

## Relative Non-normal Graphs of a Subgroup of Finite Groups

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ABSTRACT. Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $H, K$  be two subgroups of  $G$ . We introduce the relative non-normal graph of  $K$  with respect to  $H$ , denoted by  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ , which is a bipartite graph with vertex sets  $H \setminus H_K$  and  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  and two vertices  $x \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $y \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  are adjacent if  $x^y \notin H$ , where  $H_K = \bigcap_{k \in K} H^k$  and  $N_K(H) = \{k \in K : H^k = H\}$ . We determined some numerical invariants and state that when this graph is planar or outerplanar.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

There are many ways to assign a graph to groups and many graphs have been associated to a group, such as non-cyclic graph, Engel graph and non-commuting graph (see [3, 1, 2]). Saeedi, Farrokhi and Jafari [8] introduced the subgroup normality degree of finite groups as the ratio of the number of pairs

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$(h, g) \in H \times G$  such that  $h^g \in H$  by  $|H||G|$ , where  $G$  is a finite group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Erfanian, Farrokhi and Tolume [7] defined non-normal graph of finite groups as follows: Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then non-normal graph of  $G$  with respect to  $H$ , denoted by  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,G}$ , is defined as a bipartite graph with vertex sets  $H \setminus H_G$  and  $G \setminus N_G(H)$  as its parts in such a way that two vertices  $h \in H \setminus H_G$  and  $g \in G \setminus N_G(H)$  are adjacent if  $h^g \notin H$ . Also they gave some properties of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,G}$  such as girth, diameter and planarity.

In this paper, we aim to give a generalization of non-normal graph. We note that the idea of non-normal graph comes from the probability of a subgroup  $H$  is normal in  $G$ . Now, we may replace group  $G$  by another subgroup  $K$  of  $G$ . In other words, we can consider normality of  $H$  with respect to the subgroup  $K$  i.e.  $H$  is normal with respect to  $K$  whenever  $h^k \in H$  for all  $k \in K$  and all  $h \in H$ . Thus, we state the related graph namely relative non-normal graph as the following. For any two subgroups  $H$  and  $K$  of  $G$ , we remind that  $H_K = \bigcap_{k \in K} H^k$  and  $N_K(H) = \{k \in K : H^k = H\} = N_G(H) \cap K$ . So for all  $h \in H$  and  $k \in K$ , if  $h \in H_K$  or  $k \in N_K(H)$  then  $h^k \in H$ . Assume that  $|H| \leq |N_K(H)|$ , the relative non-normal graph of  $K$  with respect to  $H$ , denoted by  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ , is defined as a bipartite graph with vertex sets  $H \setminus H_K$  and  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  as its parts in such a way that two vertices  $h \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $k \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  are adjacent if  $h^k \notin H$ .

Clearly, if  $H$  is normal with respect to  $K$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is a null graph. Moreover, if  $K = G$ ,  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,G}$  are coincide. As it is mentioned before, the subgroup normality degree of  $H$  in  $G$  is defined as the following :

$$P_N(H, G) = \frac{|\{(h, g) \in H \times G : h^g \in H\}|}{|H||G|}.$$

So the relative normality degree of  $H$  in  $K$  can be similarly defined. It is easy to see that, the graph  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  and the relative normality degree of  $H$  in  $K$  are associated through the equality

$$|E(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K})| = |H||K|(1 - P_N(H, K)),$$

where  $E(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K})$  denotes the set of all edges of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ .

In this paper, we state some results which are mostly new or an improvement of results given in [7]. In the next section, we give some basic properties of this graph. Section 3 deals with diameter and girth of the graph and classify all cases that diameter is 2, 3 or 4. In section 4, planarity and outer planarity are investigated. Given a graph  $\Gamma = (V, E)$ , a dominating set for  $\Gamma$  is a subset  $D$  of  $V$  such that every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to at least one member of  $D$ . The domination number  $\gamma(\Gamma)$  is the number of vertices in a smallest dominating set for  $\Gamma$ . An independent set or stable set is a set of vertices in a graph, no two of which are adjacent. A planar graph is a graph that can be embedded in the plane, i.e., it can be drawn on the plane in such a way that its edges intersect only at their endpoints. In other words, it can be drawn in such a

