



# Generalized Measures of Edge Fault Tolerance in $(n,k)$ -star Graphs

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This paper considers a kind of generalized measure  $\lambda_s^{(h)}$  of fault tolerance in the  $(n,k)$ -star graph  $S_{n,k}$  for  $2 \leq k \leq n-1$  and  $0 \leq h \leq n-k$ , and determines  $\lambda_s^{(h)}(S_{n,k}) = \min\{(n-h-1)(h+1), (n-k+1)(k-1)\}$ , which implies that at least  $\min\{(n-k+1)(k-1), (n-h-1)(h+1)\}$  edges of  $S_{n,k}$  have to remove to get a disconnected graph that contains no vertices of degree less than  $h$ . This result shows that the  $(n,k)$ -star graph is robust when it is used to model the topological structure of a large-scale parallel processing system.

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