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**Liftings in finite graphs and linkages in infinite graphs with prescribed edge-connectivity.**  
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Summary: Let  $G$  be a graph and let  $s$  be a vertex of  $G$ . We consider the structure of the set of all lifts of two edges incident with  $s$  that preserve edge-connectivity. Mader proved that two mild hypotheses imply there is at least one pair that lifts, while Frank showed (with the same hypotheses) that there are at least  $(\deg(s) - 1)/2$  disjoint pairs that lift. We consider the *lifting graph*: its vertices are the edges incident with  $s$ , two being adjacent if they form a liftable pair. We have three main results, the first two with the same hypotheses as for Mader's Theorem. (i) Let  $F$  be a subset of the edges incident with  $s$ . We show that  $F$  is independent in the lifting graph of  $G$  if and only if there is a single edge-cut  $C$  in  $G$  of size at most  $r + 1$  containing all the edges in  $F$ , where  $r$  is the maximum number of edge-disjoint paths from a vertex (not  $s$ ) in one component of  $G - C$  to a vertex (not  $s$ ) in another component of  $G - C$ . (ii) In the  $k$ -lifting graph, two edges incident with  $s$  are adjacent if their lifting leaves the resulting graph with the property that any two vertices different from  $s$  are joined by  $k$  pairwise edge-disjoint paths. If both  $\deg(s)$  and  $k$  are even, then the  $k$ -lifting graph is a connected complete multipartite graph. In all other cases, there are at most two components. If there are exactly two components, then each component is a complete multipartite graph. If  $\deg(s)$  is odd and there are two components, then one component is a single vertex. (iii) Huck proved that if  $k$  is odd and  $G$  is  $(k + 1)$ -edge-connected, then  $G$  is weakly  $k$ -linked (that is, for any  $k$  pairs  $\{x_i, y_i\}$ , there are  $k$  edge-disjoint paths  $P_i$ , with  $P_i$  joining  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ ). We use our results to extend a slight weakening of Huck's theorem to some infinite graphs: if  $k$  is odd, every  $(k + 2)$ -edge-connected, locally finite, 1-ended, infinite graph is weakly  $k$ -linked.

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