

# EDGE-NEIGHBOR RUPTURE DEGREE ON GRAPH OPERATIONS

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## ABSTRACT

*Vulnerability and reliability parameters measure the resistance of the network to disruption of operation after the failure of certain stations or communication links in a communication network. An edge subversion strategy of a graph  $G$ , say  $S$ , is a set of edge(s) in  $G$  whose adjacent vertices which is incident with the removal edge(s) are removed from  $G$ . The survival subgraph is denoted by  $G - S$ . The edge-neighbor-rupture degree of connected graph  $G$ ,  $ENR(G)$ , is defined to be  $ENR(G) = \max\{\omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) : S \subseteq E(G), \omega(G - S) \geq 1\}$  where  $S$  is any edge-cut-strategy of  $G$ ,  $\omega(G - S)$  is the number of the components of  $G - S$ , and  $m(G - S)$  is the maximum order of the components of  $G - S$ . In this paper we give some results for the edge-neighbor-rupture degree of the graph operations and Thorny graph types are examined.*

## KEYWORDS

*Edge-neighbor-rupture degree, Thorny graphs, Vulnerability, Reliability.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A communication network can be brokedown to pieces partially or completely from unexpected factors. This situation can prevent data transmit so there would be a big problem on the system to perform it's task. Therefore, the vulnerability and the reliability measure the resistance of the network disturbance of operations after the failure of certain stations. To measure the vulnerability and the reliability we have some parameters which are connectivity [7,11,12], integrity [3], scattering number [8], rupture degree [9], neighbor-rupture degree [1] and edge-neighbor-rupture degree [2].

Terminology and notations are not defined in this paper but it can be found [4,5]. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph and let  $e$  be any edge of  $G$ . The set,  $N(e) = \{f \in E(G) | e \neq f; e \text{ and } f \text{ are adjacent}\}$  is the open neighborhood of  $e$ , and  $[e] = \{e\} \cup N(e)$  is the closed neighborhood of  $e$ . An edge  $e$  in  $G$  is said to be subverted if the closed neighborhood of  $e$  is removed from  $G$ . In other words, if  $e = \{u, v\}$  then  $G - [e] = G - \{u, v\}$ . A set of edges  $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  is called an edge subversion strategy of  $G$  if each of the edges in  $S$  has been subverted from  $G$ . If  $S$  has been subverted from the graph  $G$ , then the remaining graph is called survival graph, denoted by  $G - S$ . An edge subversion strategy  $S$  is called an edge-cut-strategy of  $G$  if the survival subgraph  $G - S$  is disconnected or is a single vertex or the empty graph

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 [10].  $\omega(G - S)$  is any edge-cut-strategy of  $G$ ,  $(G - S)$  is the number of the components of  $G - S$ , and  $m(G - S)$  is the maximum order of the components of  $G - S$ .

The definition of edge-neighbor-rupture degree of a connected graph  $G$  is

$$ENR(G) = \max\{\omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) : S \subseteq E(G), \omega(G - S) \geq 1\}.$$

**Definition 1.1:**  $r \in N^+$  and  $\forall v \in V(G)$  for each vertex of  $G$ , if  $\deg(v) = r$  then  $G$  is called  $r$ -regular graph [4].

**Definition 1.2:**  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  graphs have disjoint vertex sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  and edge sets  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively. The *join operation* of two  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  graphs is denoted by  $G_1 + G_2$  and consist of  $G_1 \cup G_2$  which is union of two  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  graphs and all edges joining  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ [4].

**Definition 1.3:** Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be non-negative integers. The *Thorny Graph* of the graph  $G$ , with parameters  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ , is obtained by attaching  $p_i$  new vertices of degree one to the vertex  $u_i$  of the graph  $G$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The Thorny graph of the graph  $G$  is denoted by  $G^*$ , or if the respective parameters need to be specified, by  $G^*(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ [6].

**Definition 1.4:** For three or more disjoint graphs  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$ , the *sequential join*

$$G_1 + G_2 + \dots + G_n$$

is the graph

$$(G_1 + G_2) \cup (G_2 + G_3) \cup \dots \cup (G_{n-1} + G_n)[4].$$

**Definition 1.5:** Connectivity  $k(G)$  is the minimum number of vertices that need to be removed in order to disconnect a graph [4].

