



## Middle Graph of the Identity Graph of Finite Cyclic and Dihedral Groups

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**Abstract.** Given a group  $\mathbb{G}$  with  $e$  as the identity element, the identity graph  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}}$  having the vertex-set  $\mathbb{G}$  and the edge-set  $E$  satisfies two conditions: (i) for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{G}$  where  $x \neq y$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent in  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}}$  if and only if  $xy = e$ ; (ii) for each  $x \in \mathbb{G}$ ,  $x$  and  $e$  are adjacent in  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}}$ . The middle graph of  $G$  denoted by  $M(G)$  is the graph with vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  where two vertices will be adjacent if and only if they are either adjacent edges of  $G$  or one is a vertex and the other is an edge incident to it. It can be obtained by inserting a new vertex into every edge of  $\mathbb{G}$  and connecting the new obtained vertices if they are adjacent edges in  $\mathbb{G}$ . In this paper, we constructed the middle graph of the identity graph particular for finite cyclic and dihedral groups. Some parameters of a graph such as the size, order, graph measurements, independence number, domination number, vertex chromatic number and edge chromatic number were also investigated.

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### 1. Introduction

The linking of group theory to graph theory was started in 2009 in the book of [1] by creating a new kind of graph from the concepts of group theory. They represented the finite groups in terms of graphs which they called identity graphs or identity graphs since the identity element of the group is the main role in order to create a graph.

A.D. Godase [2] in 2015 gave some examples of the identity graphs of some finite groups particular in finite cyclic and dihedral groups which he discovered that the graph formed were consists of lines and triangles. In the papers [3] and [4], the authors further

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23 studied the said graph by investigating its properties and characteristics.

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25 Another focus of studies in graph theory is the construction new graphs from another  
 26 graph. Given a graph, operation will be defined that yields to another form of graph. One  
 27 particular example is the paper of Akiyama, Hamada, and Yoshimura [5] which introduced  
 28 the concept of the middle graph and established some characterizations in particular for  
 29 some common classes of graphs. The middle graph of a graph is obtained by inserting a  
 30 new vertex into every edge of the original graph and connecting the new obtained vertices  
 31 if they are adjacent edges in the original graph.

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33 The combination of two concepts motivates the authors to explore the middle graphs  
 34 of the identity graph of the finite cyclic and dihedral groups. This is in parallel with  
 35 the study of Murusegan and Nair [6] which discussed the  $(1, 2)$ -domination in middle and  
 36 central graph of a star, cycle and path. They also established some upperbounds and  
 37 lower bounds. Later on 2017, they investigated the power domination of middle graph of  
 38 path, cycle and star. Alib et al. [7] presented the construction of the central graph of the  
 39 identity graph of finite cyclic group and investigated some of its graph properties.

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41 This paper presents the construction of the middle graphs of the identity graph of  
 42 the finite cyclic and dihedral groups. The properties particular in graph measurements,  
 43 independence number, domination number and graph coloring were also investigated.

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## 2. Preliminaries

45 For the purpose of further understanding concepts, examples, and illustrations are  
 46 given.

### 2.1. Group Theory

48 This section contains some basic concepts in group theory and its examples that will  
 49 be needed in the discussion of the following chapters. Groups can be finite or infinite. In  
 50 general, groups can be classified into two categories, these are the cyclic and noncyclic  
 51 groups. In this paper, we focus in finite cyclic groups and the dihedral groups. Let us  
 52 start by defining a binary operation.

53 **Definition 1.** Let  $S$  be a set. A **binary operation**  $*$  on  $S$  is a function that assigns each  
 54 ordered pair of elements of  $S$  an element of  $S$ .

55 Consider the set of even integers  $S = 2\mathbb{Z}$  using the addition as the operation. If we  
 56 take  $a = 2k, b = j \in S$ , for some integers  $k$  and  $j$ ,  $a + b = 2k + 2j = 2(k + j)$  which is also  
 57 an even integer. Thus, addition is a binary operation in  $S$ .

58 **Definition 2.** A **group** is a non-empty set  $\mathbb{G}$  with binary operation  $*$  such that

59 *i.*  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$  for all  $a, b, c$  in  $\mathbb{G}$  (associativity),

- 60 ii. there is an element  $e \in \mathbb{G}$  such that  $a * e = e * a = a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{G}$  (existence of
- 61 identity),
- 62 iii. if  $a \in \mathbb{G}$ , then there is an element  $a^{-1} \in \mathbb{G}$  such that  $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$  (existence
- 63 of inverse).

64 **Example 1.** The set of integers is a group under the operation of ordinary addition. Note

65 that the set of integers under the operation of addition is closed, associative, contains identity

66 element 0, and for any integer  $a$  it has an  $-a$ .

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68 The set of integers under ordinary multiplication is not a group. The third property

69 fails since there is no integer  $b$  such that  $2b = 1$  where 1 is the identity element.

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71 Now we will define a cyclic subgroup,

72 **Definition 3.** If  $\mathbb{G}$  is a group and  $a \in \mathbb{G}$ , then the **cyclic subgroup generated by  $a$**  is

73 the set

$$\langle a \rangle = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

74 If, in  $\mathbb{G}$ , there exists an element  $a$  such that  $\mathbb{G} = \langle a \rangle$ , then we say that  $\mathbb{G}$  is a **cyclic**

75 **group** and  $a$  is a **generator** of  $\mathbb{G}$ . We may also say that  $\mathbb{G}$  is a **group generated by  $a$** .

76 If no such element exists in  $\mathbb{G}$ , then  $\mathbb{G}$  is said to be a **noncyclic group**.

77 **Example 2.** Let  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{Z}, +$ . Then  $\mathbb{G} = \langle 1 \rangle = \langle -1 \rangle$ , so  $\mathbb{G}$  is cyclic. On the other hand,

78  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{Q}, +$  is noncyclic, since there is no rational number which generates all possible

79 rational numbers. For the same reason,  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{R}, +$  is noncyclic

80 Another type of finite groups are dihedral groups which belongs to the classification

81 of noncyclic.

82 **Definition 4.** The group of symmetries of an  $n$ -sided regular polygon for  $n \geq 1$  with

83 rotations and reflections is termed **Dihedral group**, which is denoted as  $D_n$ . The order

84 of the Dihedral group is  $2n$ .

