

# OPEN SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE NUMBER OF SOME STANDARD GRAPHS UNDER ADDITION AND MULTIPLICATION

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### Abstract

In this paper, open support independence number of a set and open support independence number of a graph under addition and multiplication are introduced. Open support independence number of the path, star, complete graph, wheel, cycle, complete bipartite graph and bistar under addition and multiplication are studied.

### I. Introduction

Graphs considered in this paper are finite, undirected and without loops or multiple edges. Let G = (V, E) be a graph with p vertices and q edges. Terms not defined here are used in the sense of Harary [4]. For each vertex

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 $v \in V$ , the open neighborhood of v is the set N(v) containing all the vertices u adjacent to v [6]. The degree of a vertex  $v \in (G)$  is the number of edges of G incident with v and is denoted by  $\deg_G(v)$  or  $\deg v$ . In a graph G, an independent set is a subset S of V(G) such that no two vertices in S are adjacent. A maximum independent set is an independent set of maximum size [5].

Recently the concept of open support of a graph under addition was introduced by Balamurugan et al. [1] and further studied in [2]. Open support of a graph under multiplication was introduced in [3]. Motivated by these definitions, the concept of open support independence number of a graph under addition and multiplication are introduced.

In this paper, open support independence number of a set under addition, open support independence number of a graph G under addition, open support independence number of a set under multiplication and open support independence number of a graph G under multiplication are introduced. Open support independence number of some standard graphs under addition and multiplication are studied. The following definitions are necessary for the present study.

**Definition 1.1.** Let G = (V, E) be a graph. A subset S of V is called an independent set of G of no two vertices in S are adjacent in G.

**Definition 1.2.** An independent set 'S' is maximum in G if G has no independent set S' with |S'| > |S|.

**Definition 1.3.** The number of vertices in a maximum independent set of G is called the independence number of G and is denoted by  $\alpha(G)$ .

**Definition 1.4** [1]. Let G = (V, E) be a graph. An open support of a vertex v under addition is defined by  $\sum_{u \in N(v)} \deg u$  and is denoted by supp (v).

**Definition 1.5** [1]. Let G = (V, E) be a graph. An open support of the graph G under addition is defined by  $\sum_{u \in V(G)} \operatorname{supp}(v)$  and is denoted by  $\operatorname{supp}(G)$ .

**Definition 1.6** [3]. Let G = (V, E) be a graph. An open support of a vertex v under multiplication is defined by  $\prod_{u \in N(v)} \deg u$  and is denoted by mult(v).

**Definition 1.7** [3]. Let G = (V, E) be a graph. An open support of the graph G under multiplication is defined by  $\prod_{u \in V(G)} mult(v)$  and is denoted by mult(G).

#### **II. Main Results**

**Definition 2.1.** Let G = (V, E) be a graph. Let S denote the maximum independent set of G. Open support independence number of the set S under addition, denoted by supp  $S^+(G)$ , is defined by supp  $S^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S} \text{supp}(v)$ . Open support independence number of G under addition, denoted by supp  $\alpha^+(G)$ , is defined by supp  $\alpha^+(G) = \max \{ \text{supp } S_i^+(G); i \ge 1 \}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let G = (V, E) be a graph. Let S denote the maximum independent set of G. Open support independence number of the set S under multiplication, denoted by supp  $S^{\times}(G)$ , is defined by supp  $S^{\times}(G)$ =  $\prod_{v \in S} mult(v)$ . Open support independence number of G under multiplication, denoted by supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G)$  is defined by supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G)$ = max {mult  $S_i^{\times}(G); i \ge 1$ }.

Example 2.3. Consider the following graph G.



In G, deg  $v_1 = 3$ , deg  $v_2 = 3$ , deg  $v_3 = 2$ , deg  $v_4 = 4$  and deg  $v_5 = 2$ .

Maximum independent set of G are  $\{S_1, S_2, S_3\}$ , where  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{v_2, v_5\}$  and  $S_3 = \{v_4, v_5\}$ .

