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Annihilator graphs of a commutative semigroup whose Zero-divisor graphs are a complete graph with an end vertex

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Abstract. Suppose that the zero-divisor graph of a commutative semigroup S, be a complete graph with an end vertex. In this paper, we determine the structure of the annihilator graph S and we show that if Z(S) = S, then the annihilator graph S is a disconnected graph.

1 Introduction

In this paper S is a commutative semigroup with zero whose operation is written multiplicatively and Z(S) is the set of all zero-divisors of S also $Z(S)^* = Z(S) \setminus \{0\}$.

The zero-divisor graph of a commutative semigroup S with zero, is denoted by $\Gamma(S)$, is an undirected graph with vertex set $Z(S)^*$ and two distinct vertices x and y are adjacent if and only if xy = 0. $\Gamma(S)$ is a connected graph and the

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diameter of $\Gamma(S)$ is less than or equal to three. For other results on zero divisor graphs one can see [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10].

In [1], we introduced and studied the annihilator graph for a commutative semigroup S, and showed it with AG(S). The graph AG(S) is an undirected graph with vertex set $Z(S)^*$ and two distinct vertices x and y are adjacent if and only if $\operatorname{ann}_S(xy) \neq \operatorname{ann}_S(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_S(y)$, where $\operatorname{ann}_S(x) = \{s \in S \mid xs = 0\}$. We proved that if $Z(S) \neq S$, then $\Gamma(S)$ is a subgraph of AG(S), and so AG(S) is connected. Also if Z(S) = S, then AG(S) may be connected or disconnected and if there exists $x \in S^* = S \setminus \{0\}$ such that x is adjacent to all vertices in $\Gamma(S)$, then x is an isolated vertex in AG(S).

In [1, section 4] and in [2], we characterized all annihilator graphs with three and four vertices. Also in [3], we studied the structure of the annihilator graph of a commutative semigroup S whose $\Gamma(S)$ is a refinement of a star graph.

A complete graph and a complete graph with an end vertex are one of the graphs can be zero-divisor graph of a commutative semigroup.

In this paper, we study the annihilator graph associated with a commutative semigroup with zero using the zero-divisor graph $\Gamma(S)$, where $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex $u \notin V(K_n)$ and u is only adjacent to $z \in V(K_n)$. Let \mathfrak{m} be the number of edges between \mathfrak{u} and $V(K_n)$ in AG(S). We show that the following four statements hold.

- (i) Let $u^2 = 0$. If $Z(S) \neq S$, then $m \in \{1, 2, 3,, n\}$ and if Z(S) = S, then $m \in \{0, 1, 2, 3,, n 1\}$.
- (ii) Let $u^2 = z$. If $Z(S) \neq S$, then m = n and so u is adjacent to all vertices of $V(K_n)$ in AG(S) and if Z(S) = S, then m = n-1 and u is not adjacent to z in AG(S).
- (iii) Let $u^2 = u$. If $Z(S) \neq S$, then $m \in \{1, 2, 3,, n-1\}$ and if Z(S) = S, then $m \in \{0, 1, 2, 3,, n-2\}$ and so there is at least one vertex of $V(K_n)$ that u is not adjacent to it in AG(S).
- (iv) Let $u^2 = b \notin \{0, z, u\}$. If $Z(S) \neq S$, then $m \in \{n 1, n\}$ and so there is at most one vertex $(u^2 = b)$ of $V(K_n)$ that u is not adjacent to it in AG(S). Also if Z(S) = S, then $m \in \{n - 1, n - 2\}$ and u is not adjacent to z in AG(S).

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some definitions and notations of graphs and we use the standard terminology of graphs is contained in [4]. Here, G is a graph with vertex set V(G) and edge set E(G). If a is adjacent to b in G, then the edge between a and b will denote by $\{ab\}$ and we write $a \sim b$.

The *distance* between two distinct vertices x and y is the length of the shortest path connecting x and y and will denote by d(x, y), if such a path exists; otherwise, we use $d(x, y) := \infty$. Also $diam(G) = sup\{d(x, y) : x \text{ and } y \text{ are distinct vertices of } G\}$ is the *diameter* of the graph G.

The girth of G, denoted by gr(G), is the length of the shortest cycle in G. If there exists a path between any two distinct vertices of G, we say that graph G is a *connected* graph, and if for each two vertices x and y of V(G) we have x is adjacent to y, we say that G is a complete graph and K_n is the complete graph with n vertices. If no two vertices of G are adjacent, we say that G is a *totally disconnected* graph and nK_1 is the totally disconnected graph with n vertices.

We say that u is an end vertex in G. If u is adjacent to only one vertex of G and if for each vertex $x \in V(G)$ we have u is not adjacent to x, then we say that u is an *isolated* vertex in G.

Suppose that H and G are two graphs. We use the notation $G \leq H$ to denote that G is a subgraph of H and if H is isomorphic to G, we write $H \cong G$. Let G be a graph. $G \setminus \{\{x_1y_1\}, \{x_2y_2\}, \{x_3y_3\}, ..., \{x_ny_n\}\}$ is a graph such that edges $\{x_1y_1\}, \{x_2y_2\}, \{x_3y_3\}, ..., \{x_ny_n\}$ are deleted.

