

## Switching Equivalence in Symmetric $n$ -Sigraphs-V

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**Abstract:** An  $n$ -tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is *symmetric*, if  $a_k = a_{n-k+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n$ . Let  $H_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : a_k \in \{+, -\}, a_k = a_{n-k+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  be the set of all symmetric  $n$ -tuples. A *symmetric  $n$ -sigraph* (*symmetric  $n$ -marked graph*) is an ordered pair  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  ( $S_n = (G, \mu)$ ), where  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph called the *underlying graph* of  $S_n$  and  $\sigma : E \rightarrow H_n$  ( $\mu : V \rightarrow H_n$ ) is a function. In this paper, we introduced a new notion  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal symmetric  $n$ -sigraph of a symmetric  $n$ -sigraph and its properties are obtained. Also we give the relation between antipodal symmetric  $n$ -sigraphs and  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal symmetric  $n$ -sigraphs. Further, we discuss structural characterization of  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal symmetric  $n$ -sigraphs.

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### §1. Introduction

Unless mentioned or defined otherwise, for all terminology and notion in graph theory the reader is refer to [1]. We consider only finite, simple graphs free from self-loops.

Let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer. An  $n$ -tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is *symmetric*, if  $a_k = a_{n-k+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n$ . Let  $H_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : a_k \in \{+, -\}, a_k = a_{n-k+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  be the set of all symmetric  $n$ -tuples. Note that  $H_n$  is a group under coordinate wise multiplication, and the order of  $H_n$  is  $2^m$ , where  $m = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

A *Smarandachely  $k$ -marked graph* (*Smarandachely  $k$ -signed graph*) is an ordered pair  $S = (G, \mu)$  ( $S = (G, \sigma)$ ) where  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph called *underlying graph* of  $S$  and  $\mu : V \rightarrow \{\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_k\}$  ( $\sigma : E \rightarrow \{\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_k\}$ ) is a function, where  $\bar{e}_i \in \{+, -\}$ . An  $n$ -tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is *symmetric*, if  $a_k = a_{n-k+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n$ . Let  $H_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : a_k \in \{+, -\}, a_k = a_{n-k+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  be the set of all symmetric  $n$ -tuples. A *Smarandachely symmetric  $n$ -marked graph* (*Smarandachely symmetric  $n$ -signed graph*) is an ordered pair  $S_n = (G, \mu)$  ( $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ ) where  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph called the *underlying graph* of  $S_n$  and  $\mu : V \rightarrow H_n$  ( $\sigma : E \rightarrow H_n$ ) is a function. Particularly, a Smarandachely 1-marked graph (Smarandachely 1-signed graph) is called a *marked graph* (*signed graph*).

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In this paper by an  $n$ -tuple/ $n$ -sigraph/ $n$ -marked graph we always mean a symmetric  $n$ -tuple/symmetric  $n$ -sigraph/symmetric  $n$ -marked graph.

An  $n$ -tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is the *identity  $n$ -tuple*, if  $a_k = +$ , for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , otherwise it is a *non-identity  $n$ -tuple*. In an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  an edge labelled with the identity  $n$ -tuple is called an *identity edge*, otherwise it is a *non-identity edge*. Further, in an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ , for any  $A \subseteq E(G)$  the  $n$ -tuple  $\sigma(A)$  is the product of the  $n$ -tuples on the edges of  $A$ .

In [7], the authors defined two notions of balance in  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  as follows (See also R. Rangarajan and P.S.K.Reddy [4]):

**Definition 1.1** Let  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  be an  $n$ -sigraph. Then,

- (i)  $S_n$  is identity balanced (or  $i$ -balanced), if product of  $n$ -tuples on each cycle of  $S_n$  is the identity  $n$ -tuple, and
- (ii)  $S_n$  is balanced, if every cycle in  $S_n$  contains an even number of non-identity edges.

**Note 1.1** An  $i$ -balanced  $n$ -sigraph need not be balanced and conversely.

The following characterization of  $i$ -balanced  $n$ -sigraphs is obtained in [7].

**Proposition 1.1** (E. Sampathkumar et al. [7]) An  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  is  $i$ -balanced if, and only if, it is possible to assign  $n$ -tuples to its vertices such that the  $n$ -tuple of each edge  $uv$  is equal to the product of the  $n$ -tuples of  $u$  and  $v$ .

