



## Edge Product in Cluster Hypergraphs

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### Abstract

The cluster hypergraph  $H = (V_x, E)$  is said to be an Edge Product Cluster Hypergraph if there exists an edge function  $f : E \rightarrow I$  such that the edge function  $f$  and the corresponding edge product function  $F$  of  $f$  on  $V_x(H)$  have the following two conditions:

- (i)  $F(v) \in I$  for every  $v \in V_x(H)$
- (ii) if  $f(e_1) \times f(e_2) \times \dots \times f(e_i) \in I$  for some edges  $e_1, e_2 \dots e_i \in E(H)$ , then the edges  $e_1, e_2 \dots e_i$  are all adjacent to some vertex  $v \in V_x(H)$ . The edge product cluster hypergraph, unit edge product cluster hypergraph and some theorems related to this concept have been discussed in this paper.

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### 1 Introduction

Harary  $F$  introduced the notation of sum graph [6]. A graph  $G(V, E)$  is said to be a sum graph if there exists a bijection labeling  $f$  from the vertex set  $V$  to a set  $S$  of positive integers such that  $xy \in E$  if and only if  $f(x) + f(y) \in S$ . The product analogue of sum graphs was first introduced by Thavamani in 2011 [8]. He introduced the edge product graphs and the edge product number of a graph [6], [13]. A graph  $G$  is said to be an edge product graph if the edges of  $G$  can be labelled with distinct positive integers such that the product of all label of the edges incident on a vertex is again an edge label of  $G$  [8]. The hypergraph is a generalization of a graph in which edges can connect any number of vertices. Hypergraph was introduced by Berge in 1973 [1]-[2]. In 2020 S. Samantha introduced the concept of cluster hypergraphs [8]. The

concept cluster hypergraph was introduced to generalize the concept of hypergraph in which cluster nodes are allowed. Jadhar and Pawar introduced the notation of an edge function and using this edge function an edge product hypergraph is defined [9]. In this paper the concept of edge product cluster hypergraph, unit edge product cluster hypergraph and non-unit edge product cluster hypergraph have been discussed.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be a simple cluster hypergraph with vertex set  $V_x(H)$  and edge set  $E(H)$ . Let  $I$  be the set of positive integers such that  $|E| = |I|$ . Then any bijection  $f: E \rightarrow I$  is called an **Edge Function** of the cluster hypergraph .

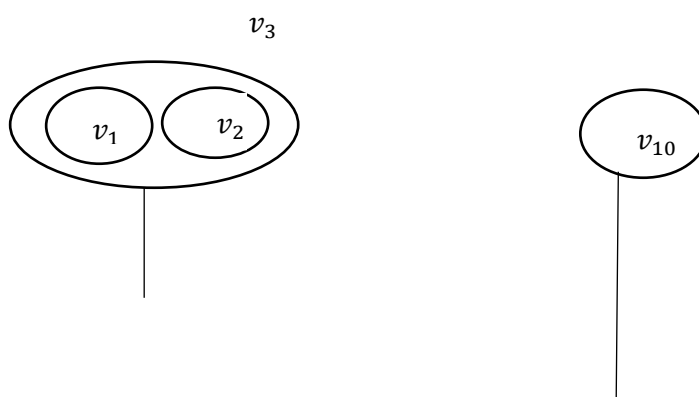
**Definition 2.2.** The function  $F(v) = \prod\{f(e); \text{edge } e \text{ incident to the vertex } v\}$  on  $V_x(H)$  is called an **Edge Product Function** of the edge function  $f$ .

