

# GENERALIZED LEXICOGRAPHIC PRODUCT OF GRAPHS AND STRONG ENDOMORPHISM MONOID

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الخلاصة :

يتناول هذا البحث إيجاد علاقة رياضية عند صناعة المعجم بين المفردات (الألفاظ) وتوليداتها الاشتقاقية الداخلية وما ينتج عنها بواسطة العلاقة الرياضية التالية :

$$\text{SEnd } X[Y_x | x \in V(X)] \text{ و } \text{wr} (\text{Aut } X, \bigcup_{x, x' \in V(X)} \text{SHom} (Y_x, Y_{x'}))$$

## ABSTRACT

The strong endomorphism monoid of generalized lexicographic product of graphs is discussed in this paper. The relation between  $\text{wr} (\text{Aut } X, \bigcup_{x, x' \in V(X)} \text{SHom} (Y_x, Y_{x'}))$  and  $\text{SEnd } X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$  is characterized.

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The graphs that we consider here are finite, undirected, and simple. About the knowledge of graph theory and semigroup theory, we may consult [1] and [2]. About the homomorphism, strong-homomorphism, isomorphism, endomorphism, strong-endomorphism, automorphism of two graphs, we may consult [3]. About various unretractivity of graphs, we may consult [4].

Let  $X$  be a graph. For every  $x \in V(X)$ , let  $Y_x$  be a graph. Define a new graph  $Z = X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$ , the set of vertices of  $Z$  is  $\{(x, y) | y \in V(Y_x), x \in V(X)\}$ . The set of edges of  $Z$  is  $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) | \{x_1, x_2\} \in E(X), \text{ or } x_1 = x_2 \text{ and } \{y_1, y_2\} \in E(Y_{x_1})\}$ . This new graph is called the generalized lexicographic product of  $X$  and  $\{Y_x | x \in V(X)\}$ . If all the graphs  $Y_x$  are the same, then this  $Z$  will become the  $X[Y]$ , which is called the lexicographic product and is discussed in [5]. Let  $\text{SHom}(Y_x, Y_{x'})$  be the set of all strong homomorphism from  $Y_x$  to  $Y_{x'}$ .

$$\text{Let } F = \bigcup_{x, x' \in V(X)} \text{SHom}(Y_x, Y_{x'}).$$

Define  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F) = \{(f, \varphi) | f \in \text{Aut } X, \varphi \in F^{V(X)}, \forall x \in V(X), \varphi(x) \in \text{SHom}(Y_x, Y_{f(x)})\}$ , where  $F^{V(X)}$  denotes the set of all mappings from  $V(X)$  to  $F$ . Define a multiplication for the set  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F)$ :

$$(f, \varphi)(g, \psi) = (fg, \varphi_g \psi)$$

Where  $[\varphi_g \psi](x) = \varphi(g(x))\psi(x) \in \text{SHom}(Y_x, Y_{gf(x)})$ . Then  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F)$  is a monoid under the above multiplication;  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F)$  is called the wreath product of  $\text{Aut } X$  and  $F$  by  $V(X)$ .

There is an action of  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F)$  on the set  $V(X[Y_x | x \in V(X)])$  from the left through the following formulae:

$$(f, \varphi)(x, y) = (f(x), \varphi(x)(y)), \text{ for all } (x, y) \in V(X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]), \text{ and all } (f, \varphi) \in \text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F).$$

**Lemma 1.**  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F) \subseteq \text{SEnd } X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$ .

*Proof.* For each  $(f, \varphi) \in \text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F)$ , give two vertices  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  in  $X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$ . Let  $(x_1, y_1)$  be adjacent to  $(x_2, y_2)$ . Then  $\{x_1, x_2\} \in E(X)$  or  $x_1 = x_2, \{y_1, y_2\} \in E(Y_{x_1})$ . Then  $\{f(x_1), f(x_2)\} \in E(X)$  or  $f(x_1) = f(x_2), \{\varphi(x_1)(y_1), \varphi(x_2)(y_2)\} \in E(Y_{f(x_1)})$ . We obtain that  $(f(x_1), \varphi(x_1)(y_1))$  and  $(f(x_2), \varphi(x_2)(y_2))$  are adjacent, that is,  $(f, \varphi)(x_1, y_1)$  is adjacent to  $(f, \varphi)(x_2, y_2)$ . Conversely, if  $(f, \varphi)(x_1, y_1)$  is adjacent to  $(f, \varphi)(x_2, y_2)$ , then  $(f(x_1), \varphi(x_1)(y_1))$  is adjacent to  $(f(x_2), \varphi(x_2)(y_2))$ . Then one of the following two conditions holds:

(1)  $f(x_1)$  is adjacent to  $f(x_2)$ , thus  $\{x_1, x_2\} \in E(X)$ .