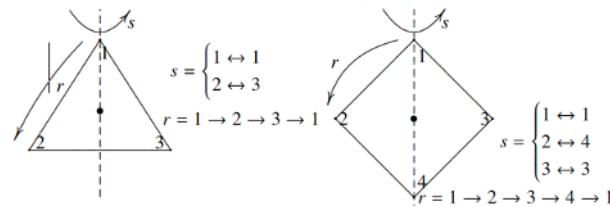
85 For  $n \geq 3$ ,  $D_n$  is the group of symmetries of a regular polygon with  $n$ -sides. Number

86 the vertices  $1, \dots, n$  in the counterclockwise direction. Let  $r$  be the rotation through  $2\pi/n$

87 about the centre of polygon (so  $i \mapsto i + 1 \pmod n$ ), and let  $s$  be the reflection in the

88 line (= rotation about the line) through the vertex 1 and the centre of the polygon (so

89  $i \mapsto n + 2 - i \pmod n$ ). Here is an illustration.



91 **2.2. Graph Theory**

92 A **graph**  $G$  is an ordered pair  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  where  $V(G)$  is a nonempty set of  
 93 elements called **vertices**, and  $E(G)$  is a set of unordered pairs of vertices called **edges**.  
 94 The number  $|V(G)|$  is called the **order of  $G$**  and the number  $|E(G)|$  is called the **size of**  
 95  **$G$** .

96 Connected graphs are the graphs in which every two vertices is adjacent to each other.  
 97 If  $[u, v]$  is an edge of  $G$ , then  $u$  and  $v$  are **adjacent vertices**. If  $[u, v]$  and  $[v, w]$  are  
 98 distinct edges in  $G$ , then  $[u, v]$  and  $[v, w]$  are **adjacent edges**. The vertex  $u$  and the edge  
 99  $[u, v]$  are said to be **incident** with each other.

100 A graph  $H$  is called a **subgraph** of a graph  $G$ , written as  $H \subseteq G$ , if  $V(H) \subseteq V(G)$   
 101 and  $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$ . The **degree of a vertex**  $v$  in a graph  $G$  denoted by  $deg_G(v)$  or  
 102 simply by  $deg(v)$  is the number of vertices in  $G$  that are adjacent to  $v$ . A vertex of degree  
 103 0 is referred to as an **isolated vertex** and a vertex of degree 1 is an **end-vertex** or a  
 104 **leaf**. An edge incident with an end-vertex is called a **pendant edge**.

105 The distance  $d(u, v)$  between  $u, v \in V(G)$  is the length of a shortest  $u - v$  path in  
 106 the graph  $G$ . The eccentricity of a vertex  $u \in V(G)$  is  $e(u) = \max\{d(u, v) | u \in V(G)\}$ .  
 107 The diameter of a graph  $G$  is  $diam = \max\{e(u) | u \in V(G)\}$ . The radius of a graph  $G$  is  
 108  $rad = \min\{e(u) | u \in V(G)\}$ . If  $e(u) = rad(G)$ , the vertex  $u$  is a central vertex. The set  
 109 of all such vertices is the center of  $G$ . The girth of a graph  $G$  denoted by  $gir(G)$  is the  
 110 length of the shortest cycle (if any) in  $G$ .

111 **Definition 5.** Given a group  $\mathbb{G}$  with  $e$  as the identity element, define the **identity graph**  
 112  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}} = \Gamma_{(\mathbb{G}, E)}$  to have the vertex-set  $\mathbb{G}$  and the edge-set  $E$  satisfying two conditions:

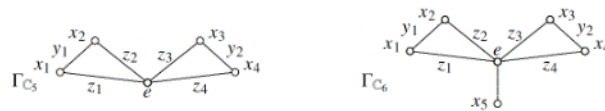
- 113 (i) For every  $x, y \in \mathbb{G}$  where  $x \neq y$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent in  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}}$  if and only if  $xy = e$  ;
- 114 (ii) For each  $x \in \mathbb{G}$ ,  $x$  and  $e$  are adjacent in  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}}$  .

115 Two important structures in identity graph are lines and triangles defines as follows:

116 **Definition 6.** Given a group  $\mathbb{G}$ , a **line** in the identity graph  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}}$  is an edge  $[x, e]$  such that  
 117 the degree of a vertex  $x$  is one. The number of lines in the identity graph  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}}$  is denoted  
 118 by  $line(\mathbb{G})$ .

119 **Definition 7.** A **triangle** in the identity graph  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{G}}$  is a subgraph which is isomorphic to  
 120 the cycle of length three. The number of the triangles in the identity graph is denoted by  
 121  $tri(\mathbb{G})$ .

122 To give an example, consider the identity graphs of selected cyclic groups below.



124 To further understand the properties of groups and graphs, here are some propositions.  
 125 Propositions are presented without proof and can be found in [5], [8], [1], [9] and [3].

126 **Proposition 1.** For a cyclic groups  $\mathbb{C}_n$  of order  $n$ , if  $n$  is odd, then  $\text{line}(\mathbb{C}_n) = 0$  and  
 127  $\text{tri}(\mathbb{C}_n) = \frac{n-1}{2}$ . If  $n$  is even, then  $\text{line}(\mathbb{C}_n) = 1$  and  $\text{tri}(\mathbb{C}_n) = \frac{n-2}{2}$ .

128 **Proposition 2.** If  $\mathbb{C}_n$  is a cyclic group of order  $n$ , then we have

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$$|E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})| = \begin{cases} \frac{3(n-1)}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{3(n-2)}{2} + 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

130 **Proposition 3.** (Handshaking Lemma) If  $G$  is a graph of size  $m$ , then

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$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} \text{deg}(v) = 2m.$$

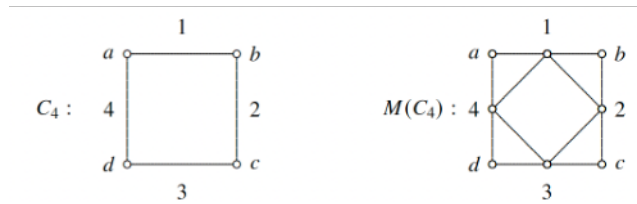
132 **Proposition 4.** A nontrivial connected graph  $G$  is **Eulerian** if and only if every vertex  
 133 of  $G$  has even degree.

