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# Distance formula for direct-co-direct product in the case of disconnected factors\*

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## Abstract

Direct-co-direct product  $G \circledast H$  of graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is a graph on the vertex set  $V(G) \times V(H)$ . Two vertices  $(g, h)$  and  $(g', h')$  are adjacent if  $gg' \in E(G)$  and  $hh' \in E(H)$  or  $gg' \notin E(G)$  and  $hh' \notin E(H)$ . We show that if at most one factor of  $G \circledast H$  is connected, then the distance between two vertices of  $G \circledast H$  is bounded by three unless some small number of exceptions. All the exceptions are completely described which yields the distance formula.

*Keywords:* Direct-co-direct product, distance, eccentricity, disconnected graphs.

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# Formula za razdaljo med dvema vozliščema v direkttnem-ko-direktnem produktu, kadar so faktorji nepovezani\*

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## Povzetek

Direktni-ko-direktni produkt  $G \circledast H$  grafov  $G$  in  $H$  je graf na množici vozlišč  $V(G) \times V(H)$ . Dve vozlišči  $(g, h)$  in  $(g', h')$  tega produkta sta sosedni, če je  $gg' \in E(G)$  in  $hh' \in E(H)$  ali  $gg' \notin E(G)$  in  $hh' \notin E(H)$ . Pokažemo, da velja: če je največ en faktor produkta  $G \circledast H$  povezan, potem je razdalja med dvema vozliščema v njem omejena s tri, razen za nekaj malega izjem. Vse izjeme natančno opišemo, na podlagi česar lahko izpeljemo formulo za razdaljo.

*Ključne besede:* Direktni-ko-direktni produkt, razdalja, ekscentričnost, nepovezani grafi.

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