

# Chemical Formula Encryption - using Hamiltonian Circuits and Graph Valued Functions



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**Abstract:** *The ever expanding nature of graph theory has made it a convenient tool for a wide range of practical applications. This study prescribes an algorithmic approach of cryptographic decoding of chemical formula using Jump graphs and Line graphs. Hamiltonian graphs are used as the key for encryption and decryption.*

**Keywords :** *Chemical Formula, Hamiltonian circuit, Line graph, Jump graph, Encryption, Decryption.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

The development of science and technology has paved way for new inventions very often. At the same time technology provides a huge threat due to rivalry in every field. The invention of any new product which is intended to make human life simpler is mostly structured on chemical formulas. Most commonly these chemical formulas play a vital role in the field of medical science to develop new drugs (medicines) and to modify the existing drugs. Since, health and well-being tops the wish list of man-kind among all his priorities, the development and maintaining the secrecy of the chemical formulae of the drugs has become more important in order to avoid piracy.

Cryptography is the science of using mathematics to encrypt and decrypt. Encryption is a method of transmitting messages or information's in such a way that only the personals or parties concerned in the process can read by decoding[7]. Thus it is a simple technique of hiding the true meaning of information's from any intruders. The origin of cryptography may be traced back to the stone-age era, which makes this part of science as the one of the very old branch of sciences. The modern cryptographic techniques uses advanced mathematical and computer technologies to provide a challenge to any hackers on its way.

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Thus, every chemical formula consists of two main components, the alphabetic terms and the numerical terms [6]. Graph Theory is one among the many branches of Discrete Mathematics that has attracted the interest of researchers in the recent years due to its many useful applications. The interesting operations on a graph that yields a new graph is termed as graph valued functions[1].M.Yamuna et al.[2,3] has developed a method for encrypting the molecular formula of a drug using the graph domination number and molecular biology. Another approach of chemical formula encryption using binary periodic table has been prescribed in [4]. In 2013, M.Yamuna et al.[5] formulated an algorithm using Hamiltonian circuits for encrypting multiple messages. This paper suggests another method of encrypting the chemical components of a drug using the Hamiltonian circuits of a complete graph and its graph valued functions.

## II. PRELIMINARY NOTE

### 2. Preliminary Note:

In this section we give the basics required for easy understanding of the paper.

#### 2.1 Graph.

A graph  $G$  is a non-empty set of points or vertices denoted by  $V(G)$  connected by a set of lines or edges denoted by  $E(G)$ .

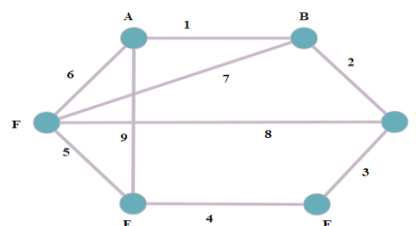


Fig:1. A graph G.

#### 2.2 Line graph of a graph.

Let  $G(V,E)$  be simple connected graph with order  $p$  and size  $q$ . A Line graph  $L(G)$  of  $G$  is drawn by taking  $E(G)$  as  $V(L(G))$ . In  $L(G)$  two vertices are adjacent if and only if their corresponding edges are adjacent in  $G$ .



Fig:2. Line graph  $L(G)$ .

**2.3 Jump graph of a graph.**

A graph whose order is the size of a graph G where two vertices are adjacent if and only if the corresponding edges are non-adjacent in G is called the jump graph J(G) of the graph G. Thus, the complement graph of a line graph L(G) is the jump graph J(G) of G.

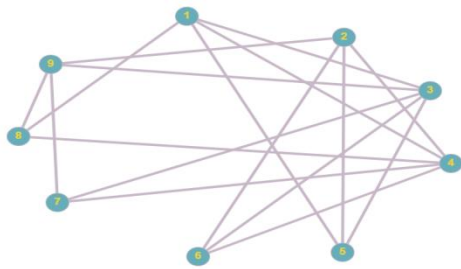


Fig.3: Jump graph J(G).

**2.4 Hamiltonian graph.**

A circuit comprising of all the vertices of a graph is the Hamiltonian circuit of the graph. A graph containing a Hamiltonian circuit is called as Hamiltonian graph. In any graph with order p(p, an odd number) will have  $\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)$  edge disjoint circuits[8].

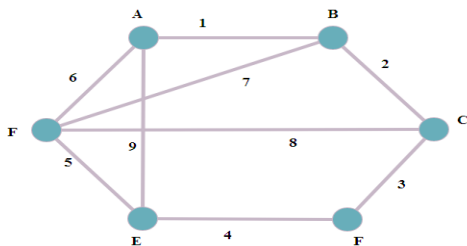


Fig.4: A Hamiltonian graph.