Open support independence number of  ${\it G}$  under addition. Consider the set  $S_1$ 

$$supp (v_1) = \sum_{u \in N(v_1)} \deg u = \deg v_2 + \deg v_4 + \deg v_5 = 9$$
$$supp (v_3) = \sum_{u \in N(v_3)} \deg u = \deg v_2 + \deg v_4 = 7$$

Hence supp  $S_1^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S_1} \operatorname{supp}(v) = 16$ 

Consider the set  $S_2$ 

$$supp (v_2) = \sum_{u \in N(v_2)} \deg u = \deg v_1 + \deg v_3 + \deg v_4 = 9$$
$$supp (v_5) = \sum_{u \in N(v_5)} \deg u = \deg v_1 + \deg v_4 = 7$$

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} S_2^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S_2} \operatorname{supp} (v) = 16$ 

Consider the set  $S_3$ 

$$supp (v_3) = \sum_{u \in N(v_3)} \deg u = \deg v_2 + \deg v_4 = 7$$
$$supp (v_5) = \sum_{u \in N(v_5)} \deg u = \deg v_1 + \deg v_4 = 7$$

Hence supp  $S_3^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S_3} \operatorname{supp}(v) = 14$ 

Therefore supp  $\alpha^+(G) = \max \{ \text{supp } S_1^+(G), \text{ supp } S_2^+(G), \text{ supp } S_3^+(G) \}$ 

Open support independence number of G under multiplication.

Consider the set  $S_1$ 

$$mult(v_1) = \prod_{u \in N(v_1)} \deg u = \deg v_2 \times \deg v_4 \times \deg v_5 = 24$$
$$mult(v_3) = \prod_{u \in N(v_3)} \deg u = \deg v_2 \times \deg v_4 = 12$$

Hence supp  $S_1^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_1} mult(v) = 288$ 

Consider the set  $S_2$ 

$$mult(v_2) = \prod_{u \in N(v_2)} \deg u = \deg v_1 \times \deg v_3 \times \deg v_4 = 24$$
$$mult(v_5) = \prod_{u \in N(v_5)} \deg u = \deg v_1 \times \deg v_4 = 12$$

Hence supp  $S_2^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_2} mult(v) = 288$ 

Consider the set  $S_3$ 

$$mult(v_3) = \prod_{u \in N(v_1)} \deg u = \deg v_2 \times \deg v_4 = 12$$
$$mult(v_5) = \prod_{u \in N(v_5)} \deg u = \deg v_1 \times \deg v_4 = 12$$

Hence supp  $S_3^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_3} mult(v) = 144$ 

Therefore supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \max \{ \text{supp } S_1^{\times}(G), \text{ supp } S_2^{\times}(G), \text{ supp } S_3^{\times}(G) \}$ 

= 288

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $G = K_{1,n}$  where  $n \ge 1$  be a star. Then supp  $\alpha^+(G) = n^2$  and supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = n^n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G = K_{1,n}$  where  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $v, v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the vertices of G where v is the central vertex and  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  are the pendant vertices. Then deg v = n and deg  $v_i = 1; 1 \le i \le n$ .  $S = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  is the unique maximum independent set of G.

$$\operatorname{supp}(v_1) = \sum_{u \in N(v_1)} \operatorname{deg} u = \operatorname{deg} v = n$$

Similarly supp  $(v_2) = \text{supp}(v_3) = \dots = \text{supp}(v_n) = n$ .

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \sum_{u \in S} \operatorname{supp} (u)$ 

$$= n(n)$$

 $= n^2$ .

Similarly supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{u \in S} mult(u)$ 

$$= n^n$$
.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $G = P_n$  where n > 2 be a path on n vertices. Then

$$\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \begin{cases} 2n-2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2n-3 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \text{ and } \operatorname{supp} \alpha^\times(G) = \begin{cases} 2^{n-1} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2^{n-2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$
$$\operatorname{Proof. Let} G = P_n \text{ where } n > 2. \text{ Let } v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \text{ be the vertices of } G.$$
$$\operatorname{Then} \deg v_1 = \deg v_n = 1 \text{ and } \deg v_i = 2 \text{ for all } i = 2, 3, \dots, n-1.$$

**Case (i).** Suppose *n* is odd.

 $S = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, ..., v_n\}$  is the unique maximum independent set of G.

$$\operatorname{supp}(v_1) = \sum_{v \in N(v_1)} \operatorname{deg} v = \operatorname{deg} v_2 = 2$$

Similarly  $supp(v_n) = 2$ 

$$supp (v_3) = \sum_{v \in N(v_3)} \deg v = \deg v_2 + \deg v_4 = 4$$

Similarly supp  $(v_5) = \text{supp}(v_7) = ... = \text{supp}(v_{n-2}) = 4$ 

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S} \operatorname{supp} (v)$ 

$$= 2 + 4\left(\frac{n-3}{2}\right) + 2$$
$$= 2n - 2$$

Similarly supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{u \in S} mult(u)$ 

$$= 2 \times 4 \left( \frac{n-3}{2} \right) \times 2$$

$$= 2^{n-1}$$
.

