1026-05-172 A. Satyanarayana* (asatya@stevens.edu), Dept. of Computer Science, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ 07030, and Uma Batchu. Some new results on non-planar delta-wye-delta graphs.

A graph is delta-wye-delta if it can be reduced to an empty graph using a sequence of delta-wye-delta replacements. It is well-known that every planar graph is a delta-wye-delta graph. However, until recently very little was known about non-planar delta-wye-delta graphs.

In this talk we present several new results on non-planar delta-wye-delta graphs. In particular, we focus on the join G + H of two graphs G and H. We establish the necessary and sufficient conditions for a G + H graph to be deltawye-delta for all nontrivial graphs G and H. Further, we characterize several classes of delta-wye-delta apex graphs $G + K_1$. (Received February 26, 2007)