

# SPECTRA OF NEW JOIN OF TWO GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graph with vertex sets  $V(G_1), V(G_2)$  and edge sets  $E(G_1), E(G_2)$  respectively. The subdivision graph  $S(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph obtained by inserting a new vertex into every edges of  $G$ . The  $SG$ -vertexjoin of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is denoted by  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  and is the graph obtained from  $S(G_1) \cup G_1$  and  $G_2$  by joining every vertex of  $V(G_1)$  to every vertex of  $V(G_2)$ . In this paper we determine the adjacency spectra ( respectively Laplacian spectra and signless Laplacian spectra) of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  for a regular graph  $G_1$  and an arbitrary graph  $G_2$

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

All graphs described in this paper are simple and undirected. Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph with vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edge set  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ . The adjacency matrix of  $G$  denoted by  $A(G) = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are adjacent} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let  $d_i$  be the degree of the vertex  $v_i$  in  $G$  and  $D(G) = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  be the diagonal matrix of  $G$ . The Laplacian matrix and signless Laplacian matrix are defined as  $L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$  and  $Q(G) = D(G) + A(G)$  respectively. The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  of  $G$  is defined as  $f_G(A : x) = \det(xI_n - A)$  where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of order  $n$ . The roots of the characteristic equation of  $A$  are called the *eigenvalues* of  $G$ . It is denoted by  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \lambda_2(G) \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n(G)$  and are called  $A$ -Spectrum of  $G$ . The eigen values of  $L(G)$  and  $Q(G)$  are denoted by  $0 = \mu_1(G) \leq \mu_2(G), \dots, \mu_n(G)$  and  $\nu_1(G) \leq \nu_2(G), \dots, \nu_n(G)$ . They are called the  $L$ -Spectrum and  $Q$ -Spectrum of  $G$ . Since  $A(G), L(G)$  and  $Q(G)$  are real and symmetric, their eigen values are all real numbers. The subdivision graph  $S(G)$  [2] of  $G$  is the graph obtained by inserting an additional vertex in each edge of  $G$ . Equivalently, each edge of  $G$  is replaced by a path of length 2.

The incidence matrix of  $G$  is the  $0 - 1$  matrix  $R$  with rows indexed by vertices and column by edges where  $R_{ve} = 1$  when the vertex  $v$  is an end point of the edge  $e$  and 0 otherwise.

In Graph Theory, every graph can be expressed in terms of certain real, symmetric matrices derived from the graph, most notably the adjacency or Laplacian or

signless Laplace matrices. The idea of spectral graph theory is to exploit the relation between graphs and matrices in order to study problems with graphs by means of eigen values of some graph matrices. The spectral theory of graphs consists of all the special theories including their interaction. Spectral Graph theory focuses on the set of eigenvalues and eigenvectors, called the spectrum, of these matrices and provides several interesting areas of study. Spectral graph theory is where graph theory and matrix theory meet.

The adjacency spectrum of a graph consist of the eigen value ( together with their multiplicities) and the Laplacian ( signless Laplacian) spectrum of  $G$  consist of the Laplace ( signless Laplace ) eigen values together with their multiplicities. Two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  are said to be cospectral if they have the same spectrum. Upto now numerous examples of cospectral but non-isomorphic graphs are reported [3, 9, 10]. But, only few graphs with every special structure have been proved to be determined by their spectrum. A graph is  $A$  - integral if the  $A$  - spectrum consist only of integers [7, 6, 19] "Which graph are determined by their spectrum?" [11] seems to be a difficult problem in the theory of graph spectrum. The idea of spectral graph theory is to exploit numerous relations between graphs and matrices in order to study problems with graphs by means of eigen values of some graph matrices. It is a theory in which graphs are studied by means of the eigen values of some matrix( based on adjacency, Laplacian matrices etc).

The characteristic polynomial and spectra of graphs helps to investigate some properties of graphs such as energy [14, 20], number of spanning tree [21, 15], the Kirchoff index [5, 8, 16], Laplace- energy - like invariants [13] and so on.

