

## $T_1$ GRAPHS

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**Abstract:** A simple graph  $G$  is said to be  $T_1$  if for any two distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$ , one of the following conditions hold:

1. At least one of  $u$  and  $v$  is isolated
2. There exist two edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  of  $G$  such that  $e_1$  is incident with  $u$  but not with  $v$  and  $e_2$  is incident with  $v$  but not with  $u$ .

In this paper we discuss  $T_1$  graphs and some examples of it. This paper also deals with the sufficient conditions for join of two graphs, middle graph of a graph and corona of two graphs to be  $T_1$ . It proved that line graph of any  $T_1$  graph is  $T_1$ . Moreover, the relations between  $T_1$  graphs with its incidence matrix and its adjacency matrix is discussed.

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## 1. Introduction

All the graphs considered here are finite and simple. In this paper we denote the set of vertices of  $G$  by  $V(G)$ , the set of edges of  $G$  by  $E(G)$ , the maximum degree of  $G$  by  $\Delta(G)$  and the minimum degree of  $G$  by  $\delta(G)$ .

The *degree* [5] of a vertex  $v$  in graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\deg(v)$ , is the number of edges incident with  $v$ . A *pendant vertex* [7] in a graph  $G$  is a vertex of degree one. A vertex  $v$  is *isolated* [5] if  $\deg(v) = 0$ .

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By an *empty graph* [2] we mean a graph with no edges. A simple graph is said to be *complete* [1] if every pair of distinct vertices of  $G$  are adjacent in  $G$ . A complete graph on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $K_n$ . A graph is *bipartite* [2] if its vertex set can be partitioned into two subsets,  $X$  and  $Y$  so that every edge has one end in  $X$  and other end in  $Y$ ; such a partition  $(X, Y)$  is called a *bipartition* of the bipartite graph. A simple bipartite graph is *complete* if each vertex of  $X$  is adjacent to all vertices of  $Y$ . A complete bipartite graph with  $|X| = m$  and  $|Y| = n$  is denoted by  $K_{m,n}$ . Given two graphs,  $G$  and  $H$ , we say  $H$  is an *induced subgraph*[3] of  $G$  if  $V(H) \subseteq V(G)$ , and two vertices of  $H$  are adjacent if and only if they are adjacent in  $G$ . In this case if  $V(H) = S$ , we write  $H = G[S]$  or  $H = \langle S \rangle$ . The *union* [9] of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  denoted by  $G_1 \cup G_2$  is the graph with vertex set  $V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$  and edge set  $E(G_1) \cup E(G_2)$ . The *line graph* [9]  $L(G)$  of a graph  $G$ , is the graph whose vertex set is  $E(G)$  and edge set is  $\{ef : e, f \in E(G) \text{ and } e, f \text{ have a vertex in common}\}$ . The *join* [4] of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  denoted by  $G_1 \vee G_2$  is the graph with vertex set  $V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$  and edge set  $E(G_1) \cup E(G_2) \cup \{uv : u \in V(G_1) \text{ and } v \in V(G_2)\}$ . The *corona* [4] of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is the graph  $G = G_1 \circ G_2$  formed from one copy of  $G_1$  and  $|V(G_1)|$  copies of  $G_2$ , where  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G_1$  is adjacent to every vertex in  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ . The *ring sum* [8] of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 \oplus G_2$ , is the graph consisting of the vertex set  $V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$  and of edges that are either in  $G_1$  or  $G_2$ , but not in both. The *middle graph* [6] of  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  is the graph  $M(G) = (V(G) \cup E(G), E(G))$ , where  $uv \in E$  if and only if either  $u$  is a vertex of  $G$  and  $v$  is an edge containing  $u$ , or  $u$  and  $v$  are edges having a vertex in common.

## 2. $T_1$ Graphs

In this paper we introduce the concept of  $T_1$  graphs.

**Definition 1.** A graph  $G$  is said to be a  $T_1$  graph if for any two distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$ , one of the following conditions hold:

1. At least one of  $u$  and  $v$  is isolated
2. There exist two edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  of  $G$  such that  $e_1$  is incident with  $u$  but not with  $v$  and  $e_2$  is incident with  $v$  but not with  $u$ .

The terminology ‘ $T_1$  graph’ is used for this new concept, because if  $G$  is a  $T_1$  graph, then the topology generated by the collection of all two point sets consisting of the end vertices of edges of  $G$  and singleton sets consisting of isolated vertices of  $G$  is a  $T_1$  topology on  $V(G)$ .

