

## Majority Neighbourhood Polynomialsofa Graph

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**Abstract.** In this article, majority neighborhood polynomial of graph  $G$  is introduced. The majority neighborhood polynomial  $N_M(G, x)$  of a graph  $G$  of order  $n$  is defined as  $N_M(G, x) = \sum_{i=N_M}^{|V(G)|} n_M(G, i)x^i$  where  $N_M(G)$  is the majority neighborhood number of a graph  $G$ . For this majority neighborhood number  $N_M(G)$ , majority neighborhood polynomial of  $G$  is defined and studied for some standard graphs. Also coefficients of majority neighborhood polynomials of a graph  $G$  are obtained.

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### 1. Introduction

By a graph, we mean a finite, simple, undirected and connected graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. We follow the notation and terminology given by Haynes et al. [2]. The open neighborhood  $N(v)$  of a vertex  $v$  is the set of vertices adjacent to  $v$  and the closed neighborhood of a vertex  $v$  is  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . Let  $\Delta(G)$  and  $\delta(G)$  be the maximum and minimum degree of  $G$  respectively. A set  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is a neighborhood set if  $G = \bigcup_{v \in S} \langle N[v] \rangle$ , where  $\langle N[v] \rangle$  is the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $v$  and all vertices adjacent to  $v$ . The neighborhood number  $n_0(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum number of vertices in a neighborhood set of  $G$ . These parameter has been studied by E. Sampathkumar et al. [5]. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a finite graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. A subset  $S \subseteq V(G)$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is called a majority dominating set if at least half of the vertices of  $V(G)$  are either in  $S$  or adjacent to vertices of  $S$ , i.e.  $|N[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{|V(G)|}{2} \right\rceil$ .

The minimum cardinality of the minimal majority dominating set is called the majority domination number and it is denoted by  $\gamma_M(G)$ . A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is called a majority neighborhood set if  $G_M = \bigcup_{v \in S} \langle N[v] \rangle$  contains at least  $\left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  vertices and at least  $\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil$  edges.

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A majority set  $S$  is called a minimal majority neighborhood set if no proper subset of  $S$  is a majority neighborhood set. The minimum cardinality of a majority neighborhood set is called the majority neighborhood number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $n_M(G)$ . These parameters are studied by Swaminathan and Joseline Manora [6,7].

**Proposition 1.1. [8]** For  $G = K_p, K_{1,p-1}, p \geq 2, F_p \geq 3$  and  $W_p, P \geq 5$  then  $n_M(G) = 1$ .

**Proposition 1.2. [8]** For a graph  $G = C_p$  a cycle on  $p$  vertices,  $P \geq 5$   $n_M(G) = \left\lceil \frac{p}{4} \right\rceil$

**Corollary 1.1. [8]** Let  $G = P_p$  be a path on  $p$  vertices then  $n_M(G) = \left\lceil \frac{p-1}{4} \right\rceil$ .

**Definition 1.1. [9]** Let  $N(G, i)$  be the family of neighborhood sets of a graph  $G$  with cardinality  $i$  and let  $n(G, i) = |N(G, i)|$ . Then the neighborhood sets polynomial  $N(G, x)$  of  $G$  is defined as  $N(G, x) = \sum_{i=n_0}^{|V(G)|} n(G, i)x^i$ , where  $n_0(G)$  is the neighborhood number of  $G$ .

## 2. Majority neighborhood polynomial

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $N_M(G, i)$  be the family of majority neighborhood sets of a graph  $G$  with cardinality  $i$  and let  $N_M(G, i) = |N_M(G, i)|$ . Then the majority neighborhood sets polynomial  $N_M(G, x)$  of  $G$  is defined as  $N_M(G, x) = \sum_{i=n_M}^{|V(G)|} N_M(G, i)x^i$ , where  $n_M(G)$  is the majority neighborhood number of  $G$ .