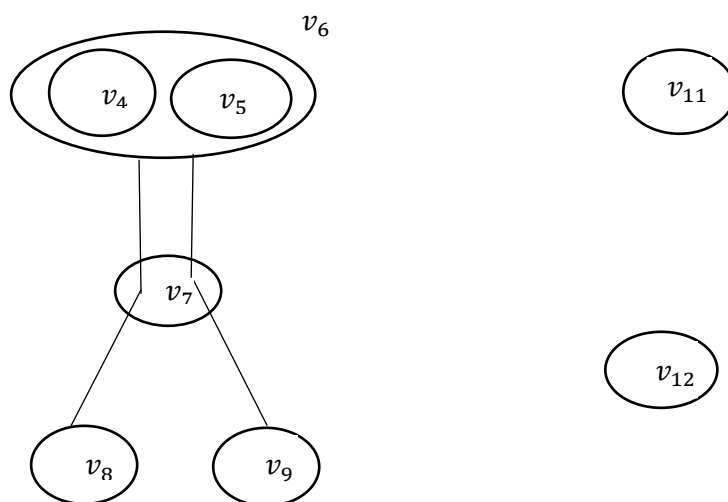
**Definition 2.3.** The cluster hypergraph  $H = (V_x, E)$  is said to be an Edge Product Cluster Hypergraph if there exists an edge function  $f: E \rightarrow I$  such that the edge function  $f$  and the corresponding edge product function  $F$  of  $f$  on  $V_x(H)$  have the following two conditions:

- (i)  $F(v) \in I$  for every  $v \in V_x(H)$
- (ii) if  $f(e_1) \times f(e_2) \times \dots \times f(e_i) \in I$  for some edges  $e_1, e_2 \dots e_i \in E(H)$ , then the edges  $e_1, e_2 \dots e_i$  are all adjacent to some vertex  $v \in V_x(H)$ .

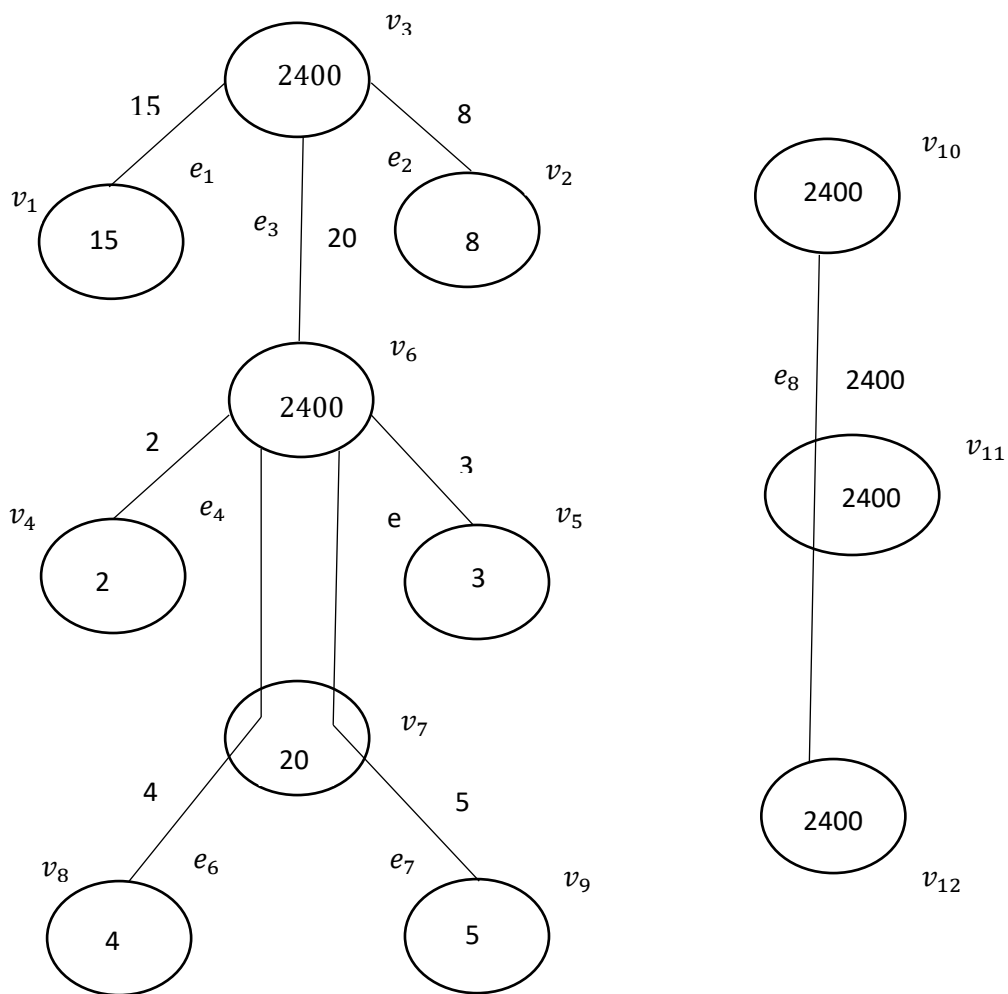
**Example 2.3.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be a cluster hypergraph, with vertex set  $V_x(H) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}\}$  and edge set  $E(H) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_8\}$ . Here the edges of  $H$  are defined as follows  $e_1 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ ,  $e_2 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $e_3 = \{v_3, v_6\}$ ,  $e_4 = \{v_4, v_6\}$ ,  $e_5 = \{v_5, v_6\}$ ,  $e_6 = \{v_6, v_7, v_8\}$ ,  $e_7 = \{v_6, v_7, v_9\}$ ,  $e_8 = \{v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}\}$ . Now we define the edge function  $f: E \rightarrow I$  by  $f(e_1) = 15$ ,  $f(e_2) = 8$ ,  $f(e_3) = 20$ ,  $f(e_4) = 2$ ,  $f(e_5) = 3$ ,  $f(e_6) = 4$ ,  $f(e_7) = 5$ ,  $f(e_8) = 2400$ . The edge product function  $F$  of  $f$  is defined by  $F(v_1) = 15$ ,  $F(v_2) = 8$ ,  $F(v_3) = 2400$ ,  $F(v_4) = 2$ ,  $F(v_5) = 3$ ,  $F(v_6) = 2400$ ,  $F(v_7) = 20$ ,  $F(v_8) = 4$ ,  $F(v_9) = 5$ ,  $F(v_{10}) = 2400$ ,  $F(v_{11}) = 2400$ ,  $F(v_{12}) = 2400$ .