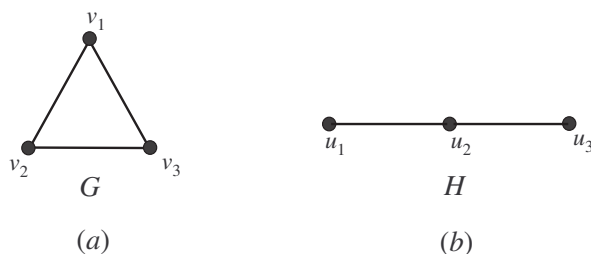


Figure 1: (a) An example of a  $T_1$  graph. (b) An example of a non-  $T_1$  graph.

**Example 2.**

The graph  $G$  in Figure 1, is  $T_1$  where as the graph  $H$  in Figure 1, is not  $T_1$ . The failure of the graph  $H$  to be  $T_1$  is that it contains a pendant edge.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ , then  $G$  is  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two distinct vertices of  $G$ . Since  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ , both  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent to at least two vertices of  $G$ . Let  $w$  be a vertex adjacent to  $u$  in  $G$  distinct from  $v$ . Then  $e = uw$  is an edge of  $G$  incident with  $u$  but not with  $v$ . Similarly we can prove that there exists an edge  $f$  incident with  $v$  but not with  $u$ . □

From the definition of  $T_1$  graphs we have,

1. if  $G$  is a  $T_1$  graph with no isolated vertices, then any supergraph of  $G$  is  $T_1$ .
2.  $n$ -regular graphs are  $T_1$  if  $n \neq 1$
3. for  $n \geq 3$ , the cycle  $C_n$  is  $T_1$ .
4. the complete graph  $K_n$  is  $T_1$  if  $n \neq 2$
5. the complete bipartite graph  $K_{mn}$  is  $T_1$  if  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 2$

Let  $u$  be a pendant vertex of a graph  $G$  with pendant edge  $uv$ . In this case there exist no edge containing  $u$  but not  $v$  in  $G$ . Hence  $G$  is not  $T_1$ . Therefore, we have the following proposition

**Proposition 4.** *If  $G$  is a graph with  $\delta(G) = 1$ , then  $G$  is not  $T_1$ .*

**Proposition 5.** *The union of  $T_1$  graphs is  $T_1$ .*

Let  $G$  be a graph with no pendant edges. Then we can write the vertex set of  $G$  as  $V(G) = K \cup H$ , where  $K$  contains all the isolated vertices of  $G$  and  $H$  contains all non-isolated vertices of  $G$ . Then the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $K$  is an empty graph which is  $T_1$ . The subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $H$  is also  $T_1$  since it is a graph with minimum degree  $\geq 2$ . Therefore,  $G$  being the union of two  $T_1$  graphs is  $T_1$ . Hence we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 6.** *If  $G$  is a graph with no pendant edges, then  $G$  is  $T_1$ .*

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two isomorphic graphs. If  $G_1$  is  $T_1$ , then  $G_2$  is also  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Given that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are isomorphic. Therefore, there exist bijections  $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  and  $g : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ , such that  $g(uv) = f(u)f(v)$  for every  $uv \in E_1$ . Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two distinct vertices of  $G_2$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection there exist two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of  $G_1$  such that  $f(x) = u$  and  $f(y) = v$ . Since  $G_1$  is  $T_1$ , there exists an edge  $e_1$  of  $G$  which is incident with  $x$  but not with  $y$ . Let  $p \neq y$  be a vertex of  $G_1$  such that  $e = xp$ . Then  $g(e) = f(x)f(p) = uf(p)$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection  $g(e)$  is an edge of  $G_2$  incident with  $u$  but not incident with  $v$ . Similarly we can prove there exists an edge of  $G_2$  incident with  $v$  but not incident with  $u$ . Therefore,  $G_2$  is  $T_1$ . Hence the theorem.  $\square$

### 3. Incidence Matrix and Adjacency Matrix

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , and edge set  $E(G) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ . Let  $M = (m_{ij})$  be its incidence matrix. Then  $G$  is a  $T_1$  graph if and only if there does not exist an index  $i$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij} = 1$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 4, 6, a graph  $G$  is  $T_1$  if and only if it has no pendant edges. That is, if and only if degree of each vertex of  $G$  is different from 1. That is, if and only if the sum of elements of each row of its incidence matrix  $\neq 1$   $\square$

By the definition of the adjacency matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}$  will be the degree of the vertex  $v_i$ . We know that a graph  $G$  is  $T_1$  if and only if  $\delta(G) \neq 1$ . We summarise this result as follows:

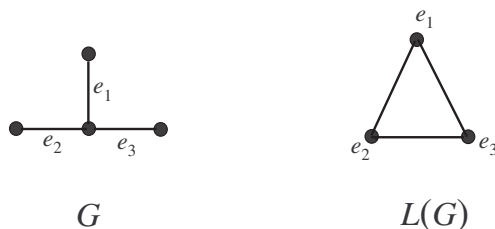


Figure 2: Graph  $G$  and its line graph  $L(G)$ .