The energy  $E(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$ , Kirchoff index,  $Kf = n \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{\mu_i}$  and Laplace-energy - like invariants  $LEL = \sum_{i=2}^n \sqrt{\mu_i}$

Laplacian matrix has a long history. The first result is by Kirchoff in an 1847 paper concentrated with the electrical network. There exist a vast literature that studies the Laplacian eigen values and their relationship with various properties of graph [17, 18]. Most of the studies of the Laplacian eigen values has naturally concentrate on external non trivial eigen value. Gutman et al. [20] discovered connection between photoelectron spectra of standard hydrocarbones and the Laplacian eigen values of the undelying molecular graphs.

The signless Laplace spectrum performs better in comparison with other commonly used graph matrices. An idea was expressed in [11] among the matrices associated with a graph. The signless Laplacian spectrum seems to be the most convenient for use in studying graph properties [3]. Several paper on the signless Laplacian spectrum are published by D. Cvetkovic. In [7] the spectra of subdivision vertex join and subdivision - edge join are introduced and their  $A$  - Spectra are computed. In this paper we define  $SG$  - vertex join of two graphs and also find the  $A$  - Spectrum (  $L$  - spectrum and  $Q$  - Spectrum) of the new join.

## 2. Priliminaries

**Lemma 2.1.** [4] Let  $G$  be a  $r$ -regular graph with an adjacency matrix  $A$  and an incidence matrix  $R$ . Let  $L(G)$  be its line graph. Then  $RR^T = A + rI$  and  $R^T R = A(L(G)) + 2I$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** [4, 1] Let  $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4$  be respectively  $p \times p, p \times q, q \times p, q \times q$  matrix with  $M_1$  and  $M_4$  are invertible then

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \\ M_3 & M_4 \end{pmatrix} &= \det(M_1) \det(M_4 - M_3 M_1^{-1} M_2) \\ &= \det(M_4) \det(M_1 - M_2 M_4^{-1} M_3) \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.3.** [10] Let  $G$  be a graph on  $n$  vertices, with the adjacency matrix  $A$ . The characteristic matrix  $xI - A$  of  $A$  has determinant  $\det(xI - A) = f_G(A : x) \neq 0$ , so is invertible. The  $A$ -coronal,  $\Gamma_A(x)$  of  $G$  is defined to be the sum of the entries of the matrix  $(xI - A)^{-1}$ . This can be calculated as

$$\Gamma_A(x) = \mathbf{1}_n^T (xI - A)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_n$$

**Lemma 2.4.** [10] Let  $G$  be  $r$ -regular on  $n$  vertices. Then

$$\Gamma_A(x) = \frac{n}{x - r}$$

Since for any graph  $G$  with  $N$  vertices, each row sum of the Laplacian matrix  $L(G)$  is equal to 0, we have

$$\Gamma_L(x) = \frac{n}{x}$$

**Lemma 2.5.** [10] Let  $G$  be the bipartite graph  $K_{pq}$  where  $p + q = n$  then

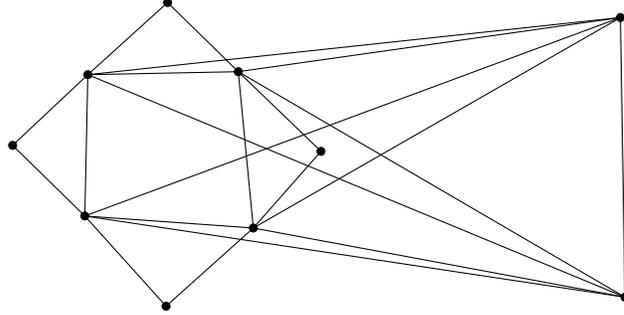
$$\Gamma_A(x) = \frac{nx + 2pq}{x^2 - pq}$$

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix, and  $J_{s \times t}$  denote the  $s \times t$  matrix with all entries equal to one. Then  $\det(A + \alpha J_n \times n) = \det(A) + \alpha \mathbf{1}_n^T \text{adj}(A) \mathbf{1}_n$  where  $\alpha$  is a real number and  $\text{adj}(A)$  is the adjugate matrix of  $A$ .

