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# Roughness in $G$ -graphs

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*Abstract.*  $G$ -graphs are a type of graphs associated to groups, which were proposed by A. Bretto and A. Faisant (2005). In this paper, we first give some theorems regarding  $G$ -graphs. Then we introduce the notion of rough  $G$ -graphs and investigate some important properties of these graphs.

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## 1. Introduction

In [12] Z. Pawlak proposed rough set theory as an extension of set theory in 1982. Also, N. Kuroki and P. P. Wang in [11] introduced the notion of rough subgroups with respect to a normal subgroup of a group and investigated some properties of the lower and the upper approximations in a group.

The Cayley graphs are the popular representations of groups by graphs, first studied by A. Cayley in [8] and [9]. Another type of graphs associated to groups are  $G$ -graphs. A. Bretto and A. Faisant introduced these graphs to study the graph isomorphism problem [2]. For more information on the properties of  $G$ -graphs, we refer to [1]–[7].

In [13], the notions of rough edge Cayley graphs, pseudo-Cayley graphs, rough vertex pseudo-Cayley graphs and rough pseudo-Cayley graphs have been introduced and their properties have been investigated.

In this paper, we first give some theorems regarding  $G$ -graphs. We then introduce the notion of rough  $G$ -graphs and investigate their important properties.

## 2. Preliminaries

In the following, we first briefly review some definitions and terminologies related to groups, rough sets, and graphs. For rough set and graph-theoretic concepts not defined here, we refer to [11] and [14], respectively. In this paper, all groups and graphs are finite.

**2.1 Group definitions.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $g \in G$ . Denote by  $o(G)$  and  $o(g)$  the order of  $G$  and  $g$ , respectively. Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of a group  $G$  such that every  $g \in G$  can be written as form  $g = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_k}$ , where  $s_{i_1}, \dots, s_{i_k} \in S$ . Then we say that  $G$  is generated by  $S$  and write  $G = \langle S \rangle$ . Throughout this paper, let  $D_{2n} = \langle r, s: o(r) = n, o(s) = 2, srs = r^{-1} \rangle$  be the dihedral group of order  $2n, n \geq 2$ .

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then  $G$  can be partitioned in the disjoint union of all the right cosets of  $H$ . A right transversal for  $H$  in  $G$  is a set  $T_H^G = \{t_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I} \subseteq G$  such that for each right coset  $Hg$ , there is precisely one  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $Ht_\alpha = Hg$ . If  $H = \langle t \rangle$  then we use  $T_t^G$  instead of  $T_{\langle t \rangle}^G$ .

**2.2 The lower and upper approximations in a group.** Let  $G$  be a group,  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $G$ . Then the sets  $N_-(A) := \{x \in G: Nx \subseteq A\}$  and  $N^+(A) := \{x \in G: Nx \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$  are called the lower and upper approximations of  $A$  with respect to  $N$ , respectively, and  $(N_-(A), N^+(A))$  is called the rough set of  $A$  in  $G$ .

**Proposition 2.1** ([10], [11]). *Let  $H$  and  $N$  be two normal subgroups of a group  $G$ . Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty subsets of  $G$ . Then:*

- (i)  $N_-(A) \subseteq A \subseteq N^+(A)$ ;
- (ii)  $N_-(A \cup B) \supseteq N_-(A) \cup N_-(B)$ ;
- (iii)  $N^+(A \cup B) = N^+(A) \cup N^+(B)$ ;
- (iv)  $N_-(A \cap B) = N_-(A) \cap N_-(B)$ ;
- (v)  $N^+(A \cap B) \subseteq N^+(A) \cap N^+(B)$ ;
- (vi)  $A \subseteq B \implies N_-(A) \subseteq N_-(B)$ ;
- (vii)  $A \subseteq B \implies N^+(A) \subseteq N^+(B)$ ;
- (viii)  $N \subseteq H \implies N_-(A) \supseteq H_-(A)$ ;
- (ix)  $N \subseteq H \implies N^+(A) \subseteq H^+(A)$ .

The following proposition is a modified version of Propositions 2.4 and 2.5 in [11].

**Proposition 2.2** ([10]). *Let  $H$  and  $N$  be two normal subgroups of a group  $G$ . Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $G$ . Then:*

- (i)  $(H \cap N)_-(A) \supseteq H_-(A) \cup N_-(A) \supseteq H_-(A) \cap N_-(A)$ ;
- (ii)  $(H \cap N)^+(A) \subseteq H^+(A) \cap N^+(A) \subseteq H^+(A) \cup N^+(A)$ .

