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Hybrid Typed Graphs on Finite Rings from Conditions C1–C3

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Abstract

Background. Graphs built from ring operations link algebra and combinatorics, yet most studies fix a single adjacency rule. Goal. We introduce a single, typed hybrid graph $H_{123}(R)$ that only merges three classical mechanisms: (C1) $xy = 0$ (zero-divisors), (C2) $x + y \in U(R)$ (unit-sum), and (C3) $x \sim y \iff x = uy$ for some $u \in U(R)$ (associates), and study how these layers interact across finite/Artinian rings. This unifies and extends viewpoints from zero-divisor and unit graphs Anderson–Livingston (1999), Beck (1988), Ashrafi et al. (2010). Framework. For $V=R \setminus \{0\}$, $H_{123}(R)$ carries C1/C2/C3-typed edges. Canonical equitable partitions arise from annihilator classes (C1), residue classes modulo $J(R)$ (C2), and $U(R)$ -orbits of associates (C3). With adjacency AH and quotient matrix B induced by any equitable partition (incidence matrix S), we have $AHS=SB$, giving spectral interlacing and sharp bounds on the spectral radius and independence/covering parameters; see Brouwer–Haemers (2011, Ch. 2.5). Main results. (i) Structure: On principal ideal rings and CRT products $R \simeq \prod_i R_i$, each typed layer decomposes into cliques and complete bipartite bands determined by primary components and unit groups; the hybrid inherits succinct degree/component formulae. (ii) Metrics: Classical bounds for zero-divisor graphs (e.g. diameter ≤ 3 when nonempty) transfer to $H_{123}(R)$ via typed geodesics Anderson–Livingston (1999); unit-graph constraints control C2-connectivity on Artinian rings Ashrafi et al. (2010). (iii) Spectra: Explicit quotient blocks on chain rings $R=\mathbb{Z}p^k$ yield lower bounds on $\rho(AH)$ and practical expansion proxies. (iv) Positioning: We clarify what the typed design preserves/forbids compared with total/annihilator constructions Anderson–Badawi (2008). Significance. Restricting strictly to (C1)–(C3) with explicit typing provides a clean vehicle to transfer tools between algebra (annihilators, units, associates, CRT idempotents) and graph theory (equitable partitions, interlacing, extremal metrics), enabling scalable analyses of hybrid ring graphs with standard linear-time generation for broad families.

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