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**GENUS OF COMMUTING CONJUGACY CLASS GRAPH OF CERTAIN
 FINITE GROUPS**

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ABSTRACT. For a non-abelian group G , its commuting conjugacy class graph $CCC(G)$ is a simple undirected graph whose vertex set is the set of conjugacy classes of the non-central elements of G and two distinct vertices x^G and y^G are adjacent if there exists some elements $x' \in x^G$ and $y' \in y^G$ such that $x'y' = y'x'$. In this paper we compute the genus of $CCC(G)$ for six well-known classes of non-abelian two-generated groups (viz. $D_{2n}, SD_{8n}, Q_{4m}, V_{8n}, U_{(n,m)}$ and $G(p, m, n)$) and determine whether $CCC(G)$ for these groups are planar, toroidal, double-toroidal or triple-toroidal.

1. INTRODUCTION

The commuting conjugacy class graph of a non-abelian group G is a simple undirected graph, denoted by $CCC(G)$, whose vertex set is the set of conjugacy classes of the non-central elements of G and two distinct vertices x^G and y^G are adjacent if there exist some elements

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$x' \in x^G$ and $y' \in y^G$ such that $x'y' = y'x'$. This graph extends the notion of commuting graph of a finite group introduced by Brauer and Fowler [5], in 1955. Commuting graphs of finite algebraic structures, its extensions, generalizations and their complements remain active topic of research over the years. In 2009, Herzog, Longobardi and Maj [8] initiated the study of commuting conjugacy class graph of groups. In 2016, finite groups having triangle-free commuting conjugacy class graph were characterized by Mohammadian et al. [9]. Ashrafi and Salahshour have also considered commuting conjugacy class graph of finite groups in their recent work [10], where they obtain structures of $CCC(G)$ for the following groups:

$$D_{2n} = \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha^n = \beta^2 = 1, \beta\alpha\beta = \alpha^{-1} \rangle \text{ for } n \geq 3,$$

$$SD_{8n} = \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha^{4n} = \beta^2 = 1, \beta\alpha\beta = \alpha^{2n-1} \rangle \text{ for } n \geq 2,$$

$$Q_{4m} = \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha^{2m} = 1, \alpha^m = \beta^2, \beta^{-1}\alpha\beta = \alpha^{-1} \rangle \text{ for } m \geq 2,$$

$$V_{8n} = \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha^{2n} = \beta^4 = 1, \beta\alpha = \alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}, \beta^{-1}\alpha = \alpha^{-1}\beta \rangle \text{ for } n \geq 2,$$

$$U_{(n,m)} = \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha^{2n} = \beta^m = 1, \alpha^{-1}\beta\alpha = \beta^{-1} \rangle \text{ for } m \geq 2 \text{ and } n \geq 2 \text{ and}$$

$$G(p, m, n) = \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha^{p^m} = \beta^{p^n} = [\alpha, \beta]^p = 1, [\alpha, [\alpha, \beta]] = [\beta, [\alpha, \beta]] = 1 \rangle,$$

where p is any prime, $m \geq 1$ and $n \geq 1$.

Continuing the works of Ashrafi and Salahshour [10], in [2, 3] Bhowal and Nath have obtained various spectra and energies of commuting conjugacy class graphs of finite groups. In this paper we compute genus of commuting conjugacy class graph of the above mentioned groups and determine whether $CCC(G)$ for those groups are planar, toroidal, double-toroidal or triple-toroidal. The genus $\gamma(\mathcal{G})$ of a graph \mathcal{G} is the smallest integer $k \geq 0$ such that \mathcal{G} can be embedded on the surface obtained by attaching k handles to a sphere. A graph \mathcal{G} is called planar, toroidal, double-toroidal or triple-toroidal if \mathcal{G} has genus 0, 1, 2 or 3 respectively. Results on genus of commuting graphs of finite groups, including its various extensions, can be found in [1, 4, 6, 7]. However, genus of commuting conjugacy class graph of finite groups are not yet studied.