**2.3 Graph definitions.** Let  $\Gamma = (V_\Gamma, E_\Gamma)$  be a graph. Denote by  $\|\Gamma\|$  the number of edges in  $\Gamma$ . A graph  $\Gamma$  is called an empty graph if its edge set is empty. A graph  $\Gamma'$  is a subgraph of  $\Gamma$  (written  $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$ ) if  $V_{\Gamma'} \subseteq V_\Gamma$  and  $E_{\Gamma'} \subseteq E_\Gamma$ . The union  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$  of two graphs  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  is a graph with vertex set  $V_{\Gamma_1} \cup V_{\Gamma_2}$  and edge set  $E_{\Gamma_1} \cup E_{\Gamma_2}$ . The intersection  $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2$  of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  is defined analogously.

Let  $r \geq 2$  be an integer. A graph  $\Gamma$  is called  $r$ -partite if  $V_\Gamma$  can be partitioned into  $r$  subsets, or parts, in such a way that no edge has both ends in the same part.

Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of a group  $G$ . For any  $s \in S$ , we have  $G = \bigcup_{x \in T_s} \langle s \rangle x$ , where  $T_s := T_s^G$  is a right transversal for  $\langle s \rangle$  in  $G$ . Consider the cycles

$$(s)x := (x, sx, s^2x, \dots, s^{o(s)-1}x)$$

of the permutation  $g_s : x \mapsto sx$  on  $G$ . The set  $\langle s \rangle x$  is called the support of the cycle  $(s)x$ . A  $G$ -graph  $\varphi(G, S)$  is a graph with vertex set  $V := \bigcup_{s \in S} V_s$ , where  $V_s = \{(s)x : x \in T_s\}$  are such that for each  $(s)x, (t)y \in V$ , if  $|\langle s \rangle x \cap \langle t \rangle y| := l \geq 1$  then the vertices  $(s)x$  and  $(t)y$  are linked by  $l$  edges. We consider  $\varphi(G, \emptyset)$  as null graph  $(\emptyset, \emptyset)$ . One can see that for any  $s \in S$  and  $x \in T_s$ , the vertex  $(s)x$  has  $o(s)$  loops. We denote by  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  the graph constructed by deleting all loops from  $\varphi(G, S)$ . The graph  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  is also called  $G$ -graph.

Hereafter, we just deal with  $G$ -graph  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$ .

**Proposition 2.3** ([2], [3]). *Let  $\Gamma := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  be a  $G$ -graph. Then:*

- (i) *Graph  $\Gamma$  is connected if and only if  $G = \langle S \rangle$ .*
- (ii) *Graph  $\Gamma$  is a simple graph if and only if for all distinct  $s, t \in S$ ,  $\langle s \rangle \cap \langle t \rangle = 1_G$ .*

### 3. More facts on $G$ -graphs

In this section, we give some basic facts regarding  $G$ -graphs.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\Gamma := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  be a  $G$ -graph. Then  $\Gamma$  is an  $r$ -partite graph, where  $r \leq |S|$ .*

PROOF: If there exist  $s, t \in S$  such that  $\langle s \rangle = \langle t \rangle$ , then for every  $x \in G$ ,  $\langle s \rangle x = \langle t \rangle x$  and so  $(s)x = (t)x$ . Moreover,  $T_s = T_t$  and then  $V_s = V_t$ . Set  $r := |\{V_s : s \in S\}|$ . Obviously  $r \leq |S|$ . One can easily see that  $\Gamma$  is  $r$ -partite.  $\square$

**Example 3.2.** Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$  and  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Obviously,  $V_1 = V_5$  and  $V_2 = V_4$ . So, the  $G$ -graph  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  is 3-partite (see Figure 1).

A modified version of Proposition 2 in [2] for  $G$ -graph  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  is as follows:

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $\Gamma := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  be a  $G$ -graph. Then, for every  $v \in V_s$ ,  $\deg(v) = o(s)(r - 1)$  and  $\|\Gamma\| = (r(r - 1)/2)o(G)$ , where  $r = |\{V_s : s \in S\}|$ .*

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1)$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$  be two  $G$ -graphs such that  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ .*

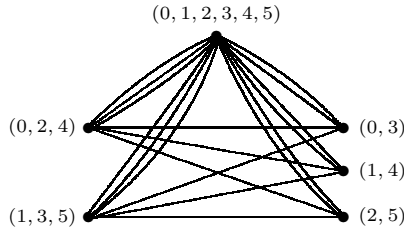


FIGURE 1.  $\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\})$ .

