

## LAPLACIAN MINIMUM DOMINATING ENERGY OF A GRAPH

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**Abstract:** Recently Prof.Chandrashekara adiga et al. [1] defined the minimum covering energy,  $E_C(G)$  of a graph which depends on its particular minimum cover  $C$ . Motivated by this, we introduced minimum dominating energy [17] of a graph  $E_D(G)$ . In this paper we computed Laplacian minimum dominating energies of star graph, complete graph, crown graph and cocktail party graphs. Upper and lower bounds for  $LE_D(G)$  are established.

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of energy of a graph was introduced by I. Gutman [9] in 1978. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges and let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be the adjacency matrix of the graph. The eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  of  $A$ , assumed in non

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increasing order, are the eigenvalues of the graph  $G$ . As  $A$  is real symmetric, the eigenvalues of  $G$  are real with sum equal to zero. The energy  $E(G)$  of  $G$  is defined to be the sum of the absolute values of the eigenvalues of  $G$ . i.e.,  $E(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$ . For details on the mathematical aspects of the theory of graph energy see the reviews [11, 12] and the references cited therein. Studies on covering energy, maximum degree energy, minimum covering distance energy, dominating energies can be found in [1, 2, 15, 16, 17] and the references cited there in.

I. Gutman and B. Zhou [10] defined the Laplacian energy of a graph  $G$  in the year 2006. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. The Laplacian matrix of the graph  $G$ , denoted by  $L = (L_{ij})$ , is a square matrix of order  $n$  whose elements are defined as

$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are adjacent,} \\ 0 & \text{if } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are not adjacent,} \\ d_i & \text{if } i = j, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } d_i \text{ is the degree of the}$$

vertex  $v_i$ . Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$  be the Laplacian eigenvalues of  $G$ . Laplacian energy  $LE(G)$  of  $G$  is defined as  $LE(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right|$ . The basic properties including various upper and lower bounds for Laplacian energy have been established in [3, 6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27] and it has found remarkable chemical applications, the molecular orbital theory of conjugated molecules [5].

## 2. Definitions and Example

### 2.1. The Minimum Dominating Energy of a Graph

Let  $G$  be a simple graph of order  $n$  with vertex set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edge set  $E$ . A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex of  $V-D$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ . Any dominating set with minimum cardinality is called a minimum dominating set. Let  $D$  be a minimum dominating set of a graph  $G$ . The minimum dominating matrix of  $G$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix defined

$$\text{by } A_D(G) := (a_{ij}^d), \text{ where } a_{ij}^d = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i v_j \in E \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \in D \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The characteristic polynomial of  $A_D(G)$  is denoted by  $f_n(G, \lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A_D(G))$ . The minimum dominating eigenvalues of the graph  $G$  are the eigen-

values of  $A_D(G)$ . Since  $A_D(G)$  is real and symmetric, its eigenvalues are real numbers and we label them in non-increasing order  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ . The minimum dominating energy of G is defined as  $E_D(G) := \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$ .

Note that the trace of  $A_D(G)$  = Domination Number =  $k$ .

**2.2. The Laplacian Minimum Domination Energy of a Graph**

Let  $D(G)$  be the diagonal matrix of vertex degrees of the graph G. Then  $L_D(G) = D(G) - A_D(G)$  is called the Laplacian minimum dominating matrix of G. Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$  be the eigenvalues of  $L_D(G)$ , arranged in non-increasing order. These eigenvalues are called Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues of G. The Laplacian minimum dominating energy of the graph G is defined as  $LE_D(G) := \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right|$ , where  $m$  is the number of edges of G and  $\frac{2m}{n}$  is the average degree of G.

In this paper, we are interested in studying mathematical aspects of the Laplacian minimum dominating energy of a graph. It is possible that the Laplacian minimum dominating energy that we are considering in this paper may have some applications in chemistry as well as in other areas.

