

# Support Neighbourly Edge Irregular Graphs

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce a new family of irregular graphs called support neighbourly edge irregular graphs based on degree in edge sense. In any graph, the support of an edge is the sum of the edge degrees of its neighbours. A graph is said to be support neighbourly edge irregular (or simply SNEI), if any two adjacent edges have different support. Basic properties of these graphs are studied. A necessary and sufficient condition for a graph to be SNEI has been obtained and several methods to construct SNEI graph from other graphs have been discussed.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper we consider finite, simple connected graphs. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. The vertex set and edge set of  $G$  are denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  respectively. The degree of a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is the number of vertices adjacent to  $v$  and is denoted by  $d_G(v)$  or simply  $d(v)$ .

The concept of Neighbourly irregular graphs was introduced and studied by S. GnaanaBhagsam and S.K.Ayyaswamy[2]. N.R. SanthiMaheswari and C.Sekar introduced the concept of Neighbourly edge irregular fuzzy graphs[9]. The concept of support of a vertex and support neighbourly irregular graphs has been introduced and studied by Selvam Avadayappan, M.Bhuvaneshwari and R.Sinthu[11]. The degree of an edge  $e = (u,v)$  as the number of edges which have a common vertex with the edge  $e$ . (i.e)  $\deg(e) = \deg(u) + \deg(v) - 2$ [5]. The distance between two edges  $e_1 = (u_1,v_1)$  and  $e_2 = (u_2,v_2)$  is defined as  $ed(e_1,e_2) = \min\{d(u_1,u_2), d(u_1,v_2), d(v_1,u_2), d(v_1,v_2)\}$ . If  $ed(e_1,e_2) = 0$ , these edges are neighbour edges[4]. The purpose of this paper is to introduce a new family of irregular graphs based on distance property in edge sense.

This is the background to introduce support neighbourly edge irregular graphs and we have discussed some of its properties.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

We present some known definitions and results for ready reference to go through the work presented in the paper.

**Definition 2.1.** A graph  $G$  is said to be neighbourly irregular if no two adjacent vertices of  $G$  have the same degree.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $G : (\sigma, \mu)$  be a connected fuzzy graph on  $G^*(V,E)$ . Then  $G$  is said to be neighbourly edge irregular fuzzy graph if every pair of adjacent edges having distinct degrees.

**Definition 2.3.** The support  $s_G(v)$  or simply  $s(v)$  of a vertex  $v$  is the sum of degrees of its neighbours. That is,  $s(v) = \sum_{u \in N(v)} d(u)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A connected graph is said to be support neighbourly irregular (or simply SNI), if no two vertices having same support are adjacent.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $G$  be a graph. For any two distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ ,  $u$  is pairable with  $v$  if  $N[u] = N[v]$  in  $G$ . A vertex in  $G$  is called a pairable vertex if it is pairable with a vertex in  $G$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $G$  be a graph. A full vertex of  $G$  is a vertex in  $G$  which is adjacent to all other vertices of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.7.** A simple graph  $G(V,E)$  is neighbourly edge irregular if no two adjacent edges of  $G$  have the same edge degree.

## III. REVIEW CRITERIA

In this section, we introduce Support Neighbourly edge irregular graphs and study some properties of these graphs.

**Definition 3.1.** The support  $s_G(e)$  or simply  $s(e)$  of an edge  $e$  is the sum of edge degrees of its neighbour edges. That is,  $s(e) = \sum_{e_i \in N(e)} d(e_i)$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A simple graph  $G(V,E)$  is Support Neighbourly edge irregular graph (or simply SNEI) if no two edges of  $G$  having same support are adjacent. A graph  $H$  proving the existence of SNEI graphs is shown in Figure 1.

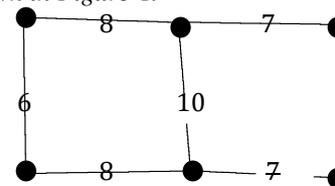


Figure 1

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**Fact 3.3.** Regular graphs, edge regular graphs, pairable graphs and paths ( $P_n, n \neq 6$ ) are not SNEI graphs.

**Fact 3.4.** Not all Support neighbourly edge irregular graphs are NEI graphs. Not all NEI graphs are SNEI. For example,  $P_3$  is NEI but not SNEI and  $P_6$  is SNEI but not NEI.

**Fact 3.5.** Let  $G$  be a SNEI graph. Then for any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V(G)$ ,  $N(u) \neq N(v)$ .

