# 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.

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**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  $N^{\wedge}(A) := \{x \in G : Nx \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$  are called the lower and upper approximations of A with respect to N, respectively, and  $(N_{-}(A), N^{\wedge}(A))$  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:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (\mathrm{i}) & N_{-}(A) \subseteq A \subseteq N^{\wedge}(A); \\ (\mathrm{ii}) & N_{-}(A \cup B) \supseteq N_{-}(A) \cup N_{-}(B); \\ (\mathrm{iii}) & N^{\wedge}(A \cup B) = N^{\wedge}(A) \cup N^{\wedge}(B); \\ (\mathrm{iv}) & N_{-}(A \cap B) \subseteq N^{\wedge}(A) \cap N_{-}(B); \\ (\mathrm{v}) & N^{\wedge}(A \cap B) \subseteq N^{\wedge}(A) \cap N^{\wedge}(B); \\ (\mathrm{vi}) & A \subseteq B \Longrightarrow N_{-}(A) \subseteq N_{-}(B); \\ (\mathrm{vii}) & A \subseteq B \Longrightarrow N^{\wedge}(A) \subseteq N^{\wedge}(B); \\ (\mathrm{viii}) & N \subseteq H \Longrightarrow N_{-}(A) \supseteq H_{-}(A); \\ (\mathrm{ix}) & N \subseteq H \Longrightarrow N^{\wedge}(A) \subseteq H^{\wedge}(A). \end{array}$ 

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)  $(H \cap N)^{\wedge}(A) \subseteq H^{\wedge}(A) \cap N^{\wedge}(A) \subseteq H^{\wedge}(A) \cup N^{\wedge}(A).$ 

**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  $r \ge 2$  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  $|\langle s \rangle x \cap \langle t \rangle y| := l \ge 1$  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  $\widetilde{\varphi}(G, S)$ .

**Proposition 2.3** ([2], [3]). Let  $\Gamma := \widetilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  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  $\Gamma := \widetilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  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.  $\Box$ 

**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  $\Gamma := \widetilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  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  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ .

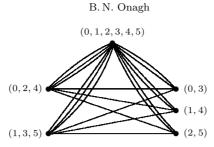


FIGURE 1.  $\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}).$ 

PROOF: Let  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ . Then

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

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

Now, suppose that there exist  $p \geq 1$  edges between two distinct vertices (s)xand (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  $\tilde{\varphi}(G, S_1) \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}(G, S_2)$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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  $(s)x \in V_{\widetilde{\varphi}(G_1,S)}$ . Then  $s \in S$  and  $x \in G_1$ . Suppose that  $(s)x \notin V_{\widetilde{\varphi}(G_2,S)}$ . 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  $(s)x \in V_{\widetilde{\varphi}(G_2,S)}$  and then  $V_{\widetilde{\varphi}(G_1,S)} \subseteq V_{\widetilde{\varphi}(G_2,S)}$ . By similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 3.4, one can show that  $E_{\widetilde{\varphi}(G_1,S)} \subseteq E_{\widetilde{\varphi}(G_2,S)}$ . Thus  $\widetilde{\varphi}(G_1,S) \subseteq \widetilde{\varphi}(G_2,S)$ .

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  $G_1 \subseteq G_2$ .

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

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

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

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

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

## 4. Rough G-graphs

In this section, the notions of the lower and upper approximations of a Ggraph 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  $\Gamma := \widetilde{\varphi}(G, S)$  be a G-graph. Then the graphs  $\underline{\Gamma} := \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S))$  and  $\overline{\Gamma} := \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S))$  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  $\Gamma := \widetilde{\varphi}(G, S)$ . Note that  $N_-(S) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  and  $N^{\wedge}(S) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Then  $\underline{\Gamma} = \widetilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_8, \{1, 3, 5, 7\})$  and  $\overline{\Gamma} = \widetilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_8, \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\})$  (see Figure 2).

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

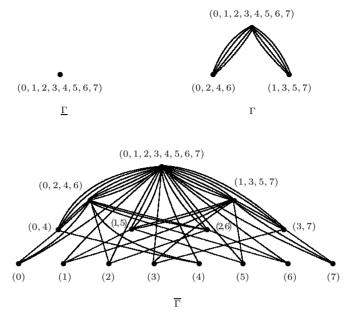


FIGURE 2. Rough G-graph  $\widetilde{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}_8, \{1, 2, 3, 5, 7\})$  with respect to  $N = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}.$ 

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

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  $\widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_{1}\cup S_{2}))\supseteq \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_{1})), \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_{2}))$ . Therefore  $\widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_{1}\cup S_{2}))\supseteq \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_{1}))\cup \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_{2}))$ .

(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  $\widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_1 \cup S_2)) \supseteq \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_1)) \cup \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_2))$ .

(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  $\widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_1 \cap S_2)) \subseteq \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_1)) \cap \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N_{-}(S_2))$ .

(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  $N^{\wedge}(S_1 \cap S_2) \subseteq N^{\wedge}(S_1)$ ,

 $N^{\wedge}(S_{2}). \text{ Now, by using Theorem 3.4, we have } \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_{1}\cap S_{2})) \subseteq \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_{1})),$  $\widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_{2})). \text{ Therefore } \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_{1}\cap S_{2})) \subseteq \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_{1})) \cap \widetilde{\varphi}(G, N^{\wedge}(S_{2})).$ 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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