

On Edge Neighborhood Transformation Graphs

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Abstract. Let S be the set of all open edge neighborhood sets of edges of $G = (V, E)$. Let x, y, z be three variables each taking value + or –. The edge neighborhood transformation graph $N_e G^{xyz}$ is the graph having $E \cup S$ as the vertex set and for any two vertices u and v in $E \cup S$, u and v are adjacent in $N_e G^{xyz}$ if and only if one of the following conditions holds: (i) $u, v \in E$. $x = +$ if $u, v \in F$ where F is an open edge neighborhood set of G . $x = -$ if $u, v \notin F$ where F is an open edge neighborhood set of G . (ii) $u, v \in S$. $y = +$ if $u \cap v \neq \emptyset$. $y = -$ if $u \cap v = \emptyset$. (iii) $u \in E$ and $v \in S$. $z = +$ if $u \in v$. $z = -$ if $u \notin v$. In this paper, we initiate a study of edge neighborhood transformation graphs. Also characterizations are given for graphs for which (i) $N_e G^{+++}$ is totally disconnected (ii) $N_e(G) = N_e G^{+++}$ and (iii) $N_{se}(G) = N_e G^{+++}$.

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1. Introduction

By a graph $G = (V, E)$, we mean a finite, undirected without loops, multiple edges or isolated vertices. Any undefined term in this paper may be found in Kulli [1].

Let G be a graph with $|V| = p$ vertices and $|E| = q$ edges. For any edge $e \in E$, the open edge neighborhood set $N(e)$ of e is the set of edges adjacent to e . Let $E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q\}$. Let $S = \{N(e_1), N(e_2), \dots, N(e_q)\}$ be the set of all open edge neighborhood sets of edges of G .

The edge neighborhood graph $N_e(G)$ of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is the graph with the vertex set $E \cup S$ in which two vertices u and v are adjacent if $u \in E$ and v is an open edge neighborhood set containing u . This concept was introduced in [2]. Many other graph valued functions in graph theory were studied, for example, in [3 -16] and also graph valued functions in domination theory were studied, for example, in [17- 28].

The open edge neighborhood graph $N_{oe}(G)$ of a graph G is the graph with the vertex set S in which two vertices u and v are adjacent if $u \cap v \neq \emptyset$. This concept was introduced in [29].

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The common edge neighborhood graph $N_{ce}(G)$ of a graph G is the graph having the vertex set E and with two vertices adjacent in $N_{ce}(G)$ if there exists an open edge neighborhood set in G containing them. This concept was introduced in [29].

The middle edge neighborhood graph $M_{en}(G)$ of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is the graph with the vertex set $E \cup S$ where S is the set of all open edge neighborhood sets of G and with two vertices u and v in $M_{en}(G)$ adjacent if $u, v \in S$ and $u \cap v \neq \phi$ or $u \in E$ and v is an open edge neighborhood set containing u . This concept was introduced by Kulli in [30].

The semientire edge neighborhood graph $N_{se}(G)$ of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is the graph with the vertex set $E \cup S$ where S is the set of all open edge neighborhood sets of G and with two vertices u, v in $N_{se}(G)$ adjacent if $u, v \in N$ where N is an open edge neighborhood set in G or $u \in E$ and v is an open edge neighborhood set containing u . This concept was introduced in [31].

The entire edge neighborhood graph $N_{ee}(G)$ of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is the graph with the vertex set $E \cup S$ where S is the set of all open edge neighborhood sets of G with two vertices u, v in $N_{ee}(G)$ adjacent if $u, v \in N$ where N is an open edge neighborhood set in G or $u, v \in S$ and $u \cap v \neq \phi$ or $u \in E$ and v is an open edge neighborhood containing u . This concept was introduced by Kulli in [32].

Let \bar{G} be the complement of G .

Recently many new transformation graphs were studied, for example, in [33 - 38]. In this paper, we introduce edge neighborhood transformation graphs.

