

# Counting lattice points that appear as algebraic invariants of Cameron Walker Graphs

Sara Faridi, Iresha Madduwe Hewalage

January 22, 2023

Combinatorial commutative algebra studies the problems in commutative algebra using the techniques and tools in combinatorics of geometric structures.

Combinatorial commutative algebra studies the problems in commutative algebra using the techniques and tools in combinatorics of geometric structures.

Monomial ideals play a significant role in studying the connection between commutative algebra and combinatorics.

Combinatorial commutative algebra studies the problems in commutative algebra using the techniques and tools in combinatorics of geometric structures.

Monomial ideals play a significant role in studying the connection between commutative algebra and combinatorics.

Many commutative algebraists are interested in studying the properties of finite simple graphs through monomial ideals.

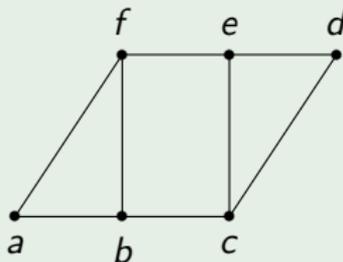
## Definition

The **edge ideal** of  $G$ , denoted  $I(G)$ , is the ideal generated by  $\{xy \mid \{x, y\} \text{ is an edge in } G\}$ .

## Definition

The **edge ideal** of  $G$ , denoted  $I(G)$ , is the ideal generated by  $\{xy \mid \{x, y\} \text{ is an edge in } G\}$ .

## Example

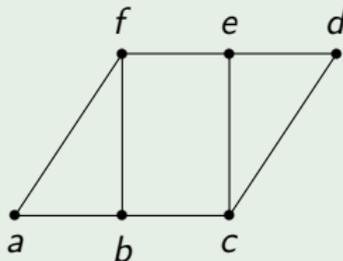


For the above Graph,  $I(G) = \langle ab, bc, cd, de, ef, fa, bf, ce \rangle$ .

## Definition

The **edge ideal** of  $G$ , denoted  $I(G)$ , is the ideal generated by  $\{xy \mid \{x, y\} \text{ is an edge in } G\}$ .

## Example



For the above Graph,  $I(G) = \langle ab, bc, cd, de, ef, fa, bf, ce \rangle$ .

So, our goal is to study the algebraic invariants of these edge ideals of finite simple graphs through combinatorial tools of those graphs.

**Question:** What homological invariants can be computed combinatorially?

# Question: What homological invariants can be computed combinatorially?

**$\dim(R/I)$ :**

Let  $R = K[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  be the polynomial ring and  $K$  be the field. Then the **dimension** of  $R/I$  is the length of the longest chain of prime ideals in  $R/I$ .

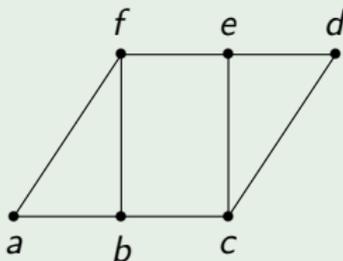
For a graph  $G$  :

$$\dim R/I(G) = \max \{ |S| \mid S \text{ is an independent set of } G \}$$

For a graph  $G$  :

$$\dim R/I(G) = \max \{ |S| \mid S \text{ is an independent set of } G \}$$

### Example



- $\dim R/I(G) = |\{a, d\}| = 2.$

Let  $I$  be a monomial ideal in  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $K$  field. A minimal free resolution of  $R/I$  is an exact sequence of free  $R$ -modules (or  $K$ - vector spaces):

$$0 \rightarrow R^{\beta_p} \rightarrow R^{\beta_{p-1}} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R^{\beta_0}$$

Let  $I$  be a monomial ideal in  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $K$  field. A minimal free resolution of  $R/I$  is an exact sequence of free  $R$ -modules (or  $K$ - vector spaces):

$$0 \rightarrow R^{\beta_p} \rightarrow R^{\beta_{p-1}} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R^{\beta_0}$$

Homological invariants of  $I$  :