 P_n is the path of length n and C_n is the cycle of length n.

 $\mathfrak{m}K_n$ is a graph with \mathfrak{m} components such that each component is isomorphic to K_n . $G \cup H$, the union of the graphs G and H, is a graph with vertex set $V(G) \cup V(H)$ and edge set $E(H) \cup E(G)$.

Now, we recall some results which we are used in the next section.

Theorem 1 [1] If $Z(S) \neq S$, then we have $\Gamma(S) \leq AG(S)$.

Theorem 2 [1] Let Z(S) = S and there exists $x \in S^*$ such that, for each non zero element $y \neq x$ of S, we have xy = 0. Then x is an isolated vertex in AG(S).

Lemma 3 [2] If $Z(S) \neq S$ and $\Gamma(S) \cong P_3$, then $AG(S) \cong C_4$.

Lemma 4 [2] Let $Z(S) \neq S$. Then $AG(S) \cong C_4$ if and only if we either have $\Gamma(S) \cong P_3$ or $\Gamma(S) \cong C_4$.

Lemma 5 [2] Let Z(S) = S. Then $AG(S) \cong P_3$ with $x \sim w \sim z \sim y$ if and only if $\Gamma(S) \cong P_3$ with $w \sim x \sim y \sim z$.

Lemma 6 [2] Let S be a commutative semigroup with $Z(S) \neq S$, and let $\Gamma(S) \cong K_3 + \{wx\}$ with wx = xy = yz = zx = 0. Then $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{wy\}$ if and only if the relations between the zero-divisors of S satisfies in one of the following four conditions.

- (i) wy = y, wz = x, $w^2 = y^2 = y$, $x^2 = 0$, and $z^2 \in \{0, x\}$.
- (ii) wy = wz = x, $w^2 = y^2 = x^2 = 0$, and $z^2 = x$.
- (*iii*) wy = y = wz, $w^2 = w$, $z^2 = x$, and $y^2 = x^2 = 0$.

Lemma 7 [2] Let S be a commutative semigroup with $Z(S) \neq S$, and let $\Gamma(S) \cong K_3 + \{wx\}$ with wx = xy = yz = zx = 0. Then $AG(S) \cong K_4$ if and only if the relations between the zero-divisors of S satisfies in one of the following eleven conditions.

- (i) wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, wy = x, wz = y, $y^2 = x^2 = 0$, $w^2 = z$ and $z^2 = x$.
- (ii) wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, wy = z, wz = x, $w^2 = y$, $y^2 = x$ and $z^2 = x^2 = 0$.
- (iii) wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, wy = wz = x, $x^2 = 0$ and one of the following nine cases holds.
 - (1) $w^2 = 0$, $y^2 = x$ and $z^2 = x$. (2) $w^2 = y$, $y^2 = 0$ and $z^2 \in \{0, x\}$. (3) $w^2 = z$, $z^2 = 0$ and $y^2 \in \{0, x\}$. (4) $w^2 = x$, $y^2 = 0$ and $z^2 \in \{0, x\}$. (5) $w^2 = x$, $y^2 = x$ and $z^2 \in \{0, x\}$.

Lemma 8 [2] Let S be a commutative semigroup with $Z(S) \neq S$, and let $\Gamma(S) \cong K_3 + \{wx\}$ with wx = xy = yz = zx = 0. Then $AG(S) \cong K_3 + \{wx\}$ with $w \sim x \sim y \sim z \sim x$ if and only if the relations between the zero-divisors of S satisfies in one of the following nineteen conditions.

(i) wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, wy = y = wz, $z^2 = y^2 = 0$, $w^2 = w$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$.

- (*ii*) wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, wz = wy = x and $w^2 = y^2 = z^2 = x^2 = 0$.
- (iii) wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, wz = z = wy, $w^2 = w$, $y^2 = z^2 = 0$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$.
- (iv) wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, wz = y, wy = z, $w^2 = w$, $y^2 = z^2 = 0$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$.
- (v) wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, wy = y, wz = z, $w^2 = w$ and we have the following twelve situations.
 - (1) $y^2 = 0$, $z^2 = 0$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$. (2) $y^2 = 0$, $z^2 = z$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$. (3) $y^2 = 0$, $z^2 = y$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$. (4) $y^2 = y$, $z^2 = 0$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$. (5) $y^2 = y$, $z^2 = z$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$. (6) $y^2 = z$, $z^2 = 0$ and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$.

Lemma 9 [2] Let S be a commutative semigroup with Z(S) = S, and let $\Gamma(S) \cong K_3 + \{wx\}$ with wx = xy = yz = zx = 0. Then $AG(S) \cong 2K_1 \cup K_2$, where x and w are isolated vertices and z is adjacent to y, if and only if the semigroup S satisfies in one of the nineteen conditions of Lemma (8).

Lemma 10 [2] Let S be a commutative semigroup with Z(S) = S. Then AG(S) $\cong K_{1,2} \cup K_1$, where x is an isolated vertex and the vertices y, z, w form a star graph with center z, if and only if $\Gamma(S) \cong K_3 + \{wx\}$ with wx = xy = yz = zx = 0, and the semigroup S satisfies in one of the four conditions of Lemma (6).