**Case (ii).** Suppose *n* is even. There are two subcases.

**Subcase (a).** In this case, we consider the two maximum independent sets with only one pendant vertex.

Without loss of generality let  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ .

Proof is similar for the other set.

$$\operatorname{supp}(v_1) = \sum_{v \in N(v_1)} \operatorname{deg} v = \operatorname{deg} v_2 = 2$$

$$supp(v_3) = \sum_{v \in N(v_3)} \deg v = \deg v_2 + \deg v_4 = 4$$

Similarly supp  $(v_5) = \text{supp}(v_7) = \dots = \text{supp}(v_{n-3}) = 4$ 

$$supp(v_{n-1}) = \sum_{v \in N(v_{n-1})} \deg v = \deg v_{n-2} + \deg v_n = 3$$

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S} \operatorname{supp} (v)$ 

$$= 2 + 4\left(\frac{n-4}{2}\right) + 3$$
$$= 2n - 3$$

Similarly supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{u \in S_1} mult(u)$ 

$$mult (v_{n-1}) = \prod_{u \in N(v_{n-1})} \deg u = \deg v_{n-2} \times \deg v_n = 2$$
$$= 2 \times 4^{\left(\frac{n-4}{2}\right)} \times 2$$
$$= 2^{n-2}$$

**Subcase (b).** In this case, we consider all the maximum independent sets with both the pendant vertices. Without loss of generality let  $S_2 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, ..., v_{n-3}, v_n\}$ . Proof is similar for the other set. As before,  $\operatorname{supp}(v_1) = \operatorname{supp}(v_n) = 2$  and  $\operatorname{supp}(v_3) = \operatorname{supp}(v_5) = \ldots = \operatorname{supp}(v_{n-3}) = 4$ . Hence  $\operatorname{supp} S_2^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S_2} \operatorname{supp}(v)$ 

$$= 2 + 4\left(\frac{n-4}{2}\right) + 2$$
$$= 2n - 4$$

Therefore supp  $\alpha^+(G) = \max \{ \text{supp } S_i^+(G); i \ge 1 \}$ 

 $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \max \{ \operatorname{supp} S_1^+(G), \operatorname{supp} S_2^+(G) \}$ 

 $= \max\{2n - 3, 2n - 4\}$ 

= 2n - 3

Similarly supp  $S_{2}^{+}(G) = \prod_{u \in S_{2}} mult(u)$ 

$$= 2 \times 4^{\left(\frac{n-4}{2}\right)} \times 2$$
$$= 2^{n-2}$$

Therefore supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = 2^{n-2}$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $G = C_n$  where  $n \ge 3$  be a cycle on n vertices. Then

$$\operatorname{supp} \alpha^{+}(G) = \begin{cases} 2n-2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2n & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \text{ and } \operatorname{supp} \alpha^{\times}(G) = \begin{cases} 2^{n-1} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2^n & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $G = C_n$  where  $n \ge 3$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$  be the vertices of G.

Then deg  $v_i = 2$  for all i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n.

Case (i). Let n be odd.

Consider the maximum independent set  $S = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, ..., v_{n-2}\}$ .

Proof is similar for the other set.

$$\operatorname{supp}(v_1) = \sum_{v \in N(v_1)} \deg v = \deg v_2 + \deg v_n = 4$$

Similarly supp  $(v_3) = \text{supp}(v_5) = ... = \text{supp}(v_{n-2}) = 4$ 

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = 4\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$ 

$$= 2n - 2$$

Similarly supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S} mult(v)$ 

$$= 2^{n-1}$$

Case (ii). Let *n* be even.