way that no edges cross each other. An undirected graph is an outerplanar graph if it can be drawn in the plane without crossings in such a way that all of the vertices belong to the unbounded face of the drawing. That is, no vertex is totally surrounded by edges. Alternatively, a graph  $\Gamma$  is outerplanar if the graph formed from  $\Gamma$  by adding a new vertex, with edges connecting it to all the other vertices, is a planar graph. For set  $X$ , we assume  $X^2 = \{x^2 : x \in X\}$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two subgroups of a finite group  $G$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  be the relative non-normal graph of  $K$  with respect to  $H$ . Remind that  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is a bipartite graph with bipartition  $H \setminus H_K$  and  $K \setminus N_K(H)$ . As  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  is a union of right cosets of  $N_K(H)$ , we have

$$|H \setminus H_K| < |H| \leq |N_K(H)| \leq |K \setminus N_K(H)|.$$

Now let  $h \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $k \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ . Then the neighbor of  $h$  in  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ , denoted by  $N_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(h)$  is the set of all elements  $x \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  such that  $h^x \notin H$  that is  $N_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(h) = K \setminus A(K, H, h)$ , where  $A(K, H, h) = \{x \in K : h^x \in H\}$ . Similarly the neighbor of  $k$  in  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  equals  $H \setminus B(K, H, k)$ , where  $B(K, H, k) = \{y \in H : y^k \in H\}$ . It is evident that  $B(K, H, k) = H \cap H^{k^{-1}}$  hence  $N_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(k) = H \setminus H \cap H^{k^{-1}}$ . As  $A(K, H, h)$  is a union of right cosets of  $N_K(H)$  we observe that  $N_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(h)$  is a non-empty union of right cosets of  $N_K(H)$  and hence

$$\text{deg}_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(h) = |N_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(h)| \geq |N_K(H)| \geq |H| > |H \setminus H \cap H^{k^{-1}}| = \text{deg}_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(k),$$

where  $\text{deg}_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(h)$  and  $\text{deg}_{\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}}(k)$  denote the degree of  $h$  and  $k$  in  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ , respectively. In particular,  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is never a regular graph.

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $H$  and  $K$  are two subgroups of a finite group  $G$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is an induced subgraph of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,G}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof follows from the fact that  $H \setminus H_K \subseteq H \setminus H_G$  and  $K \setminus N_K(H) \subseteq G \setminus N_G(H)$  directly.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *We have*

- (i)  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  is a maximal independent set of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ ,
- (ii) the size of maximal dominating sets of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  are at most  $d(H) + [K : N_K(H)] - 1$ .

*Proof.* (i) Clearly  $H \setminus H_K$  and  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  are independent sets of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ . If  $X$  is a maximal independent set of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ , then  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A \subseteq H \setminus H_K$  and  $B \subseteq K \setminus N_K(H)$ . Since  $|X|$  is maximum,  $B$  is a union of right cosets of

$N_K(H)$ . Now if  $X \neq K \setminus N_K(H)$ , then  $|B| \leq |K \setminus N_K(H)| - |N_K(H)|$ , from which it follows that

$$|A| + |B| < |H| + |K \setminus N_K(H)| - |N_K(H)| \leq |K \setminus N_K(H)|,$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  is a maximal independent set of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  and the proof of (i) is completed.

(ii) If  $X$  is a minimal generating set for  $H$ , then it is easy to see that every element of  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  is adjacent to some elements of  $X$ . Since the neighbor of every element of  $H \setminus H_K$  is a union of right cosets of  $N_K(H)$ , every element of  $H \setminus H_K$  is adjacent to some element of  $Y$ , where  $Y$  is a set of representatives of non-trivial right cosets of  $N_K(H)$  in  $K$ . Hence the size of every dominating set of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is bounded above by  $|X| + |Y| = d(H) + [K : N_K(H)] - 1$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

In the sequel,  $G$  stands for a finite group and  $H$  and  $K$  denote two non-normal subgroups of  $G$ .