**Theorem 9.** Let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , and edge set  $E(G) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ . Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be its adjacency matrix. Then  $G$  is a  $T_1$  graph if and only if there does not exist an index  $i$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 1$ .

#### 4. Line Graph and Complement of a Graph

**Theorem 10.** The line graph  $L(G)$  of a  $T_1$  graph  $G$  is  $T_1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  be two distinct vertices of  $L(G)$ . Then  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are two distinct edges of  $G$ . Since  $e_1 \neq e_2$ , there exist two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x$  is incident with  $e_1$  but not incident with  $e_2$  and  $y$  is incident with  $e_2$  but not with  $e_1$ . Let  $e_1 = ux$  and  $e_2 = vy$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  need not be distinct. Clearly  $x \neq v$  and  $u \neq y$ . Since  $G$  is  $T_1$ , there exists an edge  $f_1$  incident with  $x$  but not with  $u$ . Similarly, there exist an edge  $f_2$  incident with  $u$  but not with  $x$ . Then  $e = e_1 f_2$  is an edge of  $L(G)$  incident with  $e_1$  but not with  $e_2$ . Similarly we can prove that there exists an edge  $f$  incident with  $e_2$  but not with  $e_1$ . Therefore, the line graph  $L(G)$  of  $G$  is  $T_1$ . □

Figure 2, shows that line graph of a non- $T_1$  graph can be  $T_1$ . Figure 3, shows that the complement of a  $T_1$  graph in general is not  $T_1$ .

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices. If  $\Delta(G) \leq n - 3$ , then  $\delta(\overline{G}) \geq 2$ . Hence we have:

**Proposition 11.** If  $G$  is a graph with  $\Delta(G) \leq n - 3$ , where  $n$  is the order of  $G$ , then  $\overline{G}$  is  $T_1$ .

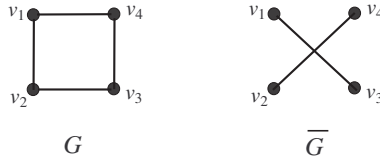


Figure 3: Graph  $G$  and its complement  $\overline{G}$ .

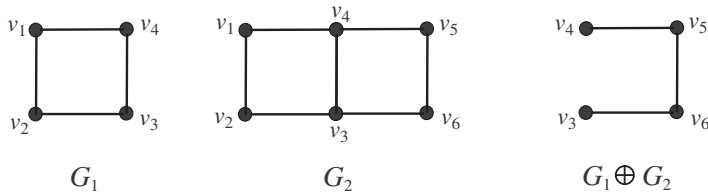


Figure 4: The ring sum of two  $T_1$  graphs.

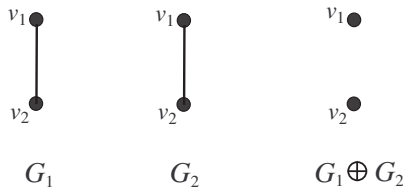


Figure 5: The ring sum of two non- $T_1$  graphs.

### 5. Ring Sum and Join

In this section we deal with ring sum and join of two graphs.

**Proposition 12.** *The ring sum of two graphs with disjoint vertex set is  $T_1$  if and only if both of them are  $T_1$ .*

**Example 13.**

From Figure 4, it follows that, the ring sum of two  $T_1$  graphs need not be  $T_1$  and Figure 5, shows that ring sum of two non- $T_1$  graphs may be  $T_1$ .

**Example 14.**

Next, we consider the join of two graphs. Figure 6, shows that if  $|V(G_1)| \not\equiv 2$

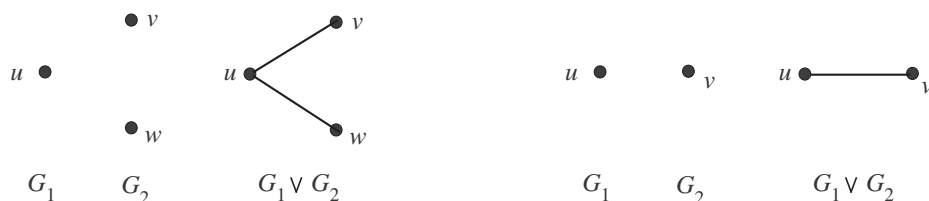


Figure 6: Join of two graphs.

and  $|V(G_2)| \not\geq 2$ , then  $G_1 \vee G_2$  is not  $T_1$ .