Lemma 11 [2] Let S be a commutative semigroup with Z(S) = S, and let $\Gamma(S) \cong K_3 + \{wx\}$ with wx = xy = yz = zx = 0. Then $AG(S) \cong K_3 \cup K_1$, where x is an isolated vertex and the vertices w, z, y form a triangle if and only if the semigroup S satisfies in one of the eleven conditions of Lemma (7).

Suppose that G is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u that u is adjacent to $z \in V(K_n)$ and n = 1. Then $\Gamma(S) \cong K_2$. Now if Z(S) = S, then clearly $AG(S) \cong 2K_1$, and if $Z(S) \neq S$, then $AG(S) \cong \Gamma(S) \cong K_2$.

Let n = 2. We have $\Gamma(S) \cong K_{1,2} = P_2$ with $u \sim z \sim x$. In [1], we show that, if Z(S) = S, then $AG(S) \cong 3K_1$ or $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_2$, and if $Z(S) \neq S$, then $AG(S) \cong K_{1,2}$ or $AG(S) \cong K_3$.

Moreover assume that complete graph K_2 has two end vertices u_1 and u_2 adjacent to z_1 and z_2 . Then $\Gamma(S) \cong P_3$ with $u_1 \sim z_1 \sim z_2 \sim u_2$. Now by lemma 5, if Z(S) = S, then $AG(S) \cong P_3$ with $z_1 \sim u_1 \sim u_2 \sim z_2$ such that z_1 and z_2 are two end vertices in AG(S), and by lemma 3, if $Z(S) \neq S$, then $AG(S) \cong C_4$.

3 Properties of AG(S)

In this section, we assume that $|Z(S)^*| \ge 4$ and K_n is a complete graph with at least three vertices and $z \in V(K_n)$ and $u \notin V(K_n)$. we add to K_n an end vertex u, which is adjacent to a unique vertex z of $V(K_n)$ and denote it by $\Gamma(S) \cong K_n + \{uz\}$ and so $\Gamma(S) \cong K_n + \{uz\}$ is the graph of a commutative semigroup such that $Z(S) = V(K_n) \cup \{0\} \cup \{u\}$. Thus for each two distinct vertices x and y in $V(K_n)$, we have xy = zu = 0 and $xu \neq 0$ and Since z is a cut vertex in $\Gamma(S)$, thus $\{0, z\}$ is an ideal of S and so $z^2 = 0$ or $z^2 = z$.

In following, we distinguish the structure of the annihilator graph a commutative semigroup whose $\Gamma(S) \cong K_n + \{uz\}$, for cases $u^2 = 0$ or $u^2 = z$ or $u^2 = u$ or $u^2 \neq 0, z, u$.

The following lemma show that if $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u, then for all $x, y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$ always, x is adjacent to y in AG(S).

Lemma 12 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u. Then for all $x, y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$, we have x is adjacent to y in AG(S).

Proof. Since $\Gamma(S) \cong K_n + \{uz\}$ and $x, y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$, we have xy = 0 and so $\operatorname{ann}_S(xy) = S$. since u is an end vertex adjacent to only z in $\Gamma(S)$ thus $ux \neq 0$ and $uy \neq 0$ so $u \notin \operatorname{ann}_S(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_S(y)$ which follows that $\operatorname{ann}_S(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_S(y) \neq \operatorname{ann}_S(xy)$. Therefore x is adjacent to y in AG(S).

Lemma 13 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) If $Z(S) \neq S$, then AG(S) is a connected graph and u is adjacent to z in AG(S).
- (ii) If Z(S) = S, then AG(S) is a disconnected graph and z is an isolated vertex in AG(S).

Proof. (i) Since $Z(S) \neq S$ by theorem 1, we have $\Gamma(S) \leq AG(S)$. Since $\Gamma(S)$ is a connected graph and z is adjacent to u in $\Gamma(S)$, we have AG(S) is a connected graph and u is adjacent to z in AG(S).

(ii) Since z is adjacent to all vertices in $\Gamma(S)$ and Z(S) = S by theorem 2, z is an isolated vertex in AG(S) and so AG(S) is a disconnected graph. Let $\Gamma(S) \cong K_n + \{uz\}$. By lemma 12 and lemma 13, to study the graph AG(S), it is sufficient to examine the edges between u and x, for all $x \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$.

Proposition 14 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex \mathfrak{u} . Also assume that $\mathfrak{u}^2 = 0$ and $x, y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Then $\mathfrak{u} x = z$, $z^2 = 0$ and $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$.

Proof. Since u is not adjacent to x in $\Gamma(S)$, we have $ux \neq 0$. If ux = u, then uy = (ux)y = u(xy) = 0, which is impossible and so $ux \neq u$. Now let ux = y. We have $uy = u(ux) = u^2x = 0$ which is again impossible. Since $Z(S) = V(K_n) \cup \{0\} \cup \{u\}$, we have ux = z and so $z^2 = (ux)z = u(xz) = 0$. Finally, since ux = z, we have $ux^2 = (ux)x = zx = 0$ and so $x^2 \in \operatorname{ann}_S(u) = \{0, u, z\}$. If $x^2 = u$, then $uy = x^2y = x(xy) = 0$, which is impossible. Therefore $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$.