**betti number** =  $\beta_i$

Let  $I$  be a monomial ideal in  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $K$  field. A minimal free resolution of  $R/I$  is an exact sequence of free  $R$ -modules (or  $K$ - vector spaces):

$$0 \rightarrow R^{\beta_p} \rightarrow R^{\beta_{p-1}} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R^{\beta_0}$$

Homological invariants of  $I$  :

**betti number**  $= \beta_i$

**projective dimension**( $p$ ) = length of the maximal free resolution

Let  $I$  be a monomial ideal in  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $K$  field. A minimal free resolution of  $R/I$  is an exact sequence of free  $R$ -modules (or  $K$ - vector spaces):

$$0 \rightarrow R^{\beta_p} \rightarrow R^{\beta_{p-1}} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R^{\beta_0}$$

Homological invariants of  $I$  :

**betti number** =  $\beta_i$

**projective dimension**( $p$ ) = length of the maximal free resolution

**depth** =  $n - p$

Let  $I$  be a monomial ideal in  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $K$  field. A minimal free resolution of  $R/I$  is an exact sequence of free  $R$ -modules (or  $K$ - vector spaces):

$$0 \rightarrow R^{\beta_p} \rightarrow R^{\beta_{p-1}} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R^{\beta_0}$$

Homological invariants of  $I$  :

**betti number**  $= \beta_i$

**projective dimension**( $p$ ) = length of the maximal free resolution

**depth**  $= n - p$

These homological invariants depend on the characteristic  $K$ .

As these homological invariants depend on the characteristics of the field  $K$ , we look for classes of graphs whose homological invariants are characteristic independent.

As these homological invariants depend on the characteristics of the field  $K$ , we look for classes of graphs whose homological invariants are characteristic independent.

One such class is Cameron Walker graphs.

As these homological invariants depend on the characteristics of the field  $K$ , we look for classes of graphs whose homological invariants are characteristic independent.

One such class is Cameron Walker graphs.

Hibi, Higashitani, Kimura, O'Keefe, Matsuda, Tsuchiya and Van Tuyl, completely determined the homological invariants such as depth, regularity, dimension, and deg h polynomial of  $R/I$  for Cameron Walker graphs through invariants of the graphs.

As these homological invariants depend on the characteristics of the field  $K$ , we look for classes of graphs whose homological invariants are characteristic independent.

One such class is Cameron Walker graphs.

Hibi, Higashitani, Kimura, O'Keefe, Matsuda, Tsuchiya and Van Tuyl, completely determined the homological invariants such as depth, regularity, dimension, and deg h polynomial of  $R/I$  for Cameron Walker graphs through invariants of the graphs.

i.e. if  $G$  is a Cameron Walker Graph then these homological invariants of  $R/I$  do not depend on the characteristic  $K$ .

# What is a Cameron Walker graph?

Hibi, Higashitani, Kimura, O'Keefe (2015)

A **Cameron Walker graph** is a

- connected finite graph,

# What is a Cameron Walker graph?

Hibi, Higashitani, Kimura, O'Keefe (2015)

A **Cameron Walker graph** is a

- connected finite graph,
- consisting of a connected bipartite graph with vertex partitions  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_r\}$ ,

# What is a Cameron Walker graph?

Hibi, Higashitani, Kimura, O'Keefe (2015)

A **Cameron Walker graph** is a

- connected finite graph,
- consisting of a connected bipartite graph with vertex partitions  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_r\}$ ,
- has at least one leaf edge attached to each vertex  $v_i$ ,

# What is a Cameron Walker graph?

Hibi, Higashitani, Kimura, O'Keefe (2015)

A **Cameron Walker graph** is a

- connected finite graph,
- consisting of a connected bipartite graph with vertex partitions  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_r\}$ ,
- has at least one leaf edge attached to each vertex  $v_i$ ,
- possibly some triangles attached to each vertex  $w_j$ , and

# What is a Cameron Walker graph?

Hibi, Higashitani, Kimura, O'Keefe (2015)