### Example 2.1.

- i. Let  $G$  be the Cycle with  $n=5$  then the majority neighborhood polynomial is  $N_M(C_5, x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2$ .
- ii. Let  $G$  be the Path with  $n=5$  then the majority neighborhood polynomial is  $N_M(P_5, x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 3x$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $G = K_p, p \geq 3$  be a complete graph then  $n_M(G) = 1$ . The majority neighborhood polynomial of  $G$  is  $n_M(K_p, x) = (1+x)^p - 1$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** If a graph  $G$  consist of  $m$  components  $G_1, G_2, G_3 \dots G_m$  then  $N_M(G, x) = \prod_{i=1}^m N_M(G_i, x)$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $G$  has two components  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . For  $k \geq n_M(G)$ , a majority neighborhood set of  $k$  vertices in  $G$ . The majority neighborhood set of  $k$  vertices in  $G$  arises by choosing a majority neighborhood set of  $j$  vertices in  $G_1$  and majority neighborhood set of  $k-j$  vertices in  $G_2$ . The number of way doing this over all

$j = n_M(G_1) \dots |V(G_1)|$  is exactly the coefficient of  $x^k$  in  $N_M(G_1, x)N(G_2, x)$ . Hence both side of the above equation have the same coefficient, so the identical polynomial.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $\overline{K_p}$  be the totally disconnected graph with  $p$  vertices. Then  $N_M(\overline{K_p}, x) = x^p$ .

### Join of two connected graphs

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the connected graphs of order  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  respectively.

Then  $N_M(G_1 \vee G_2) = ((1+x)^{p_1} - 1)((1+x)^{p_2} - 1) + N_M(G_1, x) + N_M(G_2, x)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the connected graphs of order  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  respectively. Let  $1 \leq i \leq p_1 + p_2$ . To determine the majority neighborhood sets  $N_M(G_1 \vee G_2, i)$ . Let  $i_1, i_2$  be the natural numbers such that  $i_1 + i_2 = i$ . Then clearly for every majority neighborhood sets of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ ,  $N_1 \subseteq V(G_1)$  and  $N_2 \subseteq V(G_2)$  such that  $|N_j| = i_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ . Every majority neighborhood set of  $G_1 \vee G_2$  of size  $i$  contains sum of the degree of the vertices is  $p-1$ , where  $p = |V(G_1 \vee G_2)|$ . Moreover if  $N_M \in N_M(G_1, i)$  then  $N_M$  is the majority neighborhood sets of  $(G_1 \vee G_2)$  of size  $i$ . The same is true for every  $N \in N_M(G_2, i)$ . Thus  $N_M(G_1 \vee G_2) = ((1+x)^{p_1} - 1)((1+x)^{p_2} - 1) + N_M(G_1, x) + N_M(G_2, x)$ .

### Corollary 2.2.

- (i)  $N_M(K_{1,p-1}, x) = x^{p-1} + x(1+x)^{p-1}$
- (ii) If  $p \geq 4$  then  $N_M(W_p, x) = x(1+x)^{p-1} + N_M(C_{p-1}, x)$
- (iii)  $N_M(F_p, x) = x((1+x)^{p-1} - 1) + N_M(P_{p-1}, x) + x$

**Proof:**

- (i) By theorem 2.4, for  $G_1 = K_1$  and  $G_2 = \overline{K_{p-1}}$
- (ii) Since  $W_p = K_1 \vee C_{p-1}$ ,  $p \geq 5$ .  $G_1 = K_1$  and  $G_2 = C_{p-1}$
- (iii) Since  $F_p = K_1 \vee P_{p-1}$ ,  $p \geq 3$ .  $G_1 = K_1$  and  $G_2 = P_{p-1}$  we get the result.

