

# Laplacian Energy of a Graph with Self-Loops

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to extend the concept of Laplacian energy from simple graph to a graph with self-loops. Let  $G$  be a simple graph of order  $n$ , size  $m$  and  $G_S$  is the graph obtained from  $G$  by adding  $\sigma$  self-loops. We define Laplacian energy of  $G_S$  as  $LE(G_S) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i(G_S) - \frac{2m+\sigma}{n}|$  where  $\mu_1(G_S), \mu_2(G_S), \dots, \mu_n(G_S)$  are eigenvalues of the Laplacian matrix of  $G_S$ . In this paper some basic properties of Laplacian eigenvalues and bounds for Laplacian energy of  $G_S$  are investigated. This paper is limited to bounds in analogy with bounds of  $E(G)$  and  $LE(G)$  but with some significant differences, more sharper bounds can be found.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $G = (V, K)$  be a simple, undirected graph of order  $n$  and size  $m$ . In 1978, I. Gutman defined the energy [7] of adjacency matrix  $A(G)$  as,

$$E(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| \tag{1}$$

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where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ , are the eigenvalues of adjacency matrix  $A(G)$ .

The matrix  $L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$  is the Laplacian matrix and the Laplacian energy  $LE(G)$  of  $G$  is defined [10] as,

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

where  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $L(G)$  and

$D(G) = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is the diagonal matrix of vertex degrees of a graph  $G$ . For more on terminologies we refer [3, 4]

Let  $S \subseteq V$  with  $|S| = \sigma$ . A graph with self-loops  $G_S$  with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $K(G_S)$  is obtained from simple graph  $G$ , by attaching a self-loop to each of its vertices belonging to  $S$ .

Since graph with self-loops find its application in Chemistry, [8,9,13,14] Gutman et al. defined adjacency matrix  $A(G_S)$  [6] of graph  $G_S$  in 2021. The matrix  $A(G_S)$  is a symmetric matrix of order  $n$  whose  $(i, j)^{th}$  element is defined as,

$$A(G_S)_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the vertices } v_i \sim v_j, \\ 0 & \text{if the vertices } v_i \not\sim v_j, \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \in S, \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \notin S. \end{cases}$$

Then the energy  $E(G_S)$  of graph  $G_S$  defined as [6],

$$E(G_S) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \lambda_i(G_S) - \frac{\sigma}{n} \right|. \quad (3)$$

where  $\lambda_1(G_S), \lambda_2(G_S), \dots, \lambda_n(G_S)$  are the eigenvalues of  $A(G_S)$ . For more information on energy, Laplacian energy and energy of graph with self-loops, refer [2, 5, 11, 12, 15].

The Laplacian matrix  $L(G_S)$  of a graph  $G_S$  was defined by B. Acikmese [1] in 2015 as,

$$L(G_S) = L(G) + \sum_{(i,i) \in K(G_S)} e_i e_i^T \quad (4)$$

Where  $L(G) = \sum_{(i,j) \in K(G_S), i \neq j} (e_i - e_j)(e_i - e_j)^T$  and  $e_i$  is a vector with its  $i^{th}$  entry +1 and the others zeros.

We now rephrase the Laplacian matrix  $L(G_S)$  of the graph  $G_S$  as a symmetric matrix  $L(G_S)$  of order  $n$ , whose  $(i, j)^{th}$  element is defined as

$$L(G_S)_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if the vertices } v_i \sim v_j, \\ 0 & \text{if the vertices } v_i \not\sim v_j, \\ d_i + 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \in S, \\ d_i & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \notin S. \end{cases}$$

i.e.,

$$L(G_S) = D(G_S) - A(G_S) \quad (5)$$

where  $D(G_S) = \text{diag}(d_1(G_S), d_2(G_S), \dots, d_n(G_S))$  is the diagonal matrix of vertex degrees of  $G_S$ .

Since  $L(G_S)$  is a matrix with non-zero diagonal, similarly as in Eq. (2) and Eq. (3) we now define the Laplacian energy of a graph  $G_S$  as

$$LE(G_S) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i(G_S) - \frac{2m + \sigma}{n} \right|. \quad (6)$$

where  $\mu_1(G_S), \mu_2(G_S), \dots, \mu_n(G_S)$  are the eigenvalues of  $L(G_S)$ .