A **Cameron Walker graph** is a

- connected finite graph,
- consisting of a connected bipartite graph with vertex partitions  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_r\}$ ,
- has at least one leaf edge attached to each vertex  $v_i$ ,
- possibly some triangles attached to each vertex  $w_j$ , and
- $G$  is not a star,

# What is a Cameron Walker graph?

Hibi, Higashitani, Kimura, O'Keefe (2015)

A **Cameron Walker graph** is a

- connected finite graph,
- consisting of a connected bipartite graph with vertex partitions  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_r\}$ ,
- has at least one leaf edge attached to each vertex  $v_i$ ,
- possibly some triangles attached to each vertex  $w_j$ , and
- $G$  is not a star,
- $G$  is not a star triangle.

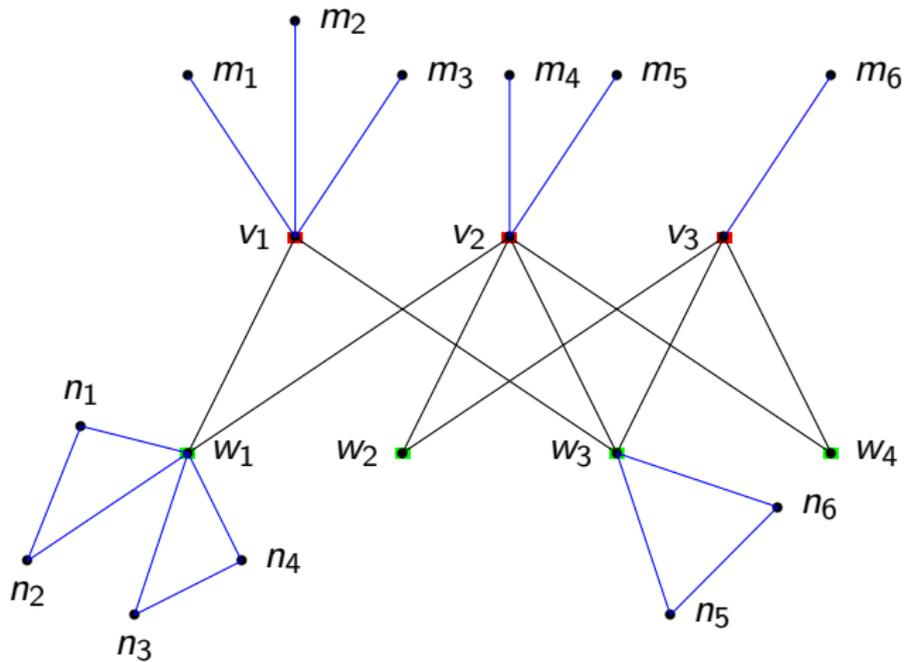


Figure: A Cameron Walker Graph

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda, and Van Tuyl, studied for the possible tuples

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G)))$$

for all graphs  $G$  on a fixed number of vertices.

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda, and Van Tuyl, studied for the possible tuples

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G)))$$

for all graphs  $G$  on a fixed number of vertices.

They found that such lattice points lie between two convex lattice polytopes.

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda, and Van Tuyl, studied for the possible tuples

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G)))$$

for all graphs  $G$  on a fixed number of vertices.

They found that such lattice points lie between two convex lattice polytopes.

Moreover, it was shown that if we restricted to the class of Cameron Walker graphs the set of all such lattice points form a convex lattice polytope.

Inspired by this result, Hibi, Kanno, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl, studied the pair

$$(\text{depth}(R/I(G)), \dim(R/I(G)))$$

for all the finite simple graphs  $G$  with a fixed number of vertices and they showed the set of all such points always lie between two convex lattice polytopes.

Inspired by this result, Hibi, Kanno, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl, studied the pair

$$(\text{depth}(R/I(G)), \dim(R/I(G)))$$

for all the finite simple graphs  $G$  with a fixed number of vertices and they showed the set of all such points always lie between two convex lattice polytopes.

However, when they restricted to the family of Cameron Walker graphs the set of all possible lattice points did not form a convex lattice polytope.