Let $u^2 = 0$. The following lemma states which vertices of $V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$ are connected to the end vertex u in AG(S)

Lemma 15 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u. Also assume that $u^2 = 0$ and $x, y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Then the following statements hold.

(i) \mathfrak{u} is adjacent to \mathfrak{x} in AG(S) if and only if $\mathfrak{x}^2 = \mathfrak{z}$.

(ii) u is not adjacent to x in AG(S) if and only if $x^2 = 0$.

Proof. (i) By proposition 14, we have $u^2 = z^2 = uz = 0$, ux = z and $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$.

First suppose that $x^2 = z$. Then $x \notin \operatorname{ann}_S(x)$. Since ux = z so $x \notin \operatorname{ann}_S(u)$ and since zx = 0, we have $x \in \operatorname{ann}_S(z) = \operatorname{ann}_S(ux)$. Thus $\operatorname{ann}_S(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_S(u) \neq \operatorname{ann}_S(ux)$. Therefore x is adjacent to u in AG(S).

Conversely, assume that \mathfrak{u} is adjacent to \mathfrak{x} in AG(S) and $\mathfrak{x}^2 = 0$. Then $\operatorname{ann}_S(\mathfrak{x}) = V(K_n)$. Also $\operatorname{ann}_S(\mathfrak{u}) = \{0, \mathfrak{u}, z\}$ hence $\operatorname{ann}_S(\mathfrak{x}) \cup \operatorname{ann}_S(\mathfrak{u}) = Z(S) = \operatorname{ann}_S(\mathfrak{u}\mathfrak{x})$. Thus \mathfrak{u} is not adjacent to \mathfrak{x} in AG(S) which is impossible. Therefore $\mathfrak{x}^2 \neq 0$ and by proposition 14, $\mathfrak{x}^2 = \mathfrak{z}$.

(ii) It is clear.

By the above lemma, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 16 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u and $u^2 = 0$. Also assume that $Z(S) \neq S$ and $V(K_n) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n-1}, z\}$.

Then $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}, ., ., ., \{ux_m\}\}$ if and only if for all $0 \le i \le m$ and $m+1 \le j \le n-1$, we have $x_i^2 = 0$ and $x_j^2 = z$.

Proof. First suppose that $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}, ..., .., \{ux_m\}\}$. Then for all $0 \le i \le m$, we have u is not adjacent to x_i in AG(S) and for all $m+1 \le j \le n-1$, we have u is adjacent to x_j in AG(S). By lemma 15, for all $0 \le i \le m$ and $m+1 \le j \le n-1$, we have $x_i^2 = 0$ and $x_j^2 = z$.

Conversely, Since $Z(S) \neq S$ by theorem 1, we have $\Gamma(S) \leq AG(S)$ and by lemma 15, for all $0 \leq i \leq m$ and $m + 1 \leq j \leq n - 1$, we have u is not adjacent to x_i in AG(S) and u is adjacent to x_j in AG(S). Therefore $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}, ..., .., \{ux_m\}\}$.

If m = 0 or m = 1 or m = n - 1, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 17 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u and $u^2 = 0$. Also assume that $Z(S) \neq S$ and $V(K_n) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ., ., ., x_{n-1}, z\}$. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1}$ if and only if for all $1 \le i \le n-1$, we have $x_i^2 = z$.
- (ii) $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}\}$ if and only if $x_1^2 = 0$ and for all $2 \le i \le n-1$, we have $x_i^2 = z$.
- (iii) $AG(S) \cong K_n + \{uz\}$ if and only if for all $1 \le i \le n-1$, we have $x_i^2 = 0$.

The next corollary follows from theorem 16.

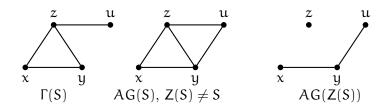
Corollary 18 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u and $u^2 = 0$. Also assume that $V(K_n) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n-1}, z\}$. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) If $Z(S) \neq S$, then AG(S) can be one of the graphs: K_{n+1} or $K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}\}\$ or $K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}\}\$ or $K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}\}\$ or or $K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}, ..., or K_{n+1}\}\} = K_n + \{uz\}$

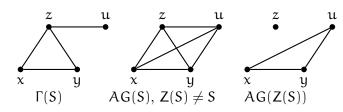
Proof. If $Z(S) \neq S$, by theorem 1, then $\Gamma(S) \leq AG(S)$ and if Z(S) = S, by theorem 2, then z is an isolated vertex in AG(S). Now by theorem 16, the results hold.

Example 19 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_3 with an end vertex u and $u^2 = 0$. Also assume that $V(K_3) = \{x, y, z\}$. Then xy = xz = yz = uz = 0 and we have ux = uy = z and $z^2 = 0$. Moreover we have one of the following three statements.

