Algebraic Approach on Balance Index Sets of Graphs

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Let G = (V, E) be a simple graph. A labeling $f : V \to A = \{0, 1\}$ induces a partial edge labeling $f^* : E \to A$ defined by $f^*(uv) = f(u)$ if and only if f(u) = f(v) for each edge $uv \in E$, other edges are not labeled. For each $i \in A$, let $v_f(i) = |f^{-1}(i)|$ and $e_f(i) = |f^{*-1}(i)|$. f is called a friendly labeling if $|v_f(1) - v_f(0)| \leq 1$. A graph is called balanced if there is a friendly labeling f such that $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$. Such labeling f is called a balanced labeling of G.

For a friendly labeling of a graph G, $B_f(G) = e_f(1) - e_f(0)$ is called the balance index of G under f. The sets

$$BI(G) = \{ |B_f(G)| \mid f \text{ is friendly} \}.$$

$$FBI(G) = \{ B_f(G) \mid f \text{ is friendly} \}.$$

are called balance index set and full balance index set of G, respectively.

In this talk, I will define a new equivalent definition for balance index. Also I will provide new proofs for some existing results by using this new approach. Some balance index sets of graphs will be found.