Let  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  be an  $n$ -sigraph. Consider the  $n$ -marking  $\mu$  on vertices of  $S_n$  defined as follows: each vertex  $v \in V$ ,  $\mu(v)$  is the  $n$ -tuple which is the product of the  $n$ -tuples on the edges incident with  $v$ . Complement of  $S_n$  is an  $n$ -sigraph  $\overline{S_n} = (\overline{G}, \sigma^c)$ , where for any edge  $e = uv \in \overline{G}$ ,  $\sigma^c(uv) = \mu(u)\mu(v)$ . Clearly,  $\overline{S_n}$  as defined here is an  $i$ -balanced  $n$ -sigraph due to Proposition 1.1 ([10]).

In [7], the authors also have defined switching and cycle isomorphism of an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  as follows (See also [2,5,6,10]):

Let  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  and  $S'_n = (G', \sigma')$ , be two  $n$ -sigraphs. Then  $S_n$  and  $S'_n$  are said to be *isomorphic*, if there exists an isomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  such that if  $uv$  is an edge in  $S_n$  with label  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  then  $\phi(u)\phi(v)$  is an edge in  $S'_n$  with label  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ .

Given an  $n$ -marking  $\mu$  of an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ , *switching*  $S_n$  with respect to  $\mu$  is the operation of changing the  $n$ -tuple of every edge  $uv$  of  $S_n$  by  $\mu(u)\sigma(uv)\mu(v)$ . The  $n$ -sigraph obtained in this way is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}_\mu(S_n)$  and is called the  $\mu$ -switched  $n$ -sigraph or just *switched  $n$ -sigraph*. Further, an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n$  switches to  $n$ -sigraph  $S'_n$  (or that they are *switching equivalent* to each other), written as  $S_n \sim S'_n$ , whenever there exists an  $n$ -marking of  $S_n$  such that  $\mathcal{S}_\mu(S_n) \cong S'_n$ .

Two  $n$ -sigraphs  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  and  $S'_n = (G', \sigma')$  are said to be *cycle isomorphic*, if there exists an isomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  such that the  $n$ -tuple  $\sigma(C)$  of every cycle  $C$  in  $S_n$  equals to the  $n$ -tuple  $\sigma(\phi(C))$  in  $S'_n$ . We make use of the following known result (see [7]).

**Proposition 1.2** (E. Sampathkumar et al. [7]) Given a graph  $G$ , any two  $n$ -sigraphs with  $G$

as underlying graph are switching equivalent if, and only if, they are cycle isomorphic.

Let  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  be an  $n$ -sigraph. Consider the  $n$ -marking  $\mu$  on vertices of  $S$  defined as follows: each vertex  $v \in V$ ,  $\mu(v)$  is the product of the  $n$ -tuples on the edges incident at  $v$ . Complement of  $S$  is an  $n$ -sigraph  $\overline{S}_n = (\overline{G}, \sigma')$ , where for any edge  $e = uv \in \overline{G}$ ,  $\sigma'(uv) = \mu(u)\mu(v)$ . Clearly,  $\overline{S}_n$  as defined here is an  $i$ -balanced  $n$ -sigraph due to Proposition 1.1.

## §2. $\mathcal{S}$ -Antipodal $n$ -Sigraphs

Radhakrishnan Nair and Vijayakumar [3] has introduced the concept of  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal graph of a graph  $G$  as the graph  $A^*(G)$  has the vertices in  $G$  with maximum eccentricity and two vertices of  $A^*(G)$  are adjacent if they are at a distance of  $diam(G)$  in  $G$ .

Motivated by the existing definition of complement of an  $n$ -sigraph, we extend the notion of  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal graphs to  $n$ -sigraphs as follows:

The  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraph  $A^*(S_n)$  of an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  is an  $n$ -sigraph whose underlying graph is  $A^*(G)$  and the  $n$ -tuple of any edge  $uv$  is  $A^*(S_n)$  is  $\mu(u)\mu(v)$ , where  $\mu$  is the canonical  $n$ -marking of  $S_n$ . Further, an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  is called  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraph, if  $S_n \cong A^*(S'_n)$  for some  $n$ -sigraph  $S'_n$ . The following result indicates the limitations of the notion  $A^*(S_n)$  as introduced above, since the entire class of  $i$ -unbalanced  $n$ -sigraphs is forbidden to be  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraphs.