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix. Then  $\det(xI_n - A - \alpha J_n \times n) = (1 - \alpha \Gamma_A(x)) \det(xI_n - A)$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $G_1$  be a graph on  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges.  $G_2$  be an arbitrary graph on  $n_2$  vertices. The  $SG$ -vertex join of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is denoted by  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  and is the graph obtained from  $S(G_1) \cup G_1$  and  $G_2$  by joining every vertex of  $V(G_1)$  to every vertex of  $V(G_2)$ . Where  $S(G_1)$  is the subdivision graph of  $G_1$ .

**Definition 2.9.** The  $SG$ -edge join of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is denoted by  $G_1 \triangle G_2$  and is the graph obtained from  $S(G_1) \cup G_1$  and  $G_2$  by joining the additional vertices of  $S(G_1)$  corresponding to the edges of  $G_1$  with every vertex of  $V(G_2)$ .



Example  $C_4 \diamond K_2$

### 3. Spectrum of $G_1 \diamond G_2$

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $G_1$  be an  $r_1$  - regular graph on  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges.  $G_2$  be an arbitrary graph on  $n_2$  vertices. then,

$$f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(A : x) = f_{G_2}(A_2 : x) x^{m_1 - n_1} (x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1 - n_1 x \Gamma_{A_2}(x)) \prod_{i=2}^{n_1} (x^2 - \lambda_i x - (\lambda_i + r_1))$$

*Proof.* The adjacency matrix of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & R & J_{n_1 \times n_2} \\ R^T & 0_{m_1} & 0_{m_1 \times n_2} \\ J_{n_2 \times n_1} & 0_{n_2 \times m_1} & A_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are the adjacency matrix of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and  $R$  is the incidence matrix of  $G_1$

The Characteristic polynomial of  $G_1 \diamond G_2 = f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(A : x) =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} xI_{n_1} - A_1 & -R & -J \\ -R^T & xI_{m_1} & 0 \\ -J & 0 & xI_{n_2} - A_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ = \det(xI_{n_2} - A_2) \det S$$

where

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} xI_{n_1} - A_1 & -R \\ -R^T & xI_{m_1} \end{pmatrix} - \left( \begin{pmatrix} -J_{n_1 \times n_2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (xI_{n_2} - A_2)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -J_{n_2 \times n_1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ = \begin{pmatrix} xI - A_1 & -R \\ -R^T & xI \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{A_2}(x) J_{n_1 \times n_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} xI - A_1 - \Gamma_{A_2}(x) J_{n_1 \times n_1} & -R \\ -R^T & xI \end{pmatrix} \\ \det S = \det(xI - A_2) \det((xI - a_1 - \Gamma_{A_2}(x) J - R(xI_{m_1})^{-1} R^T))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= x^{m_1} \det \left( xI - A_1 - \Gamma_{A_2}(x)J + \frac{RR^T}{x} \right) \\
&= x^{m_1} \det \left( xI - \left( A_1 + \frac{RR^T}{x} \right) - \Gamma_{A_2}(x)J \right) \\
&= x^{m_1} \det \left( xI - \left( A_1 + \frac{RR^T}{x} \right) \right) \left( 1 - \Gamma_{A_2}(x) \Gamma_{A_1 + \frac{RR^T}{x}}(x) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$G_1$  is  $r_1$  - regular and row sum of  $RR^T$  is  $2r_1$   
Row sum of  $A_1 + \frac{RR^T}{x}$  is  $r_1 + \frac{2r_1}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{A_1 + \frac{RR^T}{x}} &= \frac{n_1}{x - r_1} + \frac{r_1}{x} = \frac{n_1 x}{x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1} \\
\det S &= x^{m_1} \left( 1 - \Gamma_{A_2}(x) \frac{n_1 x}{x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1} \right) \det \left( xI - A_1 - \frac{A_1 + r_1 I_{n_1}}{x} \right) \\
&= x^{m_1 - n_1} \left( \frac{x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1 - n_1 x \Gamma_{A_2}}{x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1} \right) \det(x^2 I - A_1 x - A_1 - r_1 I) \\
&= x^{m_1 - n_1} \left( \frac{x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1 - n_1 x \Gamma_{A_2}}{x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1} \right) \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} (x^2 - \lambda_i(G_1)x - \lambda_i(G_1) - r_1)
\end{aligned}$$