2. Edge neighborhood transformation graphs

The entire edge neighborhood graph of a graph inspired us to introduce edge neighborhood transformation graphs. We now define edge neighborhood transformation graphs G^{xyz} when x or y or z is either $+$ or $-$.

Definition 1. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. Let S be the set of all open edge neighborhood sets of edges of G . Let x, y, z be three variables each taking value $+$ or $-$. The edge neighborhood transformation graph $N_e G^{xyz}$ is the graph having $E \cup S$ as the vertex set and for any two vertices u and v in $E \cup S$, u and v are adjacent if and only if one of the following conditions holds:

- (i) $u, v \in E$. $x = +$ if $u, v \in F$ where F is an open edge neighborhood set of G . $x = -$ if $u, v \notin F$ where F is an open edge neighborhood set of G .
- (ii) $u, v \in S$. $y = +$ if $u \cap v \neq \phi$. $y = -$ if $u \cap v = \phi$.
- (iii) $u \in E$ and $v \in S$. $z = +$ if $u \in v$. $z = -$ if $u \notin v$.

Using the above edge neighborhood transformation, we find eight distinct edge neighborhood transformation graphs: $N_e G^{+++}$, $N_e G^{++-}$, $N_e G^{+-+}$, $N_e G^{+--}$, $N_e G^{-++}$, $N_e G^{-+-}$, $N_e G^{-+}$, $N_e G^{---}$.

Example 2. In Figure 1, a graph G , its edge neighborhood graphs $N_e G^{+++}$, $N_e G^{---}$, $N_e G^{++}$, and $N_e G^{+-}$ are shown.

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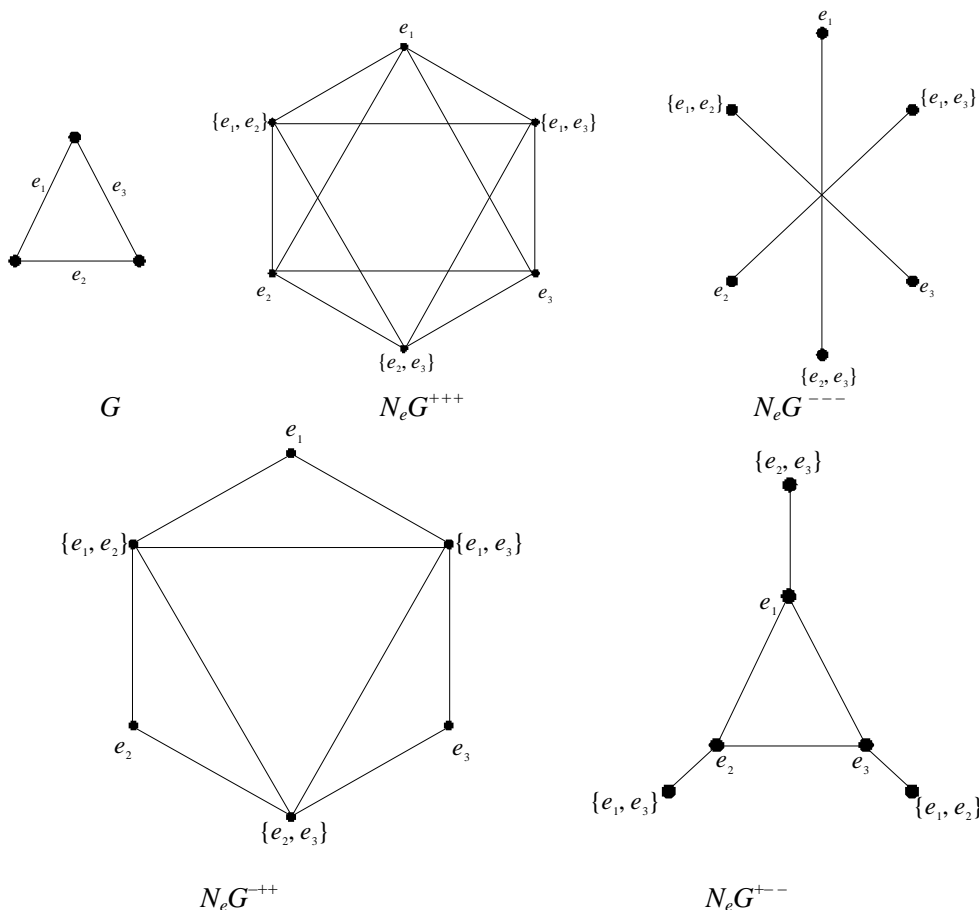