### 3. DIAMETER AND GIRTH

In the previous section, we gave some elementary properties of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ . Now we shall determine some more properties of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ . We start with the following simple lemma which is necessary to find an upper bound for the diameter of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.**  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  has a pendant vertex if and only if  $|H| = 2$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is a star graph.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in V(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K})$  be a pendant vertex. If  $x \in H \setminus H_K$ , then  $|K \setminus A(K, H, x)| = \deg x = 1$ . But  $A(K, H, x)$  is a union of right cosets of  $N_K(H)$  and so  $|N_K(H)|$  divides  $|K \setminus A(K, H, x)|$ , which is impossible. Thus  $x \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ . Then  $|H \setminus H \cap H^{x^{-1}}| = \deg x = 1$ . Now since  $H \cap H^{x^{-1}}$  is a subgroup of  $H$ ,  $|H \cap H^{x^{-1}}|$  divides  $|H \setminus H \cap H^{x^{-1}}|$  and so  $|H \cap H^{x^{-1}}| = 1$ . Hence  $|H| = 2$  and the result follows. The converse is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.**  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) \leq 4$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two non-adjacent vertices of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ . First assume that  $x, y \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ . Then there exists  $h_1, h_2 \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $h_1^x, h_2^y \notin H$ . If either  $x$  and  $h_2$  are adjacent, or  $y$  and  $h_1$  are adjacent, then  $d(x, y) = 2$  and we are done. Thus we may assume that  $h_2^x, h_1^y \in H$ . But then  $h_1 h_2 \in H \setminus H_K$  is adjacent to both  $x, y$  and  $d(x, y) = 2$ . Now assume that  $x, y$  belong to different parts of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ , say  $x \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $y \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ . Let  $k \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  be a vertex adjacent to  $x$ . Then  $d(x, y) \leq d(y, k) + 1 = 3$ . Finally suppose that  $x, y \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $x, y$  be adjacent to vertices  $u, v \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ , respectively. Then  $d(x, y) \leq d(u, v) + 2 \leq 4$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

By the above lemma the relative non-normal graph is connected. It is easy to see that  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 4$  if and only if there exist two vertices  $x, y$  in a same part of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$ , which have no common neighbor. Let  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 4$  and  $h_1, h_2$  be two vertices in a same part such that have no common neighbor. By the proof of Theorem 3.2,  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  must be in part  $H \setminus H_K$ . Then  $(K \setminus A(K, H, h_1)) \cap (K \setminus A(K, H, h_2)) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $K = A(K, H, h_1) \cup A(K, H, h_2)$ , as required. The converse is clear. Therefore  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 4$  if and only if  $K = A(K, H, h_1) \cup A(K, H, h_2)$  for some  $h_1, h_2 \in H \setminus H_K$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $|H| > 2$ , then the girth of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is 4.*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is a bipartite graph and by Lemma 3.1,  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  has a cycle we have that  $gr(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) \geq 4$ . Hence we have to show that  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  indeed has a cycle of length four. If  $(H \setminus H_K)^2 \neq 1$  such that  $(H \setminus H_K)^2 = \{a^2 : a \in H \setminus H_K\}$ , then there exist  $a \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $a \neq a^{-1}$ . By Lemma 3.1,  $a$  is not pendant then there exist  $x, y \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  such that  $a$  is adjacent to  $x$  and  $y$ . Then the elements  $a, a^{-1}, x, y$  induce a cycle of length 4 and hence the girth of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is 4. Suppose  $(H \setminus H_K)^2 = 1$ . By Lemma 3.2,  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) \leq 4$ . If  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 2$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is complete bipartite graph and girth of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is 4. If  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K})=3$ , then for every  $a, b \in H \setminus H_K$ ,  $d(a, b) = 2$ . Let  $x, y \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  and  $a^x \notin H, a^y \in H, b^y \notin H$  and  $b^x \in H$ , in this case since  $a \neq b = b^{-1}$ , then  $ab \neq a$  and  $ab \neq b$ , hence  $d(b, ab) = 2$  then there exist  $z \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  such that  $z$  is adjacent to  $b$  and  $ab$ , also  $ab$  and  $y$  are adjacent and the elements  $b, ab, y$  and  $z$  induce a cycle of length 4. Finally if  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K})=4$ , in this case  $a, b \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $d(a, b) = 4$ . Let  $x, y \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  and  $c \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $a^x \notin H, b^y \notin H, a^y \in H, b^x \in H, c^x \notin H$  and  $c^y \notin H$ . In this case  $ab$  is adjacent to  $x$  and  $y$ , then the elements  $c, x, ab$  and  $y$  induce a cycle of length 4 and hence the girth of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is 4.  $\square$

Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two subgroups of  $G$ .  $H$  is called a TI-subgroup with respect to  $K$  if  $H \cap H^k = 1$  for all  $k \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ . For the following theorem and two corollaries, we assumed that  $H_K$  is a normal subgroup of  $K$ .