**Proposition 2.1.** If the graph  $G$  is a Double star graph then the majority neighborhood

$$\text{polynomial of a graph is } N_M(D_{r,s}, x) = \begin{cases} (1+x)^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor - 1} \binom{t}{k} x^k, & \text{if } s \geq r+2 \\ (1+x)^p - \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor - 1} \binom{t+1}{k} x^k, & \text{if } s \leq r+1 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a double star  $(Dr, s)$ .  $p = r + s + 2$ ;  $q = r + s + 1$ . Let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  be the centers of  $G$  which have  $r, s$  pendent vertices respectively in its neighborhood. Let  $t$  be the total number of pendent vertices and  $t = r + s$ . For a double star  $Dr, s$ ,  $n_M(D_{r,s}) = 1$ .

**Case (i)  $s \leq r + 1$ .**

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Let  $t = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_n\}$  be the pendent vertices. If  $s \leq r + 1$  then  $d(u) \geq \left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $d(v) \geq \left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil$ , therefore all the combinations of the sets which contains the centre vertex with cardinality 1 to  $p$ .  $d(t_i) \leq \left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , therefore the combination of the sets which contains only the pendent vertices with the cardinality 1 to  $\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1$  is not a majority neighborhood set. Hence  $pC_1x^1 + pC_2x^2 + pC_3x^3 + \dots + pC_px^p - tC_1x^1 - tC_2x^2 - \dots - tC_{\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1}x^{\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1}$

#### Case (ii) $s \geq r + 2$

If  $s \geq r + 2$ , then the any one of the center vertex of the degree  $d(u_i) < \left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil, i = 1$  or  $2$ . It does not cover the at least  $\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil$  edges. Therefore the combinations of the set which contains the pendent vertices and center vertex  $u_i, i = 1$  or  $2$  not a majority neighborhood sets.

Hence  $pC_1x^1 + pC_2x^2 + pC_3x^3 + \dots + pC_px^p - (t+1)C_1x^1 - (t+1)C_2x^2 - \dots - (t+1)C_{\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1}x^{\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1}$

$$\therefore N_M(D_{r,s}, x) = \begin{cases} (1+x)^p - \left( (tC_1x^1) + (tC_2x^2) + \dots + \left( tC_{\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1}x^{\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1} \right) \right), & \text{if } s \geq r+2 \\ (1+x)^p - \left( ((t+1)C_1x^1) + ((t+1)C_2x^2) + \dots + \left( (t+1)C_{\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1}x^{\left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil - 1} \right) \right), & \text{if } s \leq r+1 \end{cases}$$

**Remark:** The join of two totally disconnected graphs is a complete bipartite graph and the resultant graph has no triangles.

### 3. Majority neighborhood sets polynomial of a complete bipartite graph

**Proposition 3.1.** [7] If  $G$  is a bipartite graph without isolates, with bipartition  $\{V_1, V_2\}$  of  $V(G)$  the  $n_M(G) \leq \min\left\{\left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil, \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right\}$ . Let  $G = K_{m,n}$ ,  $m \leq n$  be the complete bipartite graph and  $N_M(G, i)$  be the family of majority neighborhood sets of  $K_{m,n}$  with cardinality  $i$ . We can determine the family of majority neighborhood sets of  $K_{m,n}$  as follows.

The complete bipartite graph  $G = K_{m,n}$ ,  $m \leq n$  is the join of two totally disconnected graphs  $G_1 = \overline{K_m}$  and  $G_2 = \overline{K_n}$  with vertex set  $V(G_1)$  and  $V(G_2)$ .