**Theorem 15.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs with  $|V(G_1)| \geq 2$  and  $|V(G_2)| \geq 2$ , then  $G_1 \vee G_2$  is  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u$  be any vertex of  $G_1 \vee G_2$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that  $u \in V(G_1)$ . By the definition of join of graphs,  $u$  is adjacent to all the vertices of  $G_2$ . Since  $|V(G_2)| \geq 2$ ,  $\deg(u) \geq 2$ . Since  $u$  is arbitrary we get  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ . Therefore, by Theorem 3,  $G_1 \vee G_2$  is  $T_1$ .  $\square$

### 6. Corona and Middle Graph

From the definition of corona of two graphs we have:

**Theorem 16.** *Suppose  $G_1$  is any graph and  $G_2$  is a  $T_1$  graph with no isolated vertices, then  $G_1 \circ G_2$  is  $T_1$ . In particular, the corona of two  $T_1$  graphs with no isolated vertices is  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $G_2$  is a  $T_1$  graph with no isolated vertices,  $|V(G_2)| \geq 3$  and  $\delta(G_2) \geq 2$ . Therefore,  $\delta(G_1 \circ G_2) \geq 2$ . Hence by Theorem 3,  $G_1 \circ G_2$  is  $T_1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 17.** *If  $G_1$  is any graph and  $G_2$  is a  $T_1$  graph with an isolated vertex, then  $G_1 \circ G_2$  can never be  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Every isolated vertex of  $G_2$  determines  $|V(G_1)|$  pendant edges in  $G_1 \circ G_2$ . Therefore,  $G_1 \circ G_2$  cannot be  $T_1$ .  $\square$

**Remark 18.** Figure 7 shows that Theorem 16 need not be true, if we interchange the roles of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . Also it shows that corona of two  $T_1$  graphs need not be  $T_1$ .

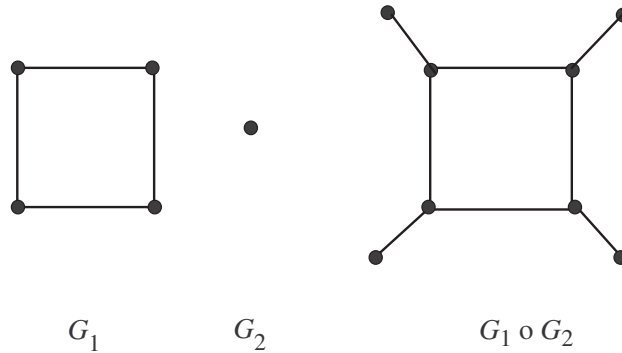


Figure 7: The corona of two graphs.

Another graph that we can derive from the given graph is the middle graph, which also behaves nicely with the  $T_1$  property provided  $G$  is a graph with no pendant edges.

**Lemma 19.** *Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ . Then the middle graph  $M(G)$  of  $G$  is  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two distinct vertices of  $M(G)$ . As the vertex set of  $M(G)$  is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$ , the following three cases arise.

**Case 1.**  $u, v \in V(G)$

Since  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ , there exist a vertex  $w$  distinct from  $v$  such that  $u$  is adjacent to  $w$ . Let  $e = uw$ , then  $ue$  is an edge of  $L(G)$  incident with  $u$  but not with  $v$ . Similarly we can find an edge  $f$  of  $L(G)$  incident with  $v$  but not with  $u$ .

**Case 2.**  $u, v \in E(G)$

Since  $u \neq v$ , there exist two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $u$  is incident with  $x$  and  $v$  is incident with  $y$ . Then the edges  $ux$  and  $vy$  serve the purpose.

**Case 3.** Suppose  $u \in V(G)$  and  $v (= e \text{ say}) \in E(G)$ .

Since  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ , there exists an edge  $f$  distinct from  $e$  incident with  $u$ . Let  $w \neq u$  be an end point of  $e$ . Then the edge  $uf$  of  $M(G)$  is incident with  $u$  but not with  $v$  and the edge  $ew$  is incident with  $u$  but not with  $v$ .

Hence the lemma □

**Theorem 20.** *Let  $G$  be a graph with no pendant edges, then the middle graph  $M(G)$  of  $G$  is  $T_1$ .*



*Proof.* We have  $V(G) = K \cup H$ , where  $K$  contains all the isolated vertices of  $G$  and  $H$  contains all the non isolated vertices of  $G$ . We know that the middle graph of an empty graph is empty. Therefore,  $M(G) = M(K) \cup M(H)$ . Since  $G$  is a graph with no pendant edges,  $\delta(H) \geq 2$ . Therefore, by Lemma 19  $M(H)$  is  $T_1$ . Since  $M(K)$  is an empty graph it is also  $T_1$ . Therefore,  $M(G)$  being the union of two  $T_1$  graphs is  $T_1$ . Hence the theorem.  $\square$

## 7. Conclusions

In this paper  $T_1$  graphs have been discussed with examples. Sufficient conditions for join of two graphs, middle graph of a graph, corona of two graphs to be  $T_1$  have also been discussed. It was observed that the line graph of a  $T_1$  graph is  $T_1$ . Furthermore, the relations of  $T_1$  graph with its incidence matrix and adjacency matrix is discussed.

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