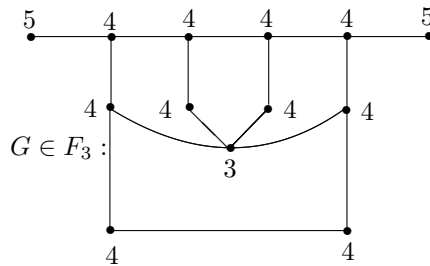
Let  $t = \left\lceil \frac{r(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil$ , since  $r(G) \geq 3$  and  $r(G) + 2 \leq d(G) \leq 2r(G) - 1$ ,  $t \geq 2$ . Therefore  $t \leq e_{\overline{R^*(G)}}(u) \leq 1 + t$  for all  $u \in V(\overline{R^*(G)})$ . Suppose  $u$  and  $v$  are antipodal vertices of  $G$ . Then  $d(u, v) = d(G)$ .

$$d_{G^k}(u, v) = \left\lceil \frac{d_G(u, v)}{k} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{d(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{r(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil = 1 + t, t \geq 2.$$

That is  $d_{G^k}(u, v) = 1 + t, t \geq 2$ . Suppose  $e(u) = 1 + t, t \geq 2$ .  $w$  is any central vertex of  $G$ . Then  $d(w, u) = r(G) = d(w, v)$

$$d_{G^k}(w, u) = \left\lceil \frac{d_G(w, u)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{r(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil = t.$$

That is  $\overline{R^*(G)} \in F_{tt+1}$  where  $t \geq 2$ . Hence the proof. ■



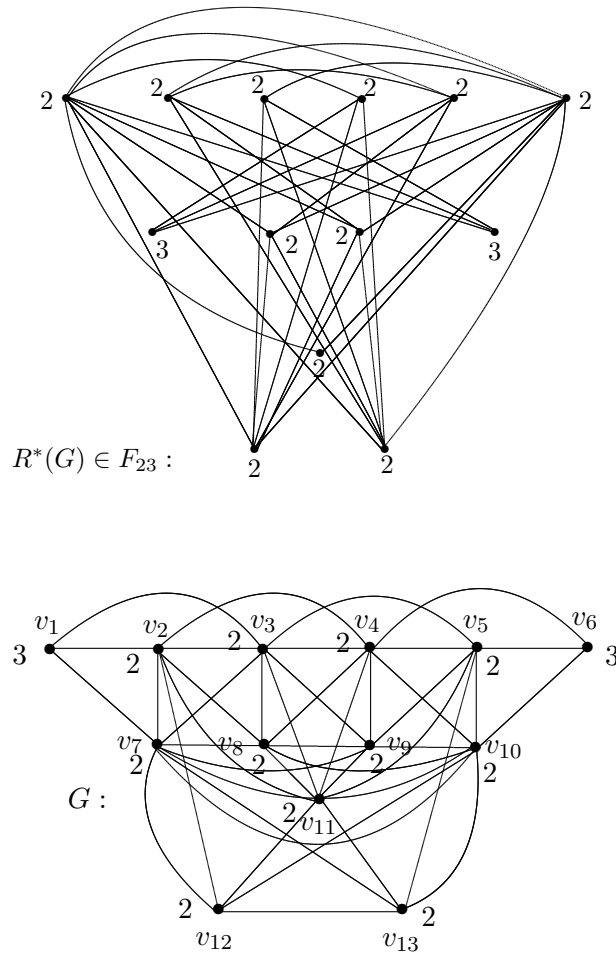


Figure 1. A graph  $G$ , its super-radial graph  $R^*(G)$  and its complement  $\overline{R^*(G)}$  with eccentricities.

Note that there is no characterization of  $G$  for which  $R(G) = G$ . But we have the following.

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The concept of super-radial graph does not fall into any one of the cases in the metric operator  $X_p$  defined by [20]. The property defined by the super-radial graph operator is vertex free but no unitary, so it does not fall into Theorem 1 in [20]. This motivate us to characterize all super-radial graphs.