**Fact 3.6.** Any graph with more than one full vertex is not a SNEI graph.

**Fact 3.7.** If  $G$  is a SNEI graph, then the set of all extreme vertices is independent in  $G$ . **Fact 3.8.** If  $G$  is a SNEI graph, there is no  $P_4$  such that external vertices of degree 1 and one internal vertex of degree 2, For if there is a  $P_4$  (say  $uvwx$ ) such that  $d(u) = d(x) = 1$  and  $d(w) = 2$ , then  $s(uv) = s(vw)$ .

**Result 3.9.** If  $G$  is a SNEI graph, then there is no  $P_5$  with external vertices of same degree and internal vertices of degree 2.

**Note 3.10.** For any edge  $e \in E(G)$ , support of  $e = s(e) = s(uv) = d(u)^2 + d(v)^2 + s(u) + s(v) - 4d(u) - 4d(v) + 4$ . The following theorem proves a necessary and sufficient condition for a graph to be SNEI graph.

**Theorem 3.11.** A graph  $G$  is a SNEI graph if and only if for any two adjacent edges  $uv$  and  $vw$ , then  $d(u)^2 - d(w)^2 - 4(d(u) - d(w)) - s(w) - s(u) \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a SNEI graph. Then no two adjacent edges have same support. If possible  $d(u)^2 - d(w)^2 - 4(d(u) - d(w)) = s(w) - s(u)$  for some adjacent edges  $uv$  and  $vw$ , then  $d(u)^2 - 4d(u) + s(u) = d(w)^2 - 4d(w) + s(w) \Rightarrow s(uv) = s(vw)$ , which is a contradiction.

Conversely, suppose,

$d(u)^2 - d(w)^2 - 4(d(u) - d(w)) \neq s(w) - s(u)$  and  $vw$ . Then  $d(u)^2 - 4d(u) + s(u) \neq d(w)^2 - 4d(w) + s(w) \Rightarrow s(uv) \neq s(vw)$ , for any two adjacent edges  $uv$  and  $vw$ . Hence  $G$  is a SNEI graph.

**Corollary 3.12.** Let  $G$  be a SNEI graph. If there are two adjacent edges (say  $uv$  and  $vw$ ) with same edge degree, then  $s(u) \neq s(w)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a SNEI graph. Let  $uv$  and  $vw$  be two adjacent edges with  $ed(uv) = ed(vw)$ . Then  $d(u) = d(w)$ . By above theo 3.10,  $d(u)^2 - 4d(u) + s(u) \neq d(w)^2 - 4d(w) + s(w)$ , which implies  $s(u) \neq s(w)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.13.** Let  $G$  be a SNEI graph. If there are two adjacent edges (say  $uv$  and  $vw$ ) with  $s(u) = s(w)$  in  $G$ , then  $d(u)^2 - d(w)^2 = 4(d(u) - d(w))$ .

**Corollary 3.14.** Let  $G$  be a SNEI graph. If there are no two adjacent edges (say  $uv$  and  $vw$ ) with  $s(u) = s(w)$  and  $d(u) = d(w)$  in  $G$ .

**Corollary 3.15.** Let  $G$  be a SNEI graph. Then there is no  $P_3$  (say  $uvw$ ) such that  $d(u) = d(w)$  and  $s(u) = s(w)$ .

**Corollary 3.16.** Let  $G$  be a SNEI graph. Let  $v$  be any vertex. Then for any two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  such that  $d(v_i) + k = d(v_j)$ ,  $s(v_i) + m \neq s(v_j)$  where

$$m = \begin{cases} 2kd(v_i) - 3k + k^2 & \text{if } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are not adjacent} \\ 2kd(v_i) - 4k + k^2 & \text{if } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are adjacent} \end{cases}$$

Yousef alavi[1] proved that for every positive integer  $n = 36, 5, 7$ , there exists a highly irregular graph of order  $n$ .

**Theorem 3.17.** For every positive even integer  $n = 2k, k \geq 3$ , there exists a SNEI graph of order  $n$  and it is denoted by  $SNEI_{(n)}$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** There exist SNEI graph of order  $n$ , except 3, 5 and 7.

*Proof.* It is enough to prove there is a SNEI graph of order  $n$  where  $n \geq 8$ .