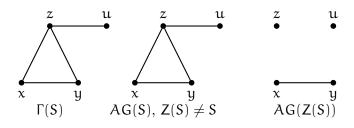
(i) $x^2 = 0$ and $y^2 = z$ or $x^2 = z$ and $y^2 = 0$. In this case if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 6, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{ux\}\}\$ or $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{uy\}\}\$ and if Z(S) = S, by lemma 10, we have $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3 \setminus \{\{ux\}\}\$ or $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3 \setminus \{\{uy\}\}$.



(ii) $x^2 = z$ and $y^2 = z$. In this case if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 7, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4$ and if Z(S) = S, by lemma 11, we have $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3$.



(iii) $x^2 = y^2 = 0$. In this case if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 8, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{ux\}, \{uy\}\} = K_3 + \{uz\}$ and if Z(S) = S, by lemma 9, we have $AG(S) \cong 2K_1 \cup K_2$ such that u and z are two isolated vertices in AG(S).



In the following we study the case of $u^2 = z$ and we show that u is adjacent to x, for all $x \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$.

Proposition 20 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex \mathfrak{u} . Also assume that $\mathfrak{u}^2 = z$ and $x, y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Then $\mathfrak{u} x = z$, $z^2 = 0$ and $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$.

Proof. Since $u^2 = z$, we have $z^2 = u^2 z = u(uz) = u0 = 0$ and since u is not adjacent to x in $\Gamma(S)$, we have $ux \neq 0$. If ux = u, then uy = (ux)y = u(xy) = 0 and if for all $y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$, we have ux = y, then $uy = u(ux) = u^2x = zx = 0$ which are impossible. Thus $ux \notin \{0, u\} \cup V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Therefore ux = z. Since ux = z, we have $ux^2 = (ux)x = zx = 0$ and so $x^2 \in ann_S(u) = \{0, z\}$.

Lemma 21 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u. Also assume that $u^2 = z$ and $x \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Then u is adjacent to x in AG(S).

Proof. By proposition 20, we have $z^2 = uz = 0$, ux = z and $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$. Since $z^2 = uz = 0$, we have $\operatorname{ann}_{S}(z) = Z(S)$. On the other hand, since $u^2 = z$ and ux = z, so $u \notin \operatorname{ann}_{S}(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_{S}(u)$ which follows that $\operatorname{ann}_{S}(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_{S}(u) \neq Z(S) = \operatorname{ann}_{S}(z) = \operatorname{ann}_{S}(ux)$. Therefore x is adjacent to u in AG(S). \Box By the above lemma, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 22 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u and $u^2 = z$. Then the following two statements hold.

- (i) If $Z(S) \neq S$, then $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1}$.
- (*ii*) If Z(S) = S, then $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_n$.

Proof. (i) Since $Z(S) \neq S$ by theorem 1, we have $\Gamma(S) \leq AG(S)$. By lemma 21, for all $x \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$, we have u is adjacent to x in AG(S). Also by lemmas 12 and 13, for all $x, y \in V(K_n)$, we have x is adjacent to y in AG(S). Therefore $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1}$.

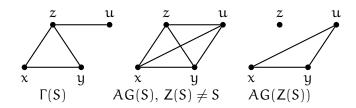
(ii) Since Z(S) = S by theorem 2, we have z is an isolated vertex in AG(S). Now by lemmas 12, 13, 21, we have $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_n$.

Example 23 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_3 with an end vertex u and $u^2 = z$. Also assume that $V(K_3) = \{x, y, z\}$. Then xy = xz = yz = uz = 0 and we have ux = uy = z and $z^2 = 0$. Moreover we have one of the following three statements.

(i) $x^2 = 0$ and $y^2 = z$ or $x^2 = z$ and $y^2 = 0$.

- (*ii*) $x^2 = y^2 = z$.
- (*iii*) $x^2 = y^2 = 0$.

In three cases if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 7, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4$ and if Z(S) = S, by ,lemma 11, we have $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3$



In the following we study the case of $u^2 = u$ and we show that there is at least one vertex $y \in V(K_n)$ such that u is not adjacent to y in AG(S) and so in this case AG(S) is not a complete graph.

Proposition 24 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u. Also assume that $u^2 = u$ and x, y are two distincet vertices in $V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Then $z^2 = 0$ or $z^2 = z$. and $ux \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u\} = V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Also we have the following two statements.

- (i) If ux = x, then $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = x$ or $x^2 = y$ and uy = y.
- (ii) If ux = y, then uy = y and $y^2 = 0$ and also $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$.

Proof. Since u is not adjacent to x in $\Gamma(S)$, we have $ux \neq 0$. If ux = z, then $z = ux = u^2x = u(ux) = uz = 0$ this is impossible and if ux = u, then uy = (ux)y = u(xy) = 0 which is again impossible. So $ux \notin \{0, z, u\}$ and thus $ux \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u\} = V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$.

(i) Also suppose that ux = x. Then $ux^2 = x^2$. If $x^2 = z$, then z = uz = 0and if $x^2 = u$, then $uy = x^2y = x(xy) = 0$ which are impossible. So $x^2 \notin \{z, u\}$ and thus $x^2 \in Z(S) \setminus \{z, u\} = V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Therefore $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = x$ or $x^2 = y$. Also if $x^2 = y$, then $uy = ux^2 = (ux)x = x^2 = y$.