Let  $\gamma_i(G_S) = \mu_i(G_S) - \frac{2m + \sigma}{n}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  denote the auxiliary eigenvalues of  $L(G_S)$ . Then,

$$LE(G_S) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\gamma_i(G_S)|. \quad (7)$$

In the present paper, we discuss the properties of Laplacian eigenvalues, Laplacian energy and its bounds of graph  $G_S$ .

## 2 Laplacian eigenvalues of $G_S$

The eigenvalues of  $L(G)$  and  $A(G_S)$  satisfy the following relation [6, 10] :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i = 2m; \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 = 2m + \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2. \quad (8)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(G_S) = \sigma; \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2(G_S) = 2m + \sigma. \quad (9)$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $G(V, K)$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. If  $S \subseteq V$  with  $|S| = \sigma$ , then the eigenvalues  $\mu_1(G_S), \mu_2(G_S), \dots, \mu_n(G_S)$  of  $L(G_S)$  satisfy,*

1.  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(G_S) = 2m + \sigma$

2.  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2(G_S) = 2m + \sigma + \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2(G_S) - 2 \sum_{v_i \in S} d_i(G_S)$

where  $d_i(G_S), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  denote vertex degree of  $G_S$ .

*Proof.* 1. We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(G_S) &= \sum_{i=1}^n [L(G_S)]_{ii} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [D(G_S)]_{ii} - \sum_{i=1}^n [A(G_S)]_{ii} \\ &= 2m + \sigma. \end{aligned}$$

2. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2(G_S) &= \sum_{i=1}^n [L(G_S)^2]_{ii} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [D(G_S) - A(G_S)]_{ii}^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [D(G_S)^2]_{ii} + \sum_{i=1}^n [A(G_S)^2]_{ii} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n [D(G_S)A(G_S)]_{ii} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2(G_S) + 2m + \sigma - 2 \sum_{v_i \in S} d_i(G_S).$$

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**Lemma 2.** Let  $G(V, K)$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. If  $S \subseteq V$  with  $|S| = \sigma$ , then the auxiliary eigenvalues  $\gamma_1(G_S), \gamma_2(G_S), \dots, \gamma_n(G_S)$  of  $L(G_S)$  satisfy,

$$1. \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i(G_S) = 0$$

$$2. \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i^2(G_S) = 2M$$

where  $M = m + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( d_i(G_S) - \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right)^2 + \sigma \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right) - \sum_{v_i \in S} d_i(G_S)$ .

*Proof.* 1. We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i(G_S) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \mu_i(G_S) - \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(G_S) - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \\ &= 2m + \sigma - (2m + \sigma) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \text{ Also, } \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i^2(G_S) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \mu_i(G_S) - \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2(G_S) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(G_S) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( d_i(G_S) - \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right)^2 + 2m + \sigma + 2\sigma \left( \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right) - \\ &\quad 2 \sum_{v_i \in S} d_i(G_S) \\ &= 2M. \end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma 3.** [4]

1. A symmetric diagonally dominant real matrix with non-negative diagonal entries is positive semidefinite.
2. Let  $B$  be a symmetric real matrix with non-negative row sums and non-positive off-diagonal entries. Define a graph  $\Gamma$  on the index set of the rows of  $B$ , where two distinct indices  $i, j$  are adjacent when  $b_{ij} \neq 0$ . The multiplicity of the eigenvalue 0 of  $B$  equals the number of connected components  $C$  of  $\Gamma$  such that all rows  $i \in C$  have zero row sum.

**Theorem 1.** 1.  $L(G_S)$  is positive semidefinite.

2. If graph  $G_S$  has  $p \geq 1$  components such that each of  $q \leq p$  number of components with at least one self-loop and  $n$  Laplacian eigenvalues are arranged in non-increasing order  $\mu_1(G_S) \geq \mu_2(G_S) \geq \dots \geq \mu_n(G_S)$  then  $\mu_{n-i}(G_S) = 0$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, p - q - 1$  and  $\mu_{n-p+q}(G_S) > 0$ .

*Proof.* 1. By Lemma 3, it follows that  $L(G_S)$  being a symmetric diagonally dominant real matrix with non-negative diagonal entries is positive semidefinite.