Here we use the property that  $\lambda_1(G_1) = r_1$ . Then  
 $\det S = x^{m_1 - n_1} (x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1 - n_1 x \Gamma_{A_2}) \prod_{i=2}^{n_1} (x^2 - x \lambda_i(G_1) - \lambda_i(G_1) - r_1)$   
Thus

$$f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(A : x) = f_{G_2}(A_2 : x) x^{m_1 - n_1} (x^2 - r_1 x - 2r_1 - n_1 x \Gamma_{A_2}(x)) \prod_{i=2}^{n_1} (x^2 - \lambda_i x - (\lambda_i + r_1))$$

□

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $G_1$  be an  $r_1$  - regular graph with  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges and  $G_2$  be  $r_2$  - regular then the  $A$  - Spectrum of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  consists of

- (i)  $\lambda_i(G_2)$ , for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n_2$
- (ii) 0, repeated  $m_1 - n_1$  times
- (iii)  $\frac{\lambda_i(G_1) \pm \sqrt{(\lambda_i(G_1) + 2)^2 + 4(r_1 - 1)}}{2}$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n_1$
- (iv) Three roots of the equation  $x^3 - (r_1 + r_2)x^2 + (r_1 r_2 - 2r_1 - n_1 n_2)x + 2r_1 r_2$

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $G_1$  be an  $r_1$  - regular graph with  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges and  $G_2$  is  $\bar{K}_n$  then the  $A$  - Spectrum of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  consists of

- (1) 0, repeated  $m_1 - n_1 + p + q - 2$  times
- (2)  $\frac{\lambda_i(G_1) \pm \sqrt{(\lambda_i(G_1) + 2)^2 + 4(r_1 - 1)}}{2}$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n_1$
- (3) Four roots of the equation  $x^4 - r_1 x^3 - (pq + 2r_1 + n_1(p + q))x^2 + pq(r_1 - 2n_1)x + 2pqr_1$

### 3.1. Laplacian Spectrum of $G_1 \diamond G_2$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $G_1$  be an  $r_1$  - regular graph on  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges.  $G_2$  be an arbitrary graph on  $n_2$  vertices. then,

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(L : x) &= f_{G_2}(L_2 : x) \left( \frac{x(x-2)^{m_1}}{x-n_1} (x^2 - (2+r_1+n_1+n_2)x + (2n_1+2n_2+n_1r_1)) \right) \\
&\prod_{i=2}^{n_2} (x - n_1 - \mu_i(G_2)) \prod_{i=2}^{n_1} (x^2 - (2 + \mu_i(G_1 + r_1 + n_2))x + (2n_2 + 3\mu_i(G_1)))
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The Laplace adjacency matrix of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  is

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} (r_1 + n_2)I_{n_1} + L_1 & -R & -J_{n_1 \times n_2} \\ -R^T & 2I_{m_1} & 0_{m_1 \times n_2} \\ -J_{n_2 \times n_1} & 0_{n_2 \times m_1} & n_1 I_{n_2} - L_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are the adjacency matrix of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$

