

# Laplacian Spectral Indices of Hexacyclic Systems

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## Abstract

The hexacyclic system graph  $F_n$  is the graph derived from a linear hexagonal chain  $L_n$  with  $n > 1$  hexagons by identifying two pairs of ends of  $L_n$ . The Möbius hexacyclic system graph  $M_n$  is the graph derived from a linear hexagonal chain  $L_n$  with  $n > 1$  hexagons by identifying two pairs of ends of  $L_n$  with a twist. In this paper, we compute, in a closed form, the resolvent energy, the Laplacian and the signless Laplacian resolvent energy, as well as the resolvent Estrada index and the resolvent signless Estrada index of  $F_n$  and  $M_n$ . All five indices are expressed as a rational function in the number  $n$  of hexagons, defined in terms of Chebyshev polynomials of the first and the second kind. Those expressions allow for a fast numerical computation of indices and for deducing sharp bounds on their growth.

## 1 Introduction

A topological index of a graph is a graph invariant that represents a certain number associated with the graph and which further describes its struc-

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ture. The interest in studying topological indices is mainly due to their use as one of the fundamental tools in QSPR/QSAR modeling employed in different fields of chemistry in order to describe and predict physical properties and biological activities of organic compounds from their molecular structures, see e.g. [40], [59] or [24]. There exist many topological indices of graphs. Some of those are defined in terms of geometric properties of a graph, such as (minimal) distances between vertices (the Wiener index).

A topological index may also be expressed in terms of the spectrum of its adjacency matrix which then also determines the spectrum of the Laplacian or a modified Laplacian matrix associated to a graph (e.g. signless Laplacian, normalized Laplacian). The energy of a graph, introduced in [26] equals the sum of absolute values of the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix, see also [29] and [42] for a comparative study of graph energies. The Estrada index, introduced by Estrada in [19] equals the sum  $\sum_j \exp(\lambda_j)$  over all eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  of the adjacency matrix of a graph. A variety of modifications of the Estrada index have been studied in the literature and defined in terms of eigenvalues of a matrix associated to the graph, such as the Laplacian, the normalized Laplacian, the signless Laplacian, and the maximum Laplacian, to name a few; see the analysis and comparison in [20] and extensive bibliography therein.

## 1.1 Resolvent based topological graph indices

Resolvent based indices are closely related to the spectral moments of a graph and have a vast potential in analyzing structure activity relationships. They possess high discriminating power with respect to both biological activity and physical properties of a graph model of a molecule, see e.g. [25], [50] or [21].

More precisely, for an undirected graph  $G$  on  $N$  vertices with the adjacency matrix  $A$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N$  its resolvent matrix  $\mathcal{R}_A(z)$  is defined, for all complex  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N\}$  as

$$\mathcal{R}_A(z) = (zI_N - A)^{-1},$$

where  $I_N$  is the identity matrix of order  $N$ . The resolvent energy of the

graph  $G$ , denoted by  $ER(G)$  is defined in [34] as the sum of eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathcal{R}_A(N)$ . (Note that all eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{R}_A(N)$  are positive, due to the fact that  $\lambda_j \leq N - 1$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, N$ .) The resolvent energy can be viewed as the special value at  $t = N^{-1}$  of the generating function

$$\mathcal{M}_G(t) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k(G)t^k$$

of the spectral moments  $M_k(G) = \sum_j \lambda_j^k$  of  $G$ , see [34] where certain bounds on  $ER(G)$  have been deduced. Properties of the resolvent energy, for different graphs have been studied in [1], [18], [22], [71], [74].

The Laplacian resolvent energy, denoted by  $RL(G)$  and associated to the Laplacian  $L := D - A$ , where  $D$  is the degree matrix of  $G$ , is defined in [8] as the sum of all eigenvalues of the matrix  $(N + 1 - L)^{-1}$ .

