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DOUBLE COVERS AND LOGICS OF GRAPHS

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In this paper we shall study logics of graphs [2] with help of double covers of graphs [3]. We consider finite undirected graphs without loops and multiple edges.

First we shall prove auxiliary results on double covers of graphs. For our purposes we shall use the definition given in [1].

Given a map $f : E(G) \rightarrow Z_2$, the graph $D = dc(G, f)$ is a double cover of G when $V(D) = V(G) \times Z_2$ and $[(u, x), (v, y)] \in E(D)$ if and only if $[u, v] \in E(G)$ and $f([u, v]) = xy$.

Here Z_2 denotes a group of the order 2.

The elements of Z_2 will be denoted by e and a so that $e^2 = a^2 = e$, $ea = ae = a$. For the mapping f mentioned in the definition there are two extreme cases. If f is a constant mapping which maps each element of $E(G)$ onto e , the double cover of G consists of two disjoint copies of G . If f maps each element of $E(G)$ onto a , the double cover of G is a bipartite graph.

We shall (according to [3]) denote $[v, e]$ as v and $[v, a]$ as v' for each $v \in V(G)$. We describe the double cover $dc(G, f)$ of G corresponding to the mapping f which maps each edge of G onto a . Denote $V = V(G)$, $V' = \{v' \mid v \in V(G)\}$. The vertex set of $dc(G, f)$ is $V \cup V'$. If $u \in V$, $v \in V$, $u \neq v$, then u is adjacent to v' and v is adjacent to u' in $dc(G, f)$ if and only if u is adjacent to v in G . There are no pairs of adjacent vertices in $dc(G, f)$ except those just described.

This graph $dc(G, f)$ is evidently a bipartite graph on the sets V, V' . We shall denote it by $B(G)$ and call it a bipartite double cover of G . Note that a double cover $dc(G, f)$ may be a bipartite graph even if f is not the described mapping. But in this paper a bipartite double cover of G will always mean the above described graph.

Now we describe some notation from [2].

If G is a graph and A a non-empty subset of the vertex set $V(G)$ of G , then by A^\perp we denote the set of all vertices of G which are adjacent to all vertices of A . If $A = \emptyset$, we put $A^\perp = V(G)$. Further $A^{\perp\perp} = (A^\perp)^\perp$. For a one-element subset $\{x\}$ of $V(G)$ we write x^\perp and $x^{\perp\perp}$ instead of $\{x\}^\perp$ and $\{x\}^{\perp\perp}$.

We shall consider the following properties of a graph G .

Property P 1. For each vertex x of a graph G and for each subset Y of the vertex set of G the equality $x^\perp = Y^\perp$ implies $x \in Y$.

Property P 2. For any two vertices x, y of a graph G there is $x^\perp = y^\perp$ if and only if $x = y$.

Evidently $P 1 \Rightarrow P 2$, but not conversely.

Proposition 1. Let G be a graph with the property P 2. Let the vertex set $V(G)$ of G and the family of all subsets of $V(G)$ which are equal to x^\perp for some $x \in V(G)$ be given. Then the bipartite double cover $B(G)$ of G is uniquely determined.

Proof. Let $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ be the mentioned family of subsets of $V(G)$. Take the set $V(G)$ and a set $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ disjoint with $V(G)$. For each $i = 1, \dots, n$ join a_i by edges with all vertices of A_i ; denote the resulting graph by H . We shall prove that $H \cong B(G)$. Each A_i is equal to u^\perp for some $u \in V(G)$; the property P 2 implies that this u is unique for each A_i . Thus we may put $a_i = u'$. If u and v are two adjacent vertices in G , let $u^\perp = A_i, v^\perp = A_j$ for some i and j . We have $u \in A_j, v \in A_i$, therefore $a_i = u'$ is adjacent to v and $a_j = v'$ is adjacent to u in H . If u and v are not adjacent in G , then obviously u is not adjacent to v' and v is not adjacent to u' . Not wo vertices of $V(G)$ and no two vertices of $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ are adjacent in H . Hence $H \cong B(G)$.

Proposition 2. There exist non-isomorphic graphs G_1, G_2 such that $B(G_1) \cong B(G_2)$.