**Proposition 2.1** For any  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ , its  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraph  $A^*(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced.

*Proof* Since the  $n$ -tuple of any edge  $uv$  in  $A^*(S_n)$  is  $\mu(u)\mu(v)$ , where  $\mu$  is the canonical  $n$ -marking of  $S_n$ , by Proposition 1.1,  $A^*(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced.  $\square$

For any positive integer  $k$ , the  $k^{th}$  iterated  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraph  $A^*(S_n)$  of  $S_n$  is defined as follows:

$$(A^*)^0(S_n) = S_n, (A^*)^k(S_n) = A^*((A^*)^{k-1}(S_n))$$

**Corollary 2.2** For any  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  and any positive integer  $k$ ,  $(A^*)^k(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced.

In [3], the authors characterized those graphs that are isomorphic to their  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal graphs.

**Proposition 2.3**(Radhakrishnan Nair and Vijayakumar [3]) For a graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $G \cong A^*(G)$  if, and only if,  $G$  is a regular self-complementary graph.

We now characterize the  $n$ -sigraphs that are switching equivalent to their  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraphs.

**Proposition 2.4** For any  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ ,  $S_n \sim A^*(S_n)$  if, and only if,  $G$  is regular

*self-complementary graph and  $S_n$  is  $i$ -balanced  $n$ -sigraph.*

*Proof* Suppose  $S_n \sim A^*(S_n)$ . This implies,  $G \cong A^*(G)$  and hence  $G$  is a regular self-complementary graph. Now, if  $S_n$  is any  $n$ -sigraph with underlying graph as regular self-complementary graph, Proposition 2.1 implies that  $A^*(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced and hence if  $S$  is  $i$ -unbalanced and its  $A^*(S_n)$  being  $i$ -balanced can not be switching equivalent to  $S_n$  in accordance with Proposition 1.2. Therefore,  $S_n$  must be  $i$ -balanced.

Conversely, suppose that  $S_n$  is an  $i$ -balanced  $n$ -sigraph and  $G$  is regular self-complementary. Then, since  $A^*(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced as per Proposition 2.1 and since  $G \cong A^*(G)$ , the result follows from Proposition 1.2 again.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5** *For any two vs  $S_n$  and  $S'_n$  with the same underlying graph, their  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraphs are switching equivalent.*

**Remark 2.6** If  $G$  is regular self-complementary graph, then  $G \cong \overline{G}$ . The above result is holds good for  $\overline{S_n} \sim A^*(S_n)$ .

In [16], P.S.K.Reddy et al. introduced antipodal  $n$ -sigraph of an  $n$ -sigraph as follows:

The *antipodal  $n$ -sigraph*  $A(S_n)$  of an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  is an  $n$ -sigraph whose underlying graph is  $A(G)$  and the  $n$ -tuple of any edge  $uv$  in  $A(S_n)$  is  $\mu(u)\mu(v)$ , where  $\mu$  is the canonical  $n$ -marking of  $S_n$ . Further, an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  is called antipodal  $n$ -sigraph, if  $S_n \cong A(S'_n)$  for some  $n$ -sigraph  $S'_n$ .

**Proposition 2.7**(P.S.K.Reddy et al. [16]) *For any  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ , its antipodal  $n$ -sigraph  $A(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced.*

We now characterize  $n$ -sigraphs whose  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraphs and antipodal  $n$ -sigraphs are switching equivalent. In case of graphs the following result is due to Radhakrishnan Nair and Vijayakumar [3].

**Proposition 2.8** *For a graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $A^*(G) \cong A(G)$  if, and only if,  $G$  is self-centred.*

**Proposition 2.9** *For any  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ ,  $A^*(S_n) \sim A(S_n)$  if, and only if,  $G$  is self-centred.*

*Proof* Suppose  $A^*(S_n) \sim A(S_n)$ . This implies,  $A^*(G) \cong A(G)$  and hence by Proposition 2.8, we see that the graph  $G$  must be self-centred.

Conversely, suppose that  $G$  is self centred. Then  $A^*(G) \cong A(G)$  by Proposition 2.8. Now, if  $S_n$  is an  $n$ -sigraph with underlying graph as self centred, by Propositions 2.1 and 2.7,  $A^*(S_n)$  and  $A(S_n)$  are  $i$ -balanced and hence, the result follows from Proposition 1.2.