134 At this point, we will formally define the main focus of the study, the graph operation  
 135 middle graph of a graph.

136 **Definition 8.** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a simple graph. The **middle graph** of  $G$  denoted  
 137 by  $M(G)$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  where two vertices are adjacent  
 138 if (1) they are either adjacent edges of  $G$  or (2) one is a vertex and the other is an edge  
 139 incident to it.

140 For example,

141 **Example 3.** Consider the graphs  $C_4$ . The middle graph of  $C_4$ ,  $M(C_4)$ , is given by



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 143 The middle graph  $M(C_4)$  of  $C_4$  is a graph with  $V(M(C_4)) = \{a, b, c, d, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  
 144 two vertices is adjacent if and only if they are adjacent edges of  $C_4$  or one is a vertex and  
 145 the other is an edge incident to it. For instance the vertices 4 and 1 in  $M(C_4)$  are adjacent  
 146 since they are adjacent edges in  $C_4$ . Also the vertices 3 and  $d$  in  $M(C_4)$  are adjacent since  
 147 3 is an edge incident to a vertex  $d$  in  $C_4$ .

148 **3. The Middle Graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$**

149 Below is the structure of the middle graph of the identity graph of the finite cyclic  
 150 groups. For easy reference, we refer to the middle graph of the identity graph as *MIG*.  
 151 This will be used for the rest of this paper.

152 **Definition 9.** Let  $\mathbb{C}_n$  be a finite group of order  $n$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  be the identity graph of  $\mathbb{C}_n$ . The  
 153 **middle graph** of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  denoted by  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}) \cup E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$   
 154 where two vertices are adjacent if (1) they are either adjacent edges of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  or (2) one is  
 155 a vertex and the other is an edge incident to it.

156 In this study, the vertex-set and edge-set notations of  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  are fixed. Here are the  
 157 following steps on how to construct the middle graph of the identity graph of finite cyclic  
 158 groups.

159 Step 1. Draw the identity graph of finite cyclic group  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Set the vertices  
 160  $V(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}) = \{e\} \cup \{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$  where  $e$  is the identity element of the cyclic group  
 161  $\mathbb{C}_n$ . Set the edges  $E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}) = \{z_i | z_i = [x_i, e] \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$

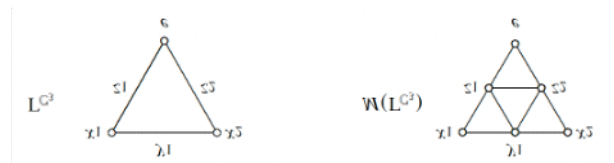
$$162 \quad \cup \{y_p | y_p = [x_i, x_{i+1}] \text{ and } p = \frac{i+1}{2}\} \begin{cases} \text{for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \text{for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n - 3, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

163 Step 2. Subdivide the edges of the original graph. The additional new vertices will be ob-  
 164 tained by subdividing the edges and the second condition of the middle graph will  
 165 automatically be satisfied.

166 Step 3. Connect the new obtained vertices to each other if they are adjacent edges in the  
 167 original graph.

168 Consider the following example,

169 **Example 4.** Let  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3}$  be the identity graph of  $\mathbb{C}_3$  with vertices  $V(\mathbb{C}_3) = \{e, x_1, x_2\}$  and  
 170  $E(\mathbb{C}_3) = \{z_1, z_2, y_1\}$  shown in the figure below and its corresponding MIG.



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172 **3.1. The middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  where  $n$  is odd**

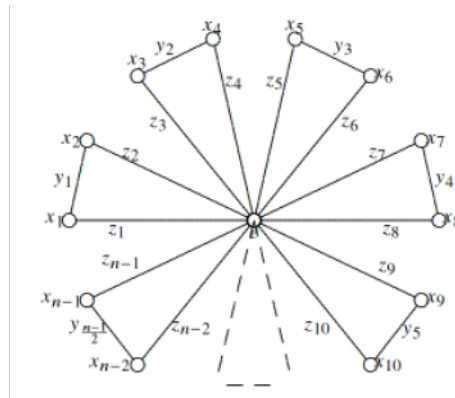
173 For the general structure of the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  where  $n$  is odd, set first the  
 174 vertices of the identity graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  as

$$V(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}) = \{e\} \cup \{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$$

175 and

$$E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}) = \{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \left\{ y_p | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 \right\}$$

176 Here is the pictorial representation,



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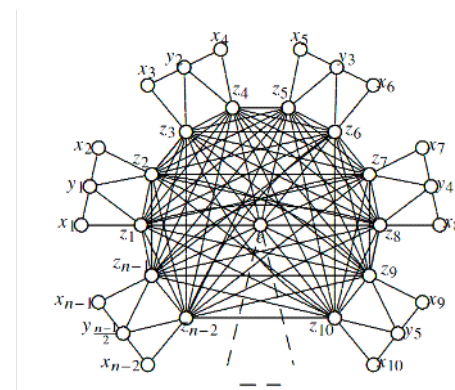
178 To generalize the vertex set and edge set of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  for  $n$  is odd, we now have;

$$V(M(\Gamma_{C_n})) = \{e\} \cup \{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \\ \cup \{y_p | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-2\}$$

179 and

$$E(M(\Gamma_{C_n})) = \{[e, z_i] | 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \\ \cup \{[z_i, z_j] | 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq n-1, i \neq j\} \\ \cup \{[x_i, z_i] | 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \\ \cup \{[y_p, z_i] | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-2\} \\ \cup \{[y_p, z_{i+1}] | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-2\} \\ \cup \{[y_p, x_i] | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-2\} \\ \cup \{[y_p, x_{i+1}] | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-2\}$$

180 Here is the pictorial representation,



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182 The degree of the vertices of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  where  $n$  is odd is summarized below:

- 183 a.  $deg(e) = n - 1$
- 184 b.  $deg(x_i) = 2, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$
- 185 c.  $deg(y_p) = 4, 1 \leq p \leq \frac{i+1}{2}$  for all odd  $1 \leq i \leq n - 2$
- 186 d.  $deg(z_i) = n + 1, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