The Laplacian Characteristic polynomial of  $G_1 \diamond G_2 = f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(L : x) =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (x-r_1-n_2)I_{n_1}-L_1 & R & J \\ R^T & (x-2)I_{m_1} & 0 \\ J & 0 & (x-n_1)I_{n_2}-A_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \det((x-n_1)I_{n_2} - L_2) \det S$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \begin{pmatrix} (x-r_1-n_2)I_{n_1} - L_1 & R \\ R^T & (x-2)I_{m_1} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} J_{n_1 \times n_2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ((x-n_1)I_{m_1} - L_2)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} J_{n_2 \times n_1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (x-r_1-n_2)I - L_1 & R \\ R^T & (x-2)I \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{L_2}(x-n_1)J_{n_1 \times n_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (x-2)^{m_1} \det \left( (x-r_1-n_2)I - L_1 - \Gamma_{L_2}(x-n_1)J - \frac{RR^T}{x-2} \right) \\ &= (x-2)^{m_1} \det \left( (x-r_1-n_2)I - L_1 - \frac{RR^T}{x-2} \right) (1 - \Gamma_{L_2}(x-n_1)\Gamma_{L_1 + \frac{RR^T}{x-2}}(x-r_1-n_1)) \\ &= (x-2)^{m_1-n_1} \left( 1 - \frac{n_2}{x-n_1} \frac{n_1}{x-r_1-n_2} - \frac{2r_1}{x-2} \right) \det((x-r_1-n_2)(x-2)I - (x-2)L_1 - (A_1 + r_1I)) \\ &= \frac{x(x-2)^{m_1-n_1}}{x-n_1} (x_2 - (n_1 + n_2 + r_1 + 2)x + (2n_1 + 2n_2 + n_1r_1)) \\ &\quad \prod_{i=2}^{n_1} (x^2 - (2 + \mu_i(G_1) + r_1 + n_2)x + (2n_2 + 3\mu_i(G_1))) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(L : x) = f_{G_2}(L_2 : x)(x-n_1) \frac{x(x-2)^{m_1-n_1}}{x-n_1} (x^2 - (n_1 + n_2 + r_1 + 2)x + 2n_1 + 2n_2 + n_1r_1)$$

$$\prod_{i=2}^{n_1} (x^2 - (2 + \mu_i(G_1) + r_1 + n_2)x + (2n_2 + 3\mu_i(G_1)))$$

$$f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(L : x) = x(x-2)^{m_1-n_1} (x^2 - (n_1 + n_2 + r_1 + 2)x + 2n_1 + 2n_2 + n_1r_1)$$

$$\prod_{i=2}^{n_2} (x - n_1 - \mu_i(G_2)) \prod_{i=2}^{n_1} (x^2 - (2 + \mu_i(G_1) + r_1 + n_2)x + (2n_2 + 3\mu_i(G_1)))$$

□

### 3.2. Signess Laplacian Spectrum of $G_1 \diamond G_2$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $G_1$  be an  $r_1$  - regular graph on  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges.  $G_2$  be an arbitrary graph on  $n_2$  vertices. then,*

$$f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(Q : x) = x(x - 2)^{m_1 - n_1} (x^2 - (n_1 + n_2 + r_1 + 2)x + 2n_1 + 2n_2 + n_1 r_1)$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n_2-1} (x - n_1 - \mu_i(G_2)) \prod_{i=1}^{n_1-1} (x^2 - (2 + \mu_i(G_1) + r_1 + n_2)x + (2n_2 + 3\mu_i(G_1)))$$

*Proof.* The Signless Laplace adjacency matrix of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  is

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} (r_1 + n_2)I_{n_1} + Q_1 & R & J_{n_1 \times n_2} \\ R^T & 2I_{m_1} & 0_{m_1 \times n_2} \\ J_{n_2 \times n_1} & 0_{n_2 \times m_1} & n_1 I_{n_2} + Q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are the signless Laplace adjacency matrix of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively.

The proof of the theorem is on similar lines as that of Theorem 3.4

□

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $G_1$  be an  $r_1$  - regular graph on  $n_1$  vertices and  $m_1$  edges.  $G_2$  be an  $r_2$  - regular graph on  $n_2$  vertices then,*

$$f_{G_1 \diamond G_2}(Q : x) = (x - 2)^{m_1 - n_1} (x^3 - ax^2 + bx - c) \prod_{i=1}^{n_2-1} (x - n_1 - \nu_i(G_2))$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n_1-1} (x^2 - (2 + r_1 + n_2 + \nu_i(G_1))x + 2(r_1 + n_2) + \nu_i(G_1))$$

Where

$$a = n_1 + n_2 + 3r_1 + 2r_2 + 2$$

$$b = 2n_1 + 2n_2 + 4r_1 + 4r_2 + 3n_1 r_1 + 2n_2 r_2 + 6r_1 r_2$$

$$c = 4(n_1 r_1 + n_2 r_2 + 2r_1 r_2)$$

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