Some lower bounds for  $RL(G)$  are given in [53] and sharpened in [75], [48]. The signless Laplacian resolvent energy, associated to the signless Laplacian  $L^+ := D + A$ , denoted by  $RL^+(G)$  is defined as the sum of all eigenvalues of the matrix  $(2N - 1 - L^+)^{-1}$ .

We refer to [8] for further details and [5], [6] for properties of the normalized signless Laplacian resolvent energy.

The resolvent Estrada index associated to the graph  $G$  on  $N$  vertices, was introduced in [21] as

$$EER(G) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k(G)(N - 1)^{-k}.$$

Benzi and Boito showed in [2] that  $EER(G)$  actually equals  $(N - 1)$  times the sum of the eigenvalues of the resolvent matrix  $\mathcal{R}_A(N - 1)$ , in view of which the index  $EER(G)$  was named. Analogously, the resolvent signless Estrada index  $SLEER(G)$  is defined in [52] as  $2(N - 1)$  times the sum of the eigenvalues of the matrix  $(2N - 2 - L^+)^{-1}$ . Note that  $EER(G)$  and  $SLEER(G)$  are well defined for all graphs  $G$  different from the complete graph  $K_N$  on  $N$  vertices.

The resolvent Estrada index is further studied in [10] and [11]; the lower bounds for the index have been derived in [72], with further refinements of

the bounds for both the resolvent Estrada index and the resolvent signless Laplacian Estrada index deduced in [73]. The extremal properties of the resolvent Estrada index have been studied in [33], [32], [52], and [71].

## 1.2 Hexagonal chains and systems

In theoretical and mathematical chemistry, hexagonal systems are one of the very important categories of structures that can be viewed as a natural graph representation of different molecules. For example, they can be considered as representations of (unbranched catacondensed) benzenoid hydrocarbons, see e.g. [28], [30], [31], [57].

There exist different types of hexagonal systems, depending on a way hexagons are connected. The simplest hexagonal system is a linear hexagonal chain with  $n$  hexagons. By identifying the end edges of a linear hexagonal chain one can create a hexacyclic or a Möbius hexacyclic chain, see Figure 1 below.

Properties of hexagonal chains have been extensively studied by mathematicians, chemists and physicists. For example, in [35] perfect matchings in random hexagonal chain graphs have been studied; the Wiener index of hexagonal chain was computed in [16], its edge-Szeged index in [61], while the Kirchhoff and the degree Kirchhoff indices of hexagonal chains were computed in [65] and [37], respectively. Global mean first passage time of random walks on a hexagonal chain was computed in [66].

The energy of directed hexagonal systems has been derived in [56], the characteristic polynomial of prolate rectangle of benzenoid system has been computed in [45], the Kirchhoff index and the degree-Kirchhoff index for hexagonal Möbius graphs (chains) were obtained in [62] and [46], respectively. Pan and Li [54] computed the degree-Kirchhoff index and the number of spanning trees of the linear crossed hexagonal chains, while Huang and Li [36] determined resistance distances and Kirchhoff indices of hexagonal cylinder chains. Further recent results on properties of hexagonal chains and hexagonal systems (in chronological order) can be found in [17], [13], [4], [49], [68], [12], [64], [60], [15], [38], [69], [51], [63], [9], [67], [70], [47]; see also [16] and an extensive bibliography there.

### 1.3 Our main results

In spite of a very extensive bibliography related to various topological indices of hexagonal systems, the resolvent energy indices and the resolvent Estrada indices have not been evaluated for any of the hexagonal chains and systems described above.

The main purpose of this paper is to evaluate, *in a closed form* the resolvent energy, the Laplacian and the signless Laplacian resolvent energy, as well as the resolvent Estrada index and the resolvent signless Estrada index of hexacyclic system graphs  $F_n$  and Möbius hexacyclic system graphs  $M_n$ . (For more details on the structure of those graphs, see Section 2.2 below.)