**Proposition 7.** *For any graph  $G, R^*(G) = G$  if and only if either  $G \in F_{11}$  or  $G \in F_{23}$  with  $G = \overline{G}$ .*

**Proof.** If  $G \in F_{11}$ , then  $R^*(G) = G$ . If  $G \in F_{23}$  with  $G = \overline{G}$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ .  $G = \overline{G}$  implies that  $R^*(G) = G$ . Suppose  $R^*(G) = G$ . If  $G \in F_{23}$  with  $G \neq \overline{G}$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ , but by our assumption  $R^*(G) = G$  implies  $G = \overline{G}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \neq \overline{G}$ .

Now let  $G \in \mathcal{A} = F_{12} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{24} \cup F_3 \cup F_4$ . If  $G \in F_{12} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{24}$ , then by Proposition 1, Proposition 3 and Corollary 5,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$  or  $R^*(G) = K_p$  or  $R^*(G) \in F_4$ . Since by assumption  $R^*(G) = G$ , either  $G = K_p$  or  $G \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{12} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{24}$ . If  $G \in F_3$  with  $G$  being a self-centered graph, then  $R^*(G) = K_p$ . That is  $G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ . If  $G \in F_3$  with  $d(G) = r(G) + 1$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ . But by our assumption  $R^*(G) = G, G = \overline{G}$ . Since  $G \in F_3, d(\overline{G}) \leq 2$ , which is contradiction to  $G = \overline{G}$ ,

Suppose  $G \in F_3$  with  $r(G) + 2 \leq d(G) \leq 2r(G) - 1$ , then by Lemma 6,  $R^*(G) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . Since by our assumption  $R^*(G) = G, G \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ . Suppose  $G \in F_3$  with  $d(G) = 2r(G)$ . Then by definition the center vertex in  $G$  is isolated in  $R^*(G)$ . Therefore  $R^*(G) \in F_4$ . By our assumption  $R^*(G) = G, G \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ . Suppose  $G \in F_4$ . Then  $R^*(G) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(G) = G, G \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_4$ . Therefore if  $R^*(G) = G$  then either  $G \in F_{11}$  or  $G \in F_{23}$  with  $G = \overline{G}$ . ■

Motivated by the above proposition we state the following open problem.

**Problem 8.** Discuss the behaviour of the iterated sequence  $G, R^*(G), R^*(R^*(G)), \dots$ .

**Corollary 9.** *A self-centered graph  $G$  is self super-radial if and only if  $G \in F_{11}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a self-centered graph. Suppose  $G \in F_{11}$ . Then  $R^*(G) = K_p = G$ . Therefore  $G$  is self super-radial graph. Conversely, suppose  $G$  is self super-radial graph. Then there exists a graph  $G$  such that  $R^*(G) = G$ . Now we claim that  $G \in F_{11}$ . Suppose  $G \in F_{ii}$  where  $i \geq 2$ . Then by definition,  $R^*(G) = K_p$ , also by assumption  $R^*(G) = G, G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{ii}, i \geq 2$ . Hence  $G \in F_{11}$ . ■

**Lemma 10.** *If  $G$  is a disconnected graph, then each component of  $\overline{R^*(G)}$  is complete.*

**Proof.** Since  $G$  is a disconnected graph, by definition  $R^*(G)$  is connected. Suppose  $u$  and  $v$  are two vertices of a component  $G_i$  of  $G$ . If  $uv \in E(G_i)$ , then  $uv \notin E(R^*(G))$  and  $uv \in E(\overline{R^*(G)})$ .

Also, if  $uv \notin E(G_i)$ , then  $uv \notin E(R^*(G))$  and  $uv \in E(\overline{R^*(G)})$ .