**Theorem 3.4.**  *$\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 2$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is a complete bipartite graph if and only if  $H/H_K$  is a TI-subgroup with respect to  $K/H_K$ .*

*Proof.* It is obvious that  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 2$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is a complete bipartite graph. Let  $\overline{H} = H/H_K$  and  $\overline{K} = K/H_K$ . If  $\overline{H}$  is a TI-subgroup with respect to  $\overline{K}$  and  $\overline{k} \in \overline{K} \setminus N_{\overline{K}}(\overline{H})$ , then  $\overline{H} \cap \overline{H}^{\overline{k}} = \overline{1}$ . So  $\overline{k}^{-1}$  is adjacent to  $\overline{h}$  for all  $\overline{h} \in \overline{H} \setminus \{\overline{1}\}$  that is  $\overline{h}^{\overline{k}^{-1}} \notin \overline{H}$  for all  $\overline{k} \in \overline{K} \setminus N_{\overline{K}}(\overline{H})$  and  $\overline{h} \in \overline{H} \setminus \{\overline{1}\}$ . Then  $h^{k^{-1}} \notin H$  for all  $k \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  and  $h \in H \setminus H_K$ . So  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is a complete bipartite graph. The converse is similar.  $\square$

A subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  is called a *Krutik* group if  $A(K, H, h)$  is a subgroup of  $K$  for each subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  and element  $h \in H$ . For instance, take  $G = S_4$ ,

$K = S_3$  and  $H = \langle (1234) \rangle$ . Then  $N_K(H) = \{1, (13)\}$ ,  $H_K = \{1\}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is isomorphic to  $K_{3,4}$ , so  $H$  is a TI-subgroup with respect to  $K$  also  $K$  is a *Krutik* group.

In the following two corollaries we consider the case where the diameter is 3.

**Corollary 3.5.** *If  $K$  is a Krutik subgroup of  $G$ , then  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 3$  for all non-normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $H/H_K$  is not a TI-subgroup with respect to  $K/H_K$ .*

**Corollary 3.6.** *If  $H$  is a cyclic subgroup of  $G$  such that  $H/H_K$  is not a TI-subgroup with respect to  $K/H_K$ , then  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 3$ .*

*Proof.* It is straightforward to see that  $A(K, H, h) = N_K(\langle h \rangle)$  is a subgroup of  $K$  for each  $h \in H \setminus H_K$ . Hence by Lemma 3.4, we have  $\text{diam}(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}) = 3$ .  $\square$

#### 4. PLANARITY AND OUTER PLANARITY

This section is devoted to a determination of planarity of relative non-normal graphs. Except for few possible cases, we show that the relative non-normal graphs are not planar. We begin with some elementary lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1.** *If  $H$  is a cyclic subgroup of  $G$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  has a subgraph isomorphic to  $K_{\varphi(|H|), |K| - |N_K(H)|}$ , where  $\varphi$  is the Euler's totient function. In particular if  $H$  is a cyclic group of order  $p$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is isomorphic to  $K_{p-1, |K| - |N_K(H)|}$ .*

*Proof.* The result follows from the fact that the generators of  $H$  are adjacent to all elements of  $K \setminus N_K(H)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.** *If  $H_K$  is a maximal subgroup of  $H$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is isomorphic to  $K_{|H| - |H_K|, |K| - |N_K(H)|}$ .*

*Proof.* Every element of  $H \setminus H_K$  is adjacent to all elements of  $K \setminus N_K(H)$ . Suppose on the contrary that there exist  $h \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $h$  is not adjacent to some element  $k \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ . Let  $N = \langle H_K \cup \langle h \rangle \rangle$ . Then we show that  $N \neq H$ . Since  $k \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  there exist  $h_0 \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $h_0^k \notin H$ . If  $h_0 \in \langle h \rangle$  or  $h_0 \in N$  so  $h_0^k \in H$ , which is a contradiction. So  $h_0 \in H \setminus N$  and  $N \neq H$  which contradicts maximality of  $H_K$  in  $H$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** *If  $|H| > 2$ ,  $a \in H \setminus H_K$ ,  $a^2 \neq 1$  and  $b \in H \setminus H_K$  not adjacent to at least three vertices adjacent to  $a$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar.*