**Definition 1.6:** The integrity of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is defined by  $I(G) = \min\{|S| + m(G - S)\}; S \subset V(G)$  where  $m(G - S)$  denotes the order of largest component in  $G - S$ [3].

**Definition 1.7:** The rupture degree of a non-complete connected graph  $G$  is defined by  $r(G) = \max\{\omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) : S \subset V(G), \omega(G - S) > 1\}$  where  $\omega(G - S)$  denotes the number of components in the graph  $G - S$  and  $m(G - S)$  is the order of the largest component of  $G - S$ [9].

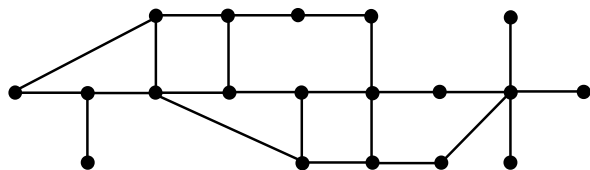
**Definition 1.8:** The neighbor integrity of a graph  $G$  is defined by

$$NI(G) = \min\{|S| + c(G - S) : S \subset V(G)\} \text{ where } S \text{ is any vertex subversion strategy of } G \text{ and } c(G - S) \text{ is the order of the largest component of } G - S[10].$$

**Definition 1.9:** The neighbor rupture degree of a non-complete connected graph  $G$  is defined to be  $Nr(G) = \max\{\omega(G - S) - |S| - c(G - S) : S \subset V(G), \omega(G - S) \geq 1\}$  where  $S$  is any vertex subversion strategy of  $G$ ,  $\omega(G - S)$  is the number of connected components in  $G - S$  and  $c(G - S)$  is the maximum order of the components of  $G - S$ [13].

**Definition 1.10:** The edge-neighbor-rupture degree of a connected graph  $G$  is defined to be  $ENR(G) = \max\{\omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) : S \subseteq E(G), \omega(G - S) \geq 1\}$ , where  $S$  is any edge-

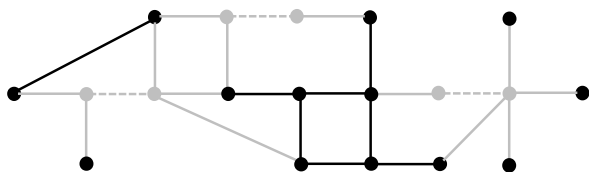
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 cut-strategy of  $G$ ,  $\omega(G - S)$  is the number of the components of  $G - S$ , and  $m(G - S)$  is the maximum order of the components of  $G - S$ .



**Example:** Let's give an example of the calculation of the edge-neighbor-rupture-degree.

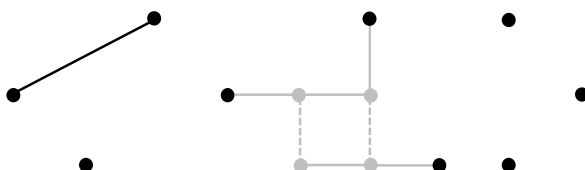
$$\begin{aligned} \omega(G - S) &= 1 \\ |S| &= 0 \\ m(G - S) &= 19 \\ \omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) &= 1 - 0 - 19 = -18 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1.1



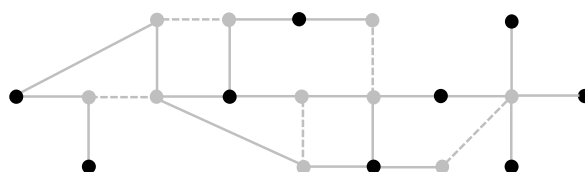
$$\begin{aligned} \omega(G - S) &= 6 \\ |S| &= 3 \\ m(G - S) &= 7 \\ \omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) &= 6 - 3 - 7 = -4 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1.2