Therefore for any two vertices in a component  $G_i$  of  $G$  that are either adjacent or nonadjacent in  $G$ , that vertices are not adjacent in  $R^*(G)$ . But in  $\overline{R^*(G)}$ , the above two vertices are adjacent. This is true for any pair of vertices in the component  $G_i$  of  $G$ . Hence  $G_i$  is complete in  $\overline{R^*(G)}$ . ■

**Lemma 11.** *Let  $G \in F_{12}$ .*

- (i) *If each component of  $\overline{G}$  is complete, then  $G$  is super-radial.*
- (ii) *If at least one component of  $\overline{G}$  is not complete, then  $G$  is not super-radial.*

**Proof.** (i) Since each component of  $\overline{G}$  is complete, by Lemma 4,  $R^*(G) = \overline{\overline{G}} = G$ . That is  $R^*(\overline{G}) = G$ . Therefore  $G$  is super-radial.

(ii) Since  $G \in F_{12}$  by Corollary 5,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ ,  $\overline{G}$  is disconnected. Suppose  $\overline{G}$  has at least one component which is not complete. Then by definition of super-radial  $R^*(\overline{G}) \subset G$ . Therefore neither  $R^*(G) = G$  nor  $R^*(\overline{G}) = G$ . Let  $H$  be a graph such that  $R^*(H) = G$ , which is not isomorphic to  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$ .

Suppose  $H$  is a self-centered graph, then by Proposition 1,  $R^*(H) = K_p$ ,  $G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{12}$ . Suppose  $H \in F_{23} \cup F_{24}$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_4$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G \in F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{12}$ .

Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G = \overline{H}$ ,  $\overline{G} = H$ . Since  $G \in F_{12}$ ,  $\overline{G}$  is disconnected,  $H$  is disconnected which is a contradiction to  $H \in F_3$ . Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = 2r(H)$ , then by definition  $R^*(H) \in F_4$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G \in F_4$  which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{12}$ .

Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ , by Lemma 6,  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{12}$ .

Suppose  $H \in F_4$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$ , by our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{12}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{12}$ , then by Lemma 10, each component of  $\overline{R^*(H)}$  is complete. By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$ , each component of  $\overline{G}$  is complete, which is a contradiction to our hypothesis  $\overline{G}$  has at least one non complete component. Therefore  $R^*(H) \notin F_{12}$ . By all the above arguments there is no graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ .

Hence  $G$  is not super-radial graph. ■

**Lemma 12.** *Let  $G \in F_{22}$ .*

- (i) *If  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ , then  $G$  is not a super-radial graph.*
- (ii) *If  $\overline{G} \in F_{23}$ , then  $G$  is a super-radial graph.*
- (iii) *If  $\overline{G} \in F_{24}$ , then  $G$  is not a super-radial graph.*

- (iv) If  $\overline{G} \in F_3$ , then  $G$  is a super-radial graph if and only if  $d(\overline{G}) = r(\overline{G}) + 1$ .
- (v) If  $\overline{G} \in F_4$ , then  $G$  is a super-radial graph if and only if each component of  $\overline{G}$  is complete.

**Proof.** (i) Since  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ , by Proposition 1,  $R^*(G) = K_p$ . Let  $H$  be a graph such that  $R^*(H) = G$ , which is not isomorphic to  $\overline{G}$ . Suppose that  $H \in A = F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{24} \cup F_3 \cup F_4$ . If  $H \in F_{11}$ , then by Proposition 1,  $R^*(H) = K_p$ . If  $H \in F_{12}$ , then by Corollary 5,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . But  $\overline{H}$  is disconnected and  $R^*(H) = G, G = \overline{H}$ ,  $G$  is disconnected, which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_{12}$ .

If  $H$  is a self-centered graph, then by Proposition 1,  $R^*(H) = K_p$ . Let  $H \in F_{23}$  with  $\overline{H} \in F_{23}$ . Suppose  $H = \overline{H}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$  which implies  $R^*(H) = H$ . But by assumption  $R^*(H) = G, H = G, G \in F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ .

Suppose  $H \neq \overline{H}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . Since  $R^*(H) = G, \overline{H} = G$ , which implies  $H = \overline{G}, \overline{G} \in F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ . Let  $H \in F_{23}$  with  $\overline{H} \in F_{22}$ . Since  $H \in F_{23}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . Since by assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G = \overline{H}$ , implies  $\overline{G} = H$ , which is a contradiction to our assumption  $H \neq \overline{G}$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_{23}$ .