**Example 1.** The possible minimum dominating sets for the following graph G (see Figure 1) are i)  $D_1 = \{v_1, v_5\}$  ii)  $D_2 = \{v_2, v_5\}$  iii)  $D_3 = \{v_2, v_6\}$   
 i) If the dominating set is  $D_1 = \{v_1, v_5\}$  then

$$A_{D_1}(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$L_{D_1}(G) = D(G) - A_{D_1}(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

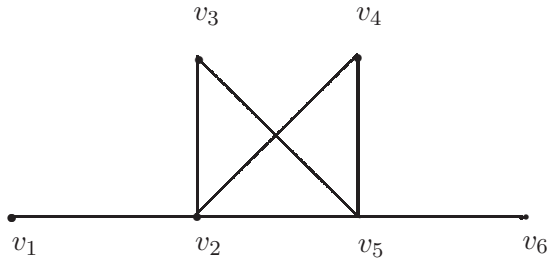


Figure 1

Characteristic equation is

$$\mu^6 - 12\mu^5 + 48\mu^4 - 69\mu^3 + 16\mu^2 + 22\mu - 4 = 0.$$

The Laplacian dominating eigenvalues are  $\mu_1 \approx -0.4856, \mu_2 \approx 0.1744, \mu_3 \approx 1.1279, \mu_4 \approx 2, \mu_5 \approx 4.2080, \mu_6 \approx 4.9754.$

$$\text{Average degree} = \frac{2m}{n} = \frac{2 \times 7}{6} = \frac{7}{3}$$

Hence Laplacian minimum dominating energy,  $LE_{D_1}(G) \approx 11.0334.$

ii) If the dominating set is  $D_2 = \{v_2, v_5\}$  then

$$A_{D_2}(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$L_{D_2}(G) = D(G) - A_{D_2}(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Characteristic equation is  $\mu^6 - 12\mu^5 + 51\mu^4 - 90\mu^3 + 55\mu^2 + 8\mu - 12 = 0.$

The Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues are  $\mu_1 \approx -0.3914$ ,  $\mu_2 \approx 0.6972$ ,  $\mu_3 \approx 1.2271$ ,  $\mu_4 \approx 2$ ,  $\mu_5 \approx 4.1642$ ,  $\mu_6 \approx 4.3028$ .

$\therefore$  Laplacian minimum dominating energy,  $LE_{D_2}(G) \approx 9.6007$ .

Thus Laplacian minimum dominating energy of graph  $G$  depends on the dominating set.

### 3. Laplacian Minimum Dominating Energy of Some Standard Graphs

**Theorem 3.1.** For  $n \geq 2$ , the Laplacian minimum dominating energy of a Star graph  $K_{1,n-1}$  is  $\frac{(n-2)^2}{n} + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}$ .

*Proof.* Consider a Star graph  $K_{1,n-1}$  with vertex set  $V = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  and center  $v_0$ . Then minimum dominating set is  $D = \{v_0\}$ ,

$$A_D(K_{1,n-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

and

$$D(K_{1,n-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} n-1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$\therefore L_D(K_{1,n-1}) = D(K_{1,n-1}) - A_D(K_{1,n-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} n-2 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

Characteristic equation is

$$(\mu - 1)^{(n-2)}(\mu^2 - (n - 1)\mu - 1) = 0.$$

Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues are

$$\mu = 1 \text{ (} n - 2 \text{ times), } \mu = \frac{(n - 1) \pm \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2}$$

(one time each) Number of vertices =  $n$ , Number of edges =  $n - 1$ .

$$\therefore \text{Average degree} = \frac{2(n - 1)}{n}.$$

Hence Laplacian minimum dominating energy,

$$\begin{aligned} LE_D(K_{1,n-1}) &= \left| 1 - \frac{2(n - 1)}{n} \right| (n - 2) + \left| \frac{(n - 1) + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} - \frac{2(n - 1)}{n} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{(n - 1) - \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} - \frac{2(n - 1)}{n} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{-n + 2}{n} \right| (n - 2) + \left| \frac{n^2 - n + n\sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5} - 4n + 4}{2n} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{n^2 - n - n\sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5} - 4n + 4}{2n} \right| \\ &= \frac{(n - 2)(n - 2)}{n} + \left| \frac{n^2 - 5n + 4 + n\sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2n} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{n^2 - 5n + 4 - n\sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2n} \right| \\ &= \frac{(n - 2)^2}{n} + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2.** For  $n \geq 2$ , the Laplacian minimum dominating energy of Complete graph  $K_n$  is  $(n - 2) + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}$ .