2. Suppose graph  $G_S$  has  $p \geq 1$  components. By Lemma 3, obtain the graph  $\Gamma$  which is defined on the index set of the rows of  $L(G_S)$ . By the definition of  $\Gamma$  it is clear that each connected component of  $G_S$  will contribute exactly one connected component  $C$  of  $\Gamma$ . Hence  $\Gamma$  has  $p$  connected components as  $G_S$  has  $p$  components. Suppose no self-loop is attached to any of the  $p$  components, then  $L(G_S) = L(G)$ . We know that each row of  $L(G)$  will have zero row sum so is each connected components  $C$  of  $\Gamma$ . If at least one self-loop is attached to at least one of the component, row corresponding to the added self-loop will have nonzero row sum in  $L(G_S)$  which in turn results in corresponding row to have non-zero row sum in connected components  $C$  of  $\Gamma$ . Hence that component will not contribute in the multiplicity of eigenvalue 0. Similarly if  $G_S$  has at least one

self-loop in each of  $q$  components, then these  $q$  components will not contribute in the algebraic multiplicity of eigenvalue 0. Therefore  $q$  components will have positive eigenvalues. So multiplicity of 0 is  $p - q$ . Also it follows that if the Laplacian eigenvalues are labeled so that  $\mu_1(G_S) \geq \mu_2(G_S) \geq \dots \geq \mu_n(G_S)$ , then  $\mu_{n-i}(G_S) = 0$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, p - q - 1$  and  $\mu_{n-p+q}(G_S) > 0$ . ■

### 3 Laplacian energy of $G_S$

From literature [10], it is observed that Laplacian energy  $LE(G)$  of graph  $G$  satisfies  $LE(G) \leq \sqrt{2nM}$  and if  $2m \geq n$ ,  $2\sqrt{M} \leq LE(G) \leq 2M$ , where  $M = m + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - \frac{2m}{n})^2$ . For Laplacian matrix  $L(G_S)$  by Lemma 2, we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i^2(G_S) = 2M$

where  $M = m + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i(G_S) - \frac{2m+\sigma}{n})^2 + \sigma (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2m+\sigma}{n}) - \sum_{v_i \in S} d_i(G_S)$ .

Using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we get,

$$LE(G_S) \leq \sqrt{2nM} \quad (10)$$

For  $2m \geq n$ , Squaring  $LE(G_S)$  and using Eq. 10 we get,

$$2\sqrt{M} \leq LE(G_S) \leq 2M \quad (11)$$

**Theorem 2.** *If graph  $G_S$  has  $p$  components ( $p \geq 1$ ) out of which  $q$  components ( $q \leq p$ ) have at least one self-loop in each of its component. Then,*

$$LE(G_S) \leq (p - q) \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} + \sqrt{(n - p + q)(2M - (p - q)(\frac{2m+\sigma}{n})^2)}.$$

*Proof.* Consider a graph  $G_S$  with  $p$  components ( $p \geq 1$ ). Let each of  $q \leq p$  components has at least one self-loop. Then by Theorem 1,  $\gamma_{n-i}(G_S) = -\frac{2m+\sigma}{n}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, p - q - 1$ .

Consider,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-p+q} \sum_{j=1}^{n-p+q} (|\gamma_i(G_S)| - |\gamma_j(G_S)|)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-p+q} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-p+q} |\gamma_i(G_S)|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-p+q} |\gamma_j(G_S)|^2 - 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n-p+q} |\gamma_i(G_S)||\gamma_j(G_S)| \right) \geq 0$$

$$2(n-p+q) \left( 2M - (p-q) \left( \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right)^2 \right) \geq 2 \left( LE(G_S) - (p-q) \left( \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right) \right)^2$$

Thus,

$$(p-q) \left( \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right) + \sqrt{(n-p+q) \left( 2M - (p-q) \left( \frac{2m+\sigma}{n} \right)^2 \right)} \geq LE(G_S).$$

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**Theorem 3.** For complete graph  $K_n$  with  $\sigma$  self-loops,

$$LE(G_S) = \frac{(n^2 - 3n + 2\sigma)}{n} + \sqrt{(n+1)^2 - 4\sigma}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $(K_n)_S$  be a complete graph with self-loops so that  $|S| = \sigma$ . Since all vertices are adjacent, position of self-loop will not change the Laplacian energy. Then,

$$L(K_n)_S = \begin{bmatrix} ((n+1)I - J)_{\sigma \times \sigma} & -J_{\sigma \times (n-\sigma)} \\ -J_{(n-\sigma) \times \sigma} & (nI - J)_{(n-\sigma) \times (n-\sigma)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $W = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$  be an eigenvector such that  $X$  consists of  $\sigma$  components and  $Y$  is of  $(n - \sigma)$  tupled vector. Let  $\mu(G_S)$  be a eigenvalue of  $L(G_S)$ . Then,

$$[\mu(G_S)I - L(G_S)] \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [(\mu(G_S) - n - 1)I + J] X_{\sigma \times 1} + JY_{\sigma \times 1} \\ JX_{(n-\sigma) \times 1} + [(\mu(G_S) - n)I + J]Y_{(n-\sigma) \times 1} \end{bmatrix} \tag{12}$$