2. GENUS OF $CCC(G)$

Let K_n be the complete graph on n vertices and mK_n the disjoint union of m copies of K_n . It is well known that $\gamma(K_n) = 0$ if $n = 1, 2$. If $n \geq 3$ then, by [12, Theorem 6-38], we have

$$(1) \quad \gamma(K_n) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil,$$

where $\lceil x \rceil$ denotes the smallest integer greater than or equal to x for any real number x . By [11, Corollary 2], we also have the following lemma.

Lemma 2.1. *If $\mathcal{G} = m_1K_{n_1} \sqcup m_2K_{n_2}$ then $\gamma(\mathcal{G}) = m_1\gamma(K_{n_1}) + m_2\gamma(K_{n_2})$.*

Now we compute genus of commuting conjugacy class graph of the groups $D_{2n}, SD_{8n}, Q_{4m}, V_{8n}, U_{(n,m)}$ and $G(p, m, n)$ one by one and check their planarity, toroidality etc.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $G = D_{2n}$. Then*

- (1) $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $3 \leq n \leq 10$.
- (2) $CCC(G)$ is toroidal if and only if $11 \leq n \leq 16$.
- (3) $CCC(G)$ is double-toroidal if and only if $n = 17, 18$.
- (4) $CCC(G)$ is triple-toroidal if and only if $n = 19, 20$.
- (5) $\gamma(CCC(G)) = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{(n-7)(n-9)}{48} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd and } n \geq 21 \\ \left\lceil \frac{(n-8)(n-10)}{48} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } n \geq 22. \end{cases}$

Proof. Consider the following cases.

Case 1. n is odd.

By [10, Proposition 2.1] we have $CCC(G) = K_1 \sqcup K_{\frac{n-1}{2}}$. Therefore, for $n = 3$ and 5 , it follows that $CCC(G) = 2K_1, K_1 \sqcup K_2$ respectively; and hence $CCC(G)$ is planar. If $n \geq 7$ then, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = \gamma(K_{\frac{n-1}{2}}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-7)(n-9)}{48} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 0$ if and only if $n = 7$ or 9 . Also, $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 1$ if $n = 11, 13$ or 15 ; $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 2$ if $n = 17$; $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 3$ if $n = 19$. For $n \geq 21$ we have

$$\frac{(n-7)(n-9)}{48} \geq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5,$$

and so

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-7)(n-9)}{48} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Thus, $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 3, 5, 7, 9$; toroidal if and only if $n = 11, 13, 15$; double-toroidal if and only if $n = 17$ and triple-toroidal if and only if $n = 19$.

Case 2. n is even.

By [10, Proposition 2.1] we have

$$CCC(G) = \begin{cases} 2K_1 \sqcup K_{\frac{n}{2}-1}, & \text{if } n \text{ and } \frac{n}{2} \text{ are even} \\ K_2 \sqcup K_{\frac{n}{2}-1}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } \frac{n}{2} \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, for $n = 4$ and 6 , it follows that $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = 3K_1, 2K_2$ respectively; and hence $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar. If $n \geq 8$ then, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \gamma(K_{\frac{n}{2}-1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-8)(n-10)}{48} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 0$ if and only if $n = 8$ or 10 . Also, $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 1$ if $n = 12, 14$ or 16 ; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 2$ if $n = 18$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 3$ if $n = 20$. For $n \geq 22$ we have

$$\frac{(n-8)(n-10)}{48} \geq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5,$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-8)(n-10)}{48} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Thus, $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 4, 6, 8, 10$; toroidal if and only if $n = 12, 14, 16$; double-toroidal if and only if $n = 18$ and triple-toroidal if and only if $n = 20$. Hence the result follows. \square

Theorem 2.3. *Let $G = SD_{8n}$. Then*

- (1) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 2$ or 3 .
- (2) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is toroidal if and only if $n = 4$.
- (3) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is double-toroidal if and only if $n = 5$.
- (4) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is not triple-toroidal.
- (5) $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd and } n \geq 7 \\ \left\lceil \frac{(n-2)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } n \geq 6. \end{cases}$

Proof. Consider the following cases.

Case 1. n is odd.

By [10, Proposition 2.1] we have $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = K_4 \sqcup K_{2n-2}$. For $n \geq 3$, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \gamma(K_4) + \gamma(K_{2n-2}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 0$ if $n = 3$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 2$ if $n = 5$. For $n \geq 7$ we have

$$\frac{(n-3)(2n-5)}{6} \geq 6,$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil \geq 6.$$

Thus $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 3$; double-toroidal if and only if $n = 5$.