*Proof.* Consider the complete graph  $K_n$  with vertex set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . The minimum dominating set is  $D = \{v_1\}$ .

$$A_D(K_n) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n},$$

$$D(K_n) = \begin{pmatrix} n-1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & n-1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n-1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & n-1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n} .$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L_D(K_n) &= D(K_n) - A_D(K_n) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} n-2 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & n-1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & n-1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & n-1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & n-1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n} . \end{aligned}$$

Characteristic equation is

$$[\mu - n]^{(n-2)}[\mu^2 - (n - 1)\mu - 1] = 0.$$

Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues are  $\mu = n$  [(n-2) times] and

$$\mu = \frac{(n - 1) \pm \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} \quad \text{[one time each]}$$

Number of vertices =  $n$ , Number of edges =  $nC_2 = \frac{n(n - 1)}{2}$

$\therefore$  Average degree =  $\frac{2m}{n} = 2 \frac{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}{n} = n - 1$

Laplacian minimum dominating energy,  $LE_D(K_n)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left| n - (n - 1) \right| (n - 2) + \left| \frac{(n - 1) + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} - (n - 1) \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{(n - 1) - \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} - (n - 1) \right| \\ &= (n - 2) + \left| \frac{-n + 1 + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{-n + 1 - \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} \right| \\ &= (n - 2) + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.3.** For  $n \geq 2$ , the Laplacian minimum dominating energy of Crown graph  $S_n^0$  is  $(2n - 4) + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5} + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n - 3}$ .

*Proof.* Consider the Crown graph  $S_n^0$  with vertex set  $V = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . The minimum dominating set is  $D = \{u_1, v_1\}$ .

$$A_D(S_n^0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n}$$

$$D(S_n^0) = \begin{pmatrix} n-1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & n-1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n-1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & n-1 \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n}$$

$$L_D(S_n^0) = D(S_n^0) - A_D(S_n^0)$$

$$L_D(S_n^0) = \begin{pmatrix} n-2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 0 & n-1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n-1 & \dots & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & \dots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & n-1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & n-2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 0 & 0 & n-1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & n-1 \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n}$$

Characteristic equation is

$$[\mu - n]^{n-2} [\mu - n + 2]^{n-2} [\mu^2 - (n - 1)\mu - 1] [\mu^2 - (3n - 5)\mu + (2n^2 - 8n + 7)] = 0$$

Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues are

$$\mu = n \text{ [(n-2) times]}, \quad \mu = n - 2 \text{ [(n-2) times]}$$

$$\mu = \frac{(n - 1) \pm \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} \text{ [one time each]}, \quad \mu = \frac{(3n - 5) \pm \sqrt{n^2 + 2n - 3}}{2}$$

[one time each].

$$\text{Number of vertices} = 2n, \text{ Number of edges} = n(n-1),$$



∴ Average degree =  $\frac{2n(n-1)}{2n} = n-1$ .

Laplacian minimum dominating energy,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LE_D(S_n^0) &= |n - (n-1)|(n-2) + |(n-2) - (n-1)|(n-2) \\
 &+ \left| \frac{n-1 + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} - (n-1) \right| + \left| \frac{n-1 - \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} - (n-1) \right| \\
 &+ \left| \frac{3n-5 + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n - 3}}{2} - (n-1) \right| + \left| \frac{3n-5 - \sqrt{n^2 + 2n - 3}}{2} - (n-1) \right| \\
 &= (n-2) + (n-2) + \left| \frac{-n+1 + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{-n+1 - \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}}{2} \right| \\
 &\quad + \left| \frac{n-3 + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n - 3}}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{n-3 - \sqrt{n^2 + 2n - 3}}{2} \right| \\
 &= (2n-4) + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5} + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n - 3}. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *The Laplacian minimum dominating energy of Cocktail party graph  $K_{n \times 2}$  is  $(2n-3) + \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 9}$ .*

*Proof.* Consider Cocktail party graph  $K_{n \times 2}$  with vertex set  $V = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \{u_i, v_i\}$

.The minimum dominating set is  $D = \{u_1, v_1\}$ .

$$A_D(K_{n \times 2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n}$$

$$D(K_{n \times 2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(n-1) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2(n-1) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2(n-1) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 2(n-1) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 2(n-1) \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n}$$

$$L_D(K_{n \times 2}) = D(K_{n \times 2}) - A_D(K_{n \times 2})$$

$$L_D(K_{n \times 2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2n-3 & 0 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2n-3 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2n-2 & 0 & \dots & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 2n-2 & \dots & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & 2n-2 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & 0 & 2n-2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 & 2n-2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 & 0 & 2n-2 \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n}$$