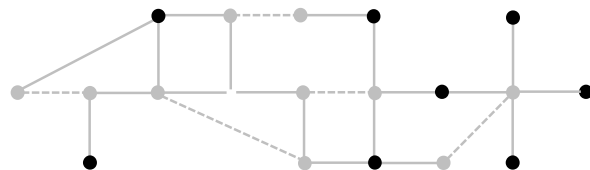
$$\begin{aligned} \omega(G - S) &= 8 \\ |S| &= 5 \\ m(G - S) &= 2 \\ \omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) &= 8 - 5 - 2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1.3



$$\begin{aligned} \omega(G - S) &= 9 \\ |S| &= 5 \\ m(G - S) &= 1 \\ \omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) &= 9 - 5 - 1 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1.4



$$\begin{aligned} \omega(G - S) &= 9 \\ |S| &= 5 \\ m(G - S) &= 1 \\ \omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) &= 9 - 5 - 1 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1.5

As shown, figure 1.1, figure 1.2,figure 1.3,figure 1.4 and figure 1.5

$$ENR(G) = \max\{-18, -4, 1, 3, 3\}$$

$$ENR(G) = 3.$$

In this paper, the edge-neighbor-rupture degree of some graphs is obtained and the relations between edge-neighbor-rupture degree and other parameters are determined [2].

## 2. EDGE-NEIGHBOR-RUPTURE DEGREE ON GRAPH OPERATIONS

In this section some theorems are given for edge-neighbor-rupture degree on the graph operations. Connected, undirected, simple graphs are examined.

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $G$  be a regular graph and  $G^*$  is a thorny graph of  $G$  (adding a vertex to any vertex of a graph). Then the edge-neighbor-rupture degree of  $G$  is,

$$ENR(G^*) = ENR(G) + 1.$$

**Proof:** Since  $G$  is regular graph, you can start from any edge to delete. There are two cases.

**Case 1:** If we start to delete an edge that is incident to an added vertex, while Sedge-cut-strategy number is not changing,  $(G-S)$  numbers of components are increased 1. So the result is increased 1.

**Case 2:** If we start to delete an edge that is not incident to an added vertex, while Sedge-cut-strategy number and the number of the components are not changed, maximum order of the components are increased. So the result is increased.

The result takes maximum value in case 1. So the proof is completed. ■

**Theorem 2.2:** Edge-neighbor-rupture degree of thorny of regular graph  $G$  (adding  $i$  vertices equally to every vertex of a graph  $G$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) is,

$$ENR(G^*) = ni - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1.$$

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be an edge-cut-strategy of  $G^*$  and let  $|S| = r$ . There are two cases for the elements of  $S$ .

**Case 1:** If  $0 \leq r < \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ , then  $\omega(G^* - S) \leq 2ri + 1$  and  $m(G^* - S) \geq i + 1$ , so we have

$$\omega(G^* - S) - |S| - m(G^* - S) \leq 2ri + 1 - r - (i + 1) = 2ri - r - i.$$

Let's  $f(r) = 2ri - r - i$ . Since  $f(r)$  is an increasing function in  $0 \leq r < \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ , it takes its maximum value at  $\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1\right)$ , and

$$f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1\right) = 2\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1\right)i - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - i.$$

Thus we get  $(G^*) \leq 2 \left( \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 \right) i - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - i$ .

**Case 2:** If  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \leq r \leq \frac{3n^2-n}{2}$ , then  $\omega(G^* - S) \leq ni$  and  $m(G^* - S) \geq 1$ , so we have

$$\omega(G^* - S) - |S| - m(G^* - S) \leq ni - r - 1.$$

Let's  $f(r) = ni - r - 1$ . Since  $f(r)$  is a decreasing function in  $0 \leq r < \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ , it takes its maximum

value at  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ , and  $f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) = ni - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ .

Thus we get  $ENR(G^*) \leq ni - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ .

From Case 1 and Case 2 we have

$$ENR(G^*) \leq ni - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1. \tag{1}$$

There exist  $S^*$  such that

$r = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ ,  $\omega(G^* - S^*) = ni$  and  $m(G^* - S^*) = 1$ , thus we have

$$ENR(G^*) \geq ni - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1. \tag{2}$$