Case 1: Let  $X = X_j = e_1 - e_j, j = 2, 3, \dots, \sigma.$  and  $Y = O_{n-\sigma \times 1}$



From expression 12,

$$(\mu(G_S) - n - 1)X_j + JX_j + JO_{n-\sigma} = (\mu(G_S) - (n + 1))X_j$$

It implies that,  $\mu(G_S) = (n + 1)$  is an eigenvalue with multiplicity of at least  $(\sigma - 1)$  since there are  $(\sigma - 1)$  linearly independent eigenvectors of the form  $X_j$ .

Case 2: Suppose  $X$  is a zero vector of order  $\sigma$  and  $Y = Y_j = e_1 - e_j$ ,  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n - \sigma$

Then from expression 12,

$$JO_\sigma + (\mu(G_S) - n)Y_j + JY_j = (\mu(G_S) - n)Y_j$$

So,  $\mu(G_S) = n$  is an eigenvalue with multiplicity at least  $(n - \sigma - 1)$  since there are  $n - \sigma - 1$  linearly independent eigenvectors of the form  $Y_j$ .

Case 3: Let  $X = 1_\sigma$  and  $Y = \frac{-\sigma}{(\mu(G_S) - \sigma)} 1_{n-\sigma}$  where,  $\mu(G_S)$  is root of the equation  $\mu(G_S)^2 - (n + 1)\mu(G_S) + \sigma = 0$

From Eq. 12,  $((\mu(G_S) - n - 1)I + J)1_\sigma + J\left(\frac{-\sigma}{n-\sigma}\right) 1_{n-\sigma}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( (\mu(G_S) - n - 1) + \sigma + (n - \sigma) \left( \frac{-\sigma}{\mu(G_S) - \sigma} \right) \right) 1_\sigma \\ &= \left( \frac{(\mu(G_S) - n - 1)(\mu(G_S) - \sigma) + \sigma(\mu(G_S) - \sigma) - \sigma(\mu(G_S) - \sigma)}{\mu(G_S) - \sigma} \right) 1_\sigma \\ &= \left( \frac{\mu(G_S)^2 - (n + 1)\mu(G_S) + \sigma}{\mu(G_S) - \sigma} \right) 1_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mu(G_S) = \frac{(n+1) + \sqrt{(n+1)^2 - 4\sigma}}{2}$  and  $\mu(G_S) = \frac{(n+1) - \sqrt{(n+1)^2 - 4\sigma}}{2}$  are the eigenvalues with multiplicity of at least one. Therefore Laplacian spectrum of complete graph with self-loops is given by,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} n & n + 1 & \frac{n+1 + \sqrt{(n+1)^2 - 4\sigma}}{2} & \frac{(n+1) - \sqrt{(n+1)^2 - 4\sigma}}{2} \\ n - 1 - \sigma & \sigma - 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right\}.$$

The Laplacian energy of complete graph with self-loops is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LE((K_n)_S) &= (n - 1 - \sigma) \left| n - \frac{n^2 - n + \sigma}{n} \right| + (\sigma - 1) \left| (n + 1) - \frac{n^2 - n + \sigma}{n} \right| \\
 &+ \left| \frac{(n + 1) + \sqrt{(n + 1)^2 - 4\sigma}}{2} - \frac{n^2 - n + \sigma}{n} \right| \\
 &+ \left| \frac{(n + 1) - \sqrt{(n + 1)^2 - 4\sigma}}{2} - \frac{n^2 - n + \sigma}{n} \right| \\
 &= (n - 1 - \sigma) \left( \frac{n - \sigma}{n} \right) + (\sigma - 1) \left( \frac{2n - \sigma}{n} \right) + \sqrt{(n + 1)^2 - 4\sigma}
 \end{aligned}$$

