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For each edge  $uv \in E(G)$ , the **edge multiplicity** of uv in G is given by

 $m_G(uv) = |N_G(u) \cap N_G(v)|.$ 

For an integer k with  $k \ge 2$ , a k-dense community of a graph G, denoted by  $DC_k(G)$ , is a maximal connected subgraph of G induced by the vertex set

 $V_{DC_k(G)} = \{ v \in V(G) : \exists u \in V(G) \text{ such that } uv \in E(G) \text{ and } m_{DC_k(G)}(uv) \ge k-2 \}.$ 

In this study, we characterize which graphs are k-dense but not (k+1)-dense for some values of k and study the minimum and maximum number of edges such graphs can have.

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