Characteristic equation is

$$(\mu - 2n + 3)(\mu - 2n + 2)^{n-1}(\mu - 2n)^{n-2}(\mu^2 - (2n - 1)\mu - 2) = 0$$

Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues are

$$\mu = 2n - 3 \text{ [One time]}, \mu = 2n - 2 \text{ [(n-1) times]}, \mu = 2n \text{ [(n-2) times]},$$

$$\mu = \frac{(2n - 1) \pm \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 7}}{2} \text{ [one time each].}$$

Number of vertices =  $2n$ , Number of edges =  $2n(n - 1)$

$\therefore$  Average degree =  $\frac{2(2n)(n - 1)}{2n} = 2(n-1)$

Laplacian minimum dominating energy,  $LE_D(K_{n \times 2})$

$$= \left| (2n - 3) - (2n - 2) \right| + \left| (2n - 2) - (2n - 2) \right| (n - 1) + \left| 2n - (2n - 2) \right| (n - 2)$$

$$+ \left| \frac{2n - 1 + \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 9}}{2} - (2n - 2) \right| + \left| \frac{2n - 1 - \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 9}}{2} - (2n - 2) \right|$$

$$= 1 + 0 + 2n - 4 + \left| \frac{-2n + 3 + \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 9}}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{-2n + 3 - \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 9}}{2} \right|$$

$$= (2n - 3) + \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 9}. \quad \square$$

### 4. Properties of Laplacian Minimum Dominating Eigen Values of a Graph

**Theorem 4.1.** *If  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of a graph  $G$  and*

*$\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \dots, \mu_n$  are the eigenvalue of  $L_D(G)$  then (i)  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i = 2 | E | - | D |$*

*and (ii)  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 = 2 | E | + \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - c_i)^2$  where*

$$c_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \in D \\ 0 & \text{if } v_i \notin D \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* (i) By definition ,the sum of the principal diagonal elements of  $L_D(G)$  is equal to  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i - |D| = 2|E| - |D|$ .

Also the sum of eigenvalues of  $L_D(G)$  is trace of  $L_D(G)$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i = 2|E| - |D|.$$

(ii) The sum of squares of eigenvalues of  $L_D(G)$  is the trace of  $L_D(G)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij}^d l_{ji}^d = \sum_{i \neq j} (l_{ij}^d)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (l_{ii}^d)^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{i < j} (l_{ij}^d)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (l_{ii}^d)^2 \\ &= 2|E| + \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - c_i)^2 \text{ where } c_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \in D \\ 0 & \text{if } v_i \notin D \end{cases} \\ &= 2M, \text{ where } M = |E| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - c_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

□

R. B. Bapat and Sukunta Pati [4] have shown that if the energy of a graph is rational then it must be an even integer. The similar result on absolute Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues is given below.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $G$  be a graph with a minimum dominating set  $D$ . If the sum of the absolute values of Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues is a rational number, then it will be an integer satisfying  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \equiv |D| \pmod{2}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$  be Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues of a graph  $G$ , of which  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_r$  are positive and the rest are non-positive, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| &= (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_r) - (\mu_{r+1} + \dots + \mu_n) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| &= 2(\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_r) - (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n) \\ &= 2(\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_r) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \\ &= 2(\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_r) - (2|E| - |D|) \\ &= 2(\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_r - |E|) + |D| \end{aligned}$$

By the result of Fiedler on additive compounds[8], the partial sum  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_r$  is an eigenvalue of a matrix whose characteristic polynomial has integer coefficients. If  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|$  is rational then  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_r$  is rational and hence it must be an integer.

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \equiv D \pmod{2}$$

□

## 5. Bounds on Laplacian Minimum Dominating Energy of a Graph

**Theorem 5.1.** (Upper bound) Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges and  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of a graph  $G$ . Then  $LE_D(G) \leq \sqrt{2Mn} + 2m$ .