Proof. Let G_1 be a circuit of the length 6, let G_2 be a graph with two connected components, each of which is a circuit of the length 3. Then both $B(G_1)$ and $B(G_2)$ are graphs with two connected components, each of which is a circuit of the length 6.

A characterization of graphs which are isomorphic to double covers of graphs was given in [5]. Here we shall prove some results which concern bipartite double covers.

Proposition 3. Let G be a finite bipartite graph on vertex sets U, V . Then the following two assertions are equivalent:

- (i) There exists a graph G_0 such that $G \cong B(G_0)$.
 - (ii) There exists an automorphism α of G such that $\alpha(V) = V, \alpha(U) = U, \alpha(\alpha(x)) = x$ for each vertex x of G and x is adjacent to $\alpha(x)$ for no vertex x of G .
- This proposition follows immediately from Theorem 1 in [5].

Theorem 1. Let G be a finite bipartite graph on vertex sets U, V satisfying the conditions of Proposition 3. Then the following two assertions are equivalent:

- (i) If G_1, G_2 are two graphs such that $G \cong B(G_1) \cong B(G_2)$, then $G_1 \cong G_2$.
- (ii) Any two automorphisms α, β of G satisfying the conditions of Proposition 3 are conjugated in the group of all automorphisms of G .

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let (i) hold. Let α, β be two automorphisms of G satisfying the conditions of Proposition 3. Let x, y be two vertices of U . If x is adjacent to $\alpha(y)$, then $y = \alpha(\alpha(y))$ is adjacent to $\alpha(x)$ and conversely. Hence if we identify x with $\alpha(x)$

for each $x \in U$, we obtain a graph G_1 such that $G \cong B(G_1)$. Analogously if we identify x with $\beta(x)$ for each $x \in U$, then we obtain a graph G_2 such that $G \cong B(G_2)$. According to (i), we have $G_1 \cong G_2$. Let φ be an isomorphic mapping of G_1 onto G_2 . Let φ_0 be a mapping defined so that for each $x \in U$ the vertex $\varphi_0(x)$ is the vertex y such that the vertex obtained by identifying y with $\beta(y)$ is the image in φ of the vertex obtained by identifying x with $\alpha(x)$ and the vertex $\varphi_0 \alpha(x)$ is the vertex $\beta(y)$. If x_1, x_2 are two vertices of G such that x_1 is adjacent to $\alpha(x_2)$, then also x_2 is adjacent to $\alpha(x_1)$ and in G_1 the vertex obtained by identifying x_1 with $\alpha(x_1)$ is adjacent to the vertex obtained by identifying x_2 with $\alpha(x_2)$. Let $y_1 = \varphi_0(x_1)$, $y_2 = \varphi_0(x_2)$. As φ is an isomorphism, in G_2 the vertex obtained by identifying y_1 with $\beta(y_1)$ and the vertex obtained by identifying y_2 with $\beta(y_2)$ are adjacent. This means that $\varphi_0(x_1) = y_1$ is adjacent to $\varphi_0 \alpha(x_2) = \beta(y_2)$ and $\varphi_0(x_2) = y_2$ is adjacent to $\varphi_0 \alpha(x_1) = \beta(y_1)$ in G . If x_1, x_2 are not adjacent in G , then evidently neither $y_1, \beta(y_2)$, nor $y_2, \beta(y_1)$ are adjacent. Hence φ_0 is an automorphism of G . If $y = \varphi_0(x)$, then $\varphi_0 \alpha(x) = \beta(y) = \beta \varphi_0(x)$ for each $x \in U$. Each $z \in V$ equals to $\alpha(x)$ for some $x \in U$. If again $y = \varphi_0(x)$, we have $\varphi_0 \alpha(z) = \varphi_0(x) = y = \beta \varphi_0(x) = \beta \varphi_0(z)$. Therefore $\varphi_0 \alpha = \beta \varphi_0$ and $\beta = \varphi_0 \alpha \varphi_0^{-1}$ and β is conjugated with α in the group of all automorphisms of G . As α, β were chosen arbitrarily, any two such automorphisms are conjugated.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Let (ii) hold. Let G_1, G_2 be two graphs with the property $B(G_1) \cong B(G_2) \cong G$. If $x \in U$, then let x' (or x'') be the corresponding vertex of V in $B(G_1)$ (or $B(G_2)$) respectively). Define α, β so that $\alpha(x) = x', \alpha(x') = x, \beta(x) = x'', \beta(x'') = x$, for each $x \in U$. The mappings α, β are automorphisms of G satisfying the conditions of Proposition 3. According to (ii) there exists an automorphism ψ_0 of G such that $\beta = \psi_0 \alpha \psi_0^{-1}$. If x, y are two vertices of U such that x is adjacent to y' , then x' is adjacent to $y, \psi_0(x)$ is adjacent to $\psi_0(y') = \psi_0 \alpha(y) = \beta \psi_0(y)$ and $\psi_0(y)$ is adjacent to $\psi_0(x') = \psi_0 \alpha(x) = \beta \psi_0(x)$. If we identify each vertex $x \in U$ with $\alpha(x)$ (or $\beta(x)$), we obtain a graph isomorphic to G_1 (or G_2); we may consider it to be G_1 (or G_2 respectively) itself. Let ψ be the mapping which maps the vertex of G_1 obtained by identifying x with $\alpha(x)$ onto the vertex of G_2 obtained by identifying $\psi_0(x)$ with $\beta \psi_0(x)$ for each $x \in U$. This ψ is an isomorphism of G_1 onto G_2 and $G_1 \cong G_2$.