(ii) Now assume that ux = y. Then $y^2 = (ux)y = u(xy) = 0$ and $uy = u(ux) = u^2x = ux = y$. Since $ux^2 = (ux)x = yx = 0$, we have $x^2 \in \operatorname{ann}_S(u) = \{0, z\}$ and thus $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$.

Let $u^2 = u$. The following lemma states which vertices of $V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$ are connected to the end vertex u in AG(S).

Lemma 25 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u. Also assume that $u^2 = u$ and $x, y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Then the following two statements hold.

- (i) u is adjacent to x in AG(S) if and only if ux = y and $x^2 = z$.
- (ii) u is not adjacent to x in AG(S) if and only if ux = x or ux = y and $x^2 = 0$. Moreover if ux = y, then in both cases $x^2 = z$, and $x^2 = 0$ we have u is not adjacent to y in AG(S).

Proof.

(i) First suppose that u is adjacent to x in AG(S). Then $ux \neq x$ and by proposition 24, ux = y and $y^2 = 0$ and $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$. If $x^2 = 0$, then $\operatorname{ann}_S(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_S(u) = V(K_n) \cup \{0, z\} = V(K_n) \cup \{0\} = \operatorname{ann}_S(y) = \operatorname{ann}_S(ux)$ and so u is not adjacent to x in AG(S) this is impossible. Therefore $x^2 \neq 0$ and so $x^2 = z$.

Conversely, assum that ux = y and $x^2 = z$. Then $x \notin \operatorname{ann}_{S}(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_{S}(u)$ and $x \in \operatorname{ann}_{S}(y)$ and so u is adjacent to x in AG(S).

(ii) First suppose that u is not adjacent to x in $\Gamma(S)$ and $ux \neq x$. Then by proposition 24, we have ux = y, $y^2 = 0$ and also $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$. If $x^2 = z$, then u is adjacent to x in AG(S) this is impossible. Therefore $x^2 = 0$.

Conversely, if ux = x, then u is not adjacent to x in AG(S). Now assume that $ux \neq x$. Then by proposition 24, we have ux = y, $y^2 = 0$ and since $x^2 = 0$, we have $ann_S(x) = ann_S(y) = ann_S(ux)$ and so u is not adjacent to x in AG(S).

Moreover if ux = y, then $uy = u(ux) = u^2x = ux = y$ and so u is not adjacent to y in AG(S).

By proposition 24, for all $x \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$, we have $ux \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u\} = V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$ and ux = x or there is $y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z, x\}$ that ux = y and uy = y. So u is not adjacent to x in AG(S) or u is not adjacent to y in AG(S). Therefore there is at least one vertex $x \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$ that is not adjacent to u in AG(S) and thus AG(S) is not a commplete graph.

Corollary 26 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u. Also assume that $u^2 = u$. Then AG(S) is not a complete graph.

Theorem 27 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex \mathfrak{u} and $\mathfrak{u}^2 = \mathfrak{u}$. Also assume that $Z(S) \neq S$ and $V(K_n) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n-1}, z\}$. Then $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{\mathfrak{u}x_1\}, \{\mathfrak{u}x_2\}, \{\mathfrak{u}x_3\}, ..., ., \{\mathfrak{u}x_m\}\}$ if and only if for all $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $m+1 \leq j \leq n-1$, we have the following two statements.

- (i) either $ux_i = x_i$ or $ux_i = x_t$ and $1 \le t \le m$ also $x_i^2 = 0$.
- (*ii*) $ux_j = x_i$ and $x_j^2 = z$

Proof. (i) First suppose that $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}, ., ., ., \{ux_m\}\}$. Then u is not adjacent to x_i in AG(S) and by lemma 25 for all $1 \le i \le m$, we have $ux_i = x_i$ or $ux_i = x_t$ and $x_i^2 = 0$. Moreover if $ux_i = x_t$, then $ux_t = x_t$ and so u is not adjacent to x_t in AG(S). Thus $1 \le t \le m$.

(ii)Since u is adjacent to x_j in AG(S) by lemma 25 for all $m+1 \le j \le n-1$, we have $ux_j = x_t$ and $x_j^2 = z$. Also if $ux_j = x_t$, then $ux_t = x_t$ and so u is not adjacent to x_t in AG(S). Thus $1 \le t \le m$. Therefore $ux_j = x_i$.

Conversely, by lemma 25, if statement (i) holds, then for all $1 \leq i \leq m$, we have u is not adjacent to x_i in AG(S) and if statement (ii) holds, then for all $m + 1 \leq j \leq n - 1$, we have u is adjacent to x_j in AG(S) and so $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}, ..., .., \{ux_m\}\}$.

In the above theorem, since AG(S) is not a commplete graph so $m \neq 0$. If m = 1 or m = n - 1, then we have the following corollary.