*Proof.* Lemma 3.1 implies that the degree of every vertex is at least 2. Also for every  $h \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $k \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ ,  $\text{deg}(h) > \text{deg}(k)$ . Let  $x, y, z$  be neighbors of  $a$  but not  $b$ , then the subgraph of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  induced by  $a, a^{-1}, ab, x, y, z$  is isomorphic to  $K_{3,3}$ , which contradicts planarity of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  by Kuratowski theorem, (see [6]).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.4.** *If  $|H \setminus H_K| > 2$ , where  $H$  is non-cyclic, and  $(H \setminus H_K \cap N_K(H))^2 \neq \{1\}$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar.*

*Proof.* Since  $(H \setminus H_K \cap N_K(H))^2 \neq \{1\}$ , there exists an element  $a \in (H \setminus H_K \cap N_K(H))$  such that  $a \neq a^{-1}$ . By Lemma 3.1  $\deg(a) > 2$  and there exists  $x \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  such that  $a$  and  $x$  are adjacent. Also  $a^{-1}$  and  $x$  are adjacent. Since  $a \in N_K(H) \leq K$  then  $xa^{-1} \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ . Suppose  $x$  is adjacent to all vertices of  $H \setminus H_K$ . As  $H$  is not cyclic and  $|H \setminus H_K| \geq 3$ , there exists  $b \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $a^{-1} \neq b \neq a$  then it is adjacent to  $x$ ,  $xa$  and  $xa^{-1}$ . But the subgraph of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  induced by elements  $a, a^{-1}, b, x, xa$  and  $xa^{-1}$  is isomorphic to  $K_{3,3}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar. If there exist  $h \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $h^x \in H$ , then  $x$  and  $ah$  are adjacent so in this case  $ah$  is adjacent to  $xa$  and  $xa^{-1}$ , hence the subgraph of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  induced by elements  $a, a^{-1}, ah, x, xa, xa^{-1}$  is isomorphic to  $K_{3,3}$  and again  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.5.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $H, K$  be two subgroups of  $G$  such that  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is planar, then  $|H| \leq 11$ .*

*Proof.* First we observe that for every planar graph  $X$  with at least three vertices, we have  $e \leq 3v - 6$ , where  $e$  and  $v$  denote the number of edges and vertices of  $X$ , respectively, (see [5]). Hence  $|E(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K})| \leq 3|V(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K})| - 6$ . Also Corollary 2.6 of [8] can be generalized for the relative normality degree of  $H$  in  $K$ . Thus  $P_N(H, K) \leq \frac{3}{4}$ . Now we have

$$|E(\mathfrak{N}_{H,K})| = |H||K|(1 - P_N(H, K)) \geq |H||K|(1 - \frac{3}{4}) = \frac{1}{4}|H||K|.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}|H||K| &\leq 3(|H| - |H_K| + |K| - |N_K(H)|) - 6 \\ &\leq 3(|H| - 1 + |K| - |H|) - 6 = 3|K| - 9, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$|H| \leq 12 - \frac{36}{|K|} < 12.$$

Therefore  $|H| \leq 11$ .  $\square$

Now by using the right coset  $H_K$  in  $H$  and  $N_K(H)$  in  $K$  we show that the relative non-normal graphs are not planar in the following two cases.

**Lemma 4.6.** *Vertices in the same coset of part  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  or  $H \setminus H_K$  have the same neighbour.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x, y \in kN_K(H)$  which  $k \in K$  and  $h \in H \setminus H_K$  is adjacent to  $x$ . We show that  $h$  is adjacent to  $y$ , too. Suppose that  $x = kn_1$  and  $y = kn_2$  that  $n_1, n_2 \in N_K(H)$ . As  $h^x = h^{kn_1} \notin H$ , we have  $h^k \notin H$ , so  $h^y = h^{kn_2} \notin H$ . Similarly, we can show that vertices in same coset of  $H \setminus H_K$  have the same neighbours.  $\square$

Lemma 4.6 verifies that each right coset of  $K \setminus N_K(H)$  and each right coset of  $H \setminus H_K$  in  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  form a complete bipartite subgraph or empty bipartite subgraph.