Case 2. n is even.

By [10, Proposition 2.1] we have $CCC(G) = 2K_1 \sqcup K_{2n-1}$. For $n \geq 2$, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = \gamma(K_{2n-1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-2)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 0$ if $n = 2$; $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 1$ if $n = 4$. For $n \geq 6$ we have

$$\frac{(n-2)(2n-5)}{6} \geq \frac{14}{3},$$

and so

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-2)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil \geq 5.$$

Thus $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 2$; toroidal if and only if $n = 4$. Hence the result follows. \square

Theorem 2.4. *Let $G = Q_{4m}$. Then*

- (1) $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $m = 2, 3, 4$ or 5 .
- (2) $CCC(G)$ is toroidal if and only if $m = 6, 7$ or 8 .
- (3) $CCC(G)$ is double-toroidal if and only if $m = 9$.
- (4) $CCC(G)$ is triple-toroidal if and only if $m = 10$.
- (5) $\gamma(CCC(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(m-4)(m-5)}{12} \right\rceil$ for $m \geq 11$.

Proof. By [10, Proposition 2.1] we have

$$CCC(G) = \begin{cases} K_2 \sqcup K_{m-1}, & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ 2K_1 \sqcup K_{m-1}, & \text{if } m \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, for $m = 2, 3$, it follows that $CCC(G) = 3K_1, 2K_2$ respectively; and hence $CCC(G)$ is planar. If $m \geq 4$ then, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = \gamma(K_{m-1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(m-4)(m-5)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 0$ if and only if $m = 4$ or 5 . Also, $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 1$ if $m = 6, 7$ or 8 ; $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 2$ if $m = 9$; $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 3$ if $m = 10$. For $m \geq 11$ we have

$$\frac{(m-4)(m-5)}{12} \geq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5,$$

and so

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(m-4)(m-5)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Thus, $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $m = 2, 3, 4, 5$; toroidal if and only if $m = 6, 7, 8$; double-toroidal if and only if $m = 9$ and triple-toroidal if and only if $m = 10$. Hence the result follows. \square

Theorem 2.5. *Let $G = V_{8n}$. Then*

- (1) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 2$.
- (2) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is toroidal if and only if $n = 3$ or 4 .
- (3) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is not double-toroidal.
- (4) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is triple-toroidal if and only if $n = 5$.
- (5) $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{(n-2)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd and } n \geq 7 \\ \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } n \geq 6. \end{cases}$

Proof. Consider the following cases.

Case 1. n is odd.

By [10, Proposition 2.1] we have $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = 2K_1 \sqcup K_{2n-1}$. For $n \geq 3$, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \gamma(K_{2n-1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-2)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 1$ if $n = 3$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 3$ if $n = 5$. For $n \geq 7$ we have

$$\frac{(n-2)(2n-5)}{6} \geq \frac{15}{2} = 7.5,$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-2)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil \geq 8.$$

Case 2. n is even.

By [10, Proposition 2.1] we have $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = 2K_2 \sqcup K_{2n-2}$. Therefore, for $n = 2$ it follows that $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = 3K_2$; and hence $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar. If $n \geq 4$ then, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \gamma(K_{2n-2}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 1$ if $n = 4$. For $n \geq 6$ we have

$$\frac{(n-3)(2n-5)}{6} \geq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5,$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(2n-5)}{6} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Thus $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 2$; toroidal if and only if $n = 4$. Hence the result follows. \square

Theorem 2.6. *Let $G = U_{(n,m)}$. Then*

- (1) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 2$ and $m = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$; $n = 3$ and $m = 2, 3, 4$; or $n = 4$ and $m = 2, 3, 4$.
- (2) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is toroidal if and only if $n = 2$ and $m = 7, 8$; or $n = 3$ and $m = 5, 6$.

