



ON THE LEXICOGRAPHIC PRODUCT OF GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT

Let G_1 and G_2 be two graphs. The lexicographic product of G_1 and G_2 , $G_1 \circ G_2$, has vertex set $V(G_1 \circ G_2) = V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$ and edge set $E(G_1 \circ G_2) = \{(a, b)(c, d) \mid ac \in E(G_1) \text{ or } a = c \text{ and } bd \in E(G_2)\}$. In this talk we give some properties of $G_1 \circ G_2$.

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1 INTRODUCTION

For the graph terminology and notation we refer to [4]. Throughout this article, a graph always means a finite undirected with no loops and no multiple edges.

Let G be a graph and S be a non empty subset of $V(G)$. If $G - S$ is disconnected then S is called vertex-cut. The connectivity of G , $k(G)$, is defined as the minimum cardinality of S such that $G - S$ is disconnected or a graph with a single vertex. Also, a vertex-cut S is called a super vertex-cut if $G - S$ contains no isolated vertices. The corresponding index of super connectivity of G , $k_1(G)$, is defined as

$$k_1 = \min\{|S|; S \text{ is a super vertex - cut}\}.$$

2 SOME PROPERTIES OF LEXICOGRAPHIC PRODUCT

Proposition 2.1. Let G_1 be a totally disconnected graph and G_2 be a connected graph. Then $G_1 \circ G_2$ has $|G_1|$ components and each component is isomorphic to G_2 .

Proposition 2.2. Let G_1 be k -regular and G_2 be k' -regular graphs. Then $G_1 \circ G_2$ is $(k' + k|G_2|)$ -regular.

Proposition 2.3. Let G_1 and G_2 be graphs. Then

$$E(G_1 \circ G_2) = |G_1| |E(G_2)| + |G_2| |E(G_1)|.$$

Theorem 2.4. Let G_1 be a connected graph. Then G_1 is a minor of $G_1 \circ G_2$, for every graph G_2 .

Corollary 2.5. Let G_1 be a connected graph and G_2 be a totally disconnected graph. Then $G_1 \circ G_2$ is an m —partite graph where m is the clique number of G_1 . Furthermore, if G_1 is complete then $G_1 \circ G_2$ is a complete m —partite graph .

3. SUPER-CONNECTIVITY OF $G_1 \circ G_2$

Let G_1 be a connected graph (not complete) with $k(G_1) = n$ and a minimum vertex-cut $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. It is easy to check that if $V(G_2) = \{y_1, \dots, y_t\}$, then

$X = \{(x_1, y^1), \dots, (x^1, y^t), (x^n, y^1), \dots, (x^n, y^t)\}$ is a minimum vertex-cut in $G_1 \circ G_2$.

Proposition 3.1. Let G_1 and G_2 be connected graphs. Then

$$k^1(G_1 \circ G_2) = k(G_1 \circ G_2).$$

Proposition 3.2. Let G_1 be a connected graph and G_2 be a disconnected graph. If $k_1(G_1) = k(G_1)$ then $k(G_1 \circ G_2) = k(G_1 \circ G_2)$.

Proposition 3.3. Let G_1 be a connected graph and G_2 be a disconnected graph. If $k(G_1) < k_1(G_1) < \infty$ then

$$k_1(G_1 \circ G_2) = k(G_1 \circ G_2) + (|k_1(G_1)| - |k(G_1)|)m_0(G_2).$$

Proposition 3.4. Let G_1 be a connected graph with minimum vertex-cut X and G_2 be a disconnected graph. If $k_1(G_1) = \infty$ then

$$k_1(G_1 \circ G_2) = k(G_1 \circ G_2) + m_0(G_2 - X)m_0(G_2).$$

Corollary 3.5. Let G_1 be a connected graph and G_2 be a disconnected graph without single vertex. If $k_1(G_1) = \infty$ then $k_1(G_1 \circ G_2) = k(G_1 \circ G_2)$

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