Further simplification will result in,

$$LE((K_n)_S) = \frac{(n^2 - 3n + 2\sigma)}{n} + \sqrt{(n + 1)^2 - 4\sigma}.$$

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**Theorem 4.** For complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  with number of self-loops  $s$  and  $k$  in the partite  $m$  and  $n$  respectively. Then the characteristic polynomial  $P(x)$  is  $P(\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S)) = (\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S) - (n + 1))^{s-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S) - (m + 1))^{k-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S) - n)^{m-s-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S) - m)^{n-k-1}$

$Q(\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S))$ , where  $Q(\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S)) = \mu^4(K_{(m,n)}_S) - 2(m + n + 1)\mu^3(K_{(m,n)}_S) + (m(m + 3) + n(n + 3) + 3mn + 1)\mu^2(K_{(m,n)}_S) - (m(n^2 + k + 1) + n(m^2 + s + 1) + (m + n)^2)\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S) + km(1 + n) + ns(m + 1) - ks$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(K_{m,n})_S$  be complete bipartite graph with  $s, k$  number of self-loops in the two partites of order  $m$  and  $n$  respectively. Then the Laplacian matrix  $L(K_{(m,n)}_S) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 (n + 1)I_{s \times s} & 0_{s \times (m-s)} & -1_{s \times k} & -1_{s \times (n-k)} \\
 0_{(m-s) \times s} & nI_{(m-s) \times (m-s)} & -1_{(m-s) \times k} & -1_{(m-s) \times (n-k)} \\
 -1_{k \times k} & -1_{k \times (m-s)} & (m + 1)I_{k \times k} & 0_{k \times (n-k)} \\
 -1_{(n-k) \times k} & -1_{(n-k) \times (m-s)} & 0_{(n-k) \times k} & mI_{(n-k) \times (n-k)}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider  $\det(\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S)I - L(K_{(m,n)}_S))$ , where  $\mu(K_{(m,n)}_S)$  is an eigenvalue of  $L(K_{(m,n)}_S)$ .

Step 1: Replace  $R_i$  by  $R'_i = R_i - R_{i-1}$ , where  $i = n, n - 1, \dots, k + 3, k + 2, k, k - 1, \dots, m + 3, m + 2, m, m - 1, \dots, s + 3, s + 2, s, s - 1, \dots, 3, 2$ .

Then  $\det(\mu(K_{(m,n)_S})I - L(K_{(m,n)_S}))$  will get reduced to new determinant say  $\det(A)$ .

Step 2: Replace  $C_i$  of  $\det(A)$  by  $C'_i = C_i + C_{i+1}$ , where  $i = n-1, n-2, \dots, k+1, k-1, k-2, \dots, m+1, m-1, \dots, s+1, s-1, \dots, 2, 1$ . Let the new determinant be  $\det(B)$ .

Step 3: Expanding  $\det(B)$  successively along the rows  $i, i = 2, 3, \dots, s, s+2, \dots, m, m+2, \dots, k, k+2, \dots, n-1, n$ . Then,  $\det(B) = (\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - (n+1))^{s-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - (m+1))^{k-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - n)^{m-s-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - m)^{n-k-1} \det(C)$ , where  $\det(C) =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - n - 1 & 0 & k & n - k \\ 0 & \mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - n & k & n - k \\ s & m - s & \mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - m - 1 & 0 \\ s & m - s & 0 & \mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - m \end{vmatrix}.$$

Further simplifying the determinant we get,  $\det(C) = \mu^4(K_{(m,n)_S}) - 2(m+n+1)\mu^3(K_{(m,n)_S}) + (m(m+3) + n(n+3) + 3mn+1)\mu^2(K_{(m,n)_S}) - (m(n^2+k+1) + n(m^2+s+1) + (m+n)^2)\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) + km(1+n) + ns(m+1) - ks$ . Then the Laplacian characteristic polynomial of  $(K_{m,n})_S$  is given by  $P(\mu(K_{(m,n)_S})) = (\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - (n+1))^{s-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - (m+1))^{k-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - n)^{m-s-1} (\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) - m)^{n-k-1} Q(\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}))$ , where  $Q(\mu(K_{(m,n)_S})) = \mu^4(K_{(m,n)_S}) - 2(m+n+1)\mu^3(K_{(m,n)_S}) + (m(m+3) + n(n+3) + 3mn+1)\mu^2(K_{(m,n)_S}) - (m(n^2+k+1) + n(m^2+s+1) + (m+n)^2)\mu(K_{(m,n)_S}) + km(1+n) + ns(m+1) - ks$ . ■

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