(2)  $f(x_1) = f(x_2), \varphi(x_1)(y_1)$  is adjacent to  $\varphi(x_2)(y_2)$ . Thus we get  $x_1 = x_2, \varphi(x_1)(y_1)$  is adjacent to  $\varphi(x_1)(y_2)$ . Furthermore we know that  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $\{y_1, y_2\} \in E(Y_{f(x_1)})$ .

From all the above we conclude that  $(f, \varphi)$  belongs to  $\text{SEnd } X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$ .

**Theorem 2.** Suppose every  $Y_x$  is a completely disconnected graph. Then  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F) = \text{SEnd } X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$  if and only if  $X$  is S-unretractive.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) We put a fixed vertex  $u_x$  in each  $Y_x$ . Suppose  $h \in \text{SEnd } X$ . Define  $\alpha : (x, y) \rightarrow (h(x), u_{h(x)})$ . Then  $\alpha \in \text{SEnd } X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$ . We have  $\alpha = (f, \varphi)$  such that  $f \in \text{Aut } X, \varphi \in F^{V(X)}$ . Then  $\alpha(x, u_x) = (f, \varphi)(x, u_x)$ , for every  $x \in V(X)$ . We have  $(h(x), u_{h(x)}) = (f(x), \varphi(x)(u_x))$ . Therefore,  $h(x) = f(x), h = f \in \text{Aut } X$ . In conclusion,  $X$  is S-unretractive.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) For  $x_1, x_2 \in V(X), x_1 \neq x_2$  implies  $N(x_1) \neq N(x_2)$ . Therefore we obtain  $N(x_1, y_1) \neq N(x_2, y_2)$ , for all  $y_1 \in Y_{x_1}, y_2 \in Y_{x_2}$ . The result is that the vertices in  $(x_1, Y_{x_1})$  and those in  $(x_2, Y_{x_2})$  do not satisfy the relation  $\nu$ , as defined in [3]. Both two vertices in  $(x, Y_x)$  satisfy  $\nu$ . Therefore  $X = G|_\nu$ , where  $G = X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$ . By theorem 3.4 in [3], it is clear that  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F) = \text{SEnd } X[Y_x | x \in V(X)]$ .

Note:  $(x, Y_x)$  appeared in the proof of the above theorem and denotes the set  $\{(x, y)|y \in Y_x\}$ . It also denotes the subgraph of  $X[Y_x|x \in V(X)]$  induced by this set.

Next, we continue to discuss the conditions for  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F) = \text{SEnd } X[Y_x|x \in V(X)]$ . We will give two lemmas in advance.

**Lemma 3.** Suppose  $g \in \text{End } X[Y_x|x \in V(X)]$ ,  $\{x', x''\} \in E(X)$ . Then  $g(x', Y_{x'}) \cap g(x'', Y_{x''}) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $(x, y) \in g(x', Y_{x'}) \cap g(x'', Y_{x''})$ , then there exist  $y' \in Y_{x'}$ ,  $y'' \in Y_{x''}$ , such that  $(x, y) = g(x', y') = g(x'', y'')$ .  $\{x', x''\} \in E(X)$  imply  $(x', y')$  is adjacent to  $(x'', y'')$ . Therefore  $g(x', y')$  is adjacent to  $g(x'', y'')$ , i.e.  $(x, y)$  is adjacent to  $(x, y)$  in  $X[Y_x|x \in V(X)]$ . This is a contradiction, because the graph that we consider here is loopless.

**Lemma 4.** Assume that  $C_{2n+1}$  is odd cycle, and  $H$  is a graph. Let  $f$  be homomorphism from  $C_{2n+1}$  to  $H$ , then  $H[f(V(C_{2n+1}))]$  contains odd cycle.

*Proof.* Considering that  $C_{2n+1}$  is 3-colorable, we have that  $H[f(V(C_{2n+1}))]$  is 3-colorable. Finally, it is not a bipartite graph. We know that a graph  $G$  is a bipartite graph if and only if  $G$  does not contain odd cycle. Thus  $H[f(V(C_{2n+1}))]$  contains odd cycle.