Suppose that  $H \in F_{24}$ . By Proposition 3,  $R^*(H) \subseteq \overline{H}$ . Also any vertex  $v$  such that  $e(v) = 2$  in  $H$  is not adjacent to any vertex in  $R^*(H)$ . Hence  $R^*(H)$  is disconnected. Also by assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G$  is disconnected, which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_{24}$ .

Suppose that  $H \in F_3$ . If  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . By our assumption,  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G = \overline{H}, \overline{G} = H$ , which is a contradiction to our assumption  $H \neq \overline{G}$ . If  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = 2r(H)$  then by Proposition 3,  $R^*(H) \subseteq \overline{H}$ . Also any vertex  $v$  such that  $e(v) = r(H)$  in  $H$  is not adjacent to any vertex in  $R^*(H)$ . Hence  $R^*(H)$  is disconnected. Also by assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G$  is disconnected which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ .

If  $H \in F_3$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ , then by Lemma 6,  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . Suppose  $R^*(H) \in F_{23}$ . Since  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Therefore  $R^*(H) \notin F_{23}$ . Suppose  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$ . By hypothesis we have  $G \in F_{22}$ . If  $R^*(H) = G$ , then  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$ . But by Lemma 6,  $\overline{R^*(H)} \notin F_{22}$ , which implies  $\overline{G} \notin F_{22}$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ . Hence by the above arguments we conclude that there is no graph  $H \in F_3$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ .

If  $H \in F_4$ , then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12}$ , then by our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_{11} \cup F_{12}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Therefore,  $R^*(H) \notin F_{11} \cup F_{12}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$  and by our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ , then  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$ . Since  $H \in F_4, R^*(H) \in F_4$ . Therefore,  $\overline{G} \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_4$ .

Hence by all the above arguments, we conclude that there is no graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . Therefore  $G \in F_{22}$  with  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ ,  $G$  is not a super-radial graph.

(ii) Since  $\overline{G} \in F_{23}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = \overline{\overline{G}} = G$ . That is,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = G$ . Hence  $G$  is a super-radial graph.

(iii) Since  $G \in F_{22}$ , by Proposition 1,  $R^*(G) = K_p$ . Since  $\overline{G} \in F_{24}$ , by Proposition 3,  $R^*(\overline{G}) \subseteq \overline{\overline{G}} = G$ . But any vertex  $v$  such that  $e(v) = 2$  in  $G$  is not adjacent to any vertex in  $R^*(\overline{G})$ . Hence  $R^*(\overline{G})$  is disconnected.

Let  $H$  be a graph such that  $R^*(H) = G$  which is not isomorphic to  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$ . Suppose that  $H \in \mathcal{A} = F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{24} \cup F_3 \cup F_4$ . If  $H$  is a self-centered graph, then  $R^*(H) = K_p$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . If  $H \in F_{12}$ , then by Corollary 5,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . But  $\overline{H}$  is disconnected and  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G = \overline{H}$ ,  $G$  is disconnected, which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_{12}$ . Suppose  $H \in F_{23}$  with  $\overline{H} \in F_{23}$ . If  $H = \overline{H}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$  implies  $R^*(H) = H$ . But by assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $H = G$ . Hence,  $H \in F_{23}$  implies  $G \in F_{23}$  which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ .

If  $H \neq \overline{H}$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . Since  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $\overline{H} = G$  which implies  $H = \overline{G}$ . Since  $H \in F_{23}$ ,  $\overline{G} \in F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{24}$ . Let  $H \in F_{23}$  with  $\overline{H} \in F_{22}$ . Since  $H \in F_{23}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . Since by our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G = \overline{H}$  implies  $\overline{G} = H$ , which is a contradiction to our assumption  $\overline{G} \neq H$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_{23}$ .

