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Chromatic Number, Spectral Radius and Spanning Bipartite Subgraph*

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Abstract: Let G be a simple undirected graph with order $n \geq 1$. Denote by $\rho(G)$ and $\lambda(G)$ the spectral radius of the adjacency matrix and the Laplacian matrix of G , respectively. In this paper, by the way of spanning bipartite subgraphs, it is showed that: let G be a simple graph with chromatic number $k \geq 1$. If k is even, $\rho(G) \leq \frac{k-1}{k} \rho(G)$; if k is odd, $\rho(G) \leq \frac{k}{k+1} \rho(G)$.

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1 Introduction

Let G be a simple graph with vertex set $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. The spectral radius of G , $\rho(G)$, is the largest eigenvalue of its adjacency matrix $A(G)$, and $A(G) = (a_{ij})$ is defined to be the $n \times n$ matrix where $a_{ij} = 1$ if v_j is adjacent to v_i , and $a_{ij} = 0$ otherwise.

When G is connected, $A(G)$ is irreducible and by the Perron-Frobenius Theorem, the spectral radius $\rho(G)$ is simple and there is a unique positive unit eigenvector. We shall refer to such an eigenvector as the Perron vector of G .

The number of edges incident with a vertex v_i in a graph G is called the degree of the vertex v_i . The degree of v_i is denoted by $d_i(G)$. The degree matrix D of a graph G is a diagonal matrix with the degree $d_i(G)$ vertex v_i in the position (i, i) .

The Laplacian matrix is the matrix $L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$. It is well known that $L(G)$ is positive semidefinite symmetric. We denote the eigenvalues of $L(G)$ in decreasing order by

$$\lambda_1(G) = \rho(G) \geq \lambda_2(G) \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n(G) = 0,$$

and call $\lambda_2(G)$, the Laplacian spectral radius of G .

It is easy to show the following results:

Theorem 1 Let G be a simple graph with n vertices and Laplacian spectral radius $\lambda_2(G)$. Then $\lambda_2(G) \geq n$. Equality holds if and only if the complement of G is disconnected.

For a graph G , its chromatic number k is the minimum number of colors needed to color the vertices of G in such a way that no two adjacent vertices are assigned the same color.

Theorem 2^[1] Let G be a simple graph with n vertices, spectral radius $\rho(G)$ and Chromatics number k . Then $\rho(G) \leq \frac{k-1}{k} n$.

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Naturally, we can ask the following question: are the inequality $\chi(G) \leq \frac{k-1}{k} \rho(G)$ right?

The answer is given partly in this paper. By the way of spanning bipartite subgraphs, we have showed that: let G be a simple graph with chromatic number $k \geq 1$. If k is even, then $\chi(G) \leq \frac{k-1}{k} \rho(G)$; if k is odd, then $\chi(G) \leq \frac{k}{k+1} \rho(G)$.

The terminology not defined here can be found in ref. [2].

2 Spanning Bipartite Subgraph

We study the problem of bounding the maximum number of spectral radius in a spanning bipartite subgraph of a graph G .

Let G be a simple connected graph with n vertices and chromatic number k . We may suppose that the vertices of G are labelled in such a way that its adjacency matrix can be written in the form $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_{12} & A_{1,k-1} & A_{1k} \\ A_{21} & 0 & A_{2,k-1} & A_{2k} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{k-1,1} & A_{k-1,2} & 0 & A_{k-1,k} \\ A_{k1} & A_{k2} & A_{k,k-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, where A_{ij} is an $n_i \times n_j$ matrix and of course, $A_{ij} = A_{ji}^T$ and $A_{ij} = 0, A_{ij} = 0 (i \neq j, 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq k)$; here n_i is the number of vertices with color i .

Let x be a Perron vector belonging to $\rho(G)$. Let us break x into x^1, x^2, \dots, x^k of lengths n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k , respectively. Set $b_{ij} = x^i A_{ij} x^j$. Then $b_{ij} = b_{ji}$. Further, it is easy to show that $b_{ij} > 0 (i \neq j, 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq k)$ and $\rho(G) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij}}$.

Set $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_{12} & b_{1,k-1} & b_{1k} \\ b_{21} & 0 & b_{2,k-1} & b_{2k} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ b_{k-1,1} & b_{k-1,2} & 0 & b_{k-1,k} \\ b_{k1} & b_{k2} & b_{k,k-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. The matrix B can be regarded as a adjacent matrix of a weighted

complete graph K_k . Let F be a set by taking any s rows and s columns correspondingly in B . Let B' be a matrix obtained from B by replacing the elements by 0, and the elements are covered twice or not covered by F . Then the graph, whose adjacent matrix is B' , is a weighted bipartite subgraph of K_k . And denote the graph with the largest sum of all elements by F . Now we consider two cases.

Case 1 If k is even, then let $k = 2t$. Taking $s = t$ and the number of ways to choose s rows from B is $\binom{2t}{t} = \frac{(2t)!}{t! t!}$.

