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# 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 Ghas 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) + 1in 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  $i \ge k$ . 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  $d(u, v) \ge rad(G)$  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  $\overline{G}$  is either self-centered of radius two or it is the union of complete graphs.

In [5], the  $k^{th}$  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  $d(G) = 4, r(G) \ge 3$ , 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 totaly 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  $d(G) - r(G) + 1 \ge 2$ . 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  $p \ge 3$  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  $v_2, v_3, \ldots, v_p$  be the pendant vertices of  $R^*(G)$ . If G is connected, then  $d_G(v_1, v_i) \ge d(G) - r(G) + 1$  for all  $i \ne 1$  and hence  $d_G(v_1, v_i) \ge 2$ . 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  $d(G) \ge r(G) + 1$ , 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  $d(G) - r(G) + 1 \ge 3$  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  $r(G) + 2 \le d(G) \le 2r(G) - 1$ , then  $R^*(G) \in F_{22} \cup F_{23}$ and  $\overline{R^*(G)} \in F_{tt+1}$  for some  $t \ge 2$ .

**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) 
$$d(w,v) \ge r(G) \text{ in } G.$$

Further  $r(G) + 2 \le d(G) \le 2r(G) - 1$ , which implies,

(2) 
$$d(G) - r(G) + 1 \le r(G)$$
 in G.

From (1) and (2),

$$d(w, v) \ge r(G) \ge d(G) - r(G) + 1$$
 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) 
$$d(v', v'') = d(G)$$
 in G.

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

$$d(v', v'') \le d(v', x) + d(x, v'') \le d(G) - r(G) + d(G) - r(G), d(v', v'') \le 2(d(G) - r(G)) < d(G) \text{ since } d < 2n.$$

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  $R^*(G), d(x, w) \le d(x, v') + d(v', w) \le 1 + 2$  (because e(v') = 2). That is  $d(x, w) \le 3$ 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).  $r(G) \le e(u) \le d(G)$  for all u in G implies  $\left\lceil \frac{r(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil \le e_{\overline{R^*(G)}}(u) \le \left\lceil \frac{d(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil$  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  $r(G) \ge 3$  and  $r(G) + 2 \le d(G) \le 2r(G) - 1, t \ge 2$ .

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).  $d_{G^k}(u, v) = \left\lceil \frac{d_G(u, v)}{k} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{d(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{r(G)}{d(G) - r(G)} \right\rceil = 1 + t, t \ge 2.$ That is  $d_{G^k}(u, v) = 1 + t, t \ge 2$ . Suppose  $e(u) = 1 + t, t \ge 2$ . w is any central vertex of G. Then d(w, u) = r(G) = d(w, v)

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









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.

### 3. CHARACTERIZATION OF SUPER-RADIAL GRAPHS

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  $G, R^*(G), R^*(R^*(G)), \ldots$ .

**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  $i \ge 2$ . Then by definition,  $R^*(G) = K_p$ , also by assumption  $R^*(G) = G, G = K_p$ , which is a contradiction to  $G \in F_{ii}, i \ge 2$ . 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 superradial  $R^*(\overline{G}) \subset G$ . 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, His 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  $H \in A =$  $F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{24} \cup F_3 \cup F_4$ . 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 His 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  $H \in F_4, \overline{R^*(H)} \in F_4$ . 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  $R^*(H) \in F_{22}$ 

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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  $\overline{G} = \overline{H}$  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,  $\overline{R^*(H)} \in F_{tt+1}$ . Since  $R^*(H) = G$ ,  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$ ,  $\overline{G} \in F_{tt+1}$ . 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 superradial 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  $G \in F_{24}$ . 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  $H \in F_{11} \cup F_{12} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{23} \cup F_{24}$ , 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  $d(H) = r(H) + 1, d(H) \ge 4$  and by Theorem B,  $d(\overline{H}) \le 2$ . Since  $G = \overline{H}, d(G) \le 2$ , 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  $G \in F_3$ . 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,  $\overline{R^*(H)} \in F_{12}$ . By our assumption  $R^*(H) = G$ .  $\overline{R^*(H)} = \overline{G}$  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.

			By Lemma/	G is super-
	G	$\overline{G}$	Proposition	radial
1	$F_{11}$	$F_4$	8	Yes
2	$F_{12}$	Each component of $\overline{G}$ is	12(i)	Yes
		complete.		
		At least one component	12(ii)	No
		of $\overline{G}$ is not complete.		
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	13(v)	Yes
		component of $\overline{G}$ being complete		
		$F_4$ with at least one		No
		component of $\overline{G}$ being non complete		
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,  $R^*(\overline{G}) = \overline{\overline{G}} = G$ . 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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