PROOF: Let  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ . Then

$$V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G,S_1)} = \bigcup_{s \in S_1} V_s \subseteq \left( \bigcup_{s \in S_1} V_s \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{s \in S_2 - S_1} V_s \right) = V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G,S_2)}.$$

Thus  $V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G,S_1)} \subseteq V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G,S_2)}$ .

Now, suppose that there exist  $p \geq 1$  edges between two distinct vertices  $(s)x$  and  $(t)y$  in  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1)$ . Since  $(s)x \in V_s$  and  $(t)y \in V_t$ , there are  $p$  edges between every vertex in  $V_s$  and every vertex in  $V_t$ . This implies that  $|\langle s \rangle \cap \langle t \rangle| = p$ . Hence there exist  $p$  edges between  $(s)x$  and  $(t)y$  in  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ . So  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.5.** The converse of Theorem 3.4 is not necessarily true. For example,  $\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 2, 3\}) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{3, 4, 5\})$  but  $\{1, 2, 3\} \not\subseteq \{3, 4, 5\}$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1)$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$  be two  $G$ -graphs. Then:

- (i)  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1 \cup S_2)$ ;
- (ii)  $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1 \cap S_2)$ .

PROOF: (i) Since  $S_1, S_2 \subseteq S_1 \cup S_2$ , by Theorem 3.4, we have  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1 \cup S_2)$ . Therefore  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1 \cup S_2)$ .

(ii) Similarly, since  $S_1 \cap S_2 \subseteq S_1, S_2$ , it follows that  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$ . So  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq \Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.7.** The converse of Corollary 3.6 is not necessarily true. For example:

- (i) Let  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1\})$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{4\})$ . Then  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \not\subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 4\})$ .
- (ii) Let  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 4\})$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{2, 4, 5\})$ . Then  $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 \not\subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{4\})$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\tilde{\varphi}(G_1, S)$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)$  be two  $G$ -graphs. Then  $\tilde{\varphi}(G_1, S) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)$  if and only if  $G_1 \subseteq G_2$ .

PROOF: Let  $G_1 \subseteq G_2$  and  $(s)x \in V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_1, S)}$ . Then  $s \in S$  and  $x \in G_1$ . Suppose that  $(s)x \notin V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)}$ . Since  $x \in G_2 = \bigcup_{y \in T_s^{G_2}} \langle s \rangle y$ , there exists  $y \in T_s^{G_2}$  such that  $x \in \langle s \rangle y$ . On the other hand,  $x \in \langle s \rangle x$ . Hence  $\langle s \rangle x = \langle s \rangle y$ . So  $(s)x = (s)y$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $(s)x \in V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)}$  and then  $V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_1, S)} \subseteq V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)}$ . By similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 3.4, one can show that  $E_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_1, S)} \subseteq E_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)}$ . Thus  $\tilde{\varphi}(G_1, S) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)$ .

Conversely, let  $\tilde{\varphi}(G_1, S) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)$  and  $g \in G_1$ . Let  $s$  be an arbitrary fixed element of  $S$ . Since  $g \in G_1 = \bigcup_{x \in T_s^{G_1}} \langle s \rangle x$ , there exists  $x \in T_s^{G_1}$  such that  $g \in \langle s \rangle x$ . Note that  $(s)x \in V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_1, S)}$ . Hence  $(s)x \in V_{\tilde{\varphi}(G_2, S)}$ . Therefore  $\langle s \rangle x \subseteq G_2$  and then  $g \in G_2$ . Thus  $G_1 \subseteq G_2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(H_1, S_1)$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(H_2, S_2)$  be two  $G$ -graphs, where  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are two subgroups of a group  $G$ . Then  $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(H_1 \cap H_2, S_1 \cap S_2)$ .

PROOF: Since  $H_1 \cap H_2 \subseteq H_1, H_2$ , by Theorem 3.8, it follows that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(H_1 \cap H_2, S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(H_1, S_1 \cap S_2), \tilde{\varphi}(H_2, S_1 \cap S_2).$$

Now, since  $S_1 \cap S_2 \subseteq S_1, S_2$ , by Theorem 3.4, we have  $\tilde{\varphi}(H_1, S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq \Gamma_1$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}(H_2, S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq \Gamma_2$ , respectively. Therefore  $\tilde{\varphi}(H_1 \cap H_2, S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  and then  $\tilde{\varphi}(H_1 \cap H_2, S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq \Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.10.** The converse of Theorem 3.9 is not necessarily true. For example, if  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 4\})$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{2, 4, 5\})$  then  $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 \not\subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{4\})$ .

