

MAXIMAL CANONICAL GRAPHS WITH THREE NEGATIVE EIGENVALUES

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Abstract. A connected graph G is called canonical if no two of its nonadjacent vertices have the same neighbours in G . Let $C(3)$ be the class of all nonisomorphic canonical graphs with exactly 3 negative eigenvalues (including also their multiplicities). In this paper we prove that the class $C(3)$ contains exactly 32 maximal graphs with respect to relation to be induced subgraph. The orders of these graphs run over the set $\{9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}$.

Results

A connected graph G from the class $C(3)$ is called minimal if each of its induced subgraphs does not belong to this class, i. e. it is disconnected or not canonical or it has less than 3 negative eigenvalues. In [2] it is proved that the class $C(3)$ contains exactly 14 non-isomorphic minimal graphs, which we denote by H_1, \dots, H_{14} . The set of all these minimal graphs is denoted by \mathcal{H} . The graphs H_i ($i = 1, \dots, 14$) are displayed in the following table according to the upper-diagonal form of their adjacency matrices. The first number in the bracket is the ordinal number of the graph H_i , the second one is the number $|H_i|$ of vertices in $|H_i|$, while the third one is the number of edges of H_i . The orders of graphs H_i are respectively 4, 5 and 6.

The first graph in this list is the complete graph K_4 , and the seventh one is the path P_6 on 6 vertices.

Obviously, each graph $G \in C(3)$ contains at least one of the graphs $H \in \mathcal{H}$ as its minimal (induced) subgraph. But the corresponding minimal graph is not unique in the general case. The relation to be an induced subgraph is denoted by \subseteq .

The following two facts concerning the class $C(3)$ and minimal graphs have been also proved in [4].

Let $G \in C(3)$ and H be a minimal graph of G . Then:

(i)—each vertex $x \in V(G) - V(H)$ is adjacent to at least one vertex $y \in V(H)$;

(ii)— no two vertices $x, y \in V(G) - V(H)$ can be adjacent to the same set of vertices from $V(H)$.

Table1. Minimal graphs with 3 negative eigenvalues

(01.4.6)	1	11	111
(02.5.5)	1	11	001 0001
(03.5.6)	1	11	011 0001
(04.5.6)	1	11	001 0011
(05.5.7)	1	10	110 1011
(06.6.5)	1	01	001 0001 00100
(07.6.5)	1	01	001 0001 00001
(08.6.6)	1	01	001 0001 10001
(09.6.6)	1	01	101 0010 00010
(10.6.6)	1	11	100 0100 00100
(11.6.6)	1	01	100 0011 00001
(12.6.7)	1	10	011 0010 00011
(13.6.7)	1	01	101 0011 00100
(14.6.8)	1	01	100 0101 00111

Consequently, if S is an arbitrary nonempty set of vertices from $V(H)$ and $T_s = \{x \in V(G) - V(H) \mid x \text{ is adjacent to all vertices from } S \text{ and nonadjacent to all other vertices from } V(H)\}$,

we have $|T_2| \leq 1$. Thus, each of the sets $T_s(S \subseteq V(H))$ is empty or a singleton.

Using the method of forbidden subgraphs it is also shown in [4] which sets of the form $T_s(S \subseteq V(H))$ must be empty, for each particular graph $H \in \mathcal{H}$ and a graph $G \in C(3)$ such that $G \subseteq H$. Consequently, it is proved that $|G| \leq 18$ for each graph $G \in C(3)$.

Hence, to generate the class $C(3)$ or the set of all maximal graphs from this class, one can apply the method of extension of the graphs $H_i \in \mathcal{H}$ in each particular case $i = 1, \dots, 14$.

Namely, in each of the cases $H = H_i (i = 1, \dots, 14)$ one can add to H_i all the possible sets of vertices of the form $T_{s_j}(S_j \subseteq V(H_i))$, and by computing the spectrum of the graph $H_i \cup \cup_j T_{s_j}$, one investigates all the possible cases related to induced subgraph $\cup_j T_{s_j}$ (connected or disconnected).

In view of the all previous results, this procedure is certainly finite. But although finite, it was of long duration and needed several hours of computer time.

Applying this procedure, we have generated all the graphs from the class $C(3)$ as well as all the maximal graphs from this class. The main result reads:

THEOREM *The class $C(3)$ contains exactly 1800 nonisomorphic graphs.*

The same class also contains exactly 32 maximal graphs which are presented in Table 2.

We note that the first number in each line is the ordinal number of a maximal graph, the second number is the number of its vertices, and the last is the number of its edges.

COROLLARY 1. *A graph $G \in C(3)$ if and only if it is an induced subgraph of a graph from Table 2 and an induced overgraph of a graph $H \in \mathcal{H}$.*

COROLLARY 2. *For each graph $G \in C(3)$ we have $|G| \leq 14$.*

We indicate the possible minimal graphs of maximal graphs M_1, \dots, M_{32} from Table 2. They are not unique in the general case. The notation $H_i \subseteq M_j$ for some $i \leq 14$ and some $j \leq 32$ will mean that H_i is isomorphic to the subgraph of M_j induced by its first $|H_i|$ vertices.

The following relations hold:

$$H_1 \subseteq M_j (j = 15, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32),$$

$$H_2 \subseteq M_j (j = 8, 19),$$

$$H_4 \subseteq M_j (j = 3, 5, 7),$$

$$H_5 \subseteq M_j (j = 11, 16, 17, 18, 21, 27),$$

$$H_6 \subseteq M_j (j = 1, 2, 4, 9, 12, 13, 14),$$

$$H_9 \subseteq M_j (j = 6, 10).$$

Finally, for each $m = 4, 5, \dots, 14$, we denote by A_m the number of all non-isomorphic graphs from the class $C(3)$ which have exactly m vertices. Then we have

$$A_4 = 1, \quad A_5 = 6, \quad A_6 = 43, \quad A_7 = 170, \quad A_8 = 372, \quad A_9 = 499,$$

$$A_{10} = 404, \quad A_{11} = 215, \quad A_{12} = 72, \quad A_{13} = 15, \quad A_{14} = 3.$$

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