- (3) $CCC(G)$ is double-toroidal if and only if $n = 2$ and $m = 9, 10$; $n = 4$ and $m = 5, 6$; $n = 5$ and $m = 2, 3$; $n = 6$ and $m = 2, 3$; or $n = 7$ and $m = 2, 3$.
- (4) $CCC(G)$ is triple-toroidal if and only if $n = 3$ and $m = 7, 8$; $n = 5$ and $m = 4$; $n = 6$ and $m = 4$; or $n = 7$ and $m = 4$.
- (5) $\gamma(CCC(G)) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \left\lceil \frac{(mn-n-6)(mn-n-8)}{48} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n = 2, m \text{ is odd and } m \geq 11 \\ \left\lceil \frac{(mn-2n-6)(mn-2n-8)}{48} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n = 2, m \text{ is even and } m \geq 12 \\ \left\lceil \frac{(mn-n-6)(mn-n-8)}{48} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n = 3, m \text{ is odd and } m \geq 9; \\ & n = 4, m \geq 7; n = 5, m \geq 5; \\ & n = 6, m \geq 5; n = 7, m \geq 5; \\ & \text{or } n \geq 8, m \geq 3 \\ \left\lceil \frac{(mn-2n-6)(mn-2n-8)}{48} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n = 3, m \text{ is even and } m \geq 10; \\ & n = 4, m \geq 8; n = 5, m \geq 6; \\ & n = 6, m \geq 6; n = 7, m \geq 6; \\ & \text{or } n \geq 8, m \geq 2 \end{array} \right.$

Proof. Consider the following cases.

Case 1. m is odd.

By [10, Proposition 2.3] we have $CCC(G) = K_{\frac{n(m-1)}{2}} \sqcup K_n$.

Sub case 1.1 $n = 2$.

If $n = 2$ then we have $CCC(G) = K_{m-1} \sqcup K_2$. Therefore, for $m = 3$ it follows that $CCC(G) = 2K_2$; and hence $CCC(G)$ is planar. For $m \geq 5$, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = \gamma(K_{m-1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(m-4)(m-5)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 0$ if $m = 5$; $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 1$ if $m = 7$; $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 2$ if $m = 9$. For $m \geq 11$ we have

$$\frac{(m-4)(m-5)}{12} \geq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5,$$

and so

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(m-4)(m-5)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Thus $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $m = 3, 5$; toroidal if and only if $m = 7$; double-toroidal if and only if $m = 9$.

Sub case 1.2 $n \geq 3$.

If $n \geq 3$ then we have $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = K_{\frac{n(m-1)}{2}} \sqcup K_n$. By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \gamma(K_{\frac{n(m-1)}{2}}) + \gamma(K_n) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 0$ if $n = 3, m = 3$ or $n = 4, m = 3$. $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 1$ if $n = 3, m = 5$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 2$ if $n = 4, m = 5$ or $n = 5, m = 3$ or $n = 6, m = 3$ or $n = 7, m = 3$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 3$ if $n = 3, m = 7$. If $n = 3$ and $m \geq 9$ then

$$\frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(m-3)(3m-11)}{16} \geq 6.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 6.$$

If $n = 4$ and $m \geq 7$ then

$$\frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(2m-5)(m-3)}{6} \geq 6.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 6.$$

If $n = 5$ and $m \geq 5$ then

$$\frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(5m-11)(5m-13)}{48} \geq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 5.$$

If $n = 6$ and $m \geq 5$ then

$$\frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(m-2)(3m-7)}{4} \geq 6 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 7.$$

If $n = 7$ and $m \geq 5$ then

$$\frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(7m-13)(7m-15)}{48} \geq \frac{55}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} = 1.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 11.$$

If $n \geq 8$ and $m \geq 3$ then

$$\frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} \geq \frac{(8(m-1)-6)(8(m-1)-7)}{48} \geq \frac{15}{8} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(n-3)(n-4)}{12} = \frac{5}{3}.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - n - 6)(mn - n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Thus $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 3, m = 3$ or $n = 4, m = 3$; toroidal if and only if $n = 3, m = 5$; double-toroidal if and only if $n = 4, m = 5$ or $n = 5, m = 3$ or $n = 6, m = 3$ or $n = 7, m = 3$; triple-toroidal if and only if $n = 3, m = 7$.

Case 2. m is even.

By [10, Proposition 2.3] we have $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = K_{\frac{n(m-2)}{2}} \sqcup 2K_n$.

Sub case 2.1 $n = 2$.