In [4] the isotopy of directed graphs was defined. Let $G_1^{\rightarrow}, G_2^{\rightarrow}$ be two directed graphs, let $V(G_1^{\rightarrow}), V(G_2^{\rightarrow})$ be their vertex sets respectively. An isotopy of G_1^{\rightarrow} onto G_2^{\rightarrow} is an ordered pair $\langle \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \rangle$ of bijections of $V(G_1^{\rightarrow})$ onto $V(G_2^{\rightarrow})$ with the property that for any two vertices x, y of G_1^{\rightarrow} a directed edge goes from $\varphi_1(x)$ into $\varphi_2(y)$ in G_2^{\rightarrow} if and only if a directed edge from x into y goes in G_1^{\rightarrow} . Two graphs $G_1^{\rightarrow}, G_2^{\rightarrow}$ are called *isotopic*, if there exists an isotopy of G_1^{\rightarrow} onto G_2^{\rightarrow} . If two graphs are isomorphic, they are also isotopic, but not conversely.

Theorem 2. Let G_1, G_2 be two undirected graphs, let $G_1^{\rightarrow}, G_2^{\rightarrow}$ be the directed graphs obtained from G_1, G_2 respectively by substituting each undirected edge

by a pair of oppositely directed edges joining the same pair of vertices. Then the following two assertions are equivalent:

- (i) G_1^{\rightarrow} and G_2^{\rightarrow} are isotopic.
- (ii) The bipartite double covers of G_1 and G_2 are isomorphic.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let (i) hold. Then there exists an isotopy $\langle \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \rangle$ of G_1^{\rightarrow} onto G_2^{\rightarrow} . Consider bipartite double covers $B(G_1), B(G_2)$. To each vertex x of G_1 the vertices x, x' of $B(G_1)$ correspond and analogously for G_2 and $B(G_2)$. Define the mapping ψ of $V(B(G_1))$ onto $V(B(G_2))$ so that if $x \in V(G_1)$, then $\psi(x) = \varphi_1(x)$ and $\psi(x') = (\varphi_2(x))'$. Let x, y be two vertices of G_1 . If x, y' are adjacent in $B(G_1)$, then also x', y are adjacent in $B(G_1)$ and x, y are adjacent in G_1 . Further there are edges $(xy)^{\rightarrow}, (yx)^{\leftarrow}$ in G_1^{\rightarrow} and edges $(\varphi_1(x) \varphi_2(y))^{\rightarrow}, (\varphi_1(y) \varphi_2(x))^{\leftarrow}$ in G_2^{\rightarrow} . In G_2 then there exist the edge $\varphi_1(x) \varphi_2(y)$ and in $B(G_2)$ the edge $\varphi_1(x) (\varphi_2(y))'$ and this edge is equal to $\psi(x) \psi(y')$. If x and y' are not adjacent in $B(G_1)$, evidently neither $\psi(x), \psi(y')$ are adjacent in $B(G_2)$. Hence ψ is an isomorphism of $B(G_1)$ onto $B(G_2)$ and $B(G_1) \cong B(G_2)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Let ψ be an isomorphism of $B(G_1)$ onto $B(G_2)$; without loss of generality suppose that the dashed elements of $B(G_1)$ are mapped by ψ onto the dashed elements of $B(G_2)$. For each x from G_1 let $\varphi_1(x) = \psi(x)$ and let $\varphi_2(x)$ be the vertex y of G_2 such that $\psi(x') = y'$. By the considerations inverse to those of the first part of the proof we prove that $\langle \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \rangle$ is an isotopy of G_1^{\rightarrow} onto G_2^{\rightarrow} .