**2.5 Chemical Formula.**

A collection of chemical symbols that represent the type and number of atoms present in a molecule of a substance is termed as chemical formula.

Example.

Cocaine :  $C_{17}H_{12}NO_4$ .

Paracetamol:  $C_8H_9NO_2$ .

**III. PROPOSED ENCRYPTION SCHEME**

Consider any molecular formula to be encrypted and a complete graph  $K_p, (p \geq 5)$ . Then the line graph of the graph  $K_p$  has been used for chemical encryption and the jump graph of the complete graph is used for numerical encryption. "Every complete graph with p vertices there are  $\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)$  edge disjoint Hamiltonian circuits if p is an odd number  $p \geq 3$ "[8]. Thus the complete graph  $K_p$  (for p=odd and  $p \geq 3$ ) has  $\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)$  edge disjoint Hamiltonian circuits. These Hamiltonian circuits are used as key for encryption and decryption. Label these circuits as  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n, n = \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)$ . The line graph of  $K_p$  will have  $\left(\frac{p(p-1)}{2}\right)$  vertices. Any circuit in  $K_p$  will be a circuit in the line graph  $L(K_p)$ . So,  $H_i (i = 1 \dots n)$  will be circuits in  $L(K_p)$ . Label these circuits in  $L(K_p)$  as,

$$H_1: e_{11}, e_{12}, \dots, e_{1p}$$

$$H_2: e_{21}, e_{22}, \dots, e_{2p}, \dots, H_n: e_{n1}, e_{n2}, \dots, e_{np}$$

Throughout the remaining sections, whenever  $K_p$  is a complete graph, the line graph of  $K_p$  is denoted by  $G_1$  and the

jump graph of  $K_p$  by  $G_2, H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$  will be circuits in  $K_p$  and  $G_1$ .

**3.1 Encoding chart**

Every chemical formula consists of alphabets and numbers. We shall convert alphabets to numbers. We can use any encoding chart. In this paper we shall use the following conversion

A	B	C	D	E	...	X	Y	Z
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
1	2	3	4	5	...	24	25	26.

**3.2 . Encryption Algorithm**

As an example, let us choose the drug, Methamphetamine for encryption.

Its molecular formula is  $C_{10}H_{15}N$ .

**Step 1**

Let S be the chemical formula to be encrypted.

For the example S is,  $S = C_{10}H_{15}N$ .

**Step 2**

Split S into two sequences  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  where,  $S_1$  is a sequence of chemicals and  $S_2$  is a sequence of numbers in S.

For the example

$S_1: C \ H \ N$  and

$S_2: 10 \ 15$

**Step 3**

Convert  $S_1$  into a sequence of numbers using the encryption chart to generate a sequence  $S_3$ .

For the example

$S_3: 3 \ 8 \ 14$

**Step 4**

Let  $|S_3| = k_1$  and  $|S_2| = k_2$ . Let  $S_3 = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{k_1}$  and  $S_2 = t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{k_2}$ .

For the example

$S_3 :$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
	↓	↓	↓
	3	8	4
$S_2 :$	$t_1$	$t_2$	
	↓	↓	
	10	15	

**Step 5**

Choose a complete graph with p vertices,  $p \geq 5$  where  $p \geq |S_1|$  or  $p \geq |S_2|$  (Choose the larger number)

For the example

$$|S_1| = 3 \text{ and } |S_2| = 2$$

So, choose a Hamiltonian circuit with at least 5 vertices. That is, the considered complete graph must contain a Hamiltonian circuit with at least 5 vertices. Assume the graph,  $G = K_5$ .

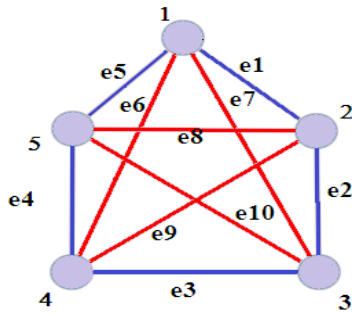


Fig.5:  $K_5$

Then, the possible edge disjoint Hamiltonian circuits of  $K_5$  are  $(e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5)$  and  $(e_7 - e_{10} - e_8 - e_9 - e_6)$  [They are high lightened by blue and red colour respectively].

**Step 6**

Consider the line graph  $G_1$  and the jump graph  $G_2$  for  $G = K_p$ .