Corollary 28 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u and $u^2 = u$. Also assume that $Z(S) \neq S$ and $V(K_n) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ., ., x_{n-1}, z\}$. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}\}\$ if and only if $ux_1 = x_1$ and for all $2 \le i \le n-1$, we have $ux_i = x_1$ and $x_1^2 = 0$ and $x_i^2 = z$.
- (ii) $AG(S) \cong K_n + \{uz\}$ if and only if for all $1 \le i, j \le n-1$, we have if $ux_i \ne x_i$, then $ux_i = x_j$ and $x_i^2 = x_j^2 = 0$.

The next corollary follows from theorem 27.

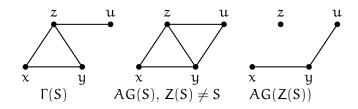
Corollary 29 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u and $u^2 = u$. Also assume that $V(K_n) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n-1}, z\}$. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) If $Z(S) \neq S$, then AG(S) can be one of the graphs: $K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}\}\$ or $K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}\}\$ or $K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}\}\$ or,....., or $K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}, ..., .., \{ux_{n-1}\}\}.$
- (ii) If Z(S) = S, then AG(S) can be one of the graphs: $K_1 \cup K_n \setminus \{\{ux_1\}\}\$ or $K_1 \cup K_n \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}\}\$ or $K_1 \cup K_n \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}\}\$ or,....,or $K_1 \cup K_n \setminus \{\{ux_1\}, \{ux_2\}, \{ux_3\}, .., ., \{ux_{n-1}\}\} = 2K_1 \cup K_{n-1}\$ with u and z are two isolated vertices.

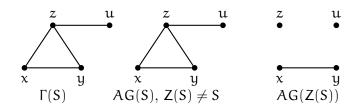
Proof. By corollary 26, AG(S) is not a complete graph. If $Z(S) \neq S$ by theorem 1, we have $\Gamma(S) \leq AG(S)$ and if Z(S) = S by theorem 2, we have z is an isolated vertex in AG(S). Now by theorem 27, the results hold.

Example 30 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_3 with an end vertex u and $u^2 = u$. Also assume that $V(K_3) = \{x, y, z\}$. Then xy = xz = yz = uz = 0 and $z^2 = 0$ or $z^2 = z$. Moreover we have one of the following three statements.

(i) ux = y = uy, $x^2 = z$, $y^2 = z^2 = 0$ or ux = x = uy, $y^2 = z$ and $x^2 = z^2 = 0$. In this case if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 6, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{ux\}\}$ or $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{ux\}\}$ and if Z(S) = S, by lemma 10, we have $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3 \setminus \{\{ux\}\}$ or $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3 \setminus \{\{ux\}\}$.

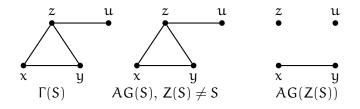


(ii) $z^2 \in \{0, z\}$ and ux = y = uy, $x^2 = y^2 = 0$, or ux = x = uy, $x^2 = y^2 = 0$ or ux = y, uy = x, $x^2 = y^2 = 0$. In this case if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 8, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{ux\}, \{uy\}\} = K_3 + \{uz\}$ and if Z(S) = S, by lemma 9, we have $AG(S) \cong 2K_1 \cup K_2$ such that u and z are two isolated vertices in AG(S).



(iii) $z^2 \in \{0, z\}$ and ux = x, uy = y and we have the following six cases.

(1) $y^2 = 0$, and $x^2 \in \{0, x, y\}$. (2) $y^2 = y$, and $x^2 \in \{0, x\}$. In this case if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 8, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{ux\}, \{uy\}\} = K_3 + \{uz\}$ and if Z(S) = S, by lemma 9, we have $AG(S) \cong 2K_1 \cup K_2$ such that u and z are two isolated vertices in AG(S).



Finally, we study the case of $u^2 \notin \{0, z, u\}$ and so $u^2 = b \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. we show that u is adjacent to all vertices $y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z, b\}$ in AG(S) and u is adjacent to b in AG(S) if and only if $ub \neq b$.

Proposition 31 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex \mathfrak{u} . Also assume that $\mathfrak{u}^2 = \mathfrak{b} \notin \{0, z, \mathfrak{u}\}$. Then $\mathfrak{u}^2 = \mathfrak{b} \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$ and we have the following two statements.

- (i) For all $x \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u, b\}$, we have ux = z, $z^2 = 0$ and $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$.
- (ii) ub = b and $b^2 = b$, or ub = z and $b^2 = 0$ or $ub = y \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u, b\}$ and $b^2 = z$, $y^2 = 0$.

Proof. (i) Suppose that $u^2 = b$. For all $x \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u, b\}$, since u is not adjacent to x in $\Gamma(S)$, we have $ux \neq 0$. If ux = u, then ub = (ux)b = u(xb) = 0 which is impossible. For all $y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$, if ux = y, then $uy = u(ux) = u^2x = bx = 0$ which is again impossible and so $ux \notin \{0, u\} \cup V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Therefore ux = z and $z^2 = (ux)z = u(xz) = 0$.

Since ux = z, we have $ux^2 = (ux)x = zx = 0$ and so $x^2 \in \operatorname{ann}_S(u) = \{0, u\}$. Therefore $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$.