187 For the summation of all of the degrees of the vertices of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  for  $n$  is odd, we  
 188 have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v \in V(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))} deg(v) &= (n - 1) + 2(n - 1) + 4\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + (n + 1)(n - 1) \\ &= n - 1 + 2n - 2 + 2n - 2 + n^2 - 1 \\ &= n^2 + 5n - 6. \end{aligned}$$

189 **3.2. The Middle Graph of  $\Gamma_{C_n}$ , where  $n$  is even**

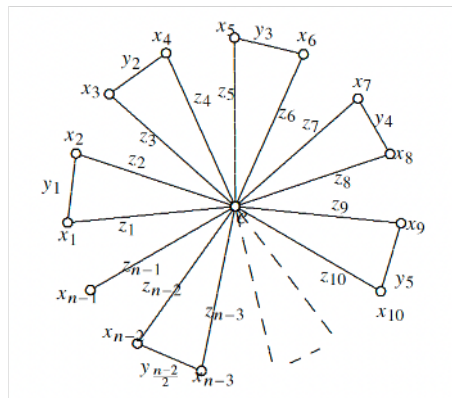
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 191 vertices of the identity graph of  $\Gamma_{C_n}$  as

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192 and

$$E(\Gamma_{C_n}) = \{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{y_p | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n - 3\}$$

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195 To generalize the vertex set of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  where  $n$  is odd, we have;

$$\begin{aligned} V(M(\Gamma_{C_n})) &= \{e\} \cup \{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \\ &\cup \{y_p | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n - 3\} \end{aligned}$$

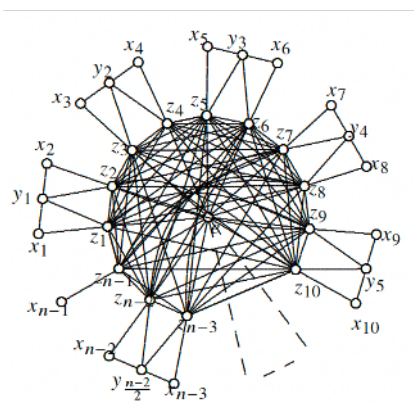
196 and

$$E(M(\Gamma_{C_n})) = \{[e, z_i] | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \bigcup \{[z_i, z_j] | 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq n-1, i \neq j\} \\ & \bigcup \{[x_i, z_i] | 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \\ & \bigcup \{[y_p, z_i] | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-3\} \\ & \bigcup \{[y_p, z_{i+1}] | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-3\} \\ & \bigcup \{[y_p, x_i] | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-3\} \\ & \bigcup \{[y_p, x_{i+1}] | p = \frac{i+1}{2} \text{ for all odd } 1 \leq i \leq n-3\} \end{aligned}$$

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- 202 c.  $deg(x_{n-1}) = 1$
- 203 d.  $deg(y_p) = 4, 1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$
- 204 e.  $deg(z_i) = n + 1, 1 \leq i \leq n - 2$
- 205 f.  $deg(z_{n-1}) = n$

206 To sum up all the degrees of the vertices of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  where  $n$  is even we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v \in V(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))} deg(v) &= (n - 1) + 1 + n + 2(n - 2) + 4\left(\frac{n-2}{2}\right) + (n + 1)(n - 2) \\ &= 2n + 2n - 4 + 2n - 4 + n^2 - n - 2 \\ &= n^2 + 5n - 10 \end{aligned}$$

207 **Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathbb{C}_n$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$  and  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the MIG of  $\mathbb{C}_n$  for  
 208  $n \geq 2$ . The order of  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  is

$$209 \quad |V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))| = \begin{cases} \frac{5n-3}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{5n-4}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

210 *Proof.*

211 i. For  $n$  is odd,

$$\begin{aligned} |V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))| &= |V(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})| + |E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})| \\ &= n + \frac{3(n-1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{2n + 3n - 3}{2} \\ &= \frac{5n - 3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

212 ii. For  $n$  is even,

$$\begin{aligned} |V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))| &= |V(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})| + |E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})| \\ &= n + \left[ \frac{3(n-2)}{2} + 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{(2n + 3n - 6) + 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{5n - 4}{2} \end{aligned}$$

213 Now, for the size of the middle graph of identity graph of a cyclic group, refer to the  
 214 theorem below.

215 **Theorem 2.** The MIG of a cyclic group  $\mathbb{C}_n$  of order  $n$  has size

$$216 \quad |E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))| = \begin{cases} \frac{n^2+5n-6}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n^2+5n-10}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

217 *Proof.* To prove this, we need to consider two cases.

218 i. First we will consider if  $n$  is odd. From the summation of all of the degrees of  
 219 the vertices where  $n$  is odd,  $\sum_{v \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))} \text{deg}(v) = n^2 + 5n - 6$ . By Theorem  
 220 3, for a graph of size  $m$ ,  $\sum_{v \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))} \text{deg}(v) = 2m$ . By substitution, we have  
 221  $n^2 + 5n - 6 = 2m$ . Thus  $m = \frac{n^2+5n-6}{2}$ .

222 ii. For  $n$  is even, using the summary of the degree of the vertices where  $n$  is even,  
 223  $\sum_{v \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))} \text{deg}(v) = n^2 + 5n - 10$ . Also by Theorem 3, the sum of all of its vertices  
 224 is  $\sum_{v \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))} \text{deg}(v) = 2m$  where  $m$  is the size of the graph. By substitution, we  
 225 have  $n^2 + 5n - 10 = 2m$ . Thus  $m = \frac{n^2+5n-10}{2}$ .

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#### 4. Properties of $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$ on some parameters

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In this section, we will explore the graphical properties of MIGs to further understand its structure.

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##### 4.1. Distance between two vertices

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**Theorem 3.** Let  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  for  $n \geq 4$ . The distance

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i.  $d(x_i, a) \leq 3$  for all  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus x_i$  where  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ,

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ii.  $d(y_p, a) \leq 3$  for all  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus y_p$  for all  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$  if  $n$  is odd and  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$  if  $n$  is even,

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iii.  $d(z_i, a) \leq 2$  for  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus z_i$  where  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ,

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iv.  $d(e, a) \leq 2$  for  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus e$ .