If $n = 2$ then we have $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = K_{m-2} \sqcup 2K_2$. Therefore, for $m = 2, 4$ it follows that $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = 2K_2$ and $3K_2$; and hence $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar. For $m \geq 6$, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \gamma(K_{m-2}) = \left\lceil \frac{(m - 5)(m - 6)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 0$ if $m = 6$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 1$ if $m = 8$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 2$ if $m = 10$. For $m \geq 12$ we have

$$\frac{(m - 5)(m - 6)}{12} \geq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(m - 4)(m - 5)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Thus $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $m = 2, 4, 6$; toroidal if and only if $m = 8$; double-toroidal if and only if $m = 10$.

Sub case 2.2 $n \geq 3$.

If $n \geq 3$ then we have $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = K_{\frac{n(m-2)}{2}} \sqcup 2K_n$. By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \gamma(K_{\frac{n(m-2)}{2}}) + \gamma(2K_n) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 0$ if $n = 3, m = 2, 4$ or $n = 4, m = 2, 4$. $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 1$ if $n = 3, m = 6$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 2$ if $n = 4, m = 6$ or $n = 5, m = 2$ or $n = 6, m = 2$ or $n = 7, m = 2$; $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 3$ if $n = 3, m = 8$ or $n = 5, m = 4$ or $n = 6, m = 4$ or $n = 7, m = 4$. If $n = 3$ and $m \geq 10$ then

$$\frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(m - 4)(3m - 14)}{16} \geq 6.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 6.$$

If $n = 4$ and $m \geq 8$ then

$$\frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(m - 4)(2m - 7)}{6} \geq 6.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 6.$$

If $n = 5$ and $m \geq 6$ then

$$\frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(5m - 16)(5m - 18)}{48} \geq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 6.$$

If $n = 6$ and $m \geq 6$ then

$$\frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(m - 3)(3m - 10)}{4} \geq 6 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 8.$$

If $n = 7$ and $m \geq 6$ then

$$\frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} = \frac{(7m - 20)(7m - 22)}{48} \geq \frac{55}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} = 1.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 12.$$

If $n \geq 8$ and $m \geq 2$ then

$$\frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \geq \frac{5}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad \left\lceil \frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil \geq 0.$$

Therefore

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\lceil \frac{(mn - 2n - 6)(mn - 2n - 8)}{48} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(n - 3)(n - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Thus $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 3, m = 2, 4$ or $n = 4, m = 2, 4$; toroidal if and only if $n = 3, m = 6$; double-toroidal if and only if $n = 4, m = 6$ or $n = 5, m = 2$ or $n = 6, m = 2$ or $n = 7, m = 2$; triple-toroidal if and only if $n = 3, m = 8$ or $n = 5, m = 4$ or $n = 6, m = 4$ or $n = 7, m = 4$. Hence the result follows. \square

Theorem 2.7. *Let $G = G(p, m, n)$. Then*

- (1) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 1, m = 1, p = 2, 3, 5$; $n = 1, m = 2, p = 2$; $n = 1, m = 3, p = 2$; $n = 2, m = 1, p = 2$; $n = 2, m = 2, p = 2$; or $n = 3, m = 1, p = 2$.
- (2) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is not toroidal.
- (3) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is double-toroidal if and only if $n = 2, m = 1, p = 3$.
- (4) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is not triple-toroidal.