For  $(n-2) = 2k, k \geq 3$ . In  $SNEI_{(n-2)}$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  introduce two new vertices and join the edges  $uu_i$  and  $vv_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . We obtain a SNEI graph of order  $n$ . Note further that introduce a pendent edge at either  $u$  or  $v$ , we will get a SNEI graph of order  $n+1 = 2k+2+1 \geq 9$ . Therefore there exists a SNEI graph of order  $n \geq 8$ .

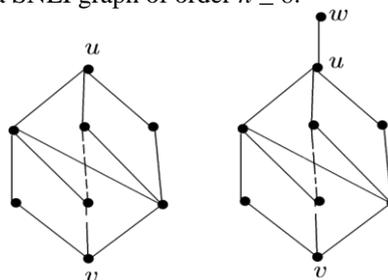


Figure 2 illustrates theorem 3.18 for  $n = 8$  and  $n = 9$

is even, let us first construct  $SNEI_{(n-2)}, n-2 = 2k, k \geq 3$ . Let  $V(SNEI_{(n-2)}) = \{u, v, 1 \leq i \leq k\}$  and  $E(SNEI_{(n-2)}) = \{uv, 1 \leq i \leq k, i \leq k\}$ .

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**Result 3.20.** We can construct a SNEI graph  $G_3^*$  from two copies of  $SNEI_{(n)}$ , say  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . Let  $V(G_1) = U_1 \cup V_1$  where  $U_1 = u_{1i}$  and  $V_1 = v_{1i}, 1 \leq i \leq d$  and  $V(G_2) = U_2 \cup V_2$  where  $U_2 = u_{2i}$  and  $V_2 = v_{2i}, 1 \leq i \leq d$ . By introducing two new vertices  $u$  and  $v$  and joining the edges  $u_{1i}u, u_{2i}v$  and  $uv$ . The resulting graph  $G_3^*$  is also SNEI graph.

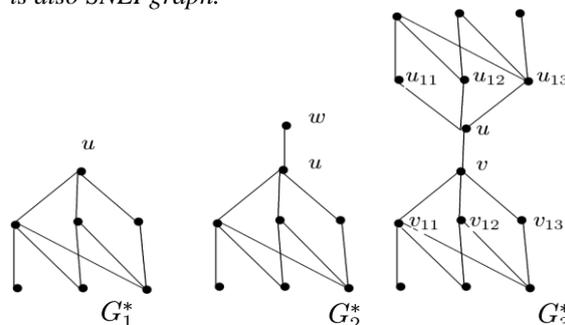


Figure 3



$E(G)=E(G) \cup E(G^0) \cup \{u_i v_j: u_i u_j \notin E(G), 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ and } u_i v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i u'_j, v_i v'_j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . It is obvious that  $G$  is an induced subgraph of  $H$ . From our construction of  $H$  it is clear that  $H$  is a SNEI graph of order  $4n$ . Figure 8 illustrates theorem 3.27 for  $n = 3$

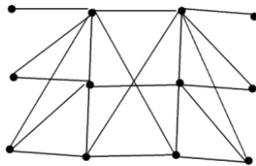


Figure 8

**Result 3.28.** For any positive integer  $d \geq 3$ , we can construct a SNEI graph with maximum degree  $2d$  and order  $3d + 4$ .

*Proof.* Let  $d \geq 3$  be any positive integer. Let  $V(G) = \{v_i, u_i, w_i, u, v, w, x, 1 \leq i \leq d\}$ , be the vertex set of the required graph  $G$  and the edge set,  $u_i w_j, 1 \leq i \leq d, 1 \leq j \leq d \cup \{v_i v, 1 \leq i \leq d - 1\} \cup \{u x, v x, w x, u_i w\}$ . The resulting graph is a SNEI graph of order  $3d + 4$  and maximum degree  $d$ .

Figure 9 illustrates theorem 3.28 for  $d = 6$

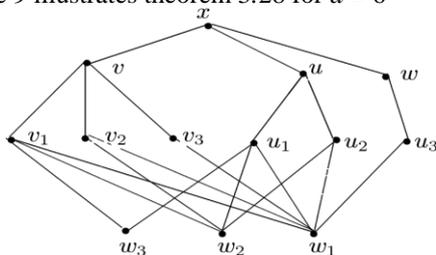


Figure 9

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper we deals irregular graphs called support neighbourly edge irregular graphs based on degree in edge sense. A necessary and sufficient condition for a graph to be SNEI has been obtained and several methods to construct SNEI graph from other graphs have been discussed.

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