

## SOME RESULTS ON COMPLETELY EXTENDABLE AND WEIGHTED EXTENDABLE GRAPHS

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### ABSTRACT

*In this paper we study certain properties of completely extendable graphs. In [3] we define an extension in a graph  $G$  by adding edges in a particular pattern. Certain graphs become complete after the finite extensions. Such graphs are called completely extendable graphs. Necessary and sufficient condition for a graph to be completely extendable is given in [3]. Here we discuss theorems related to completely extendable graphs. We also consider weighted graph and define extensions on weighted graph. We also give characterisation for a weighted graph  $G$  to be completely weighted extendable. Next we consider  $G$  which is not completely extendable. We define deficiency number of a graph which is not completely extendable and give a particular pattern of extension to make such graphs complete.*

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Consider a  $(p, q)$  graph which is completely extendable. Necessary and sufficient condition for a graph  $G$  to be completely extendable is given [3]. In this paper we discuss some theorems related to edge density and average degree of a completely extendable graph. We also define a weighted graph and extensions in weighted graphs. Extensions in a weighted graph is defined as adding one edge of weight 1 in the first extension, adding two edges of weight 2 in the second extension and so on. Some weighted graphs become complete after a finite number of extensions. Further, we give necessary and sufficient condition for a weighted graph to become a completely weighted extendable graph. Then we consider a  $(p, q)$  graph which is not completely extendable and define deficiency number for such graphs. Finally, we introduce a typical pattern of adding edges in each extension based on the deficiency number to make the graph complete. For basic definitions and results in Graph Theory, we follow [2].

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1[3]:** Let  $G$  be a simple  $(p, q)$  graph. Extension on  $G$  is defined as follows; in the first extension, add one edge to  $G$ , denoted as  $G^1$ ,  $G^1 = G \cup \{e_1\}$ . In the second extension add two edges on  $G^1$  denoted by  $G^2$ ,  $G^2 = G \cup \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and so on until no such an extension remains.

**Definition 2.2[3]:** If  $G^k \cong K_p$ , then  $G$  is said to be a completely extendable graph and  $n$  is known as the order of extension.

**Theorem 2.3 [3]:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. If  $q = pk - r$  where  $r = k(k+1)/2$  and  $k < p$ , then  $G$  is completely extendable. Order of extension is  $p - (k+1)$ .

**Theorem 2.4 [3]:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph and let  $G^k = G \cup \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ . If  $G^k$  is the  $k^{th}$  extension of  $G$ , then  $m = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$ .

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**Definition 2.5[1]:** Average degree of a graph  $G$ ,  $\bar{d}(G)$  is defined as sum of the degree of vertices in  $G$  divided by total number of vertices,  $\bar{d}(G) = \frac{\sum_{v \in V} d(v)}{|V(G)|}$ .

**Definition 2.6: (Edge Density) [1]** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. Edge density of  $G$  is defined as number of existing edges divided by number of possible edges. Edge density is denoted by  $\mu(G)$ ,  $\mu(G) = \frac{2q}{p(p-1)}$ .

**Remark 2.7:**  $\mu(G)$  lies between 0 and 1. If  $G$  is an empty graph, then  $\mu(G)$  is 0 and if  $G$  is a complete graph, then  $\mu(G)$  is 1.

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3: 1** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph,  $\bar{d}(G)$  is the average degree of  $G$ .  $G$  is completely extendable if and only if  $\bar{d}(G) + \frac{n(n+1)}{p} = p - 1$ , where  $n$  is the order of extension and  $n \leq p - 2$ .

**Proof:** First assume that  $G$  is completely extendable and  $n$  be the order of extension. Then  $G^n \cong K_p$ . Average degree of  $K_p = \frac{p(p-1)}{p} = p - 1$ . Since we add one edge in  $G^1$ , average degree of  $G^1 = \bar{d}(G) + 2/p$ . Since we add 2 edges in  $G^1$  to get  $G^2$ , average degree of  $G^2 = \bar{d}(G) + 2/p + 4/p$ . Like this average degree of  $G^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{d}(G^n) &= \bar{d}(G) + 2/p + 4/p + 6/p + \dots + 2n/p = p - 1. \\ &= \bar{d}(G) + 2/p[1 + 2 + \dots + n] = p - 1 \\ &= \bar{d}(G) + \frac{2}{p} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = p - 1 \\ &= \bar{d}(G) + \frac{n(n+1)}{p} = p - 1.\end{aligned}$$