$$(5) \gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p-4)(p-5)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=1, m=1, p \geq 7 \\ (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^2-p-3)(p^2-p-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=1, m=2, p \geq 3 \\ (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^3-p^2-3)(p^3-p^2-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=1, m=3, p \geq 3 \\ (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^m-p^{m-1}-3)(p^m-p^{m-1}-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=1, m \geq 3, p \geq 2 \\ (p^2-p) \left\lceil \frac{(p-4)(p-5)}{12} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^2-p-3)(p^2-p-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=2, m=1, p \geq 5 \\ (p^2-p) \left\lceil \frac{(p^2-p-3)(p^2-p-4)}{12} \right\rceil \\ + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^3-p^2-3)(p^3-p^2-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=2, m=2, p \geq 3 \\ (p^2-p) \left\lceil \frac{(p^{m-1}(p-1)-3)(p^{m-1}(p-1)-4)}{12} \right\rceil \\ + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^m(p-1)-3)(p^m(p-1)-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=2, m \geq 3, p \geq 2 \\ 36, & \text{if } n=3, m=1, p=3 \\ p^2(p-1) \left\lceil \frac{(p-4)(p-5)}{12} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^3-p^2-3)(p^3-p^2-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=3, m=1, p \geq 5 \\ 4, & \text{if } n=3, m=2, p=2 \\ p^2(p-1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^m-p^{m-1}-3)(p^m-p^{m-1}-4)}{12} \right\rceil \\ + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^{m+2}-p^{m+1}-3)(p^{m+2}-p^{m+1}-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n=3, m=2, p \geq 3 \\ & \text{or } n=3, m \geq 3, p \geq 2 \\ 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^{n-1}(p^m-p^{m-1})-3)(p^{n-1}(p^m-p^{m-1})-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n \geq 4, m \geq 1, p \geq 2 \\ & \text{and } p^m - p^{m-1} \leq 4 \\ (p^n - p^{n-1}) \left\lceil \frac{(p^m-p^{m-1}-3)(p^m-p^{m-1}-4)}{12} \right\rceil \\ + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^{n-1}(p^m-p^{m-1})-3)(p^{n-1}(p^m-p^{m-1})-4)}{12} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n \geq 4, m \geq 1, p \geq 2 \\ & \text{and } p^m - p^{m-1} \geq 5. \end{array} \right.$$

Proof. By [10, Proposition 2.6] we have

$$\mathcal{CCC}(G) = (p^n - p^{n-1})K_{p^{m-n}(p^n-p^{n-1})} \sqcup K_{p^{n-1}(p^m-p^{m-1})} \sqcup K_{p^{m-1}(p^n-p^{n-1})}.$$

Consider the following cases.

Case 1. $n = 1$.

We have $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = (p+1)K_{p^{m-1}(p-1)}$. For $m = 1$ and $p = 2, 3$, it follows that $\mathcal{CCC}(G) = 2K_1$ or $3K_2$ which is planar. If $m = 1$ and $p \geq 5$, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1)\gamma(K_{p-1}) = (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p-4)(p-5)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 0$ for $p = 5$. If $p \geq 7$ then

$$\frac{(p-4)(p-5)}{12} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p-4)(p-5)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 8.$$

If $m = 2$ and $p = 2$ then $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 3\gamma(K_2) = 0$. For $m = 2$ and $p \geq 3$, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1)\gamma(K_{p(p-1)}) = (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^2-p-3)(p^2-p-4)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

If $p \geq 3$ then

$$\frac{(p^2-p-3)(p^2-p-4)}{12} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^2-p-3)(p^2-p-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

If $m = 3$ then $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1)\gamma(K_{p^2(p-1)})$. Therefore, if $m = 3$ and $p \geq 2$ then by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1)\gamma(K_{p^2(p-1)}) = (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^3-p^2-3)(p^3-p^2-4)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

Clearly if $m = 3$ and $p = 2$ then $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = 0$. If $p \geq 3$ then

$$\frac{(p^3-p^2-3)(p^3-p^2-4)}{12} \geq \frac{35}{2}$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^3-p^2-3)(p^3-p^2-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 72.$$

If $m \geq 4$ and $p \geq 2$ then $\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1)\gamma(K_{p^{m-1}(p-1)})$. Therefore, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1)\gamma(K_{p^{m-1}(p-1)}) = (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^m-p^{m-1}-3)(p^m-p^{m-1}-4)}{12} \right\rceil.$$

We have

$$\frac{(p^m-p^{m-1}-3)(p^m-p^{m-1}-4)}{12} \geq \frac{20}{12}$$

and so

$$\gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) = (p+1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^m-p^{m-1}-3)(p^m-p^{m-1}-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 6.$$

Therefore, $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 1, m = 1, p = 2, 3, 5$; $n = 1, m = 2, p = 2$; or $n = 1, m = 3, p = 2$. Also, in this case, $CCC(G)$ is neither toroidal, double-toridal nor triple-toroidal.

Case 2. $n = 2$.