For the example,  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are as seen in Fig 6

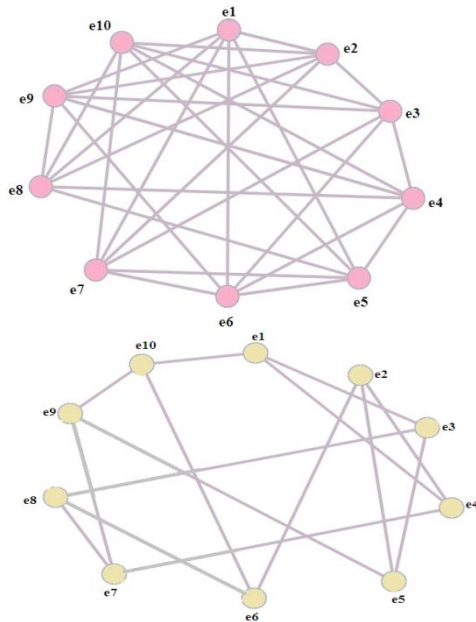


Fig.6:  $G_1$  and  $G_2$

**Step 7**

Choose any arbitrary Hamiltonian circuit  $H$  out of the  $\binom{p-1}{2}$  Hamiltonian circuits of  $G$ .

For the example, choose the Hamiltonian circuit  $(e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5)$  as  $H$ .

$$H = (e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5).$$

**Step 8**

The edges in  $H$  are adjacent in  $G$ . These edges will be vertices in  $G_1$  and will form a circuit in  $G_1$ . Choose this circuit as  $H_i : e_{i1}, e_{i2}, \dots, e_{ip}$  in  $G_1$  (Length of  $H = \text{Length of } H_i$ ). Note that here  $e_{i1}, e_{i2}, \dots, e_{ip}$  represents vertices.

Encode  $S_3$  along  $H_i$  (following the ordering of edges in  $H_i$ ) i.e., edges  $(e_{i1}, e_{i2}), (e_{i2}, e_{i3}) \dots (e_{i(p-1)}, e_{ip})$  are assigned the weight  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{k_1})$ ,  $k_1 \leq p$ . The remaining edges if any (when  $k_1 < p$ ), assign arbitrary weights (choose these weights as decimal numbers to differentiate the integer values in the molecular formula). Label the resulting graph as  $G_3$ .

For the example,  $H_1$  is

$$H_1 = e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5$$

Edges are ordered as  $(e_1, e_2), (e_2, e_3), (e_3, e_4), (e_4, e_5)$ . To these edges we assign weights 03, 08, 14, 0.1, 0.2. Note that  $|H_1| = 5$  but  $|S_3| = 3$ . So, the last two edges receive decimal value. The resulting graph  $G_3$  is as seen in Fig.7

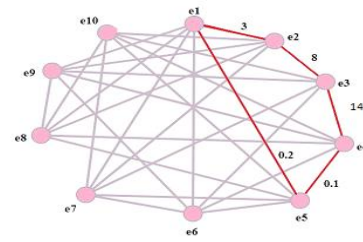


Fig.7:  $G_3$

**Step 9**

Assign arbitrary weights to the remaining edges of  $G_3$  to generate  $G_4$ .

For the example, the graph  $G_4$  is as seen in Fig 8.

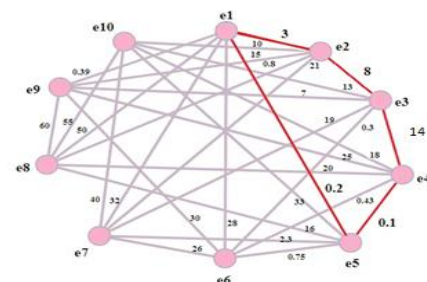


Fig.8:  $G_4$

**Step 10**

Choose another arbitrary Hamiltonian circuit in  $G = K_p$  say  $H_j \neq H_i$  (out of  $\binom{p-3}{2}$ )

Let  $H_j : e_{j1}, e_{j2}, \dots, e_{jn}$ .

For the example considered here, the left over circuit is  $H_2$ .

(i.e)  $H_2 = e_7, e_{10}, e_8, e_9, e_6$ .

**Step 11**

The edges in  $H_2$  are adjacent in  $G$ . The vertices corresponding to these edges will form a circuit in  $G_1$ . Hence these vertices will be non-adjacent in  $G_2$ . Create a new graph  $G_5$  by including edges  $(e_{j1}, e_{j2}) (e_{j2}, e_{j3}) \dots (e_{j(p-1)}, e_{jp})$  in  $G_2$ .

For the example, the resulting graph  $G_5$  is as seen in Fig 9 (The new edges are highlighted with red).

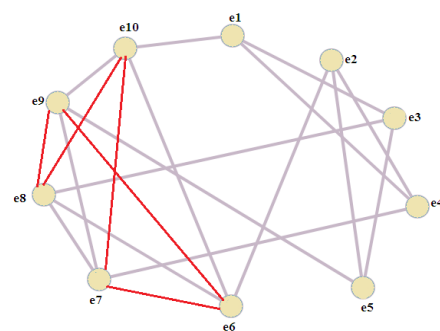


Fig.9:  $G_5$