**Theorem 5.** Suppose every  $Y_x$  has a unique odd cycle. Then  $\text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F) = \text{SEnd } X[Y_x|x \in V(X)]$  if and only if  $\forall g \in \text{SEnd } X[Y_x|x \in V(X)]$ ,  $\forall x \in V(X)$ , there exists  $x' \in V(X)$ , such that  $g(x, Y_x) \subseteq (x', Y_{x'})$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) For all  $g \in \text{SEnd } X[Y_x|x \in V(X)]$ , define  $f: V(X) \rightarrow V(X)$ ,  $x \rightarrow x'$ , if  $g(x, Y_x) \subseteq (x', Y_{x'})$ . Then  $f$  is a mapping from  $V(X)$  to  $V(X)$ .

First, we prove  $f \in \text{End } X$ . Let  $\{x_1, x_2\} \in E(X)$ . ① For every  $y_1 \in Y_{x_1}$ ,  $y_2 \in Y_{x_2}$ , we have  $p_1g(x_1, y_1) = p_1g(x_2, y_2) \triangleq z$ , where  $p_1g(x, y)$  denotes the first coordinate of  $g(x, y)$ . Suppose that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are the unique odd cycles of  $Y_{x_1}$  and  $Y_{x_2}$  respectively. Then  $\{(x_1, y)|y \in C_1\}$  is the odd cycle of  $(x_1, Y_{x_1})$ ,  $\{(x_2, y)|y \in C_2\}$  is the odd cycle of  $(x_2, Y_{x_2})$ . Let  $W_1$  be a subgraph induced by  $\{g(x_1, y)|y \in C_1\}$ ; let  $W_2$  be a subgraph induced by  $\{g(x_2, y)|y \in C_2\}$ . By Lemma 3, we know  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$ . By Lemma 4, we get that both  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  contain odd cycle. Also,  $W_1 \cup W_2 \subseteq (z, Y_z)$ , therefore  $(z, Y_z)$  contain two disjoint odd cycles. Furthermore, its copy  $Y_z$  contains two disjoint odd cycles also. This conclusion is contradictory to the premise. Thus condition ① does not appear. We only consider ②. There exists  $y_1 \in Y_{x_1}$ ,  $y_2 \in Y_{x_2}$ , such that  $p_1g(x_1, y_1) \neq p_1g(x_2, y_2)$ . Let  $x_1' = p_1g(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $x_2' = p_1g(x_2, y_2)$ , then  $f(x_1) = x_1'$ ,  $f(x_2) = x_2'$ , and  $x_1' \neq x_2'$ .  $\{x_1, x_2\} \in E(X) \Rightarrow (x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are adjacent  $\Rightarrow g(x_1, y_1)$  and  $g(x_2, y_2)$  are adjacent  $\Rightarrow \{x_1', x_2'\} \in E(X) \Rightarrow \{f(x_1), f(x_2)\} \in E(X)$ . Namely,  $f \in \text{End } X$ .

Secondly, we show  $f \in \text{SEnd } X$ . For each  $x_1, x_2 \in V(X)$ , let  $\{f(x_1), f(x_2)\} \in E(X)$ . Then  $g(x_1, y_1)$  and  $g(x_2, y_2)$  are adjacent for all  $y_1 \in Y_{x_1}$ ,  $y_2 \in Y_{x_2}$ . And  $g$  is strong - endomorphism. We conclude that  $(x_1, y_1)$  is adjacent to  $(x_2, y_2)$ . Thus  $\{x_1, y_1\} \in E(X)$ .

Lastly, we prove  $f \in \text{Aut } X$ . For every  $x_1, x_2 \in V(X)$ ,  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . We consider the following two conditions:

(1) suppose  $\{x_1, x_2\} \in E(X)$ . We know that  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  from the process of ②.