We have $CCC(G) = (p^2 - p)K_{p^{m-1}(p-1)} \sqcup 2K_{p^m(p-1)}$. For $m = 1$ and $p = 2$, it follows that $CCC(G) = 2K_1 \sqcup 2K_2$ which is planar. If $m = 1$ and $p = 3$ then, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = 2\gamma(K_6) = 2.$$

If $m = 1$ and $p \geq 5$, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(CCC(G)) &= (p^2 - p)\gamma(K_{p-1}) + 2\gamma(K_{p(p-1)}) \\ &= (p^2 - p) \left\lceil \frac{(p-4)(p-5)}{12} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^2 - p - 3)(p^2 - p - 4)}{12} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

Since $p \geq 5$ then

$$\frac{(p^2 - p - 3)(p^2 - p - 4)}{12} \geq \frac{68}{3}$$

and so

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) \geq 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^2 - p - 3)(p^2 - p - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 46.$$

If $m = 2$ and $p \geq 2$ then $CCC(G) = (p^2 - p)K_{p(p-1)} \sqcup 2K_{p^2(p-1)}$. Therefore, if $p = 2$ then $CCC(G) = 2K_2 \sqcup 2K_4$ hence by (1) we have $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 2\gamma(K_4) = 0$. If $p \geq 3$, by Lemma 2.1 and (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(CCC(G)) &= (p^2 - p)\gamma(K_{p(p-1)}) + 2\gamma(K_{p^2(p-1)}) \\ &= (p^2 - p) \left\lceil \frac{(p^2 - p - 3)(p^2 - p - 4)}{12} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^3 - p^2 - 3)(p^3 - p^2 - 4)}{12} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

Also, $\frac{(p^3 - p^2 - 3)(p^3 - p^2 - 4)}{12} \geq \frac{35}{2}$ and so

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) \geq 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^3 - p^2 - 3)(p^3 - p^2 - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 36.$$

If $m \geq 3$ and $p \geq 2$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(CCC(G)) &= (p^2 - p)\gamma(K_{p^{m-1}(p-1)}) + 2\gamma(K_{p^m(p-1)}) \\ &= (p^2 - p) \left\lceil \frac{(p^{m-1}(p-1) - 3)(p^{m-1}(p-1) - 4)}{12} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^m(p-1) - 3)(p^m(p-1) - 4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 2, m = 1, p = 2$; $n = 2, m = 2, p = 2$; or $n = 3, m = 1, p = 2$ and double-toroidal if and only if $n = 2, m = 1, p = 3$. In this case, $CCC(G)$ is neither toroidal nor triple-toroidal.

Case 3. $n = 3$.

We have $CCC(G) = p^2(p-1)K_{p^{m-1}(p-1)} \sqcup 2K_{p^{m+1}(p-1)}$. If $m = 1$ and $p = 2$ then $CCC(G) = 4K_1 \sqcup 2K_4$, and so by Lemma 2.1 and (1) $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 2\gamma(K_4) = 0$. For $p = 3$ we have $CCC(G) = 18K_2 \sqcup 2K_{18}$. Therefore, by 2.1 and (1) we have $\gamma(CCC(G)) = 2\gamma(K_{18}) = 36$. For $p \geq 5$, by Lemma 2.1 and (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(CCC(G)) &= p^2(p-1)\gamma(K_{p-1}) + 2\gamma(K_{p^2(p-1)}) \\ &= p^2(p-1) \left\lceil \frac{(p-4)(p-5)}{12} \right\rceil + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^3-p^2-3)(p^3-p^2-4)}{12} \right\rceil > 36. \end{aligned}$$

If $m = 2$ and $p = 2$ then we have $CCC(G) = 4K_2 \sqcup 2K_8$. By Lemma 2.1 and (1) we have

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) = 2\gamma(K_8) = 4.$$

If $m = 2$ and $p \geq 3$ or $m \geq 3$ and $p \geq 2$ then we have $CCC(G) = p^2(p-1)K_{p^{m-1}(p-1)} \sqcup 2K_{p^{m+1}(p-1)}$. By Lemma 2.1 and (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(CCC(G)) &= p^2(p-1)\gamma(K_{p^{m-1}(p-1)}) + 2\gamma(K_{p^{m+1}(p-1)}) \\ &= p^2(p-1) \left\lceil \frac{(p^{m-1}(p-1)-3)(p^{m-1}(p-1)-4)}{12} \right\rceil \\ &\quad + 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^{m+1}(p-1)-3)(p^{m+1}(p-1)-4)}{12} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\frac{(p^{m+1}(p-1)-3)(p^{m+1}(p-1)-4)}{12} \geq \frac{5}{3}$$

and so

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) \geq 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^{m+1}(p-1)-3)(p^{m+1}(p-1)-4)}{12} \right\rceil \geq 4.$$