#### 4. Rough $G$ -graphs

In this section, the notions of the lower and upper approximations of a  $G$ -graph with respect to a normal subgroup are introduced and their properties are investigated.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $G$  be a group,  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $\Gamma := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  be a  $G$ -graph. Then the graphs  $\underline{\Gamma} := \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S))$  and  $\overline{\Gamma} := \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S))$  are called the lower and upper approximations of  $\Gamma$  with respect to  $N$ , respectively and  $(\underline{\Gamma}, \overline{\Gamma})$  is called the rough  $G$ -graph of  $\Gamma$  with respect to  $N$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_8$ ,  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 7\}$ ,  $N = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$  and  $\Gamma := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$ . Note that  $N_-(S) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  and  $N^\wedge(S) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Then  $\underline{\Gamma} = \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_8, \{1, 3, 5, 7\})$  and  $\overline{\Gamma} = \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_8, \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\})$  (see Figure 2).

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $\Gamma := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  be a  $G$ -graph. Then  $\underline{\Gamma} \subseteq \Gamma \subseteq \overline{\Gamma}$ .

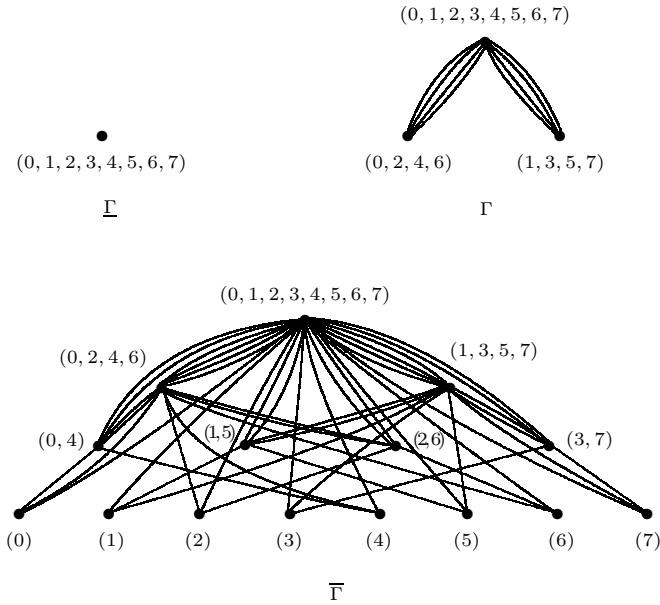


FIGURE 2. Rough  $G$ -graph  $\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_8, \{1, 2, 3, 5, 7\})$  with respect to  $N = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$ .

PROOF: By Proposition 2.1 (i), we have  $N_-(S) \subseteq S \subseteq N^\wedge(S)$ . Now, Theorem 3.4 implies that  $\underline{\Gamma} \subseteq \Gamma \subseteq \overline{\Gamma}$ . □

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Let  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1)$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$  be two  $G$ -graphs. Then:*

- (i)  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1 \cup S_2)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_2));$
- (ii)  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1 \cup S_2)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_2));$
- (iii)  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1 \cap S_2)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_2));$
- (iv)  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1 \cap S_2)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_2)).$

PROOF: (i) By Proposition 2.1 (ii),  $N_-(S_1 \cup S_2) \supseteq N_-(S_1) \cup N_-(S_2)$ . On the other hand,  $N_-(S_1) \cup N_-(S_2) \supseteq N_-(S_1), N_-(S_2)$ . So  $N_-(S_1 \cup S_2) \supseteq N_-(S_1), N_-(S_2)$ . Now, by Theorem 3.4, it follows that  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1 \cup S_2)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1)), \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_2))$ . Therefore  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1 \cup S_2)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_2))$ .

(ii) By Proposition 2.1 (iii),  $N^\wedge(S_1 \cup S_2) = N^\wedge(S_1) \cup N^\wedge(S_2)$ . Now, Corollary 3.6 (i) implies that  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1 \cup S_2)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_2))$ .