From (1) and (2) we get

$$ENR(G^*) = ni - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Corollary 2.1:** Let  $P_n^*$  is a Thorny graph of  $P_n$  (adding  $i$  vertices equally to every vertex of a graph for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ ). Then the edge-neighbor-rupture degree of  $P_n^*$  is,

$$ENR(P_n^*) = ni - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1.$$

**Proof:** It is the same as proof of Theorem 2.2 ■

**Corollary 2.2:** Let  $W_n^*$  is a Thorny graph of  $W_n$  (adding  $i$  vertices equally to every vertex of a graph for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ ). Then the edge-neighbor-rupture degree of  $W_n^*$  is,

$$ENR(W_n^*) = ni - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1.$$

**Proof:** It is the same as proof of Theorem 2.2. ■

**Theorem 2.3:** Edge-neighbor-rupture degree of Thorny graph of  $S_n$  is ( $i \geq 2$ ),

$$ENR(S_n^*) = ni - n.$$

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be an edge-cut-strategy of  $S_n^*$  and let  $|S| = r$ . There are two cases for the elements of  $S$ .

**Case 1:** If  $0 \leq r < n - 1$ , then  $\omega(S_n^* - S) \leq ri + 1$  and  $m(S_n^* - S) \geq i + 1$ , so we have

$$\omega(S_n^* - S) - |S| - m(S_n^* - S) \leq ri + 1 - r - (i + 1) = ri - r - i.$$

Let  $f(r) = ri - r - i$ . Since  $f(r)$  is an increasing function in  $0 \leq r < n - 1$ , it takes its maximum value  $(n - 2)$  and  $f(n - 2) = (n - 2)(i - 1) - i$ .

Thus we get  $ENR(S_n^*) \leq ni - n - 3i + 2$ .

**Case 2:** If  $n - 1 \leq r \leq n^2 + n - 1$  then  $\omega(S_n^* - S) \leq in$  and  $m(S_n^* - S) \geq 1$ , so we have  $\omega(S_n^* - S) - |S| - m(S_n^* - S) \leq ni - r - 1$ .

Let  $f(r) = ni - r - 1$ . Since  $f(r)$  is a decreasing function in  $n - 1 \leq r \leq n^2 + n - 1$  it takes its maximum value at  $(n - 1)$  and

$$f(n - 1) = ni - n + 1 - 1 = ni - n.$$

Thus we get  $ENR(S_n^*) \leq ni - n$ .

From Case 1 and Case 2 we have

$$ENR(S_n^*) \leq ni - n. \tag{3}$$

There exist  $S^*$  such that

$r = n - 1$ ,  $\omega(S_n^* - S^*) = ni$  and  $m(S_n^* - S^*) = 1$ , thus we have

$$ENR(S_n^*) \geq ni - n. \tag{4}$$

From (3) and (4) we get  $(S_n^*) = ni - n$ . ■

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $P_n, P_m$  is a path of order  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. The edge-neighbor-rupture degree of addition of  $P_n$  and  $P_m$  is,

$$ENR(P_n + P_m) = \begin{cases} ENR(P_m) - \frac{n}{2}, & n \text{ is even} \\ ENR(P_{m-1}) - \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}, \quad n < m$$

**Proof:**

**Case 1:** If we select an edge-cut-strategy from  $P_n$ , we needed  $\frac{n}{2}$  edges to delete all the edges of  $P_n$  so  $P_m$  is remained. Therefore,

$$ENR(P_n + P_m) = \begin{cases} ENR(P_m) - \frac{n}{2}, & n \text{ is even} \\ ENR(P_{m-1}) - \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

**Case 2:** If we select an edge-cut-strategy from combining edges of  $P_n$  and  $P_m$ , We get,

$$ENR(P_n + P_m) = ENR(P_{m-n}) - n.$$

**Case 3:** If we select an edge-cut-strategy from  $P_m$ , we need  $\frac{n}{2}$  edges to delete all the edges of  $P_m$  so  $P_n$  is remained. Therefore,

$$ENR(P_n + P_m) = \begin{cases} ENR(P_n) - \frac{m}{2}, & m \text{ is even} \\ ENR(P_{n-1}) - \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor, & m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

The results take maximum value in case 1. So the proof is completed.