Thus the given cluster hypergraph in figure 1 is an edge product cluster hypergraph.





**Figure 1, Cluster hypegraph**



**Figure 2**

Figure 2, Virtual representation of figure 1, which is an edge product cluster hypergraph.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and let  $V_x$  be a subset of  $P(X)$  such that  $\emptyset \notin V_x$  and  $X \subset V_x$ . Now  $F$  be a multi-set whose element belong to  $P(P(X))$  such that

(i)  $\emptyset \in E$

(ii) for each element  $e \in E$ , there exist atleast one element  $v \in V_x$  such that  $v \in e$ .

Then  $H = (V_x, E)$  is said to be Cluster hypergraph where  $V_x$  is said to be a vertex set and  $E$  is said to be multi-hyper edge set [11].

### 3 Main Results

**Remark 3.1.** Every cluster hypergraph can be form an edge product cluster hypergraph by adding an edge of cardinality less than or equal to  $V_x(H)$  or adding a subset of  $V_x(H)$  of cardinality two.

**Definition 3.2.** The cluster hypergraph  $H = (V_x, E)$  is said to be connected if for every pair of vertices are connected by a path. If  $H$  is not connected, then it consists of two or more components, each of which is a connected cluster hypergraph [11].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $I$  be the set of positive integers with  $1 \notin I$ . Then every edge product cluster hypergraph is not connected.