Now we turn our attention to the logics of graphs.

For each subset A of the vertex set $V(G)$ of a graph G we have defined the sets A^{\perp} and $A^{\perp\perp}$. In [2] some properties of these sets are described. For each A we have $A \cap A^{\perp} = \emptyset$; this follows from the fact that G has no loops. Further $A \subseteq A^{\perp\perp}$, $(A^{\perp\perp})^{\perp} = A^{\perp}$, $(A^{\perp\perp})^{\perp\perp} = A^{\perp\perp}$. Therefore the set $A^{\perp\perp}$ is the closure of A in a certain sense. The sets A for which $A = A^{\perp\perp}$ holds will be called $\perp\perp$ -closed subsets of $V(G)$ or shortly $\perp\perp$ -closed sets. These sets form a lattice with respect to the set inclusion. The meet in this lattice is the set intersection, because the intersection of two $\perp\perp$ -closed sets is a $\perp\perp$ -closed set. The union of two $\perp\perp$ -closed sets need not be $\perp\perp$ -closed; the join of two $\perp\perp$ -closed sets is the closure of their union.

The mapping $A \mapsto A^{\perp}$ is a unary operation on the set of all $\perp\perp$ -closed sets in G . The mentioned lattice with this operation (which is an operation of complementation on it) is called the logic of G and denoted by $\mathcal{L}(G)$.

We shall investigate what information about G can be obtained from $\mathcal{L}(G)$.

An element a of a lattice L is called *join-irreducible*, if it is not the least element of L and for any two elements b, c of L the equality $b \vee c = a$ implies $b = a$ or $c = a$.

Theorem 3. *Let G be a finite graph with the property P 1, let $\mathcal{L}(G)$ be its logic. Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(G)$. The set $A = u^{\perp\perp}$ for some $u \in V(G)$ if and only if A is a join-irreducible element of $\mathcal{L}(G)$.*

Proof. Let $A = u^{\perp\perp}$ for some $u \in V(G)$, let B, C be elements of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ such that $B \vee C = A$. Evidently $B \vee C = (B \cup C)^{\perp\perp}$. This implies $A^\perp = (B \cup C)^\perp = u^\perp$. The property P 1 then implies that $u \in B \cup C$. If $u \in B$, then, as $B^{\perp\perp} = B$, we have $A = u^{\perp\perp} \subseteq B$, therefore $A = B$. If $u \in C$, then $A = C$. We have proved that A is a join-irreducible element of $\mathcal{L}(G)$.

Now let D be a join-irreducible element of $\mathcal{L}(G)$. As $\mathcal{L}(G)$ is a finite lattice, there exists exactly one element E of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ which is covered by D , i.e. a $\perp\perp$ -closed set E which is a proper subset of D and contains each proper subset of D as its subset. Let $x \in D - E$. As D is $\perp\perp$ -closed, we have $x^{\perp\perp} \subseteq D$. If $x^{\perp\perp}$ is a proper subset of D , then $x^{\perp\perp} \subseteq E$ and $x \in E$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $x^{\perp\perp} = D$ and the assertion is proved.