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*Proof.* We divided it into four cases:

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i. Let  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus x_i$ . If  $a = x_{i+1}$ , then the distance  $d(x_i, x_{i+1}) = 2$  since both  $[x_i, y_{i+1}]$  and  $[x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  and  $[x_i, x_{i+1}] \notin E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . If  $a = x_j$  such that  $j \neq i$  or  $i + 1$ , then  $[x_j, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Also note that  $[x_i, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  and  $[z_i, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Now since neither  $[x_i, z_j]$  nor  $[x_j, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , then the shortest path from  $x_i$  to  $x_j$  is the path  $x_i, z_i, z_j, x_j$  of length 3. Thus the distance  $d(x_i, x_j) = 3$ . Similar argument if  $a = y_p$ . Hence the distance  $d(x_i, y_p) = 3$ . If  $a = z_i$ , then  $d(x_i, z_i) = 1$  since  $[x_i, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . If  $a = z_j$  such that  $i \neq j$ , then  $[z_i, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Also since  $[x_i, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , then we have a path  $x_i, z_i, z_j$  from  $x_i$  to  $z_j$  and this is the shortest since  $[x_i, z_j] \notin E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Thus the distance  $d(x_i, z_j) = 2$ . Lastly if  $a = e$ , the argument is similar to  $a = z_j$ . Hence the distance  $d(x_i, a) \leq 3$  for all  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus x_i$ .

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ii. The proof for the distance  $d(y_p, a) \leq 3$  is analogous to case i.

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iii. Let  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus z_i$ . If  $a = z_j$  such that  $i \neq j$ , then  $d(z_i, z_j) = 1$  since  $[z_i, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Similar argument if  $a = e$ . If  $a = x_i$ , then clearly  $d(x_i, z_i) = 1$ . Now suppose  $a = x_j$  where  $i \neq j$ , note that  $[x_j, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  and also  $[z_i, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , it follows that  $z_i, z_j, x_j$  is a shortest path from  $z_i$  to  $x_j$  since  $[z_i, x_j] \notin E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Thus the distance  $d(z_i, x_j) = 2$ . Lastly, if  $a = y_p$  where  $p = \frac{i+1}{2}$ , then clearly  $d(z_i, y_{\frac{i+1}{2}}) = 1$ . For  $p = \frac{j+1}{2}$  where  $i \neq j$ , it follows that  $[y_{\frac{j+1}{2}}, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  and we know that  $[z_i, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , thus a shortest path from  $z_i$  to  $y_{\frac{j+1}{2}}$  is  $z_i, z_j, y_{\frac{j+1}{2}}$  since  $[y_{\frac{j+1}{2}}, z_i] \notin E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Hence the distance  $d(z_i, y_p) \leq 2$ . Therefore the distance  $d(z_i, a) \leq 2$  for all  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus z_i$ .

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iv. Let  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  and let  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus e$ . If  $a = z_i$ , then  $d(e, z_i) = 1$  since  $[e, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Now if  $a = x_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , then

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260  $[x_i, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  also since  $[e, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  then we have a path  $e, z_i, x_i$  of  
 261 length 2 from  $e$  to  $x_i$ . And also since  $[e, x_i] \notin E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , thus this is the shortest  
 262 path from  $e$  to  $x_i$ . Hence  $d(e, x_i) = 2$ . Finally if  $a = y_p$  for  $p = \frac{i+1}{2}$  for all odd  
 263  $1 \leq i \leq n-2$ , then  $[y_p, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . The other arguments are similar for  $a = x_i$ .  
 264 Thus  $d(e, y_p) = 2$ . Therefore the distance  $d(e, a) \leq 2$  for all  $a \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus e$ .

## 265 4.2. Eccentricity of the vertices

266 **Theorem 4.** *Let  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$ . The eccentricity of the vertices*

267 i.  $e(x_i) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n=2 \text{ or } 3 \\ 3, & \text{if } n \geq 4 \end{cases}$

268 for all  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ,

269 ii.  $e(y_p) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n=3 \\ 3, & \text{for } n \geq 4 \end{cases}$

270 for all  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$ ,

271 iii.  $e(z_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n=2 \text{ or } 3 \\ 2, & \text{if } n \geq 4 \end{cases}$

272 for all  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ,

273 iv.  $e(e) = 2$

274 *Proof.* Let  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$ .

275 i. For  $n = 2$ , it is very obvious since the middle graph  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_2})$  is isomorphic to a path  
 276  $P_3$  with the vertex set  $V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_2})) = \{e, x_1, z_1\}$  and edges

277  $E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_2})) = \{[e, z_1], [z_1, x_1]\}$ .

278 ii. For  $n = 3$ , note that  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3}$  is isomorphic to a cycle  $C_3$  with the vertex set  $V(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3}) =$   
 279  $\{e, x_1, x_2\}$  and edge set  $E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3}) = \{z_1 = [e, x_1], z_2 = [e, x_2], y_1 = [x_1, x_2]\}$ . Now for  
 280  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3})$ , the vertex set  $V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3})) = \{e, x_1, x_2, z_1, z_2, y_1\}$  where the vertices  $x_1, x_2$   
 281 and  $e$  are the corner vertices and the vertices  $z_1, z_2$  and  $y_1$  are the inner vertices.  
 282 Note that  $[x_1, z_1]$  and  $[z_1, z_2] \in E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3})$  but  $[x_1, x_2] \notin E(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3})$  thus the distance from  
 283  $x_1$  to  $z_2$  is 2 same with  $x_2$  to  $x_1$  and  $e$  to  $y_1$ . Also the distance of each corner  
 284 vertex to each other is 2. Now for the distance of all inner vertices to each other is  
 285 1 since they are adjacent edges in  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3}$ . Thus the maximum distance or eccentricity  
 286  $e(x_1) = e(x_2) = e(e) = e(z_1) = e(z_2) = e(y_1) = 2$ .

287 iii. For  $n \geq 4$ , the proof follows from Theorem 3.