The closed form evaluations of the five resolvent indices listed above are derived in corollaries 1 – 5 below. They follow from our main theorem:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $a, b, c, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $c \neq 0$  be arbitrary constants such that  $S = \left\{ s_j^\pm = a \pm \sqrt{b + c \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(j+\beta)}{n}\right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\}$  is a set of  $2n \geq 2$  non-zero numbers. Then*

$$S_n(a, b, c, \beta) := \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{s_j^+} + \frac{1}{s_j^-} \right) = \frac{2a}{c} \frac{nU_{n-1}\left(\frac{a^2-b}{c}\right)}{T_n\left(\frac{a^2-b}{c}\right) - \cos 2\pi\beta}. \quad (1)$$

Here,  $T_m$  and  $U_m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  denote the Chebyshev polynomials of the first and the second kind, respectively. Those are the unique polynomials satisfying

$$T_m(\cos \theta) = \cos(m\theta),$$

$$U_m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta = \sin((m+1)\theta),$$

see [58] for their properties and a long list of applications.

Though Chebyshev polynomials have a vast number of applications, to the best of our knowledge, there is only one paper relating topological indices of graphs to Chebyshev polynomials. Namely, in [23] it is proved that the Chebyshev polynomials provide approximations to Estrada index of certain graphs.

As an illustration of our main result, we present the following corollary

in which the resolvent energy of graphs  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  is expressed in terms of Chebyshev polynomials depending singly on the number  $n$  of hexagons.

**Corollary 1.** *The resolvent energy of the hexacyclic system graph  $F_n$  and the Möbius hexacyclic system graph  $M_n$  are*

$$\begin{aligned} ER(F_n) &= \left(4n - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{nU_{n-1}(8n^2 - 2n - 1)}{T_n(8n^2 - 2n - 1) - 1} \\ &+ \left(4n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{nU_{n-1}(8n^2 + 2n - 1)}{T_n(8n^2 + 2n - 1) - 1} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ER(M_n) &= \left(4n - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{nU_{n-1}(8n^2 - 2n - 1)}{T_n(8n^2 - 2n - 1) - 1} \\ &+ \left(4n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{nU_{n-1}(8n^2 + 2n - 1)}{T_n(8n^2 + 2n - 1) + 1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We find the new closed formulas very useful for numerical calculations since many computational tools provide very efficient and precise built-in algorithms for numerical evaluations of Chebyshev polynomials. Some calculations are presented in tables 1–4. We also notice that there is a very small difference between the resolvent energies  $ER(F_n)$  and  $ER(M_n)$ , even for a modest value of  $n$ . This is expected because those graphs differ only in one edge twist.

Finally, the ratio of Chebyshev polynomials of large index and argument satisfy very sharp bounds, as derived in Lemma 1 below. Those bounds imply very sharp bounds for all five resolvent indices computed in this paper. For example, we show that there exists a positive constant  $c$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} EER(F_n) &= (4n^2 - n) \left( \frac{4n - \frac{3}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 6n)^2 - 1}} + \frac{4n - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 2n - 1)^2 - 1}} \right) \\ &+ O(n^{-cn}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
EER(F_n) = (4n^2 - n) & \left( \frac{4n - \frac{3}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 6n)^2 - 1}} + \frac{4n - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 2n - 1)^2 - 1}} \right) \\
& + O(n^{-cn}),
\end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

## 1.4 Organization of the paper

After introducing the necessary background material and proving a bound for the ratio of Chebyshev polynomials in Section 2, we prove our main theorem in Section 3. A closed evaluation of resolvent indices is given in Section 4. Numerical computations of indices are presented in Section 5, while the asymptotic behavior of the resolvent energy and the resolvent Estrada index is derived in Section 6.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we provide necessary background material for the paper. More precisely, we introduce resolvent based indices of a graph, define the hexacyclic system and the Möbius hexacyclic system graphs and review existing results on the spectrum of those graphs. In the last subsection, we prove a sharp inequality for a certain ratio of the Chebyshev polynomials that will be used to deduce sharp upper and lower bounds for the resolvent based indices.