(iii) By Proposition 2.1 (iv),  $N_-(S_1 \cap S_2) = N_-(S_1) \cap N_-(S_2)$ . Now, Corollary 3.6 (ii) yields  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1 \cap S_2)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_2))$ .

(iv) By Proposition 2.1 (v),  $N^\wedge(S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq N^\wedge(S_1) \cap N^\wedge(S_2)$ . On the other hand,  $N^\wedge(S_1) \cap N^\wedge(S_2) \subseteq N^\wedge(S_1), N^\wedge(S_2)$ . Then  $N^\wedge(S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq N^\wedge(S_1),$

$N^\wedge(S_2)$ . Now, by using Theorem 3.4, we have  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1 \cap S_2)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1))$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_2))$ . Therefore  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1 \cap S_2)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_2))$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.5.** The converse of Theorem 4.4 is not necessarily true. For example:

- (i) Let  $G = D_6$ ,  $S_1 = \{s, r^2s\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{s, rs\}$ ,  $N = \{1, r, r^2\}$ ,  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1)$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ . Note that  $N_-(S_1) = N_-(S_2) = \emptyset$  and  $N_-(S_1 \cup S_2) = \{s, rs, r^2s\}$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1 \cup S_2)) \not\subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_2))$ .
- (ii) Let  $G = D_8$ ,  $S_1 = \{r, s\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{r^2, s\}$ ,  $N = \{1, r^2\}$ ,  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1)$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ . Note that  $N^\wedge(S_1) = \{r, r^3, s, r^2s\}$ ,  $N^\wedge(S_2) = \{1, r^2, s, r^2s\}$  and  $N^\wedge(S_1 \cup S_2) = \{1, r, r^2, r^3, s, r^2s\}$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1 \cup S_2)) \not\subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_2))$ .
- (iii) Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$ ,  $S_1 = \{1, 4\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{2, 4, 5\}$ ,  $N = \{0\}$ ,  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1)$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ . Note that  $N_-(S_1) = \{1, 4\}$ ,  $N_-(S_2) = \{2, 4, 5\}$  and  $N_-(S_1 \cap S_2) = \{4\}$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1 \cap S_2)) \not\subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_1)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S_2))$ .
- (iv) Let  $G = D_6$ ,  $S_1 = \{r, s\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{r, rs\}$ ,  $N = \{1, r, r^2\}$ ,  $\Gamma_1 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1)$  and  $\Gamma_2 := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ . Note that  $N^\wedge(S_1) = N^\wedge(S_2) = D_6$  and  $N^\wedge(S_1 \cap S_2) = \{1, r, r^2\}$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1 \cap S_2)) \not\subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_1)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S_2))$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $N$  and  $H$  be two normal subgroups of a group  $G$  such that  $N \subseteq H$ . Let  $\Gamma := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  be a  $G$ -graph. Then:

- (i)  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S))$ ;
- (ii)  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S))$ .

PROOF: (i) By Proposition 2.1 (viii),  $N_-(S) \supseteq H_-(S)$ . So, Theorem 3.4 yields  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S))$ .

(ii) By Proposition 2.1 (ix) and Theorem 3.4, the proof is similar to (i).  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $N$  and  $H$  be two normal subgroups of a group  $G$ . Let  $\Gamma := \tilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  be a  $G$ -graph. Then:

- (i)  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, (H \cap N)_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S))$ ;
- (ii)  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, (H \cap N)^\wedge(S)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S))$ .

PROOF: (i) By Proposition 2.2 (i),  $(H \cap N)_-(S) \supseteq H_-(S) \cup N_-(S)$ . Now, Theorem 3.4 implies that  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, (H \cap N)_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S) \cup N_-(S))$ . On the other hand, by Corollary 3.6 (i), we have  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S) \cup N_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S))$ . Obviously  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S))$ . Therefore  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, (H \cap N)_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S)) \supseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H_-(S)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N_-(S))$ .



(ii) By Proposition 2.2 (ii),  $(H \cap N)^\wedge(S) \subseteq H^\wedge(S) \cap N^\wedge(S)$ . Now, Theorem 3.4 implies that  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, (H \cap N)^\wedge(S)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S) \cap N^\wedge(S))$ . On the other hand, by Corollary 3.6 (ii), we have  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S) \cap N^\wedge(S)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S))$ . Obviously  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S))$ . Therefore  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, (H \cap N)^\wedge(S)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S)) \cap \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S)) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, H^\wedge(S)) \cup \tilde{\varphi}(G, N^\wedge(S))$ .  $\square$

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