(ii) Clearly $ub \neq 0$ and $ub \neq u$ so $ub \in V(K_n)$ and thus ub = b or ub = z or $ub = y \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z, b\}$. Since $u^2 = b$, if ub = b, then $u^3 = uu^2 = ub = b = u^2$ and so $u^4 = u^3 = u^2$. Thus $b^2 = u^4 = u^3 = u^2 = b$ and if ub = z we have $b^2 = bb = u^2b = u(ub) = uz = 0$.

Now assume that $ub = y \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u, b\}$. Then $y^2 = (ub)y = u(by) = 0$. Since uy = z, we have $b^2 = bb = u^2b = u(ub) = uy = z$.

Lemma 32 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex \mathfrak{u} . Also assume that $\mathfrak{u}^2 = \mathfrak{b} \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$ and $\mathfrak{x} \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z, \mathfrak{b}\}$. Then \mathfrak{u} is adjacent to x in AG(S). Moreover u is adjacent to b in AG(S) if and only if $ub \neq b$.

Proof. By proposition 31, For all $x \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z, b\}$, we have ux = z. Since $u^2 = b$ so $u \notin \operatorname{ann}_S(x) \cup \operatorname{ann}_S(u)$ and $u \in \operatorname{ann}_S(z) = \operatorname{ann}_S(ux)$. Thus u is adjacent to x in AG(S).

Moreover if u is adjacent to b in AG(S), then $ub \neq b$.

Conversely assume that $ub \neq b$. By proposition 31, we have ub = z and $b^2 = 0$ or $ub = y \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u, b\}$ and $b^2 = z$, $y^2 = 0$.

If ub = z and $b^2 = 0$, then $u \notin \operatorname{ann}_{S}(b) \cup \operatorname{ann}_{S}(u)$ and $u \in \operatorname{ann}_{S}(z) = \operatorname{ann}_{S}(ub)$. Thus u is adjacent to b in AG(S). Also if $ub = y \in Z(S) \setminus \{0, z, u, b\}$ and $b^2 = z, y^2 = 0$, then $b \notin \operatorname{ann}_{S}(b) \cup \operatorname{ann}_{S}(u)$ and $b \in \operatorname{ann}_{S}(y) = \operatorname{ann}_{S}(ub)$. Therefore u is adjacent to b in AG(S).

Corollary 33 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex \mathfrak{u} . Also assume that $\mathfrak{u}^2 = \mathfrak{b} \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$ and $Z(S) \neq S$. Then AG(S) is not a commplete graph if and only if $\mathfrak{u}\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{b}$.

Theorem 34 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_n with an end vertex u and $u^2 = b \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z\}$. Then the following statements hold.

(i) If $Z(S) \neq S$, then we have two cases.

(1) $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1}$ if and only if $ub \neq b$.

(2) $AG(S) \cong K_{n+1} \setminus \{\{ub\}\}$ if and only if ub = b.

(ii) If Z(S) = S, then we have two cases.

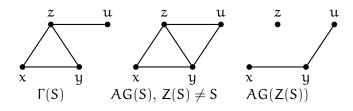
- (1) $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_n$ if and only if $ub \neq b$.
- (2) $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_n \setminus \{\{ub\}\}\$ if and only if ub = b.

Proof. If $Z(S) \neq S$, then $\Gamma(S) \leq AG(S)$. By lemma 32, for all $x \in V(K_n) \setminus \{z, b\}$, we have u is adjacent to x in AG(S) and u is adjacent to b in AG(S) if and only if $ub \neq b$. Thus the statement (i) holds.

(ii) Since Z(S) = S, we have z is an isolated vertex in AG(S). Now by lemma 32, the results hold.

Example 35 Suppose that $\Gamma(S)$ is a complete graph K_3 with an end vertex u and $u^2 = x$ or $u^2 = y$. Also assume that $V(K_3) = \{x, y, z\}$. Then xy = xz = yz = uz = 0 and $z^2 = 0$. Moreover we have one of the following two statements.

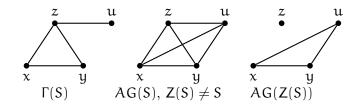
(i) ux = z, uy = y, $u^2 = y^2 = y$, and $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$ or uy = z, ux = x, $u^2 = x^2 = x$, and $y^2 = 0$ or $y^2 = z$. In this case if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 6, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{uy\}\}$ or $AG(S) \cong K_4 \setminus \{\{ux\}\}$ and if Z(S) = S, by lemma 10, we have $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3 \setminus \{\{uy\}\}$ or $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3 \setminus \{\{ux\}\}$.



(ii) Also we have the following four cases.

(1) ux = y, uy = z, $u^2 = x$, and $x^2 = y^2 = 0$. (2) ux = z, uy = x, $u^2 = y$, and $x^2 = 0$, $y^2 = z$. (3) ux = uy = z, $u^2 = y$, $y^2 = 0$ and $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 = z$. (4) ux = uy = z, $u^2 = x$, $x^2 = 0$ and $y^2 = 0$ or $y^2 = z$.

In this case if $Z(S) \neq S$, by lemma 7, we have $AG(S) \cong K_4$ and if Z(S) = S, by lemma 11, we have $AG(S) \cong K_1 \cup K_3$ such that u is an isolated vertex in AG(S).



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