### 2.1 Resolvent based graph indices

Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a simple, undirected and unweighted graph with the set of vertices  $V(G)$  having  $N$  elements and the set of edges  $E(G)$ . We denote by  $A = A(G)$  the adjacency matrix of  $G$  and by  $D = D(G)$  its degree matrix. The Laplacian matrix attached to  $G$  is defined by  $L = L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$ , while the signless Laplacian matrix is  $L^+ = L^+(G) = D(G) + A(G)$ .

The adjacency matrix is symmetric, hence its spectrum is real. Let us denote the spectrum of  $A(G)$  by  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N$ , the spectrum

of the Laplacian  $L$  by  $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \mu_3 \leq \dots \leq \mu_N$ , and the signless Laplacian spectrum by  $q_1 \leq q_2 \leq q_3 \leq \dots \leq q_N$ . It is well known that  $\lambda_N \leq N - 1$ ,  $\mu_N \leq N$  and  $q_N \leq 2(N - 1)$ , and the equality holds true if and only if  $G$  is a complete graph  $K_N$  on  $N$  vertices, see [14].

The resolvent indices associated to  $A$ ,  $L$  and  $L^+$  are defined as follows. The *resolvent energy* of a graph  $G$  is defined in [34] by

$$ER(G) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{N - \lambda_j}, \quad (4)$$

while the *Laplacian resolvent energy* and *signless Laplacian resolvent energy* are defined in [8] by

$$RL(G) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{N + 1 - \mu_j} \quad (5)$$

and

$$RL^+(G) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{2N - 1 - q_j}, \quad (6)$$

respectively. The *resolvent Estrada index* is defined in [21] by

$$EER(G) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{N - 1}{N - 1 - \lambda_j} = \sum_{j=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_j}{N - 1}\right)^{-1}, \quad (7)$$

while the *resolvent signless Estrada index* is defined in [52] as

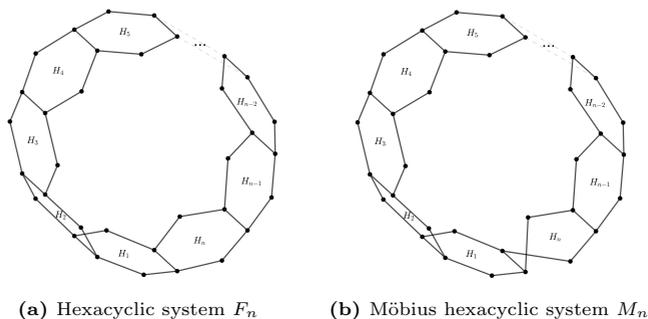
$$SLEER(G) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{2N - 2}{2N - 2 - q_j} = \sum_{j=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{q_j}{2(N - 1)}\right)^{-1}. \quad (8)$$

Note that the indices (4)–(6) are well-defined for all graphs, while indices (7) and (8) are well defined for all graphs different from  $K_N$ .

## 2.2 Linear hexacyclic system graphs and their spectra

A hexagonal system graph is a structure composed of connected hexagonal units. Different arrangements and ways of connecting these units produce various hexagonal systems. A linear hexagonal chain is a structure where hexagons are arranged in a straight sequential line with each hexagon sharing an edge with the next one. This arrangement produces a chain-like structure with unconnected ends.

The hexacyclic system  $F_n$  is a graph consisting of  $n > 1$  hexagons arranged in a circular sequence, connected end-to-end to form a symmetric ring of hexagons, see Figure 1(a). The Möbius hexacyclic system a graph consisting of  $n > 1$  hexagons arranged in a circular sequence, formed by twisting a hexacyclic chain before connecting its ends, introducing a single twist. It can be understood as a graph on the Möbius strip, see Figure 1(b). Graphs  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  possess  $N = 4n$  vertices and  $5n$  edges.



**Figure 1.** Hexagonal systems

The spectra of the adjacency matrix and of the Laplacian and signless Laplacian of graphs  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  is given in the following propositions.

