

Let  $G$  be a connected graph and let  $U$  be a set of vertices in  $G$ . A *minimal  $U$ -tree* is a subtree  $T$  of  $G$  that contains  $U$  and has the property that every vertex of  $V(T) - U$  is a cut-vertex of  $\langle V(T) \rangle$ . The *monophonic interval* of  $U$  is the collection of all vertices of  $G$  that lie on some minimal  $U$ -tree. A set  $S$  of vertices of  $G$  is  *$m_k$ -convex* if it contains the monophonic interval of every  $k$ -subset  $U$  of vertices of  $S$ . Thus  $S$  is  $m_2$ -convex if and only if it is  $m$ -convex.

In this paper we consider three local convexity properties with respect to  $m_3$ -convexity and characterize the graphs having either property.