(2) suppose  $\{x_1, x_2\} \notin E(X)$ . Then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ . If not, suppose  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \triangleq z$ . In a similar manner to ①, we choose  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . Then we obtain  $W_1, W_2$ .  $W_1 \cup W_2 \subseteq (z, Y_z)$ . By Lemma 4, we see that  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  contain two disjoint odd cycles  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  respectively. If  $O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $(z, Y_z)$  contain two disjoint odd cycles. Further, we know that  $Y_z$  contains two disjoint odd cycles. This is a contradiction. If  $O_1 \cap O_2 \neq \emptyset$ , let  $(z, a) \in O_1 \cap O_2$ . Choose  $(z, b) \in O_1$ , such that  $(z, b)$  is adjacent to  $(z, a)$ .  $(z, b)$  is image of some  $(x_1, y')$  under  $g$ , where  $y' \in C_1$ . Also,  $(z, a)$  is image of some  $(x_2, y'')$  under  $g$ , where  $y'' \in C_2$ . By use of the condition that  $g(x_1, y')$  is adjacent to  $g(x_2, y'')$  and  $g$  is a strong-endomorphism, we know that  $(x_1, y')$  is adjacent to  $(x_2, y'')$ .

But  $\{x_1, x_2\} \notin E(X)$ , only  $x_1 = x_2$ , a contradiction. It is proved that  $f$  is injective. Because  $V(X)$  is finite set, therefore we have that  $f$  is bijection. Therefore  $f \in \text{Aut } X$ .

Define  $\varphi : V(X) \rightarrow F, x \rightarrow \varphi_x = \varphi(x)$ , such that  $\varphi_x: Y_x \rightarrow Y_{f(x)}$ , if  $g(x, y) = (f(x), y')$ . It is easy to verify that  $\varphi_x \in \text{SHom}(Y_x, Y_{f(x)})$ . For all  $x \in V(X)$ , every  $y \in V(Y_x)$ , we have:

$$g(x, y) = (x', y') = (f(x), \varphi(x)(y)) = (f, \varphi)(x, y). \text{ Thus } g = (f, \varphi).$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ): By conditions, for all  $g \in \text{SEnd } X [Y_x | x \in X]$ , we have  $g \in \text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F)$ . Thus  $g = (f, \varphi)$ . For all  $x \in V(X), y \in Y_x$ , we have  $g(x, y) = (f, \varphi)(x, y) = (f(x), \varphi(x)(y))$ . Let  $x' = f(x)$ , then we have  $g(x, y) \in (x', Y_{x'})$ .

**Lemma 6.** Assume that  $X$  and each  $Y_x(x \in V(X))$  are not empty graphs, which do not contain  $K_3$ . For  $x_0 \in V(X), Y_{x_0}$  contains odd cycle. Then for each  $g \in \text{End } X [Y_x | x \in V(X)]$ , there exists  $x' \in V(X)$ , such that  $g(x_0, Y_{x_0}) \subseteq (x', Y_{x'})$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that there exists  $f \in \text{End } X [Y_x | x \in V(X)]$  and  $x_0 \in V(X)$  such that:

$$f(x_0, Y_{x_0}) \subseteq (u_1, Y_{u_1}) \cup (u_2, Y_{u_2}) \cup \dots \cup (u_k, Y_{u_k}). \tag{1}$$

We see that the relation of inclusion in (1) does not hold if some  $(u_i, Y_{u_i})$  is deleted, where  $k \geq 2$ .

$$\text{Let } x_1 \in V(X), \{x_1, x_0\} \in E(X), \text{ and } f(x_1, Y_{x_1}) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^m (v_j, Y_{v_j}) \quad m \geq 1. \tag{2}$$

The relation of inclusion in (2) does not hold if some  $(v_j, Y_{v_j})$  is deleted.

(i) We conclude that  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ .

If not, there exists some  $v_j$ , and we may assume  $v_j = v_1$ , without loss of generality, such that  $v_1 \notin \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ . For each  $u_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$ , there exists  $y_i \in V(Y_{x_0})$ , such that  $f(x_0, y_i) \in (u_i, Y_{u_i})$ . There exists  $y' \in V(Y_{x_1})$  such that  $f(x_1, y') \in (v_1, Y_{v_1})$ . Since  $(x_1, y')$  and  $(x_0, y_i)$  are adjacent,  $g(x_1, y')$  and  $g(x_0, y_i)$  are adjacent too,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . But  $v_1 = p_i g(x_1, y') = p_i g(x_0, y_i) = u_i$ . We infer that  $\{v_1, u_i\} \in E(X) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

Because  $Y_{x_0}$  is connected, so  $X [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k]$  is the connected subgraph of  $X$  by (1),  $k \geq 2$ , and  $X [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k]$  is the subgraph of  $X$  induced by  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ . The subgraph is not a completely disconnected graph.