**Corollary 2.3:** The edge-neighbor-rupture degree of  $P_2 + P_n$  is,

$$ENR(P_2 + P_m) = ENR(P_n - 1).$$

**Theorem 2.5:** Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  be connected graphs then,

$$ENR(G_1 \cup G_2 \cup \dots \cup G_n) \geq ENR(G_1) + ENR(G_2) + \dots + ENR(G_n)$$

**Proof:** Let  $G = G_1 \cup G_2 \cup \dots \cup G_n$  be union of  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$ . Let  $S = S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$  be an edge Nr-set of  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  respectively and let  $S = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_n$  be an edge-subversion strategy of  $G$ . Then we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} ENR(G) &\geq \omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) \\ &= [\omega(G_1 - S_1) + \omega(G_2 - S_2) + \dots + \omega(G_n - S_n)] - [|S_1| + |S_2| + \dots + |S_n|] \\ &\quad - [m(G_1 - S_1) + m(G_2 - S_2) + \dots + m(G_n - S_n)] \\ &= \omega(G_1 - S_1) - |S_1| - m(G_1 - S_1) + \omega(G_2 - S_2) - |S_2| - m(G_2 - S_2) + \dots + \omega(G_n - S_n) \\ &\quad - |S_n| - m(G_n - S_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$ENR(G_1) + ENR(G_2) + \dots + ENR(G_n). \quad \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 2.6:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph, then the edge-neighbor-rupture degree of  $G$  is,

$$ENR(G) \geq -\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

**Proof:** For the minimum value of  $ENR(G)$ ,  $\omega(G - S)$  must be the smallest,  $|S|$  and  $m(G - S)$  must be the greatest.

Let  $S$  be an edge-cut-strategy of  $G$  and  $|S| = r$ . There are two cases for the elements of  $S$ .

**Case 1:** If  $r \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$  then  $\omega(G - S) = 1$  and  $m(G - S) \geq n - 2r$ .

So we have

$$\omega(G - S) - |S| - m(G - S) \leq 1 - r - (n - 2r) = 1 + r - n = f(r).$$

This equality takes maximum value for  $r = \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

There are two conditions:

**Case i:** If  $n$  is odd;

$$f(r) = 1 + \frac{n-1}{2} - n = -\frac{n-1}{2} = -\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

**Case ii:** If  $n$  is even;

$$f(r) = 1 + \frac{n-2}{2} - n = -\frac{n}{2}$$

**Case 2:** If  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2} > r > \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$  then  $\omega(G-S) \leq 1$  and  $m(G-S) \geq 1$ .

$$\omega(G-S) - |S| - m(G-S) \leq 1 - r - 1 = -r.$$

This equality takes the maximum value for  $r = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

From all cases, we obtain,  $ENR(G) \geq -\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ . ■

**Corollary 2.4:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph, then the edge-neighbor-rupture degree of  $G$  is,

$$-\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \leq ENR(G) \leq n-4.$$

**Proof:** From Theorem 2.6 and [2], the proof is complete. ■

### 3. COMPUTING EDGE-NEIGHBOR-RUPTURE DEGREE OF A GRAPH

In this section, an algorithm is proposed in order to calculate the edge-neighbor-rupture degree for any simple finite undirected graph without loops and multiple edges by using the findENR function.

**Algorithm** Edge Neighbor Rupture (ENR)

**Output:** ENR value for given any graph  $G$

**Begin**

ENR ←  $-\infty$ ;

**for** all edge subsets  $E_S \subseteq E$  **do**

**if** findENR( $G, E_S$ ) > ENR **then**

        ENR = findENR( $G, E_S$ );

**end**

**end**

**end.**

The function below, find ENR, returns the ENR value for the edge subset for the graph.

**function** findENR( $G, E_S$ );

**Input:** Graph  $G(V, E)$ , edge subset  $E_S$

**Output:** ENR value for given an  $E_S$  edge subset of  $G$ .

**Begin**

$V_S$  : vertex set incident with  $E_S$  edges.

**for** all  $u \in V_S$  **do**

**remove**  $u$  from  $G$  {i. e.  $G - V_S$ }

**end**



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Componentnumber ← find the number of components of  $G - V_S$   
MaxCompVertexnum ← find the vertex number of maximum component of  $G - V_S$   
findENR ← {Component number – number of  $(E_S) - \text{MaxCompVertexnum}$  }  
end
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#### 4. CONCLUSION

In this study, we investigate the edge-neighbor rupture degree of graphs obtained by graph operations. The graph operations are used to obtain new graphs. Union, join and mostly thorny operations are taken into consideration in this work. These operations are performed to various graphs and their edge-neighbor rupture degrees were determined.

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