Suppose that  $H \in F_{24}$ . By Proposition 3,  $R^*(H) \subseteq \overline{H}$ . But any vertex  $v$  such that  $e(v) = 2$  in  $H$  is not adjacent to any vertex in  $R^*(H)$ . That is  $R^*(H)$  is disconnected. By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G$  is disconnected, which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_{24}$ .

If  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . By our assumption,  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G = \overline{H}$ ,  $\overline{G} = H$ , which is a contradiction to our assumption  $H \neq \overline{G}$ . If  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = 2r(H)$ , then by Proposition 3,  $R^*(H) \subseteq \overline{H}$ . But any vertex  $v$  such that  $e(v) = r(H)$  in  $H$  is not adjacent to any vertex in  $R^*(H)$ . That is  $R^*(H)$  is disconnected. By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ , implies  $G$  is disconnected, which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . If  $H \in F_3$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ , then by Lemma 6,  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . Suppose  $R^*(H) \in F_{23}$ . Since  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G \in F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Therefore  $R^*(H) \notin F_{23}$ .

Suppose  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$ . By hypothesis we have  $G \in F_{22}$ . If  $R^*(H) = G$  then  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$ . By Lemma 6,  $\overline{R^*(H)} \notin F_{22} \cup F_{24}$ , which implies  $\overline{G} \notin F_{22} \cup F_{24}$ . In particular,  $\overline{G} \notin F_{24}$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{24}$ . Hence we conclude that there is no graph  $H \in F_3$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ .

If  $H \in F_4$ , then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12}$ , by our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G \in F_{11} \cup F_{12}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$

and by our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ , then  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$ . By Lemma 10,  $\overline{R^*(H)} \in F_4$  and implies  $\overline{G} \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{24}$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_4$ .

Hence by all the above arguments, we conclude that there is no graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . Therefore, if  $G \in F_{22}$  with  $\overline{G} \in F_{24}$  is not a super-radial graph.

(iv) Suppose  $\overline{G} \in F_3$  with  $d(\overline{G}) = r(\overline{G}) + 1$ . By Lemma 4,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = \overline{\overline{G}} = G$ . That is  $R^*(\overline{G}) = G$ . Therefore  $G$  is a super-radial graph. Conversely, suppose  $G$  is a super-radial graph. Then there exists a graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . Suppose  $H$  is self-centered graph, then  $R^*(H) = K_p$ . Suppose  $H \in F_{12} \cup F_{23}$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ .

By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ , implies  $G = \overline{H}$  implies  $\overline{G} = H$ . Therefore  $\overline{G} \in F_{12} \cup F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_3$ . Suppose  $H \in F_{24}$ , then  $R^*(H) \in F_4$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ . Then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $\overline{H} = G$  implies,  $H = \overline{G}$ . That is  $R^*(\overline{G}) = G$  with  $d(\overline{G}) = r(\overline{G}) + 1$ .

Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ . By Lemma 6,  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . Assuming  $R^*(H) \in F_{23}$  implies  $G \in F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$  then by Lemma 6,  $\overline{R^*(H)} \in F_{t+1}$ . Since  $R^*(H) = G, \overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}, \overline{G} \in F_{t+1}$ . That is  $d(\overline{G}) = r(\overline{G}) + 1$  which is a contradiction to our assumption  $r(\overline{G}) + 2 \leq d(\overline{G}) \leq 2r(\overline{G}) - 1$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_3$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ .

If  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = 2r(H)$ , then  $R^*(H) \in F_4$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Suppose  $H \in F_4$  then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . Since  $G \in F_{22}$  and  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$ . Then  $\overline{R^*(H)} \in F_4$ , which implies  $\overline{G} \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_3$ . By all the above argument, there is no graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) \in G$ . Therefore, if  $\overline{G} \in F_3$ , then  $G$  is a super-radial graph if and only if  $d(\overline{G}) = r(\overline{G}) + 1$ .