Theorem 4. *Let G be a finite graph with the property P 1. Then an element A of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ is meet-irreducible if and only if $A = u^\perp$ for some vertex u of G .*

Proof. Let $A = u^\perp$ for some $u \in V(G)$. Let B, C be elements of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ such that $A = B \wedge C$. Then $A = B \cap C$. As $A \subseteq B, A \subseteq C$, we have $B^\perp \subseteq A^\perp = u^{\perp\perp}, C^\perp \subseteq A^\perp = u^{\perp\perp}$. By Theorem 3 the element $u^{\perp\perp}$ is join-irreducible, therefore there exists an element D of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ such that D is a proper subset of $u^{\perp\perp}$ and each proper $\perp\perp$ -closed subset of $u^{\perp\perp}$ is a subset of D . If $B^\perp \neq u^{\perp\perp}, C^\perp \neq u^{\perp\perp}$, then $B^\perp \subseteq D, C^\perp \subseteq D$. Hence $D^\perp \subseteq B^{\perp\perp} \cap C^{\perp\perp} = B \cap C = A$ and $D = D^{\perp\perp} \supseteq A^\perp = u^{\perp\perp}$, which is a contradiction with the assumption that D is a proper subset of $u^{\perp\perp}$. Therefore either $B^\perp = u^{\perp\perp}$ and $B = B^{\perp\perp} = u^\perp = A$, or $C = A$ and A is meet-irreducible.

Now let E be a meet-irreducible element of $\mathcal{L}(G)$. As $\mathcal{L}(G)$ is finite, there exists exactly one element F of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ which covers E , i.e. a $\perp\perp$ -closed set F such that E is a proper subset of F and each $\perp\perp$ -closed set which contains E as a proper subset contains F as a subset. Then F^\perp is a proper subset H of E^\perp . For each proper subset H of E^\perp the set H^\perp contains E as a proper subset, hence it contains F as a subset and $H \subseteq F^\perp$. The element E^\perp covers exactly one element F^\perp of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ and therefore E^\perp is join-irreducible. By Theorem 3 we have $E^\perp = v^{\perp\perp}$ for some vertex v of G and $E = E^{\perp\perp} = v^\perp$.

Theorem 5. *Let G be a finite graph with the property P 1 and let its logic $\mathcal{L}(G)$ be given as an abstract lattice with a complementation. Then G can be reconstructed uniquely up to an isomorphism.*

Proof. In $\mathcal{L}(G)$ we find all join-irreducible elements. According to Theorem 3 there is a one-to-one correspondence between them and the vertices of G such that to each join-irreducible element A of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ the vertex a such that $a^{\perp\perp} = A$ is assigned. Thus the vertex set of G is reconstructed. Now let a, b be two vertices of G . Take the elements A, B of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ such that $a^{\perp\perp} = A, b^{\perp\perp} = B$. If a is adjacent to b in G , then $b \in a^\perp = A^\perp$; as A^\perp is $\perp\perp$ -closed, also $B = b^{\perp\perp} \subseteq A^\perp$ and analogously also $A \subseteq B^\perp$. On the other hand, $B \subseteq A^\perp$ implies that $b \in A^\perp = a^\perp$ and a is adjacent to b in G . In this way we reconstruct the edges of G .

Theorem 6. *Let G be a finite graph with the property P 1 and let the lattice of all $\perp\perp$ -closed subsets of $V(G)$ be given as an abstract lattice (without the operation of complementation). Then the bipartite double cover $B(G)$ of the graph G can be reconstructed uniquely up to an isomorphism.*

Proof. Like in the proof of Theorem 5 we can reconstruct the vertex set of G and thus also the vertex set of $B(G)$. Analogously according to Theorem 4 we may find all meet-irreducible elements of $\mathcal{L}(G)$; they correspond to sets x^\perp for $x \in V(G)$. If A is a join-irreducible element of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ and B a meet-irreducible element of $\mathcal{L}(G)$, then the vertex a such that $a^{\perp\perp} = A$ is contained in the set B if and only if $A \subseteq B$. Thus we have reconstructed the vertex set $V(G)$ of G and the family of all subsets of $V(G)$ which are equal to x^\perp for some $x \in V(G)$. According to Proposition 1 we can reconstruct the bipartite double cover $B(G)$ of G .