 $S_1 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  and  $S_2 = \{v_2, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_n\}$  are two maximum independent sets of G. Consider the set  $S_1$ .

Proof is similar for the set  $S_2$ .

As before supp  $(v_1) = \text{supp}(v_3) = \text{supp}(v_5) = ... = \text{supp}(v_{n-1}) = 4$ 

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = 4\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$ 

$$=2n$$

Similarly supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_1} mult(v)$ 

$$= 2^{n}$$
.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $G = K_n$  where  $n \ge 1$  be the complete graph on n

vertices. Then supp  $\alpha^+(G) = (n-1)^2$  and supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = (n-1)^{n-1}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G = K_n$  where  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the vertices of G. Then deg  $v_i = n - 1$  for all i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n.  $S_i = \{v_i\}; 1 \le i \le n$  are maximum independent sets of G.

Consider the set  $S_1$ . Proof is similar for the other sets.

$$supp (v_1) = \sum_{v \in N(v_1)} \deg v = \deg v_2 + \deg v_3 + \dots + \deg v_n$$
$$= (n-1)(n-1)$$
$$= (n-1)^2$$

Hence supp  $\alpha^+(G) = (n-1)^2$ .

Similarly supp 
$$\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_1} mult(v)$$

$$= (n-1)^{n-1}$$

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $G = K_{m,n}$  where  $m \ge n, m, n \ge 1$  be a complete bipartite graph. Then supp  $\alpha^+(G) = m^2 n$  and supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = m^{mn}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G = K_{m,n}$  where  $m \ge n$  be a complete bipartite graph with the bipartition (X, Y) where  $X = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_m\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, ..., y_n\}$ . Then deg  $x_i = n; 1 \le i \le m$ , and deg  $y_i = m; 1 \le i \le n$ .  $S = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_m\}$  is the unique maximum independent set of G.

$$supp (x_1) = \sum_{u \in N(x_1)} \deg u$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \deg y_j$$
$$= mn$$

Similarly supp  $(x_2) = \text{supp}(x_3) = \dots = \text{supp}(x_n) = mn$ .

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \sum_{u \in S} \operatorname{supp} (u)$ 

$$= m(mn) = m^2 n.$$

$$mult (x_1) = \prod_{u \in N(x_1)} \deg u = \deg y_1 \times \deg y_2 \times \ldots \times \deg y_n$$

$$= m \times m \times \ldots n \ times = m^n$$

Similarly  $mult(x_2) = mult(x_3) = ... = mult(x_m) = m^n$ Therefore  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S} mult(v)$ 

$$= m^n \times m^n \times \dots m \ times = m^{mn}.$$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $G = W_n$  where  $n \ge 4$  be a wheel of order n. Then

$$\operatorname{supp} \alpha^{+}(G) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)(n+5) \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \left(\frac{n-2}{2}\right)(n+5) \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \text{ and}$$
$$\operatorname{supp} \alpha^{\times}(G) = \begin{cases} [9(n-1)]^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ [9(n-1)]^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $G = W_n$  where  $n \ge 4$ . Let  $v_0, v_1, v_2, ..., v_{n-1}$  be the vertices of G, where  $v_0$  is the central vertex. Then deg  $v_0 = n - 1$ , deg  $v_i = 3$  for all i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n - 1.

Case (i). Let *n* be odd.

 $\{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{n-2}\}$  and  $\{v_2, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  are the two maximum independent sets of G. Consider the set  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{n-2}\}$ . Proof is similar for the other set.

$$\operatorname{supp}(v_1) = \sum_{v \in N(v_1)} \deg v = \deg v_2 + \deg v_{n-1} + \deg v_0 = n + 5$$

Similarly supp  $(v_3) = \text{supp}(v_5) = ... = \text{supp}(v_{n-2}) = n + 5$ 

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S_1} \operatorname{supp} (v)$ 

$$= \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)(n+5)$$
  
mult  $(v_1) = \prod_{v \in N(v_1)} \deg v = \deg v_2 \times \deg v_{n-1} \times \deg v_0$   
$$= 3 \times 3 \times (n-1) = 9(n-1)$$

Similarly  $mult(v_3) = mult(v_5) = ... = mult(v_{n-2}) = 9(n-1).$ 

supp 
$$\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_1} mult(v)$$
$$= [9(n-1)]^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$$

Case (ii). Let *n* be even.

