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David W. Cook II* (dcook@ms.uky.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Kentucky, 715 Patterson Office Tower, Lexington, KY 40504. *Clique-whiskered graphs and face vectors*. Preliminary report.

The concept of whiskering a graph at every vertex in order to produce a Cohen-Macaulay graph was introduced by Villarreal. This result was strengthened to show that a fully whiskered graph is vertex-decomposable and pure by Doctermann and Engström.

We introduce a generalisation of whiskering which we call *clique-whiskering*. We show that a fully clique-whiskered graph is vertex-decomposable and has a surprising relation between its h -vector and the face vector of the independence complex of the base graph. (Received January 22, 2010)