Remark. The assertions of Theorems 5 and 6 are to be understood so that we do the reconstruction knowing *a priori* that G is a graph with the property P 1.

Theorem 7. *Let G be a graph, let $B(G)$ be its bipartite double cover. If $B(G)$ is given as an abstract graph (without the dash notation of vertices), then the lattice of all $\perp\perp$ -closed sets of G is determined uniquely.*

Proof. Let $B(G)$ be a bipartite graph on the sets V, W . We may consider V to be $V(G)$. If A is a subset of V , we may find $A^{\perp\perp}$ in $B(G)$; this is a subset of V which is also $A^{\perp\perp}$ in G . In this way we find all subsets of $V(G)$ which are $\perp\perp$ -closed and thus also the lattice of all such sets.

Corollary 1. *Let G_1, G_2 be two finite graphs with the property P 1. Then the lattices of $\perp\perp$ -closed sets in G_1 and G_2 respectively are isomorphic if and only if the bipartite double covers of G_1 and G_2 respectively are isomorphic.*

Now consider the graphs in general, without supposing the property P 1.

Theorem 8. *Let G be a graph, let X be a $\perp\perp$ -closed subset of $V(G)$. Let G' be the graph obtained from G by adding a new vertex w and joining it by edges with all vertices of X . Then $\mathcal{L}(G') \cong \mathcal{L}(G)$.*

Remark. Note that G' has not the property P 1.

Proof. The symbols $A^\perp, A^{\perp\perp}$ will have the usual meaning with respect to G . With respect to G' we shall use $(A^\perp)', (A^{\perp\perp})'$. If $A \subseteq V(G)$ and is not a subset of X , then evidently $(A^\perp)' = A^\perp$; if $A \subseteq X$, then $(A^\perp)' = A^\perp \cup \{w\}$. Further $((A \cup \{w\})^\perp)' = (A^\perp)' \cap (w^\perp)' = A^\perp \cap X^\perp$ for each $A \subseteq V(G)$. Each $\perp\perp$ -closed set in G (or in G') is of the form A^\perp (or $(A^\perp)'$) for some $A \subseteq V(G)$ (or $A \subseteq V(G')$ respectively). Thus each $\perp\perp$ -closed set of G' is either of the form A^\perp for $A \not\subseteq X$, or of the form $A^\perp \cup \{w\}$ for $A \subseteq X$; in other words, it is a set B , where $B \in \mathcal{L}(G)$, $B^\perp \not\subseteq X$, or a set $B \cup \{w\}$, where $B \in \mathcal{L}(G)$, $B^\perp \subseteq X$. For each $B \in \mathcal{L}(G)$ define $\phi(B)$ so that $\phi(B) = B$

for such B that $B^\perp \subseteq X$ and $\varphi(B) = B \cup \{w\}$ for such B that $B^\perp \subseteq X$. The mapping φ is a bijection of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ onto $\mathcal{L}(G')$. Let B, C be two elements of $\mathcal{L}(G)$. Suppose $B \subseteq C$. If $\varphi(B) = B$, then $\varphi(B) \subseteq \varphi(C)$, because $\varphi(C) = C$ or $\varphi(C) = C \cup \{w\}$. If $\varphi(B) = B \cup \{w\}$, then $B^\perp \subseteq X$. As $B \subseteq C$, we have $C^\perp \subseteq B^\perp \subseteq X$, which implies $\varphi(C) = C \cup \{w\}$ and we have $\varphi(B) = B \cup \{w\} \subseteq C \cup \{w\} = \varphi(C)$. We have proved that $B \subseteq C$ implies $\varphi(B) \subseteq \varphi(C)$ and analogously we can prove the inverse implication. Therefore φ preserves the ordering of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ and hence the lattice operations. It is easy to prove that φ preserves also the unary operation $A \mapsto A^\perp$ and that it is an isomorphism of $\mathcal{L}(G)$ onto $\mathcal{L}(G')$.

Corollary 2. *To each graph G there exist infinitely many graphs G' without the property P 1 such that $\mathcal{L}(G') \cong \mathcal{L}(G)$.*

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