Since  $n_M(G) = \min\{|V_1|, |V_2|\}$ ,  $m = |V_1|, n = |V_2|$ ,  $n_M(G) = m$  for  $m \leq n$ . Observe that every majority neighborhood set of  $G \subseteq V_1$  or  $V_2$  or both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

Some majority neighborhood polynomial of Complete bipartite given

$$N_M(k_{2,2}, x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x$$

$$N_M(k_{2,3}, x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 2x$$

$$N_M(k_{2,4}, x) = x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 2x$$

$$N_M(k_{2,5}, x) = x^7 + 7x^6 + 21x^5 + 35x^4 + 25x^3 + 11x^2 + 2x$$

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$$N_M(k_{2,6}, x) = x^8 + 8x^7 + 28x^6 + 56x^5 + 70x^4 + 56x^3 + 13x^2 + 2x$$

$$N_M(k_{2,7}, x) = x^9 + 9x^8 + 36x^7 + 84x^6 + 126x^5 + 126x^4 + 49x^3 + 15x^2 + 2x$$

$$N_M(k_{3,3}, x) = x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2$$

$$N_M(k_{3,4}, x) = x^7 + 7x^6 + 21x^5 + 35x^4 + 35x^3 + 21x^2$$

$$N_M(k_{3,5}, x) = x^8 + 8x^7 + 28x^6 + 56x^5 + 70x^4 + 56x^3 + 3x^2$$

$$N_M(k_{3,6}, x) = x^9 + 9x^8 + 36x^7 + 84x^6 + 126x^5 + 126x^4 + 84x^3 + 3x^2$$

$$N_M(k_{3,7}, x) = x^{10} + 10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 85x^3 + 3x^2$$

$$N_M(k_{3,8}, x) = x^{11} + 11x^{10} + 55x^9 + 165x^8 + 330x^7 + 462x^6 + 462x^5 + 330x^4 + 108x^3 + 3x^2$$

$$N_M(k_{4,5}, x) = x^9 + 9x^8 + 36x^7 + 84x^6 + 126x^5 + 126x^4 + 84x^3 + 6x^2$$

$$N_M(k_{4,6}, x) = x^{10} + 10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 6x^2$$

**For example:** Let  $G = K_{4,6}$  we investigated the  $n_M$  set if  $G$  with different cardinality  $i=1,2,3,\dots$  where  $i = n_M(G)$ . The majority neighborhood polynomial  $G$  is obtained as

$$N_M(K_{4,6}, x) = x^{10} + 10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 6x^2$$

In this polynomial there are 6  $n_M$  set of cardinality 2, 120  $n_M$  set of cardinality 3, 252, 210, 45, 10, 1  $n_M$  sets of cardinality 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 respectively.

**Observation 3.1.** Total number of minimum cardinality majority neighborhood sets is  $mC_{\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the totally disconnected graph with the vertex set  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  respectively.

$$\text{Then } N_M(K_{m,n}, x) = \begin{cases} (1+x)^{m+n} - \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{m+n}{2} \rceil - 1} \binom{m+n}{k} x^k, & \text{if } m = n \\ \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{m+n} \binom{m+n}{k} x^k + \binom{m}{\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil} + \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil + 1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} \left( \binom{m+n}{k} - \binom{n}{k} \right) x^k, & m \leq n \end{cases}$$

### 3.1. Coefficients of majority neighborhood sets polynomial

In this section we obtain some properties of the coefficient of the majority neighborhood polynomial of a graph. By the definition of majority neighborhood set polynomial, we have the following results.

**Theorem 3.1.1.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $|V(G)| = p$ . Then

- (i) If  $G$  is connected, then  $N_M(G, p) = 1$  and  $N_M(G, p-1) = p$

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- (ii)  $N_M(G, i) = 0$  if and only if  $i < N_M(G)$  or  $i > p$ .
- (iii)  $N_M(G, x)$  has no constant term.
- (iv)  $N_M(G, x)$  is strictly increasing function in  $[0, \infty)$ .
- (v) Let  $G$  be a Graph and  $H$  be any induced subgraph of  $G$ .  
then  $\deg(N_M(G, x)) \geq \deg(N_M(H, x))$ .

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we have introduced new type of neighborhood polynomial of a graph. For further investigation corresponding product of two graphs, cycle, path, K-regular graph majority neighborhood polynomials.

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