**Proof.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be an edge product cluster hypergraph. Let  $f : E \rightarrow I$  be an edge product function and  $F$  be an edge product function of  $f$ . Since  $1 \notin I$  shows that  $f(e_i) > 1$  for every edge  $e_i \in E$  and  $i \in E$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $j$  be the largest element in  $I$ . Since  $f : E \rightarrow I$  be a bijection, there exists an edge  $e \in E$  such that  $(e) = j$ . To prove  $H$  is not connected. Suppose on the contrary, assume  $H$  is connected then  $e$  must be adjacent to some edge  $m$  in  $E$ . This shows that there is a vertex  $v \in e \cap m$  such that  $F(v) = f(e) \cdot f(m) > f(e) = j$ . This implies that  $F(v) \notin I$  and so that  $H$  is not an edge product cluster hypergraph which is a contradiction. Hence  $H$  is not connected.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be an edge product cluster hypergraph. Then  $H$  is said to be a **Unit edge Product cluster hypergraph** if there exists an edge function  $f : E \rightarrow I$  such that  $1 \in I$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be a cluster hypergraph with vertex set  $V_x(H) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_{16}\}$  and edge set  $E(H) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_8\}$ . Here the edges of  $H$  are define as follows  $e_1 = \{v_3, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13}, v_{14}, v_{15}, v_{16}\}$ ,  $e_2 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ ,  $e_3 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $e_4 = \{v_4, v_6\}$ ,  $e_5 = \{v_5, v_6\}$ ,  $e_6 = \{v_7, v_8, v_9\}$ ,  $e_7 = \{v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}\}$ ,  $e_8 = \{v_{13}, v_{14}, v_{15}\}$ . Now we define the edge function  $f : E \rightarrow I$  by  $f(e_1) = 1, f(e_2) = 3, f(e_3) = 11, f(e_4) = 2, f(e_5) = 5, f(e_6) = 7, f(e_7) = 10, f(e_8) = 33$ .

The edge product function  $F$  of  $f$  is defined by  $F(v_1) = 3, F(v_2) = 11, F(v_3) = 33, F(v_4) = 2, F(v_5) = 5, F(v_6) = 10, F(v_7) = F(v_8) = F(v_9) = 7, F(v_{10}) = F(v_{11}) = F(v_{12}) = 10, F(v_{13}) = F(v_{14}) = F(v_{15}) = 33, F(v_{16}) = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Every unit edge product cluster hypergraph is always connected.

**Proof.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be a unit edge product cluster hypergraph. Let  $f : E \rightarrow I$  be an edge product function and  $F$  be an edge product function of  $f$ . Let  $e$  be an edge of  $H$  with  $(e) = 1$ . To prove that  $H$  is connected. Suppose  $H$  is not connected. Then  $H$  has more than one component. Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two components of  $H$ , where  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are connected cluster hypergraphs. Let  $m$  be any edge in  $H_1$  such that  $(m) \in I$ . Without loss of generality, assume that the edge  $e$  in  $H$ . Since  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are not connected, there is no vertex common to both  $e$  and  $m$ . But now,  $(m) = f(m) \cdot 1$ . This implies that,  $(m) = f(m) \cdot f(e) \in I$ . This shows that  $e$  and  $m$  are incident with a vertex  $v \in V_x$ , and so  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are connected by a path, which is a contradiction. Hence  $H$  is connected.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be a unit edge product cluster hypergraph with an edge  $e \in E$ . Then  $f(e) = 1$  if and only if  $e$  must be adjacent to all the edges in  $H$ .

**Proof.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be a unit edge product cluster hypergraph. By theorem 3.2,  $H$  is connected. Let  $e \in E$ . Assume  $f(e) = 1$ . To prove  $e$  is adjacent to every edges in  $H$ . Suppose  $e$  is not adjacent to some edge  $e_j$  in  $H$  such that  $f(e_j) \in I$ . This shows that there is no vertex common to both  $e$  and  $e_j$ . Thus  $e \cap e_j = \emptyset$ . But  $(e_j) = f(e_j) \cdot 1 = f(e_j) \cdot f(e) \in I$ . If this is true then  $e$  and  $e_j$  are incident to a vertex  $v \in V_x(H)$  and so  $v \in e \cap e_j$ . Since  $e \cap e_j = \emptyset$  shows that  $v = \emptyset$ . If  $v = \emptyset$  then  $\emptyset \notin V_x(H)$  which is not possible. Therefore  $v \neq \emptyset$  and  $e \cap e_j = \emptyset$  shows that  $f(e) > 1$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $e$  is adjacent to every edges in  $H$ .