**Proposition 2** ([27], p. 309, [43], Corollary 4.1., see also [55], [41]).

(i) The spectrum  $Sp_{AF}$  of the adjacency matrix for the graph  $F_n$ , equals

$Sp_{AF1} \cup Sp_{AF2}$ , where

$$Sp_{AF1} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi j}{n} \right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\},$$

$$Sp_{AF2} = \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi j}{n} \right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$

(ii) The spectrum  $Sp_{AM}$  of the adjacency matrix for the graph  $M_n$  equals  $Sp_{AM1} \cup Sp_{AM2}$ , where  $Sp_{AM1} = Sp_{AF1}$  and

$$Sp_{AM2} = \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 2 \cos \left( \frac{(2j-1)\pi}{n} \right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\}. \quad (9)$$

The spectra of the Laplacian matrices for graphs  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  are easily derived from the corresponding characteristic polynomials (see [44], Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 3.1). They are given in the following propositions.

**Proposition 3** ([44], Theorems 2.2 and 3.2.).

(i) The spectrum  $Sp_{LF}$  associated with the Laplacian matrix of the graph  $F_n$  equals  $Sp_{LF1} \cup Sp_{LF2}$ , where

$$Sp_{LF1} = \left\{ 2 \pm \sqrt{2 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi j}{n} \right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\},$$

$$Sp_{LF2} = \left\{ 3 \pm \sqrt{3 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi j}{n} \right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$

(ii) The spectrum  $Sp_{LM}$  associated with the Laplacian matrix of the graph  $M_n$  equals  $Sp_{LM1} \cup Sp_{LM2}$ , where  $Sp_{LM1} = Sp_{LF1}$  and

$$Sp_{LM2} = \left\{ 3 \pm \sqrt{3 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{(2j-1)\pi}{n} \right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$

Notice that sets  $Sp_{LF1}$  and  $Sp_{LM1}$  contain the trivial eigenvalue  $\mu = 0$ .

The spectrum  $Sp_{sLF}$  of the signless Laplacian associated to  $F_n$  is easily deduced from the fact that  $F_n$  is a bipartite graph. Thus, from [7, Propo-

sition 1.3.10] we see that  $Sp_{sLF} = Sp_{LF}$ . The signless Laplacian spectrum of  $M_n$  can be calculated using the procedure used in [44] to obtain the Laplacian spectrum. More precisely, the following proposition holds true.

**Proposition 4.** (i)  $Sp_{sLF} = Sp_{LF}$ .

(ii) The spectrum  $Sp_{sLM}$  associated with the signless Laplacian matrix of the Möbius hexacyclic system graph  $M_n$  equals  $Sp_{sLM1} \cup Sp_{sLM2}$ , where

$$Sp_{sLM1} = \left\{ 2 \pm \sqrt{2 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{(2j-1)\pi}{n} \right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\},$$

$$Sp_{sLM2} = \left\{ 3 \pm \sqrt{3 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2j\pi}{n} \right)} : j = 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$

### 2.3 Inequalities for the Chebyshev polynomials of large order and argument

In this section we deduce two inequalities for the ratio of the Chebyshev polynomials  $U_{n-1}(x)$  and  $T_n(x) \pm 1$  for large levels  $n$  and arguments  $x$ . More precisely, we will prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** For any integer  $n \geq 1$  and real number  $x > 1$  we have the following inequalities

$$\left( 1 - 2e^{-2n \cosh^{-1}(x)} \right) \left( 1 - 2e^{-n \cosh^{-1}(x)} \right) \leq \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x) + 1} \leq 1 \quad (10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left( 1 - 2e^{-2n \cosh^{-1}(x)} \right) &\leq \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x) - 1} \\ &\leq \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\cosh(n \cosh^{-1}(x)) - 1} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Here  $\cosh^{-1}$  denotes the inverse function of the function  $\cosh$ , meaning that for all  $x > 1$  one has  $\cosh^{-1} x = \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$ .