(v) Since  $G \in F_{22}$ , by Proposition 1,  $R^*(G) = K_p$ . Suppose  $\overline{G} \in F_4$  with each component of  $\overline{G}$  is complete. Then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = \overline{\overline{G}} = G$ . That is  $R^*(\overline{G}) = G$ . Hence  $G$  is a super-radial graph. Conversely, suppose  $G$  is a super-radial graph. Then there exists a graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . Since  $G \in F_{22}$ , by Proposition 1,  $R^*(G) = K_p$ . Therefore  $H \neq G$ .

Suppose  $\overline{G} \in F_4$  with at least one non complete componen, then  $R^*(\overline{G}) \subset G$ . Therefore  $H \neq \overline{G}$ . Suppose  $\overline{G} \in F_4$  with each component of  $\overline{G}$  is complete. Then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = \overline{\overline{G}} = G$ . That is  $R^*(\overline{G}) = G$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $R^*(H) = R^*(\overline{G})$  implies  $H = \overline{G}$ .

Suppose  $H$  is a self-centered graph. Then by Proposition 1,  $R^*(H) = K_p, G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Suppose  $H$  satisfies  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G = \overline{H}$  implies  $\overline{G} = H$ . But  $\overline{G}$  is disconnected,  $H$  is disconnected, which is a contradiction to

$$d(H) = r(H) + 1.$$

Suppose  $H$  satisfies  $d(H) = 2r(H)$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_4$ . By our assumption  $G \in F_4$  which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . Suppose  $H$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ . Then by Lemma 6,  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{23}$ , then by our assumption  $G \in F_{23}$  which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{22}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$ , then by Lemma 6,  $\overline{R^*(H)} \in F_{tt+1}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$ . Therefore  $\overline{G} \in F_{tt+1}$  which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_4$ .

Suppose  $H \in F_4$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . Since by our assumption,  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $G \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . By hypothesis  $G \in F_{22}$  which implies  $G \notin F_{11} \cup F_{12}$ . Suppose  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$  and  $G \in F_{22}$ . But  $H \neq \overline{G}$  implies  $\overline{H} \neq G$ . That is  $R^*(H) \neq \overline{H}$ . By Lemma 4,  $d(H) \neq r(H) + 1$  or  $H$  is disconnected in which at least one component is non complete. Therefore, if  $\overline{G} \in F_4$  then each component of  $\overline{G}$  is complete if and only if  $G$  is a super-radial graph. ■

**Lemma 13.** *Let  $G \in F_{23}$ .*

- (i) *If  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ , then  $G$  is not a super-radial graph.*
- (ii) *If  $\overline{G} \in F_{23}$ , then  $G$  is a super-radial graph.*

**Proof.** (i) Since  $G \in F_{23}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ . Since  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ , by Proposition 1,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = K_p$ . Let  $H$  be a graph such that  $R^*(H) = G$ , which is not isomorphic to  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$ . If  $H$  is a self-centered graph then by Proposition 1,  $R^*(H) = K_p, G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{23}$ . Suppose  $H$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G = \overline{H}$  implies  $\overline{G} = H$  which is a contradiction to  $H \neq \overline{G}$ .

Suppose  $H$  with  $d(H) = 2r(H)$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_4$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction. Suppose  $H$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ . Then by Lemma 6,  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$ , then  $G \in F_{22}$ , a contradiction to  $G \in F_{23}$ . If  $R^*(H) \in F_{23}$ , then  $G \in F_{23}$ . Suppose  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$ . Since by Lemma 6,  $\overline{R^*(H)} \in F_{tt+1}$  implies  $\overline{G} \in F_{tt+1}$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_3$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ .

Suppose  $H \in F_4$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . Since by our assumption,  $R^*(H) = G$ , which implies  $G \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{23}$ . Hence there is no graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . Therefore if  $G \in F_{23}$  with  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ , then  $G$  is not a super-radial graph.