Interestingly, within this special class of graphs, they were able to give a full characterization for the pair

$$(\text{depth}(R/I(G)), \dim(R/I(G))) :$$

Let  $CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n) = \{(\text{depth } R/I(G), \text{dim } R/I(G)) \mid G \in CW(n)\}$ .

Theorem (Hibi, Kanno, Kimura, Matsuda, Van Tuyl, 2021)

Let  $n \geq 5$  be an integer. Then  $CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)$  is

$$CW_{2, \text{dim}}(n) \cup \left\{ (b, b) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid \frac{n}{3} < b < \frac{n}{2} \right\} \cup C$$

where

$$CW_{2, \text{dim}}(n) = \begin{cases} \{(2, n-2), (2, n-3)\}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \{(2, n-2), (2, n-3), (2, \frac{n-1}{2})\} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

and

$$C = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid 3 \leq a \leq \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor, \max\{a, \frac{n-a}{2}\} < b \leq n-a\}.$$

Let  $CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n) = \{(\text{depth } R/I(G), \text{dim } R/I(G)) \mid G \in CW(n)\}$ .

Theorem (Hibi, Kanno, Kimura, Matsuda, Van Tuyl, 2021)

Let  $n \geq 5$  be an integer. Then  $CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)$  is

$$CW_{2, \text{dim}}(n) \cup \left\{ (b, b) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid \frac{n}{3} < b < \frac{n}{2} \right\} \cup C$$

where

$$CW_{2, \text{dim}}(n) = \begin{cases} \{(2, n-2), (2, n-3)\}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \{(2, n-2), (2, n-3), (2, \frac{n-1}{2})\} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

and

$$C = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid 3 \leq a \leq \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor, \max\{a, \frac{n-a}{2}\} < b \leq n-a\}.$$

Moving from this point they found all the tuples

$$(\text{depth}(R/I(G)), \text{reg}(R/I(G)), \text{dim}(R/I(G)), \text{deg } h(R/I(G)))$$

of Cameron Walker graphs.

## Theorem (Hibi, Kanno, Kimura, Matsuda, Van Tuyl, 2021)

Let  $n \geq 5$  be an integer. Then  $CW_{\text{depth, reg, dim, deg } h(n)}$  is

$$CW_{2, \text{reg, dim, deg } h(n)} \cup A \cup B \cup C$$

where

$$CW_{2, \text{reg, dim, deg } h(n)} = \begin{cases} \{(2, 2, n-2, n-2), (2, 2, n-3, n-3)\}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \{(2, 2, n-2, n-2), (2, 2, n-3, n-3), (2, \frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{n-1}{2})\} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

$$A = \left\{ (a, d, d, d) \in \mathbb{N}^4 \mid 3 \leq a \leq d \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor, n < a + 2d \right\},$$

$$B = \{(a, a, d, d) \in \mathbb{N}^4 \mid 3 \leq a < d \leq n - a, n \leq 2a + d - 1\},$$

and

$$C = \{(a, r, d, d) \in \mathbb{N}^4 \mid 3 \leq a < r < d < n - r, n + 2 \leq a + r + d\}.$$

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl, gave a precise description for the size of the set

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G)))$$

of all the Cameron Walker graphs.

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl, gave a precise description for the size of the set

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G)))$$

of all the Cameron Walker graphs.

Inspired from their results, our goal is to find the size of the sets  $CW_{\text{depth}, \dim}(\mathfrak{n})$  and  $CW_{\text{depth}, \text{reg}, \dim, \deg h}(\mathfrak{n})$  based on the description of the elements.