Conversely assume that

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{d}(G) + \frac{n(n+1)}{p} &= p - 1. \\ \sum \frac{d(v)}{p} + \frac{n(n+1)}{p} &= p - 1 \\ \sum \frac{d(v)}{p} &= (p - 1) - \frac{n(n+1)}{p} \\ \sum \frac{d(v)}{p} &= \frac{p(p-1) - n(n+1)}{p} \\ \sum d(v) &= p(p-1) - n(n+1).\end{aligned}$$

By first theorem of graph theory  $2q = p(p-1) - n(n+1)$ . That is  $q = \frac{p(p-1) - n(n+1)}{2}$  (1)

For any value of  $p$  and  $n$  in (1),  $q$  can be expressed in the form  $kp - r$ . Then by theorem 2.3  $G$  is a completely extendable graph.

**Example:** For  $p = 50$ ,  $n = 15$  from (1)  $q = 1105 = 50 \times 34 - \frac{34 \times 35}{2}$ .

Order of extension is  $50 - (34 + 1) = 15$

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph.  $G$  is completely extendable if and only if

$$\mu(G) = 1 - \frac{n(n+1)}{p(p-1)}, \text{ where } n \text{ is the order of extension and } n \leq p - 2.$$

**Proof:** Assume that  $G$  is completely extendable and  $n$  is the order of extension.

$$\text{Then } q + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \quad (a)$$

Dividing (a) by  $\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$ , we get  $\frac{2q}{p(p-1)} + \frac{n(n+1)}{p(p-1)} = 1$

$$\frac{2q}{p(p-1)} = 1 - \frac{n(n+1)}{p(p-1)}. \text{ That is, } \mu(G) = 1 - \frac{n(n+1)}{p(p-1)}.$$

Conversely assume that  $\mu(G) = 1 - \frac{n(n+1)}{p(p-1)}$ ,

$$\text{which implies } \frac{2q}{p(p-1)} + \frac{n(n+1)}{p(p-1)} = 1$$

$2q + n(n+1) = p-1$  That is  $q + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$ , which implies  $G$  is completely extendable and order of extension is  $n$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** Every empty graph is completely extendable.

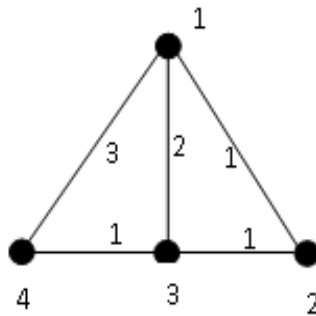
**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, 0)$  graph. Number of edges added to  $G$  to get  $K_p$  is  $\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$ . That is

$$G \cup \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}}\} \cong K_p.$$

Then by theorem 2.4,  $G^{p-1} = G \cup \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}}\}$ . That is,  $G^{p-1} \cong K_p$  and  $p-1$  is the order of extension.

**Definition 3.4 (Weighted graph):** Let  $G$  be a graph with order  $p$  and size  $q$ . Let  $f$  be a weight function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  such that  $f(v_i) = i$ . That is, assigning weights for each vertex from 1 to  $p$  in a clockwise or anticlockwise direction. Define a weight function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  such that  $f^*(u, v) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ , where  $(u, v) \in E(G)$ . If  $e = uv$  then weight of  $e$ ,  $w(e) = f^*(u, v)$ .

**Example:** Consider the following graph,



**Figure-1**

**Definition 3.5 (Weight of a graph):** Let  $G$  be a weighted graph. Let  $w(e_1), w(e_2), \dots, w(e_q)$  be the weights of the edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q$ . Weight of  $G$  is defined as the sum of the weight of edges of  $G$ . Weight of  $G$ , denoted by

$$w(G) = \sum_{i=1}^q w(e_i).$$

From figure1, Weight of  $G$ ,  $w(G) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 3 = 8$

**Theorem 3.6:** Weight of a complete graph  $K_p$  is  $\sum_{i=1}^{p-1}(p-i)i$ .

**Proof:** Total number of edges in  $K_p$  is  $\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$ . The edges are  $(v_1, v_2), (v_1, v_3), \dots, (v_1, v_p), (v_2, v_3), \dots, (v_2, v_p), \dots, (v_{p-1}, v_p)$ . In  $K_p$ , Number of edges with weight 1 is  $p-1$ , number of edges with weight 2 is  $p-2$ , number of edges with weight 3 is  $p-3$ ... number of edges with weight  $p-2$  is 2, and number of edges with weight  $p-1$  is 1. Then the total weight of a complete Graph  $K_p = 1 \times (p-1) + 2 \times (p-2) + 3 \times (p-3) + \dots + (p-2) \times 2 + (p-1) \times 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1}(p-i)i$ .