In [3], the authors shown that  $A^*(G) \cong A^*(\overline{G})$  if  $G$  is either complete or totally disconnected. We now characterize  $n$ -sigraphs whose  $A^*(S_n)$  and  $A^*(\overline{S_n})$  are switching equivalent.

**Proposition 2.10** *For any signed graph  $S = (G, \sigma)$ ,  $A^*(S_n) \sim A^*(\overline{S_n})$  if, and only if,  $G$  is either complete or totally disconnected.*

The following result characterize  $n$ -sigraphs which are  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraphs.

**Proposition 2.11** *An  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  is a  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraph if, and only if,  $S_n$  is  $i$ -balanced  $n$ -sigraph and its underlying graph  $G$  is a  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal graph.*

*Proof* Suppose that  $S_n$  is  $i$ -balanced and  $G$  is a  $A(G)$ . Then there exists a graph  $H$  such that  $A^*(H) \cong G$ . Since  $S_n$  is  $i$ -balanced, by Proposition 1.1, there exists an  $n$ -marking  $\mu$  of  $G$  such that each edge  $uv$  in  $S_n$  satisfies  $\sigma(uv) = \mu(u)\mu(v)$ . Now consider the  $n$ -sigraph  $S'_n = (H, \sigma')$ , where for any edge  $e$  in  $H$ ,  $\sigma'(e)$  is the  $n$ -marking of the corresponding vertex in  $G$ . Then clearly,  $A^*(S'_n) \cong S_n$ . Hence  $S_n$  is a  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraph.

Conversely, suppose that  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  is a  $\mathcal{S}$ -antipodal  $n$ -sigraph. Then there exists an  $n$ -sigraph  $S'_n = (H, \sigma')$  such that  $A^*(S'_n) \cong S_n$ . Hence  $G$  is the  $A^*(G)$  of  $H$  and by Proposition 2.1,  $S_n$  is  $i$ -balanced.  $\square$

### §3. Complementation

In this section, we investigate the notion of complementation of a graph whose edges have signs (a *sigraph*) in the more general context of graphs with multiple signs on their edges. We look at two kinds of complementation: complementing some or all of the signs, and reversing the order of the signs on each edge.

For any  $m \in H_n$ , the  $m$ -complement of  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is:  $a^m = am$ . For any  $M \subseteq H_n$ , and  $m \in H_n$ , the  $m$ -complement of  $M$  is  $M^m = \{a^m : a \in M\}$ . For any  $m \in H_n$ , the  $m$ -complement of an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ , written  $(S_n^m)$ , is the same graph but with each edge label  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  replaced by  $a^m$ . For an  $n$ -sigraph  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$ , the  $A^*(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced (Proposition 2.1). We now examine, the condition under which  $m$ -complement of  $A(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced, where for any  $m \in H_n$ .

**Proposition 3.1** *Let  $S_n = (G, \sigma)$  be an  $n$ -sigraph. Then, for any  $m \in H_n$ , if  $A^*(G)$  is bipartite then  $(A^*(S_n))^m$  is  $i$ -balanced.*

*Proof* Since, by Proposition 2.1,  $A^*(S_n)$  is  $i$ -balanced, for each  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , the number of  $n$ -tuples on any cycle  $C$  in  $A^*(S_n)$  whose  $k^{th}$  co-ordinate are  $-$  is even. Also, since  $A^*(G)$  is bipartite, all cycles have even length; thus, for each  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , the number of  $n$ -tuples on any cycle  $C$  in  $A^*(S_n)$  whose  $k^{th}$  co-ordinate are  $+$  is also even. This implies that the same thing is true in any  $m$ -complement, where for any  $m, \in H_n$ . Hence  $(A^*(S_n))^t$  is  $i$ -balanced.  $\square$

**Problem 3.2** *Characterize these  $n$ -sigraphs for which*

- (1)  $(S_n)^m \sim A^*(S_n)$ ;
- (2)  $(\overline{S_n})^m \sim A(S_n)$ ;
- (3)  $(A^*(S_n))^m \sim A(S_n)$ ;
- (4)  $A^*(S_n) \sim (A(S_n))^m$ ;
- (5)  $(A^*(S))^m \sim A^*(\overline{S_n})$ ;
- (6)  $A^*(S_n) \sim (A^*(\overline{S_n}))^m$ .

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