Figure 1:

3. The edge neighborhood transformation graph $N_e G^{+++}$

Among edge neighborhood transformation graphs one is the entire edge neighborhood graph $N_{ee}(G)$. It is easy to see that

Proposition 4. For any graph G without isolated vertices, $N_{ee}(G) = N_e G^{+++}$.

Remark 5. For any graph G without isolated vertices, the edge neighborhood graph $N_e(G)$ of G is a spanning subgraph of $N_e G^{+++}$.

Remark 6. For any graph G without isolated vertices, the middle edge neighborhood graph $M_{en}(G)$ of G is a spanning subgraph of $N_e G^{+++}$.

Remark 7. For any graph G without isolated vertices, the semientire edge neighborhood graph $N_{se}(G)$ of G is a spanning subgraph of $N_e G^{+++}$.

Remark 8. For any graph G without isolated vertices, the open edge neighborhood graph $N_{oe}(G)$ and the common edge neighborhood graph $N_{ce}(G)$ are vertex and also edge disjoint induced subgraphs of $N_e G^{+++}$.

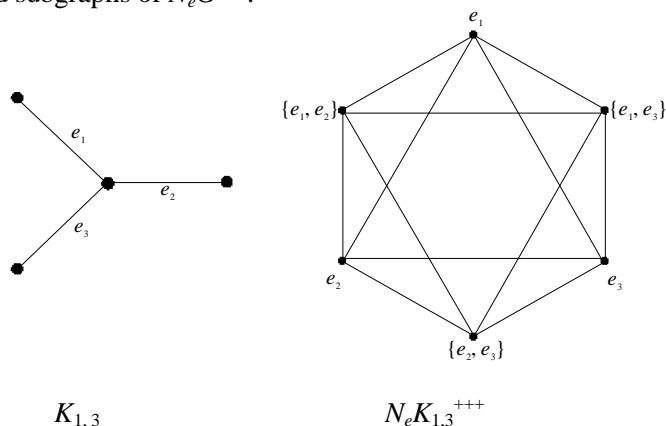


Figure 2:

Remark 9. Form Figure 1 and Figure 2, we have $N_e C_3^{+++} = N_e K_{1,3}^{+++}$. But $C_3 \neq K_{1,3}$.

Theorem 10. $N_e G^{+++} = \overline{K}_n$ if and only if $G = nK_2, n \geq 1$.

Proof: Suppose $G = nK_2, n \geq 1$. Then each component of G is an edge. Then $N(e)$ is a null set. Clearly $N_e G^{+++} = \overline{K}_n$.

Conversely suppose $N_e G^{+++} = \overline{K}_n$. We now prove that $G = nK_2$. On the contrary, assume $G \neq nK_2$. Then there exists a component of G which has at least 2 edges, say $uv = e_1$ and $vw = e_2$. Then $N(e_1)$ and $N(e_2)$ are nonempty open edge neighborhood sets of edges e_1 and e_2 respectively. Thus $N_e G^{+++}$ contains an edge. Thus $N_e G^{+++} \neq \overline{K}_n$, which is a contradiction. Hence each component of G is an edge. Thus $G = nK_2$.

Theorem 10 may be written as

Theorem 11. $N_e G^{+++}$ is totally disconnected if and only if each component of G is K_2 .

Theorem 12. $N_e G^{+++} = 2mP_2$ if and only if $G = mP_3, m \geq 1$.