Since the element b_{ij} in B is covered twice if and only if the i th and j th rows are in F , when b_{ij} is covered twice by F , the number of ways is $\binom{2t-2}{t-2} = \frac{(2t-2)!}{(t-2)! (t-2)!}$. When b_{ij} is not covered by F , the number of ways is $\binom{2t-2}{t} = \frac{(2t-2)!}{t! (t-2)!}$. Therefore, when b_{ij} is covered twice or not covered by F , the average number of ways is $\frac{t-1}{2t-1}$. Hence

the sum of all elements in F is at least $\left(\frac{t}{2t-1}\right) \rho(G)$, and $\rho(F) = \frac{t \rho(G)}{2t-1} = \frac{k \rho(G)}{2(k-1)}$.

Case 2 If k is odd, then let $k = 2t + 1$. Taking $s = t$ and the number of ways to choose s rows from B is $\binom{2t+1}{t} = \frac{(2t+1)!}{t! (t+1)!}$.

Since the element b_{ij} in B is covered twice if and only if the i th and j th rows are in \mathcal{B} , when b_{ij} is covered twice by \mathcal{B} , the number of ways is $\binom{2t-1}{t-2} = \frac{(2t-1)!}{t!(t-2)!}$. When b_{ij} is not covered by \mathcal{B} , the number of ways is $\binom{2t-1}{t} = \frac{(2t-1)!}{t!(t-1)!}$. Therefore, when b_{ij} is covered twice or not covered by \mathcal{B} , the average number of ways is $\frac{t}{2t+1}$. Hence the sum of all elements in F is at least $\left(\frac{t+1}{2t+1}\right) (G)$, and $(F) \geq \frac{(t+1)(G)}{2t+1} = \frac{(k+1)(G)}{2k}$.

It follows that:

Theorem 3 Let G be a simple connected graph with chromatic number k . Let H be a spanning bipartite subgraph of G and the spectral radius $\rho(H)$ of H is the largest in all bipartite subgraphs of G . If k is even then $\rho(H) \geq \frac{k(G)}{2(k-1)}$; If k is odd then $\rho(H) \geq \frac{(k+1)(G)}{2k}$.

3 Main Results

Lemma 1 Let G be a simple connected graph with order $n \geq 1$ and chromatic number k . Then for every bipartite subgraph H of G , $(G) \geq 2(H)$.

Proof Let H be a bipartite subgraph of G , then $V(H) = V_1 \cup V_2, V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$. Every pair vertices in V_i are not adjacent in H . Without loss of generality, we may assume that $V_1 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, t\}, V_2 = \{t+1, t+2, t+3, \dots, n\}, 1 \leq t \leq n$. If H is an empty graph (no edges), then $\rho(H) = 0$, which implies that $2(H) = 0 \leq (G)$. Hence we assume that H is not empty in the following statement. Let \mathbf{x} be a unit column eigenvector of G corresponding to (G) . Let $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T$ be a nonnegative unit eigenvector of H corresponding to $\rho(H)$. Set $\mathbf{z} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_t, -y_{t+1}, \dots, -y_n)^T$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (G) &= \mathbf{x}^T (D(G) - A(G)) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}^T (D(G) - A(G)) \mathbf{z} = \sum_{(i,j) \in (E_1 \cup E_2)} (y_i - y_j)^2 + \\ &\sum_{(i,j) \in E(H)} (y_i + y_j)^2 = \sum_{(i,j) \in (E_1 \cup E_2)} (y_i - y_j)^2 + \sum_{(i,j) \in E(H)} (y_i - y_j)^2 + \\ &4 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(H)} y_i y_j = \sum_{(i,j) \in (E_1 \cup E_2)} (y_i - y_j)^2 + 4 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(H)} y_i y_j \\ &4 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(H)} y_i y_j = 2(H), \end{aligned}$$

where $E_i = E(G[V_i])$ and $G[V_i]$ is an induced subgraph of G .

Theorem 4 Let G be a simple graph with chromatic number $k \geq 1$. () If k is even, $(G) \geq \frac{k-1}{k} (G)$; () If k is odd, $(G) \geq \frac{k}{k+1} (G)$.

Proof This follows from theorem 3 and lemma 1.

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带 (G, \cdot) -单调映象的广义多值变分包含的逼近解

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摘要: 在 Hilbert 空间中引入和研究了一类新的带 (G, \cdot) -单调映象的广义多值变分包含. 利用 (G, \cdot) -单调映象的预解算子技巧, 建立并讨论了这种变分包含解的存在性定理, 也提出了一个新的逼近算法, 证明了由此算法产生的迭代序列的收敛性. 文中给出的结果改进和推广了最近文献的一些相应结果.

关键词: 广义多值变分包含; (G, \cdot) -单调映象; 预解算子技术; 逼近算法; 收敛性

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色数与谱半径和生成偶子图

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摘要: 设 G 为 $n-1$ 阶简单无向图, $\lambda_1(G)$ 和 $\lambda_2(G)$ 分别表示图 G 的邻接谱半径和 Laplacian 谱半径. 利用生成偶子图证明了: 当 k 为偶数时, $\lambda_1(G) \leq \frac{k-1}{k} \lambda_2(G)$; 当 k 为奇数时, $\lambda_1(G) \leq \frac{k}{k+1} \lambda_2(G)$. 其中 $k \geq 1$ 为简单图 G 的色数.

关键词: 谱半径; Laplacian 谱半径; 色数; 生成偶子图

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