Let  $\{u_1, u_2\} \in E(X)$ , then  $X [v_1, u_1, u_2]$  is a  $K_3$ -subgraph of  $X$ . This is a contradiction.

(ii)  $m \geq 2$ . if not,  $m = 1$ , then  $f(x_1, Y_{x_1}) \subseteq (v, Y_v)$ . By (i), without loss of generality, we suppose  $v = u_1$ . Suppose  $\{y_1, y_2\} \in E(Y_{x_1})$ , then  $g(x_1, y_1) = (u_1, y_1')$ ,  $g(x_1, y_2) = (u_1, y_2')$ . Select  $y_3 \in Y_{x_0}$ ; let  $g(x_0, y_3) = (u_1, y_3')$ . It is clear that  $(u_1, y_1')$ ,  $(u_1, y_2')$ ,  $(u_1, y_3')$  make up a  $K_3$ -subgraph of  $(u_1, Y_{u_1})$ . Go a step further,  $\{y_1', y_2', y_3'\}$  will induce a  $K_3$  subgraph of  $Y_{u_1}$ , in contradiction to the conditions of this Lemma.

(iii) In a similar manner to (1), we conclude  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\} \subseteq \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ . Thus  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ ,  $m = k \geq 2$ . So  $g(x_0, Y_{x_0}) \cup g(x_1, Y_{x_1}) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k (u_i, Y_{u_i})$ .

(iv)  $k = 2$ . if not, then  $k \geq 3$ .  $X [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k]$  is a connected subgraph of  $X$ . There exists a 2-path, suppose  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  is a path, such that  $\{u_1, u_2\}, \{u_2, u_3\} \in E(X)$ . There exists  $y_0 \in Y_{x_0}, y_1 \in Y_{x_1}$ , such that  $g(x_0, y_0) \in (u_1, Y_{u_1}), g(x_1, y_1) \in (u_3, Y_{u_3})$ . That  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  are adjacent implies that  $g(x_0, y_0)$  and  $g(x_1, y_1)$  are adjacent, so  $\{u_1, u_3\} \in E(X)$ .  $X$  contains a  $K_3$ -subgraph. A contradiction appears.

(v) Because  $X$  is connected, therefore for each  $x \in V(X)$ , we have  $g(x, Y_x) \subseteq (u_1, Y_{u_1}) \cup (u_2, Y_{u_2})$ . In fact,  $g(x, y_1) \notin (u_1, Y_{u_1})$  and  $g(x, y_2) \notin (u_2, Y_{u_2})$ .

(vi) Choose  $x_0 \in V(X)$  such that  $Y_{x_0}$  has odd cycle  $C$ . There exists two vertices  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in  $C$ , such that  $\{c_1, c_2\} \in E(C)$ , and  $g(x_0, c_1)$  and  $g(x_0, c_2)$  belong to the same  $(u_i, Y_{u_i}), i = 1, 2$ . Without loss of generality, we suppose that they belong to  $(u_1, Y_{u_1})$ . Let  $g(x_0, c_1) = (u_1, c_1'), g(x_0, c_2) = (u_1, c_2')$ . Choose  $x_1 \in N(x_0)$ . There exists  $d \in V(Y_{x_1})$  such that  $g(x_1, d) = (u_1, d') \in (u_1, Y_{u_1})$ .  $\{c_1, c_2\} \in E(Y_{x_0}) \Rightarrow \{c_1', c_2'\} \in E(Y_{u_1})$ .  $(x_0, c_1)$  and  $(x_1, d)$  are adjacent  $\Rightarrow (u_1, c_1')$  and  $(u_1, d')$  are adjacent  $\Rightarrow c_1'$  and  $d'$  are adjacent,  $i = 1, 2$ .  $\{c_1', c_2', d'\}$  will induce  $K_3$ -subgraph. A contradiction appears.

All the above reasoning indicates that the assumption at the beginning of this proof is wrong. This completes the proof of Lemma 6.

Notice that  $S \text{ End } G \subseteq \text{End } G$ . We can conclude the following theorem by Theorem 5 and Lemma 6.

**Theorem 7:** Let  $X$  and  $Y_x$  ( $x \in V(X)$ ) be connected graphs which do not have  $K_3$ -subgraph. For each  $x \in V(X)$ ,  $Y_x$  has a unique odd cycle. Then:

$$S \text{End } X[Y_x | x \in V(X)] = \text{wr}(\text{Aut } X, F).$$

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