288 **4.3. Radius**

289 **Theorem 5.** *If  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$ , then*

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$$rad(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n=2 \\ 2, & \text{for } n \geq 3 \end{cases} \text{ and } diam(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n=2 \text{ or } 3 \\ 3, & \text{for } n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

291 *Proof.* Let  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$ . We divided it into three cases:

- 292 i. For  $n = 2$ , since  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_2})$  is isomorphic to a path of length 3, clearly  $rad(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_2})) = 1$   
 293 and the diameter  $diam(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_2})) = 2$ .
- 294 ii. For  $n = 3$ , by Theorem 4, the eccentricity of all the vertices is equal to 2, thus the  
 295 radius and diameter  $rad(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3})) = 2$  and  $diam(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_3})) = 2$  respectively.
- 296 iii. For  $n \geq 4$ , from Theorem 4,  $e(z_i) = 2$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $e(e) = 2$  and this is  
 297 the minimum eccentricity, thus the radius  $rad(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = 2$ . Also using the same  
 298 reference, the vertices with the maximum eccentricities are the vertices  $x_i$  and  $y_i$   
 299 with  $e(x_i) = 3$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $e(y_p) = 3$  for all  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$  if  $n$  is odd and  
 300  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$  if  $n$  is even. Hence the diameter  $diam(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = 3$ .

301 **4.4. Central Vertices**

302 **Theorem 6.** *For the middle graph  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  for  $n \geq 4$ , the central vertices are the vertices*  
 303  $z_i \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  and  $e$ .

304 *Proof.* From Theorem 4, the eccentricity  $e(z_i) = 2$  for all  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $e(e) = 2$ .  
 305 Now by Theorem 5, the radius  $rad(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = e(z_i) = e(e) = 2$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . The  
 306 remaining vertices  $x_{i's}$  and  $y_{p's}$  has the eccentricity of 3. Thus the central vertices are all  
 307 the  $z_i \in V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  and  $e$ .

308 **4.5. Center**

309 **Theorem 7.** *The set of vertices  $Cen(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = \{\{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{e\}\}$  is the center*  
 310 *of  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  for  $n \geq 4$ .*

311 *Proof.* The proof of this theorem follows from Theorem 6.

312 **4.6. Complete Subgraph**

313 **Theorem 8.** *Let  $H$  be a subgraph induced by  $Cen(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  for  $n \geq 4$ , then  $H$  is a*  
 314 *complete subgraph of order  $n$ .*

*Proof.*

Let  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$  for  $n \geq 4$ . Suppose  $H$  is a subgraph induced by  $Cen(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , then  $V(H) = \{\{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{e\}\} = Z \cup \{e\}$  and clearly  $|V(H)| = n$ . Note that for every vertex  $z_i$  and  $z_j$  element of  $Z$  where  $i \neq j$ ,  $[z_i, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  and also  $[z_i, e] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  thus  $deg_H(z_i) = deg_H(e) = n-1$ . Consequently, the size  $|E(H)| = |E(K_n)| = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ . Hence  $H$  is a complete graph of order  $n$ .

#### 4.7. Circumference

**Theorem 9.** *If  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$ , then the circumference*

$$c(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = \begin{cases} \frac{5n-3}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{5n-6}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}$ . We divided it into two cases.

i. For  $n$  is odd, we will find a cycle  $C \subseteq M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  with the largest size. From the structure of  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  where  $n$  is odd, since  $[e, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , take  $e$  as our initial vertex, followed by  $z_1$ . Note that  $[z_i, x_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , then we have a path  $e, z_1, x_1$ . Now also  $[x_i, y_{\frac{i+1}{2}}]$  and  $[x_{i+1}, y_{\frac{i+1}{2}}] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , then we can extend our path to  $e, z_1, x_1, y_1, x_2, z_2, \dots$ . Also since  $[z_i, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , we can have  $e, z_1, x_1, y_1, x_2, z_2, z_3$  then repeat the process. By continuing, we now have  $e, z_1, x_1, y_1, x_2, z_2, z_3, x_3, y_2, x_4, z_4, \dots, z_i, x_i, y_{\frac{i+1}{2}}, x_{i+1}, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, y_{\frac{n-1}{2}}, x_{n-1}, z_{n-1}$ . Now we can connect  $z_{n-1}$  to  $e$  since  $[e, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Clearly,  $C : e, z_1, x_1, y_1, x_2, z_2, z_3, x_3, y_2, x_4, z_4, \dots, z_i, x_i, y_{\frac{i+1}{2}}, x_{i+1}, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, y_{\frac{n-1}{2}}, x_{n-1}, z_{n-1}, e$  is a cycle since no vertex is repeated except for the first and the last. To compute the length, we have to compute its order since the length of a cycle is equal to its order. So  $|e| = 1, |z_i| = n-1, |x_i| = n-1, |y_i| = \frac{n-2}{2}$ . Thus  $|V(C)| = 1 + (n-1) + (n-1) + \frac{(n-1)}{2} = \frac{5n-3}{2}$ . Note that  $C \subseteq M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$ , thus  $|V(C)| \leq |V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))|$ . And from Theorem 1 the order  $|V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))| = \frac{5n-3}{2}$  if  $n$  is odd. It implies that  $|V(C)| = |V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))| = \frac{5n-3}{2}$ , hence the length of the maximum cycle in  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}) = \frac{5n-3}{2}$ .