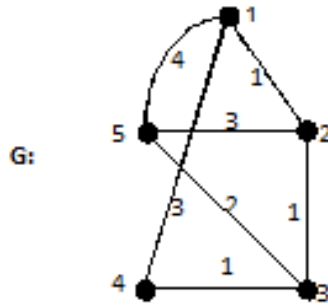
**Example:** Consider  $K_6$ , (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) are the weights of the vertices. Total number of edges in  $K_6$  is 15. Number of edges with weight 1 is 5, weight 2 is 4, weight 3 is 3, weight 4 is 2 and weight 5 is 1.

Total weight =  $\sum_{i=1}^5 (p-i)i = 5 \times 1 + 4 \times 2 + 3 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 1 \times 5 = 35$

**Definition 3.7 (Extension of a weighted Graph):** Let  $G$  be a weighted graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. Extension of a weighted graph is defined as in the first extension  $G^1$ , add one edge of weight 1, in the second extension  $G^2$ , add 2 edges of weight 2 and so on.

**Definition 3.8 (Completely weighted extendable graph):**  $G$  is said to be completely weighted extendable graph if it is possible to add  $n$  edges of weight  $n$  in the  $n^{th}$  extension and  $G^n \cong K_p$ .  $n$  is called the order of the extension.

**Example:**



**Figure-2:** weight of the edge (5, 3) is 2.

Consider the weighted graph depicted in figure (2).  $G$  is a weighted graph with 5 vertices and 7 edges. That is,  $2p-3$  edges. By theorem (2.3),  $G$  is completely extendable and order of extension is 2. In the first extension  $G^1$ , add the edge (4,5). In the second extension  $G^2$ , add 2 edges of weight 2. That is add (2, 4) and (1, 3). Then  $G$  becomes a complete graph. Therefore  $G$  is a completely weighted extendable graph and order of extension is 2.

**Theorem 3.9:** Tree with  $p \geq 5$  is not completely weighted extendable.

**Proof:** By theorem (2.3), every tree is completely extendable and order of extension is  $p-2$ . If it is possible to add  $p-2$  edges of weight  $p-2$  in  $G^{p-2}$  and  $G^{p-2} \cong K_p$ , then the tree is completely weighted extendable. In a complete graph, number of edges with weight  $p-2$  is at most 2. For  $p \geq 5$ ,  $p-2$  is greater than 2. Therefore extension is not possible up to a complete graph for a tree with  $p \geq 5$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. If  $G$  is completely weighted extendable then  $w(G) = w(K_p) - \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$ ,

where  $n$  is the order of extension and size of  $G$  is  $kp-r$  where  $k < p \leq 2k+2$ .

**Proof:** Given  $G$  be a completely weighted extendable graph with order of extension as  $n$ , that is,  $G^n \cong K_p$ , then it is possible to add one edge of weight 1 in the first extension  $G^1$ , in the second extension add 2 edges of weight 2, etc in the  $n^{th}$  extension add  $n$  edges of weight  $n$ .  $G$  became complete after the  $n^{th}$  extension. Total weight of the edges added to  $G$

$$= 1 + (2+2) + (3+3+3) + \dots + (n+n+\dots+n) = 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 3 + \dots + n \times n = \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

Since  $n$  is the order of extension of  $G$ ,  $G + \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}\} \cong K_p$

That is  $w(G) + \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = w(K_p)$  which implies  $w(G) = w(K_p) - \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$ .

Given that size of  $G$  is  $kp - r$ . By theorem 2.3,  $G$  is completely extendable. We have to prove that for  $p > 2k + 2$   $G$  is not completely weighted extendable. In a complete graph number of edges of weight 1 is  $p - 1$ , number of edges of weight 2 is  $p - 2$  etc number of edges of weight  $p - 2$  is 2 and edges with weight  $p - 1$  is 1. That is number of edges of weight  $p - (k + 1)$  is at most  $k + 1$ .  $G$  becomes completely weighted extendable if  $p - (k + 1) \leq (k + 1)$ . That is  $p \leq 2k + 2$ .