## Theorem (Faridi, Madduwe Hewalage)

The size of  $CW_{depth,dim}(n)$  for any given integer  $n$ ,

$$|CW_{depth,dim}(n)| = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 5 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 5 \\ \frac{1}{6}(n-3)^2 + \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } n = 6k \\ \frac{1}{6}(n-3)^2 + \frac{7}{3}, & \text{if } n = 6k + 1 \text{ or } n = 6k + 5 \\ \frac{1}{6}(n-3)^2 + \frac{5}{6}, & \text{if } n = 6k + 2 \text{ or } n = 6k + 4 \\ \frac{1}{6}(n-3)^2 + 2, & \text{if } n = 6k + 3 \end{cases}$$

Next, we determined the size of the set  $CW_{\text{depth,reg,dim,deg } h(n)}$ ;

### Theorem (Faridi, Madduwe Hewalage)

Let  $n \geq 5$  be an integer. Then  $|CW_{\text{depth,reg,dim,deg } h(n)}|$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{a=3}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor} \left[ \frac{n-1}{2} \right] - \binom{n-a}{2} + \sum_{a=\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \left[ \frac{n-1}{2} \right] - (a-1) \\
 &+ \sum_{a=3}^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{3} \rfloor - 1} a + \sum_{a=\lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \rceil}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} n - 2a \\
 &+ \sum_{a=3}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \left( \sum_{r=a+1}^{\lfloor \frac{n+2-a}{2} \rfloor} (a-2) + \sum_{r=\lfloor \frac{n+2-a}{2} \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} (n-2r-1) \right) \\
 &+ k
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $k = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 5 \text{ or even} \\ 3 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

## Further Work

It would be nice to compare the number of integer points in  $CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)$  to the number of integer points in  $\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)$  similar to the comparison described for

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G)))$$

between the finite simple graphs and the Cameron Walker graphs by Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl in 2022.

It would be nice to compare the number of integer points in  $CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)$  to the number of integer points in  $\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)$  similar to the comparison described for

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G)))$$

between the finite simple graphs and the Cameron Walker graphs by Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl in 2022.

Then one might be able to find the percentage of lattice points recognized by the Cameron Walker graphs.

**Question:** What is the value of

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)|}{|\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)|} ?$$

**Question:** What is the value of

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|CW_{\text{depth}, \dim}(n)|}{|\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \dim}(n)|} ?$$

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl, asked a similar question on

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G))).$$

**Question:** What is the value of

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|CW_{\text{depth}, \dim}(n)|}{|\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \dim}(n)|} ?$$

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl, asked a similar question on

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G))).$$

Since we can only bound  $\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \dim}(n)$ , it is not clear enough whether this limit exists or not.

**Question:** What is the value of

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|CW_{\text{depth}, \dim}(n)|}{|\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \dim}(n)|} ?$$

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl, asked a similar question on

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G))).$$

Since we can only bound  $\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \dim}(n)$ , it is not clear enough whether this limit exists or not.

However, computational evidence shows that this is true.

**Question:** What is the value of

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)|}{|\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)|} ?$$

In 2022, Hibi, Kimura, Matsuda and Van Tuyl, asked a similar question on

$$(\text{reg}(R/I(G)), \deg h(R/I(G))).$$

Since we can only bound  $\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)$ , it is not clear enough whether this limit exists or not.

However, computational evidence shows that this is true.

### Theorem (Faridi, Madduwe Hewalage)

Suppose  $n > 5$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)|}{|\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)|}$  exists. Then

$$\frac{1}{3} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|CW_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)|}{|\text{Graph}_{\text{depth}, \text{dim}}(n)|} \leq \frac{4}{9}.$$

# References

-  W. Bruns and J. Herzog, *Cohen-Macaulay rings (Revised Edition)*, Cambridge University Press, (1998).
-  Takayuki Hibi, Akihiro Higashitani, Kyouko Kimura, Augustine B. O'Keefe, *Algebraic study on Cameron–Walker graphs*, *Journal of Algebra* **422** (2015), 257–269.
-  Takayuki Hibi, Hiroju Kanno, Kyouko Kimura, Kazunori Matsuda and Van Tuyl Van Tuyl, *Homological invariants of Cameron-Walker graphs* *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society* **374** (2021), 6559-6582.
-  Takayuki Hibi, Hiroju Kanno, Kyouko Kimura, Kazunori Matsuda and Van Tuyl Van Tuyl, *The Regularity and  $h$ -Polynomial of Cameron-Walker Graphs*, *Enumerative Combinatorics and Applications 2* **S2R17** (2022).

# Thank You!