*Proof.* Cauchy-Schwarz inequality is  $(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i)^2 \leq (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2) (\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2)$

$$\text{Put } a_i = 1, b_i = |\mu_i| \text{ then } (\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|)^2 \leq (\sum_{i=1}^n 1) (\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2)$$

$$\text{i.e., } (\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|)^2 \leq n \cdot 2M$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \leq \sqrt{2Mn}.$$

By Triangle inequality,  $|\mu_i - \frac{2m}{n}| \leq |\mu_i| + \frac{2m}{n} \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\text{i.e., } |\mu_i - \frac{2m}{n}| \leq |\mu_i| + \frac{2m}{n} \quad \forall i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i - \frac{2m}{n}| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2m}{n}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{2Mn} + 2m$$

$$\therefore LE_D(G) \leq \sqrt{2Mn} + 2m$$

□

This bound is similar to B.J.McClelland's bound [18] for ordinary energy of graph.

**Theorem 5.2.** (Upper bound) Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges and  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of  $G$ . Then

$$LE_D(G) \leq \sqrt{2Mn + 4m(|D| - m)}.$$

*Proof.*

Cauchy- Schwarz inequality is  $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2\right)$

Put  $a_i = 1, b_i = \left|\mu_i - \frac{2m}{n}\right|$  then

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left|\mu_i - \frac{2m}{n}\right|\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left|\mu_i - \frac{2m}{n}\right|^2\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } [LE_D(G)]^2 &= n \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4m^2}{n^2} - \frac{4m}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \right] \\ &= n \left[ 2M + \frac{4m^2}{n^2} \cdot n - \frac{4m}{n} (2m - |D|) \right] \\ &= n \left[ 2M + \frac{4m^2}{n} - \frac{8m^2}{n} + \frac{4m |D|}{n} \right] \\ &= 2Mn + 4m(|D| - m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore LE_D(G) \leq \sqrt{2Mn + 4m(|D| - m)}.$$

□

**Theorem 5.3.** (Lower bound): Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges and  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of  $G$ . If  $D = |\det L_D(G)|$  then  $LE_D(G) \geq \sqrt{2M + n(n-1)D^{\frac{2}{n}} - 2m}$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $\left[\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|\right]^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |\mu_j|\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} |\mu_i| |\mu_j| \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i \neq j} |\mu_i| |\mu_j| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \tag{1}$$

Applying inequality between the arithmetic and geometric means for  $n(n-1)$  terms, we have

$$\frac{\sum_{i \neq j} |\mu_i| |\mu_j|}{n(n-1)} \geq \left[ \prod_{i \neq j} |\mu_i| |\mu_j| \right]^{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}}$$

$$i.e., \sum_{i \neq j} |\mu_i| |\mu_j| \geq n(n-1) \left[ \prod_{i \neq j} |\mu_i| |\mu_j| \right]^{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}}$$

Using (5.1) we get,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 \geq n(n-1) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^{2(n-1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}}$$

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \right)^2 - 2M \geq n(n-1) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \right]^{\frac{2}{n}}$$

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \right)^2 \geq 2M + n(n-1) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \right]^{\frac{2}{n}}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \geq \sqrt{2M + n(n-1)D^{\frac{2}{n}}} \tag{5.2}$$

We know that  $|\mu_i| - \left| \frac{2m}{n} \right| \leq \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right| \forall i$

$$i.e., \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right| \leq \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right| \quad \forall i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right|$$

$$i.e., \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| - 2m \leq LE_D(G)$$

$$i.e., LE_D(G) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| - 2m$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \sqrt{2M + n(n-1)D^{\frac{2}{n}}} - 2m && \text{From (5.2)} \\ \therefore LE_D(G) &\geq \sqrt{2M + n(n-1)D^{\frac{2}{n}}} - 2m \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges and  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of  $G$ . If the sum of the absolute Laplacian minimum dominating eigenvalues is a rational number, then  $LE_D(G) \in (|D| + 2t - 2m, |D| + 2t + 2m)$ , where  $t$  is any integer such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \equiv |D| \pmod{2}$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know that } \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| + 2m \\ \text{i.e., } LE_D(G) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| + 2m \\ &= |D| + 2t + 2m && \text{From [4.1]} \\ \text{Also, } LE_D(G) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| - 2m \\ &= |D| + 2t - 2m && \text{From [4.1]} \\ \therefore LE_D(G) &\in (|D| + 2t - 2m, |D| + 2t + 2m) \end{aligned}$$

□

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