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Negami showed that for a link,  $L$ , that does not have the Hopf link as a connected sum factor nor a splittable trivial component,  $e(L) \leq 2c(L)$ , where  $e(L)$  is the minimum number of straight edges needed to construct  $L$  and  $c(L)$  is the minimal number of crossings over all projections of the link. I will use the arc index ( $\alpha(L)$ ) of a link to improve this bound. Cromwell introduced the main ideas of the arc index and made a conjecture that Bae and Park later proved which is: For a prime link  $L$ ,  $\alpha(L) \leq c(L) + 2$ . I will also use this theorem to give an upper bound for  $e_{\neq}(L)$ , the fixed edge length number for a link. (Received August 14, 2007)