Proof: Suppose $G = mP_3$. Then each open edge neighborhood set of an edge of G contains exactly one edge. Thus the corresponding vertex of open edge neighborhood set is adjacent with exactly one vertex in $N_e G^{+++}$. Since G has $2m$ edges, it implies that G has $2m$ open edge neighborhood sets. Thus $N_e G^{+++}$ has $4m$ vertices and the degree of each vertex is one. Thus $N_e G^{+++} = 2mP_2$.

Conversely suppose $N_e G^{+++} = 2mP_2$. We prove that $G = mP_3, m \geq 1$. On the contrary, assume $G \neq mP_3$. We consider the following two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $G = mP_2$. By Theorem 10, $N_e G^{+++} = mP_1$, which is a contradiction.

Case 2. Suppose $G = mG_1$, where G_1 is a component of G with at least 4 vertices. Then there exists at least one open edge neighborhood set N containing two or more edges of

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G . Then v together with two edges will form a subgraph P_3 in $N_e G^{+++}$, which is a contradiction.

From the above two cases, we conclude that $G = mP_3$.

We characterize graphs G for which $N_e G^{+++} = N_e(G)$.

Theorem 13. For any graph G without isolated vertices and without isolated edges,

$$N_e(G) \subseteq N_e G^{+++} \quad (1)$$

Furthermore, equality in (1) holds if and only if every open edge neighborhood set contains exactly one edge.

Proof: By Remark 5, $N_e(G) \subseteq N_e G^{+++}$.

We now prove the second part.

Suppose equality in (1) holds. Assume an open edge neighborhood set of an edge of G contains at least two edges, say e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n . $n \geq 2$. Then the corresponding vertices of e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n are not mutually adjacent in $N_e(G)$, but they are mutually adjacent in $N_e G^{+++}$. Hence $N_e(G) \neq N_e G^{+++}$, which is a contradiction. Thus two or more edges of G are not in the same open edge neighborhood set. This proves that every open edge neighborhood set contains exactly one edge.

Conversely, suppose every open edge neighborhood set contains exactly one edge. Then every pair of open edge neighborhood sets of G are disjoint. Hence the corresponding vertices of open edge neighborhood sets in $N_e G^{+++}$ are not adjacent. Thus $N_e G^{+++} \subseteq N_e(G)$ and since $N_e(G) \subseteq N_e G^{+++}$, it implies that equality in (1) holds.

Proposition 14. If $G = mP_3$, $m \geq 1$, then $N_e(G) = N_e G^{+++}$.

Proof: This follows from Theorem 12 and Theorem 13.

Next we characterize graphs G for which $N_e G^{+++} = N_{se}(G)$.

Theorem 15: For any graph G without isolated vertices and without isolated edges,

$$N_{se}(G) \subseteq N_e G^{+++} \quad (2)$$

Furthermore, equality in (2) holds if and only if every pair of open edge neighborhood sets of edges of G is disjoint.

Proof: By Remark 7, $N_{se}(G) \subseteq N_e G^{+++}$.

We now prove the second part.

Suppose equality in (2) holds. We prove that every pair of open edge neighborhood sets of edges of G is disjoint. On the contrary, assume N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k , $k \geq 2$ are open edge neighborhood sets of edges of G such that $N_i \cap N_j \neq \emptyset$, $1 \leq i, j \leq k$, $i \neq j$. Then the corresponding vertices of N_i and N_j are not adjacent in $N_{se}(G)$ and they are adjacent in $N_e G^{+++}$. Hence $N_{se}(G) \neq N_e G^{+++}$, which is a contradiction. Thus every pair of open edge neighborhood sets of G is adjacent.

Conversely suppose every pair of open edge neighborhood sets of G is disjoint. Then two vertices corresponding to open edge neighborhood sets cannot be adjacent in $N_e G^{+++}$. Hence $N_e G^{+++} \subseteq N_{se}(G)$ and since $N_{se}(G) \subseteq N_e G^{+++}$, it implies that equality in (2) holds.

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