- (ii) Since  $G \in F_{23}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(G) = \overline{G}$ . Since  $\overline{G} \in F_{23}$ , by Lemma 4,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = \overline{\overline{G}} = G$ . Hence  $G$  is a super-radial graph. ■

**Lemma 14.** *If  $G \in F_{24}$ , then  $G$  is not a super-radial graph.*

**Proof.** Since  $G \in F_{24}, \overline{G} \in F_{22}$ . Since  $G \in F_{24}$ , by definition  $R^*(G) \in F_4$ . Let  $H$  be a graph such that  $R^*(H) = G$ , which is not isomorphic to  $G$ . Suppose  $H$  is a

self-centered graph. Then by Proposition 1,  $R^*(H) = K_p$  and by our assumption  $G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{24}$ . Suppose  $H$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ . Then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$  and by our assumption  $G = \overline{H}$  it implies  $\overline{G} = H$ . Since  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$  implies  $d(\overline{G}) = r(\overline{G}) + 1$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{22}$ .

Suppose  $H$  with  $d(H) = 2r(H)$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_4$  and by our assumption  $G \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{24}$ . Suppose  $H$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ . Then by Lemma 6,  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . By our assumption,  $R^*(G) = G$  implies  $G \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{24}$ . Suppose  $H \in F_4$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{24}$ . Hence there is no graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . Therefore  $G \in F_{24}$  is not a super-radial graph. ■

**Lemma 15.** *If  $G \in F_3$ , then  $G$  is not a super-radial graph.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $G \in F_3$  is a super-radial graph. Then there exists a graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . If  $H \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{24}$ , then by previous argument  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_4$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_{11} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ . Therefore  $H \notin F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{24}$ . Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ . Then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G = \overline{H}$ , which implies  $\overline{G} = H$ . Since  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1, d(H) \geq 4$  and by Theorem B,  $d(\overline{H}) \leq 2$ . Since  $G = \overline{H}, d(G) \leq 2$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ .

Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $H$  is self-centered graph. Then  $R^*(H) = K_p$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ . Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $d(H) = 2r(H)$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_4$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_4$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ . Suppose  $H \in F_3$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ . Then by Lemma 6,  $R^*(H) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ . Suppose  $H \in F_4$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_3$ . By all the above arguments, there exists no graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ . Hence  $G \in F_3$  is not a super-radial graph. ■

**Lemma 16.** *If  $G \in F_4$  and  $\overline{G} \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$ , then  $G$  is not a super-radial graph.*

**Proof.** Since  $\overline{G} \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$ , then  $R^*(\overline{G}) = K_p$ . Suppose there exists a graph  $H$  such that  $R^*(H) = G$ , which is not isomorphic to  $\overline{G}$ .

Case (i). Suppose  $H$  is a self-centered graph. Then by Proposition 1,  $R^*(H) = K_p$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_4$ .

Case (ii). Suppose  $H$  with  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ . Then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(H) = \overline{H}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G, G = \overline{H}$  implies  $\overline{G} = H$ . By hypothesis  $\overline{G} \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$  implies  $H \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$ , which is a contradiction to  $d(H) = r(H) + 1$ .

Case (iii). Suppose  $H$  with  $r(H) + 2 \leq d(H) \leq 2r(H) - 1$ . Then by Lemma 6,  $R^*H \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_4$ .

Case (iv). Suppose  $H$  with  $d(H) = 2r(H)$ . Then  $d(H) - r(H) + 1 = 2r(H) - r(H) + 1 = r(H) + 1$ . Clearly, every vertex with eccentricity  $r(H)$  in  $H$  is isolated vertex in  $R^*(H)$ . Therefore,  $R^*(H) \in F_4$ .

In  $R^*(H)$ , every isolated vertex in  $R^*(H)$  is adjacent to all the vertices of  $R^*(H)$ . Therefore,  $R^*(H) \in F_{12}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ .  $R^*(H) = \overline{G}$  implies  $\overline{G} \in F_{12}$ , which is a contradiction to  $\overline{G} \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$ .

Case (v). Suppose  $H \in F_4$ . Then  $R^*(H) \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$  implies  $G \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$  which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_4$ .