 $\{v_1,\,v_3,\,v_5,\,\ldots,\,v_{n-3}\}\quad\text{and}\quad\{v_2,\,v_4,\,v_6,\,\ldots,\,v_{n-2}\}\quad\text{are two maximum independent sets.}$ 

Consider the maximum independent set  $S_2 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, ..., v_{n-3}\}$ .

Proof is similar for the other set.

As before,  $supp(v_1) = supp(v_3) = supp(v_5) = ... = supp(v_{n-3}) = n + 5$ 

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S_2} \operatorname{supp} (v)$ 

$$=\left(\frac{n-2}{2}\right)(n+5)$$

Similarly supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_2} mult(v)$ 

$$= [9(n-1)]^{\frac{n-2}{2}}.$$

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $G = B_{m,n}$  where  $m \ge n, n \ge 1$  be a bistar on m+n+2 vertices. Then  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \begin{cases} m(m+1)+n(n+1) & \text{if } n > 1 \\ m(m+1)+m+2 & \text{if } n = 1 \end{cases}$  and

supp 
$$\alpha^{\times}(G) = \begin{cases} (m+1)^m (n+1)^n & \text{if } n > 1\\ (m+1)^m (m+2) & \text{if } n = 1 \end{cases}$$
.

**Proof.** Let  $G = B_{m,n}$  where  $m \ge n$ . Let  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_m, x, y, v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$  be the vertices of G. Then deg x = m + 1, deg y = n + 1 and deg  $u_i = \deg v_i = 1, 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n$ .

Case (i). Suppose n > 1.

 $S = \{u_1, u_2, ..., u_m, v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  is the unique maximum independent set of G.

$$\operatorname{supp}(u_1) = \sum_{v \in N(u_1)} \operatorname{deg} v = m + 1$$

Similarly supp  $(u_1) = m + 1 \forall 2 \le i \le m$ 

$$\operatorname{supp}(v_1) = \sum_{v \in N(v_1)} \operatorname{deg} v = n + 1$$

Similarly supp  $(v_j) = n + 1 \forall 2 \le j \le n$ 

Hence  $\operatorname{supp} \alpha^+(G) = \sum_{v \in S} \operatorname{supp} (v)$ 

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \operatorname{supp} (u_i) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \operatorname{supp} (v_j)$$
$$= m(m+1) + n(n+1)$$

Similarly supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S} mult(v)$ 

$$= (m+1)^m (n+1)^n.$$

**Case (ii).** Suppose n = 1. There are two subcases.

**Subcase (a).** In this case we consider the maximum independent set with all the pendant vertices. Let  $S_1 = \{u_1, u_2, ..., u_m, v_1\}$ .

Now put n = 1 in case (i)

Hence supp  $S_1^+(G) = m(m+1) + 2$ 

Similarly supp 
$$S_1^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_1} mult(v)$$
  
=  $2(m+1)^m$ 

Subcase (b). In this case, we consider the maximum independent set  $S_2 = \{u_1, u_2, ..., u_m, y\}$ . As before, supp  $(u_i) = m + 1 \ \forall 1 \le i \le m$ 

$$supp(y) = \sum_{v \in N(y)} \deg v = \deg x + \deg v_1$$
$$= m + 2$$

Hence supp  $S_2^+(G) = m(m+1) + (m+2)$ 

Therefore supp  $\alpha^+(G) = \max \{ \text{supp } S_1^+(G), \text{ supp } S_2^+(G) \}$ 

 $= \max \{m(m+1) + 2, m(m+1) + (m+2)\}$ 

$$= m(m+1) + (m+2)$$

Similarly supp  $S_1^{\times}(G) = \prod_{v \in S_2} mult(v)$ 

 $= (m+1)^m (m+2)$ 

Therefore supp  $\alpha^{\times}(G) = \max \{ mult S_1^{\times}(G), mult S_2^{\times}(G) \}$ 

 $= \max \{2(m+1)^m, (m+1)^m(m+2)\}\$  $= (m+1)^m + (m+2).$ 

## **III.** Conclusion

In this paper, the open support independence number of some standard graphs under addition and multiplication are studied. Further studies can be observed for some special graphs.

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