**Example:** Consider  $G$  with size  $kp - r$  where  $k = 1$  and  $p = 5$  and order of extension of  $G$  is  $p - 2 = 3$ .  $G$  becomes a completely weighted extendable graph only if it is possible to add 3 edges of weight 3 in  $G^3$ . But in  $K_5$ , number of edges of weight 3 is at most 2. Therefore extension is not possible in  $G$  when  $p > 2k + 2$ .

**Theorem 3.11:** Let  $G$  be a weighted graph. If  $w(G) = w(K_p) - \sum_{i=1}^{p-(k+1)} i^2$  and size of  $G$  is  $kp - r$ , where  $k < p \leq 2k + 2$ , then  $G$  is completely weighted extendable.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a weighted graph having size  $kp - r$ . By theorem (2.3),  $G$  is completely extendable and order of extension is  $p - (k + 1)$  (say  $n$ ). Since  $G$  is a weighted graph add edges in such a way that in the first extension add one edge of weight 1, in the second extension add two edges of weight 2 ...  $n$  edges of weight  $n$  in the  $n^{th}$  extension and  $G^n \cong K_p$ . ( $n$  is the order of extension). Total weight of edges added in each extension is  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2$ . Given that  $w(G) = w(K_p) - \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$ . That is  $w(G) + \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = w(K_p)$ .

That is extension is possible and  $G$  becomes a complete graph in  $G^n$ . Therefore  $G$  is a completely weighted extendable graph.

**Remark:** If  $p > 2k + 2$  extension is not possible. For example, consider a weighted graph  $G$  with size  $kp - r$  where  $p = 7$  and  $k = 2$  then order of extension is  $p - 3 = 4$ . But  $G$  with 7 vertices have at most 3 edges of weight 4. Therefore extension is not possible.

Next, we give characterization of a weighted graph.

**Theorem 3.12:** Let  $G$  be a weighted graph.  $G$  is completely weighted extendable if and only if  $w(G) = w(K_p) - \sum_{i=1}^{p-(k+1)} i^2$  and size of  $G$  is  $pk - r$  where  $k < p \leq 2k + 2$ .

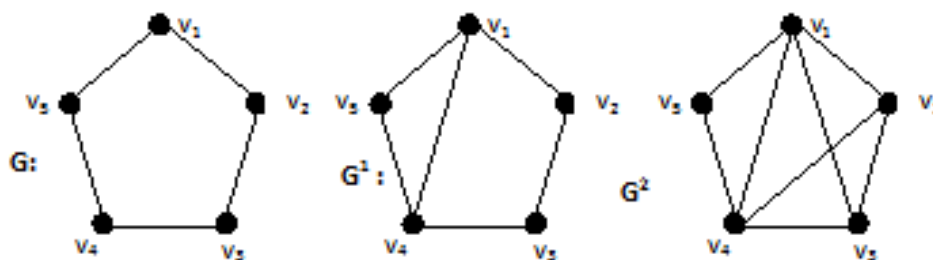
**Proof:** Proof follow from theorems (3.10) and (3.11)..

**Theorem 3.13:** Let  $G$  be a weighted graph with  $p$  vertices and  $kp - r$  edges. Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{p-1}$  are the edge disjoint subgraphs of  $G$  with edges of weights  $1, 2, 3, \dots, p - 1$  respectively where  $G = G_1 \cup G_2 \cup \dots \cup G_{p-1}$ . Then  $G$  is completely weighted extendable only if number of edges in  $G_1$  is exactly  $p - 2$ , in  $G_2$  is exactly  $p - 4$  etc, in  $G_n$  is exactly  $p - 2n$ , in  $G_{n+1}$  is  $p - (n + 1)$  ...  $G_{p-2}$  is 2 and  $G_{p-1}$  is 1, where  $n = p - (k + 1)$ .

**Proof:** By theorem 2.3,  $G$  with size  $kp - r$  is completely extendable and order of extension is  $p - (k + 1)$  (say  $n$ ). Weighted graph  $G$  is said to be completely weighted extendable only if it is possible to add  $n$  edges of weight  $n$  in  $G^n$ . Since total number of edges of weight 1 in a complete graph is  $p - 1$ , first extension  $G^1$  is possible only if  $G$  has  $p - 2$  edges of weight 1. Like this  $G^2$  is possible only if  $G$  has exactly  $p - 4$  edges of weight 2, etc  $G^n$  is possible only if  $G$  has exactly  $p - 2n$  edges of weight  $n$ ,  $p - (n + 1)$  edges of weight  $(n + 1)$ , 2 edges of weight  $p - 2$  and 1 edge of weight  $(p - 1)$ . Then the edge disjoint subgraphs  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{p-1}$  with weights  $1, 2, \dots, p - 1$  contains  $(p - 2), (p - 4), \dots, (p - 2n), (p - (n + 1)), \dots, 2, 1$  edges respectively.

