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*Chromatic graph  $A_3$  homology from geometric properties of graphs.*

We are analyzing properties of the first group of  $A_3$  graph homology. We concentrate on the grading implied by the interpretation of Hochschild homology as graph homology of a polygon. In particular, we prove that if  $G$  is a simple graph and  $v_1, v_2$  are vertices of  $G$  such that the distance  $d(v_1, v_2) \geq 5$  and  $G' = G/(v_1 = v_2)$  is a graph obtained from  $G$  by identifying vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  then

$$H_{A_3}^{1,2v(G')-3}(G') = H_{A_3}^{1,2v(G)-3}(G).$$

From this follows that:

- (i) for one vertex product of two simple graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$

$$H_{A_3}^{1,2v(G_1 * G_2)-3}(G_1 * G_2) = H_{A_3}^{1,2v(G_1)-3}(G_1) \oplus H_{A_3}^{1,2v(G_2)-3}(G_2).$$

- (ii) If an edge  $e$  does not belong to any cycle of length 3 or 4 then:

$$H_{A_3}^{1,2v-3}(G - e) = H_{A_3}^{1,2v-3}(G).$$

Further, we conjecture that:

- (i) if a simple graph  $G$  has a cycle of length 3 then  $H_{A_3}^{1,2v(G)-3}(G)$  contains  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ ;

- (ii) if  $G|P_3$  is a graph obtained from a disjoint sum of  $G$  and  $P_3$  by identifying one edge of the graph with one edge of  $P_3$ , then  $Tor(H_{A_3}^{1,2v(G|P_3)-3}(G|P_3)) = Tor(H_{A_3}^{1,2v(G)-3}(G)) \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$ ;

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