**Lemma 4.7.** *If  $|H_K| \geq 3$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar.*

*Proof.* Since  $H \setminus H_K$  is a union of right cosets of  $H_K$ , then  $|H \setminus H_K| \geq 3$ . Let  $h \in H$ . Since the coset  $hH_K$  has at least three elements, there exist  $h_1, h_2, h_3 \in hH_K$ . Let  $x \in K$  and  $x_1 \in xN_K(H) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{|N_K(H)|}\}$  be a neighbor of  $h_1$ , where  $|N_K(H)| \geq |H| \geq |H \setminus H_K| \geq 3$ . So by Lemma 4.6, the elements  $h_1, h_2, h_3, x_1, x_2, x_3$  induce a subgraph of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  that is isomorphic to  $K_{3,3}$  and so  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.8.** *If  $|H \setminus H_K| \geq 4$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1, degree of every vertex is at least 2, also  $\deg(h_i) > \deg(k_i) \geq 2$  for all  $h_i \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $k_i \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ , and  $|N_K(H)| \geq |H| \geq |H \setminus H_K| \geq 4$ . Let  $h_1 \in H \setminus H_K$ , there exist vertices  $k_1, k_2, k_3 \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  such that they are adjacent to  $h_1$ . Since  $\deg(k_1) \geq 2$ , then there exist  $h_2 \in H \setminus H_K$  such that  $k_1$  is adjacent to  $h_2$ .  $|H \setminus H_K| \geq 4$ , let  $h_3, h_4 \in H \setminus H_K$ . If  $h_3$  (or similarly  $h_4$ ) is adjacent to  $k_1$ , then by Lemma 4.6, the subgraph of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  induced by  $h_1, h_2, h_3, k_1, k_2, k_3$  that is isomorphic to  $K_{3,3}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar. If  $h_3$  and  $h_4$  are not adjacent to  $k_1$  and  $h_1h_3 \neq h_2$ , then  $h_1h_3$  is adjacent to  $k_1$  and in this case by Lemma 4.6, the elements of  $h_1, h_2, h_1h_3, k_1, k_2, k_3$ , induce a subgraph of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  that is isomorphic to  $K_{3,3}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not planar, otherwise we may replace  $h_1h_3$  by  $h_1h_4$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Now, using of the previous results will show that with exception of a few possible cases, the relative non-normal graphs are not outer planar.

**Lemma 4.9.** *If  $|H| > 2$  and  $H$  is a cyclic group, then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not outer planar.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.1,  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  has a subgraph isomorphic to  $K_{\varphi(|H|), |K| - |N_K(H)|}$ . As  $|H| \geq 3$ , we have  $\varphi(|H|) \geq 2$  and  $|H \setminus H_K| \geq 2$ ,  $|K| - |N_K(H)| > |H \setminus H_K| \geq 2$ . Then  $|K| - |N_K(H)| \geq 3$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  has a subgraph isomorphic to  $K_{2,3}$  and so  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not outer planar, (see [4]).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.10.** *If  $|H| > 2$  and  $H_K$  is a maximal subgroup of  $H$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not outer planar.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1,  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not star graph, then  $|H \setminus H_K| \geq 2$ , also  $H_K$  is a maximal subgroup of  $H$  and by Lemma 4.2 and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is isomorphic to  $K_{|H| - |H_K|, |K| - |N_K(H)|}$ . Also  $|K| - |N_K(H)| > |H \setminus H_K| \geq 2$ , deduce that  $|K| - |N_K(H)| \geq 3$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  has a subgraph isomorphic to  $K_{2,3}$  and therefore  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not outer planar, (see [4]).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.11.** *If  $|H| > 2$  and  $|H \setminus H_K|^2 \neq 1$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not outer planar.*



*Proof.* Since  $|H| > 2$  by Lemma 3.1, degree of every vertex is at least 2 and for every  $h \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $x \in K \setminus N_K(H)$ ,  $\deg(h) > \deg(x)$ , then every vertex in  $H \setminus H_K$  has degree at least 3. Let  $a \in H \setminus H_K$  and  $a \neq a^{-1}$ , then there exist  $x, y, z \in K \setminus N_K(H)$  such that  $a$  adjacent to  $x, y, z$ . Thus the subgraph of  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  induced by the elements  $a, a^{-1}, x, y, z$  is isomorphic to  $K_{2,3}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not outer planar (see [4]).  $\square$

Finally, one can also see that if  $|H| \geq 2$  or  $|H \setminus H_K| \geq 2$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_{H,K}$  is not outer planar.

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