2. For  $n$  is even, we will find a cycle  $C \subseteq M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  of maximum length. From the structure of  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  where  $n$  is even, since  $[e, z_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , then choose  $e$  as our initial vertex followed by  $z_{n-1}$ , then  $z_1$  since  $[z_i, z_j] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  so that we have a path  $e, z_{n-1}, z_1$ . also since  $[z_i, x_i] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ , then we can extend it to  $e, z_{n-1}, z_1, x_1$ . Similar to Case 1,  $[x_i, y_{\frac{i+1}{2}}]$  and  $[x_{i+1}, y_{\frac{i+1}{2}}] \in E(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  for all odd  $1 \leq i \leq n-3$ , thus we have  $e, z_{n-1}, z_1, x_1, y-1, x_2$ . Now choose  $z_2$  as our next vertex so that we have  $e, z_{n-1}, z_1, x_1, y-1, x_2, z_2$ . By continuing the process, we now have a cycle  $C : e, z_{n-1}, z_1, x_1, y-1, x_2, z_2, z_3, x_3, y_2, x_4, z_4, \dots, z_i, x_i, y_{\frac{i+1}{2}}, x_{i+1}, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_{n-3}, x_{n-3}, y_{\frac{n-2}{2}}, x_{n-2}, z_{n-2}, e$ . To compute the order of  $C$ , we have

352  $V(C) = \{e\} \cup \{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 2\} \cup \{y_p | 1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-2}{2}\}$ . Implies  
 353 that

$$\begin{aligned} |V(C)| &= 1 + (n - 1) + (n - 2) + \left(\frac{n - 2}{2}\right) \\ &= 2n - 2 + \frac{n - 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{4n - 4 + n - 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{5n - 6}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

354 By Theorem 13, there exist exactly one vertex  $v \in V(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))$  of degree 1. Thus  
 355 clearly  $v \notin V(C)$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |V(C)| &\leq |V(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))| - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{5n - 4}{2} - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{5n - 4 - 2}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{5n - 6}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

356 Thus  $|V(C_k)| = |V(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))| - 1 = \frac{5n-6}{2}$ . Hence  $\frac{5n-6}{2}$  is the maximum length of a  
 357 cycle contained in  $(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))$ . Therefore the circumference  $c(M(\Gamma_{C_n})) = \frac{5n-6}{2}$ , if n is  
 358 even.

#### 359 4.8. Girth

360 **Theorem 10.** *If  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  be a middle graph of a  $\Gamma_{C_n}$ , then the  $gir(M(\Gamma_{C_n})) = 3$  for*  
 361  *$n \geq 3$ .*

362 *Proof.* Let  $e$  be the vertex representing the identity element in  $\Gamma_{C_n}$ . Now for  $\Gamma_{C_n}$ , there  
 363 are  $n - 1$  edges incident to  $e$ . Pick any edges namely  $z_1, z_2$ . By the Definition 8 of *MIG*,  
 364  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are vertices in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$ . Also by the condition (1),  $[z_1, z_2]$  is an edge in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$ .  
 365 Now by the condition (2),  $[z_1, e]$  and  $[z_2, e]$  are edges in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$ . Thus  $z_1, z_2, e, z_1$  is a  
 366 cycle of length 3 in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$ . Therefore the girth  $gir(M(\Gamma_{C_n})) = 3$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

#### 367 4.9. Clique Number

368 **Theorem 11.** *If  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  be a middle graph of a  $\Gamma_{C_n}$ , then the clique number  $\omega[M(\Gamma_{C_n})] =$*   
 369  *$n$  for  $n \geq 3$ .*

370 *Proof.* Let  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{C_n}$ . We will show that the clique num-  
 371 ber  $\omega[M(\Gamma_{C_n})] = n$ . Note that from Theorem 8, the subgraph induced by the center  
 372  $Cen(M(\Gamma_{C_n})) = \{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{e\}$  is a complete graph of order  $n$ . Suppose there  
 373 is another complete subgraph  $K_m$  of order  $m$  where  $m \geq n$ . But from the summary of  
 374 the degree of the vertices, the degree  $deg(x_i) = 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $deg(y_p) = 4$  for

375  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$  if  $n$  is odd and  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$  if  $n$  is even. Thus clearly  $x_{i's}$  and  $y_{p's}$  are not  
 376 elements of  $V(K_m)$ . Now we are left with the vertices  $z_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $e$  since  
 377  $V(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) \setminus \{x_i \cup y_p\} = \{z_i\} \cup \{e\}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$  if  $n$  is odd  
 378 and  $1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$  if  $n$  is even which is clearly the center  $Cen(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$ . Hence it is not  
 379 possible to have a complete subgraph  $K_m$  of order  $m$  where  $m \geq n$ . Therefore the clique  
 380 number  $\omega[M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})] = n$ .

#### 381 4.10. Independence Number

382 **Theorem 12.** *The independence number  $\alpha(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = n$ .*

383 *Proof.* To start with, we know that from Theorem 11, the largest complete graph  $K$   
 384 contained in  $(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  has order  $n$  so that the clique number  $\omega(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})) = n$ . Note that  
 385 the vertices  $V(K) = \{z_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{e\}$ . Let  $S$  be an independent set that has a  
 386 maximum number of elements. It follows that exactly one vertex  $V(K)$  must be in  $S$ .  
 387 Thus it is either  $e$  only or one of the  $z_i$ 's only. For  $n$  is odd, we have two cases.

- 388 1. Let  $z_j$  be a fixed element in  $S$ , then it follows that  $x_j$  and  $y_q$  are not in  $S$  for any fixed  
 389  $x_j$  and  $y_q$  such that  $y_q = [x_j, x_{j+1}] \in V(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  but  $x_{j+1} \in S$  since  $z_j$  is not adjacent  
 390 to  $x_{j+1}$ . Now we are left with the set of vertices  $X = \{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \setminus \{x_j, x_{j+1}\}$   
 391 for all odd  $1 \leq j \leq n - 2$  and the set  $Y = y_p | 1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \setminus y_q$ . But note that for every  
 392  $y_p$ , there are exactly 2  $x_{i's}$  adjacent to it. Thus for every  $y_p \in S$  there are exactly 2  
 393  $x_i \notin S$  so that  $S = \{z_j, x_{i+1}\} \cup Y$ . Hence  $|S| = |\{z_j, x_{i+1}\}| \cup |Y| = 2 + \frac{n-1}{2} - 1 = \frac{n+1}{2}$ .  
 394 Now if we choose  $x_i \in S$ , it follows that  $y_p$  is not in  $S$  for  $y_p = [x_i, x_{i+1}]$ . But since  
 395  $x_i$  is not adjacent to  $x_{i+1}$ , then  $x_{i+1}$  must be in  $S$  so that  $S = \{z_j, x_{j+1}\} \cup X$ . Thus  
 396  $|S| = |\{z_j, x_{j+1}\}| \cup |X| = 2 + n - 3 = n - 1$ .
- 397 2. Suppose  $e \in S$  then clearly each of the  $z_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  is not in  $S$ .  
 398 Now we are left with the set of vertices  $X = \{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$  and the set  
 399  $Y = y_p | 1 \leq p \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Similar to Case 1, for every  $y_p$ , there are exactly 2  $x_{i's}$   
 400 adjacent to it. Thus for every  $y_p \in S$  there are exactly 2  $x_i \notin S$  so that  $S = \{e\} \cup Y$ .  
 401 Hence  $|S| = |\{e\}| \cup |Y| = 1 + \frac{n-1}{2} = \frac{n+1}{2}$ . Now if we choose  $x_i \in S$ , it follows that  
 402  $y_p$  is not in  $S$  for  $y_p = [x_i, x_{i+1}]$ . But since  $x_i$  is not adjacent to  $x_{i+1}$ , then  $x_{i+1}$  must  
 403 be in  $S$  so that  $S = \{e\} \cup X$ . Thus  $|S| = |\{e\}| \cup |X| = 1 + n - 1 = n$ . Therefore the  
 404 cardinality of the maximum independent set in  $(M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n}))$  is  $n$  for  $n$  is odd.