Therefore, $CCC(G)$ is planar if and only if $n = 3, m = 1, p = 2$. Also, in this case, $CCC(G)$ is neither toroidal, double-toroidal nor triple-toroidal.

Case 4. $n \geq 4$.

We have $CCC(G) = (p^n - p^{n-1})K_{p^m - p^{m-1}} \sqcup 2K_{p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1})}$. Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$(2) \quad \gamma(CCC(G)) = (p^n - p^{n-1})\gamma(K_{p^m - p^{m-1}}) + 2\gamma(K_{p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1})})$$

For $m \geq 1$ and $p \geq 2$ we have

$$\gamma(K_{p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1})}) \geq \gamma(K_{p^{n-1}}) \geq \gamma(K_8) = 2,$$

noting that K_8 and $K_{p^{n-1}}$ are subgraphs of $K_{p^{n-1}}$ and $K_{p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1})}$ respectively. Therefore

$$\gamma(CCC(G)) \geq 2\gamma(K_{p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1})}) \geq 4.$$

Further, if $p^m - p^{m-1} \leq 4$ then, by (2) and (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) &= 2\gamma(K_{p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1})}) \\ &= 2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1}) - 3)(p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1}) - 4)}{12} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

If $p^m - p^{m-1} \geq 5$ then, by (2) and (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(\mathcal{CCC}(G)) &= (p^n - p^{n-1}) \left\lceil \frac{(p^m - p^{m-1} - 3)(p^m - p^{m-1} - 4)}{12} \right\rceil + \\ &2 \left\lceil \frac{(p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1}) - 3)(p^{n-1}(p^m - p^{m-1}) - 4)}{12} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result follows. \square

We conclude this paper with the following characterization of $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ for the groups listed in Section 1.

Corollary 2.8. *Let $G = D_{2n}, SD_{8n}, Q_{4m}, V_{8n}, U_{(n,m)}$ or $G(p, m, n)$. Then*

- (1) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is planar if and only if $G = D_6, D_8, D_{10}, D_{12}, D_{14}, D_{16}, D_{18}, D_{20}, SD_{16}, SD_{24}, Q_8, Q_{12}, Q_{16}, Q_{20}, V_{16}, U_{(2,2)}, U_{(2,3)}, U_{(2,4)}, U_{(2,5)}, U_{(2,6)}, U_{(3,2)}, U_{(3,3)}, U_{(3,4)}, U_{(4,2)}, U_{(4,3)}, U_{(4,4)}, G(2, 1, 1), G(3, 1, 1), G(5, 1, 1), G(2, 2, 1), G(2, 3, 1), G(2, 1, 2), G(2, 2, 2)$ or $G(2, 1, 3)$.
- (2) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is toroidal if and only if $G = D_{22}, D_{24}, D_{26}, D_{28}, D_{30}, D_{32}, SD_{32}, Q_{24}, Q_{28}, Q_{32}, V_{24}, V_{32}, U_{(2,7)}, U_{(2,8)}, U_{(3,5)}$ or $U_{(3,6)}$.
- (3) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is double-toroidal if and only if $G = D_{34}, D_{36}, SD_{40}, Q_{36}, U_{(2,9)}, U_{(2,10)}, U_{(4,5)}, U_{(4,6)}, U_{(5,2)}, U_{(5,3)}, U_{(6,2)}, U_{(6,3)}, U_{(7,2)}, U_{(7,3)}$ or $G(3, 1, 2)$.
- (4) $\mathcal{CCC}(G)$ is triple-toroidal if and only if $G = D_{38}, D_{40}, Q_{40}, V_{40}, U_{(3,7)}, U_{(3,8)}, U_{(5,4)}, U_{(6,4)}$ or $U_{(7,4)}$.

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