

The lit-only σ -game and some mathematics around*Yaokun Wu**Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China*

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Let G be a graph. We regard the vertex space, which is the power set of the vertex set of G , as a vector space over the binary field \mathbb{F}_2 . For each vertex v in G , let T_v be the endomorphism of the vertex space mapping the vertex v to $v + N_G(v)$, where $N_G(v)$ is the neighbourhood of v in G , and mapping the vertex w to w itself for all other vertices w in G . In other words, T_v can be written as $\text{id} + N_G(v)v^*$, where v^* is the Kronecker function for v . Note that T_v is a transvection if v is not a loop vertex, namely if $v \notin N_G(v)$, while T_v is a projection if v is a loop vertex, namely if $v \in N_G(v)$.

In the case that G is loopless, the set of all T_v 's, where v runs over the vertex set of G , generates a group, called the lit-only group of the graph G . We prove that the lit-only group is a semidirect product of a classical group over \mathbb{F}_2 and an elementary abelian 2-group, and we give explicit description of the orbits of the corresponding group action.

In the case that G contains loops, the set of all T_v 's, which consists of possible transvections and some projections, generates a monoid. We describe the orbits of this monoid action.