**Definition 3.14: (Deficiency number)** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph which is not completely extendable. Let  $r$  be the maximum possible number of extension in  $G$  such that  $G^r$  is not complete. Then the deficiency number of  $G$  is defined as the number of edges required to make  $G^r$  complete.

**Example:** Consider the following graph  $G$



**Figure-3**

$G^1$  and  $G^2$  are the possible extensions of  $G$  but  $G^2$  is not complete. Number of edges added to  $G^2$  to get a complete graph is 2. Therefore 2 is the deficiency number of  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.15:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph which is not completely extendable. If  $1 \leq q \leq p - 2$ , then  $p - (q + 1)$  is the deficiency number of  $G$  in  $(p - 2)^{th}$  extension.

**Proof:** By theorem 3.3, If  $q = 0$ , then  $G$  is completely extendable and order of extension is  $(p - 1)$ . If  $q = 1$ ,  $(p - 2)$  is the maximum possible number of extension of  $G$ . But  $G^{p-2}$  is not complete. Number of edges added to  $G^{p-2}$  to get a complete graph is  $(p - 2)$ . Therefore, when  $q = 1$ , the deficiency number of  $G$  is  $(p - 2)$ . When  $q = 2$ ,  $(p - 2)$  is the maximum possible number of extension of  $G$  but  $G^{p-2}$  is not complete.  $(p - 3)$  edges is required to make  $G^{p-2}$  a complete graph. Therefore for  $q = 2$ ,  $p - 3$  is the deficiency number of  $G$  in the  $(p - 2)^{th}$  extension. If  $q = p - 2$ , then 1 edge is required to make  $G^{p-2}$  a complete graph. Therefore 1 is the deficiency number in the  $(p - 2)^{th}$  extension. In general for  $1 \leq q \leq p - 2$ ,  $p - (q + 1)$  is the deficiency number of  $G$  in the  $(p - 2)^{th}$  extension.

**Example:** Consider a graph with 6 vertices and 4 edges. Then number of edges added to  $G$  to get a complete graph is 11. In  $G^1$  add one edge, in  $G^2$  add 2 edges, in  $G^3$  add 3 edges, in  $G^4$  add 4 edges. Total number of edges added is  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$ , which implies only one edge is required to get make  $G$  complete. Therefore, 5<sup>th</sup> extension is not possible. That is, 4 is the maximum possible number of extension in  $G$  and 1 is the deficiency number of  $G$  in the 4<sup>th</sup> extension.

**Theorem 3.15:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph which is not completely extendable. If the size of  $G$  is  $q$  where  $1 \leq q \leq p - 2$  then  $G$  can be extended completely by adding edges in such a way that for  $G^1$  add 2 edges in  $G$ , for  $G^2$  add 3 edges in  $G^1$  etc, for  $G^m$  add  $m + 1$  edges in  $G^{m-1}$  and for  $G^{m+1}$  add  $m + 1$  edges, for  $G^{m+2}$  add  $m + 2$  edges etc, for  $G^{p-2}$  add  $p-2$  edges and  $G^{p-2} \cong K_p$  where  $m = p - (q + 1)$ .

**Proof:** Given that  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph which is not completely extendable. If  $1 \leq q \leq p - 2$  then by theorem 3.14,  $p - (q + 1)$  is the deficiency number of  $G$  in the  $(p - 2)^{th}$  extension. We can check this theorem by example. For this, consider a graph  $G$  with 7 vertices and 3 edges. Then the number of edges added to  $G$  to get a complete graph  $K_7$  is 18. Deficiency number of  $G$  is  $7 - (3 + 1) = 3$ . In  $G^1$  add 2 edges, in  $G^2$  add 3 edges, in  $G^3$  add 4 edges, in  $G^4$  add 4 edges, in  $G^5$  add 5 edges. Total number of edges added is  $2 + 3 + 4 + 4 + 5 = 18$ . That is  $G^5 \cong K_7$ .

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