Conversely assume that  $e$  is adjacent to every edges in  $H$ . To show that  $f(e) = 1$ . Suppose  $f(e) > 1$ . Let  $j$  be the largest element in  $I$ . Since  $f : E \rightarrow I$  be a bijection, there exists an edge  $m \in E(H)$  such that  $(m) = j$ . By assumption there is a vertex  $v \in V_x(H)$  such that  $e$  and  $m$  are incident with  $v$ . But  $F(v) = f(e) \cdot f(m) > f(m) = j$ . This implies that  $F(v) > j$ , which is not possible. Therefore  $F(v) = j$  follows that  $e$  is not adjacent with  $m$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $(e) = 1$ .

**Definition 3.4.** An edge  $e$  in a unit edge product cluster hypergraph whose edge function label as one is called a unit edge of that cluster hypergraph.

The edge which is not a unit edge is called a non-unit edge of that cluster hypergraph.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be a unit edge product cluster hypergraph with vertex set  $V_x(H) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3 = (v_1, v_2), v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7 = (v_4, v_5, v_6), v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13}, v_{14}\}$  and edge set  $E(H) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_8\}$ , where  $e_1 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ ,  $e_2 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $e_3 = \{v_3, v_7, v_8, v_{11}, v_{14}\}$ ,  $e_4 = \{v_4, v_7\}$ ,  $e_5 = \{v_6, v_7\}$ ,  $e_6 = \{v_5, v_7\}$ ,  $e_7 = \{v_8, v_9, v_{10}\}$ ,  $e_8 = \{v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13}\}$ . Also the edge function  $f : E \rightarrow I$  for  $H$  as  $f(e_1) = 7, f(e_2) = 11, f(e_3) = 1, f(e_4) = 2, f(e_5) = 3, f(e_6) = 5, f(e_7) = 30, f(e_8) = 77$ . Moreover the edge product function  $F$  of  $f$  is defined by  $F(v_1) = 7, F(v_2) = 11, F(v_3) = 77, F(v_4) = 2, F(v_5) = 5, F(v_6) = 3, F(v_7) = F(v_8) = F(v_9) = F(v_{10}) = 30, F(v_{11}) = F(v_{12}) = F(v_{13}) = 77$  and  $F(v_{14}) = 1$ .

For this unit edge product cluster hypergraph  $H$  the unit edge is  $e_3$  and  $E(H) - e_3$  are the set of non-unit edge of  $H$ .

**Definition 3.5.** An edge  $e$  in a unit edge product cluster hypergraph whose edge function label as the largest element in the set of positive integers  $I$  is called a maximal edge of that cluster hypergraph.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $H = (V_x, E)$  be a unit edge product cluster hypergraph with vertex set  $V_x(H) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9\}$  and edge set  $E(H) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_6\}$  where  $e_1 = \{v_1, v_5\}$ ,  $e_2 = \{v_2, v_5\}$ ,  $e_3 = \{v_3, v_5\}$ ,  $e_4 = \{v_4, v_5\}$ ,  $e_5 = \{v_5, v_6, v_9\}$ ,  $e_6 = \{v_6, v_7, v_8\}$ . Also the edge function  $f : E \rightarrow I$  for  $H$  as  $f(e_1) = 2, f(e_2) = 3, f(e_3) = 5, f(e_4) = 9, f(e_5) = 1, f(e_6) = 270$ . Moreover the edge product function  $F$  of  $f$  is defined as  $F(v_1) = 2, F(v_2) = 3, F(v_3) = 5, F(v_4) = 9, F(v_5) = 270, F(v_6) = F(v_7) = F(v_8) = 270$  and  $(v_9) = 1$ .

For this unit edge product cluster hypergraph  $H$   $e_6$  is the maximal edge of  $H$ .

## Conclusion

The edge product of cluster hypergraph and some theorems related to this concept have been discussed here. In future studies, the edge product number can be determined for cluster hypergraphs.

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