405 The proof for  $n$  is even is analogous for  $n$  is odd.

#### 406 4.11. Other Properties

407 **Theorem 13.** *If  $n$  is even, then the middle graph  $M(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}_n})$  contains exactly one vertex of*  
 408 *degree 1.*



409 *Proof.* By Theorem 1, the line in the identity graph  $\Gamma_{C_n}$  is 1 if  $n$  is even. Now let  $x$   
 410 be the vertex of degree 1 in  $\Gamma_{C_n}$  where  $n$  is even and let  $a$  be the edge connecting  $x$  to  
 411 another vertex say  $y$ . Now by the definition of the middle graph,  $a$  will become a vertex  
 412 in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$ . Also by condition (2) from the definition of *MIG* in Definition 8,  $[x, a]$  is an  
 413 edge. Suppose there exists another vertex  $w$  such that  $[x, w]$  is an edge in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$ . By  
 414 (2) in the definition of the *MIG*, it follows that  $w$  is an edge in  $\Gamma_{C_n}$  that is incident to  $x$   
 415 which contradicts the fact that  $x$  has degree 1 in  $\Gamma_{C_n}$ . Thus  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  contains a vertex of  
 416 degree 1. Suppose there exists another vertex  $u$  where  $u \neq x$  in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  of degree 1, then  
 417  $u$  cannot be in  $E(\Gamma_{C_n})$  since there are two edges namely  $q$  and  $r$  incident to  $u$  and by (2)  
 418 of Definition 8,  $u$  will become a vertex adjacent to  $q$  and  $r$ . Thus it must be  $u \in V(\Gamma_{C_n})$ .  
 419 Note that  $\Gamma_{C_n}$  contains only one line, it follows that  $u$  lies in some triangles of  $\Gamma_{C_n}$  which  
 420 implies that atleast two edges say  $s$  and  $t$  are incident to  $u$  that will eventually become  
 421 vertices in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$ . By the (2) of Definition 8,  $s$  and  $t$  will be vertices adjacent to  $u$  which  
 422 contradicts that  $u$  has of degree 1. Hence there is only one vertex in  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  of degree 1.

423 **Theorem 14.** *Every vertex of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  has an even degree if  $n$  is odd.*

424 *Proof.* The summary of the degree of the vertices of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  whwre  $n$  is odd is sufficient  
 425 enough to prove this theorem.

426 **Theorem 15.** *The middle graph  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  is Eulerian if  $n$  is odd.*

427 *Proof.*

428 Let  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  be the middle graph of  $\Gamma_{C_n}$ . Suppose  $n$  is odd, by Theorem 14, every  
 429 vertex of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  is of even degree. Thus by Theorem 4,  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  is Eulerian.

430 **Theorem 16.** *If  $n$  is odd, then the middle graph  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  is Hamiltonian.*

431 *Proof.* From Theorem 9, if  $n$  is odd, the order of the largest cycle  $|V(C)|$  contained in  
 432  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  is  $\frac{5n-3}{2} = |M(\Gamma_{C_n})|$ . Thus  $C$  is Hamiltonian cycle. Consequently,  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  where  
 433  $n$  is odd is a Hamiltonian graph.

## 434 5. Conclusion and Recommendations

435 This paper focuses on the middle graph of the identity graph of finite cyclic and  
 436 dihedral groups denoted by  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  and  $M(\Gamma_{D_n})$  respectively. These graphs are simple,  
 437 finite, connected and undirected graphs. The concept of the identity graph and middle  
 438 graph is introduced in this paper.

439 Using these concepts, the middle graphs  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  and  $M(\Gamma_{D_n})$  were constructed and  
 440 the labeling for the vertices and edges were discussed. In addition, some parameters such  
 441 as the size and order were easily shown using the construction and other existing theorems  
 442 and propositions. It is also found that the middle graph  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  is both Eulerian and  
 443 Hamiltonian if  $n$  is odd. Other properties on some parameters is summarized in Table ??.

444 Here is the table for the properties of  $M(\Gamma_{C_n})$  and  $M(\Gamma_{D_n})$  on some parameters of a  
 445 graph.

Parameters	Values
$gir(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))$	3
$\omega[M(\Gamma_{C_n})]$	$n$
$\alpha(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))$	$n$
$\gamma(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))$	$\frac{n+1}{2}$ if $n$ is odd and $\frac{n}{2}$ if $n$ is even
$\chi(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))$	$n$
$\chi'(M(\Gamma_{C_n}))$	$n + 2$ if $n$ is odd and $n + 1$ if $n$ is even
$gir(M(\Gamma_{D_n}))$	3
$\omega[M(\Gamma_{D_n})]$	$2n$
$\alpha(M(\Gamma_{D_n}))$	$2n$
$\gamma(M(\Gamma_{D_n}))$	$\frac{3n-1}{2}$ if $n$ is odd and $\frac{3n}{2}$ if $n$ is even.
$\chi(M(\Gamma_{D_n}))$	$2n$
$\chi'(M(\Gamma_{D_n}))$	$2n + 1$

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447 The problem on the identity graphs is still open. For instance, the middle graph of  
 448 the identity graph of symmetric groups is also interesting to investigate.

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