Hence by all the above arguments,  $G \in F_4$  and  $\overline{G} \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$  is not a super-radial graph. ■

**Theorem 17.** *A connected graph  $G$  is super-radial graph if and only if  $G$  has any one of the following properties.*

- (i)  $G \in F_{11}$ ,
- (ii)  $G \in F_{12}$  with each component of  $\overline{G}$  being complete,
- (iii)  $G \in F_{22}$  with  $\overline{G} \in F_{23}$ ,
- (iv)  $G \in F_{22}$  and  $\overline{G} \in F_3$  with  $d(\overline{G}) = r(\overline{G}) + 1$ ,
- (v)  $G \in F_{22}$  and  $\overline{G} \in F_4$  with each component of  $\overline{G}$  being complete,
- (iv)  $G \in F_{23}$  with  $\overline{G} \in F_{23}$ .

**Proof.** As the following table exhausts all the possibilities, we get the theorem.

	$G$	$\overline{G}$	By Lemma/ Proposition	$G$ is super- radial
1	$F_{11}$	$F_4$	8	Yes
2	$F_{12}$	Each component of $\overline{G}$ is complete.	12(i)	Yes
		At least one component of $\overline{G}$ is not complete.	12(ii)	No
3	$F_{22}$	$F_{22}$	13(i)	No
		$F_{23}$	13(ii)	Yes
		$F_{24}$	13(iii)	No
		$F_3$ with $d(\overline{G}) = r(\overline{G}) + 1$	13(iv)	Yes
		$F_3$ with $d(\overline{G}) \neq r(\overline{G}) + 1$	13(iv)	No



		$F_4$ with each component of $\overline{G}$ being complete	13(v)	Yes
		$F_4$ with at least one component of $\overline{G}$ being non complete	13(v)	No
4	$F_{23}$	$F_{22}$	14(i)	No
		$F_{23}$	14(ii)	Yes
5	$F_{24}$	$F_{22}$	15	No
6	$F_3$		16	No

■

**Theorem 18.** *A disconnected graph  $G$  is a super-radial graph if and only if  $\overline{G} \in F_{12}$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $G$  is disconnected,  $\overline{G} \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{22}$ . If  $\overline{G} \in F_{11} \cup F_{22}$ , then by Lemma 16,  $G$  is not a super-radial graph. If  $\overline{G} \in F_{12}$ , then by Lemma 4,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = \overline{G} = G$ . That is  $R^*(\overline{G}) = G$ . Hence  $G$  is a super-radial graph. ■

The following examples show that the notion of super-radial graph is independent of radial graph, antipodal graph, eccentric graph and super-eccentric graph.

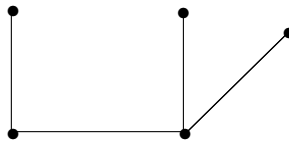


Figure 2. Super-radial graph but not antipodal graph.

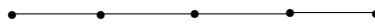


Figure 3. Antipodal graph but not super-radial graph.

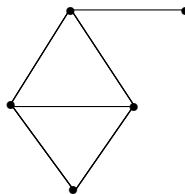


Figure 4. Super-radial graph but not eccentric graph.

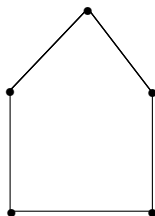


Figure 5. Eccentric graph but not super-radial graph.

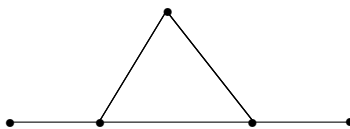


Figure 6. Super-radial graph but not radial graph.

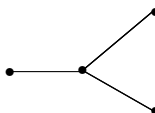


Figure 7. Radial graph but not super-radial graph.

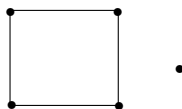


Figure 8. Super-radial graph but not super-eccentric graph.

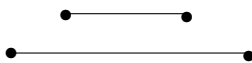


Figure 9. Super-eccentric graph but not super-radial graph.

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