*Proof.* We start by observing that, for  $x > 1$  we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x)} = \frac{\sinh(n \cosh^{-1}(x))}{\cosh(n \cosh^{-1}(x))} = \tanh(n \cosh^{-1}(x)).$$

Trivially, for  $y > 1$  one has the bounds

$$1 - 2e^{-2y} \leq \tanh y \leq 1,$$

hence

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x) + 1} \leq \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x)} \leq 1$$

and

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x) - 1} \geq \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x)} \geq 1 - 2e^{-2n \cosh^{-1}(x)}.$$

This proves the right-hand side of (10) and the left-hand side of (11).

Next, we prove the left-hand side of (10)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x) + 1} &= \tanh(n \cosh^{-1}(x)) \frac{T_n(x)}{T_n(x) + 1} \\ &\geq \left(1 - 2e^{-2n \cosh^{-1}(x)}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{T_n(x) + 1}\right) \\ &= \left(1 - 2e^{-2n \cosh^{-1}(x)}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{e^{n \cosh^{-1}(x)} + e^{-n \cosh^{-1}(x)} + 2}\right) \\ &\geq \left(1 - 2e^{-2n \cosh^{-1}(x)}\right) \left(1 - 2e^{-n \cosh^{-1}(x)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we prove the right-hand side of (11)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}U_{n-1}(x)}{T_n(x) - 1} &= \tanh(n \cosh^{-1}(x)) \left(1 + \frac{1}{T_n(x) - 1}\right) \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{\cosh(n \cosh^{-1}(x)) - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

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In a special case when  $x = P_m(n)$  is a degree  $m \geq 1$  polynomial in  $n$  with a positive lead coefficient, it is obvious that  $\exp(-n \cosh^{-1} x)$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  decays as  $n^{-cn}$  for some positive constant  $c$ . Therefore, from Lemma 1 we deduce that for any polynomial  $P_\ell$  of degree  $\ell \geq 1$  with a positive lead term one has that

$$\begin{aligned} P_\ell(n) \frac{U_{n-1}(P_m(n))}{T_n(P_m(n)) \pm 1} &= \frac{P_\ell(n)}{\sqrt{(P_m(n))^2 - 1}} (1 + O(n^{-c_1 n})) \\ &= \frac{P_\ell(n)}{\sqrt{(P_m(n))^2 - 1}} + O(n^{-c_2 n}), \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for some positive constants  $c_1, c_2$ .

### 3 Proof of Theorem 1

In this Section we prove Theorem 1. We start by observing that for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s_j^+} + \frac{1}{s_j^-} &= \frac{1}{a + \sqrt{b + c \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(j+\beta)}{n}\right)}} + \frac{1}{a - \sqrt{b + c \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(j+\beta)}{n}\right)}} \\ &= \frac{2a}{a^2 - b - c \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(j+\beta)}{n}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} S_n(a, b, c, \beta) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{2a}{a^2 - b - c \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(j+\beta)}{n}\right)} \\ &= \frac{2a}{c} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{\frac{a^2 - b - c}{c} + 2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi(j+\beta)}{n}\right)}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

It is left to evaluate the sum on the right-hand side of (13). We will apply results given in [39, relations (41) and (42)], where the following formula

has been derived

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{e^{2\pi i \frac{j\ell}{m}}}{s + 2 \sin^2 \left( \pi \frac{j+\beta}{m} \right)} = e^{2\pi i \frac{\beta\ell}{m}} \frac{U_{m-\ell-1}(s+1) + e^{2\pi i \beta} U_{\ell-1}(s+1)}{T_m(s+1) - \cos(2\pi\beta)}, \tag{14}$$

for all  $\ell \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$  and all complex  $s$  such that  $T_m(s+1) - \cos(2\pi\beta) \neq 0$ , with the convention  $U_{-1}(s+1) \equiv 0$ . Taking  $\ell = 0$  in (14), and using the fact that the terms for  $j = 0$  and  $j = n$  are equal, gives us

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{s + 2 \sin^2 \left( \pi \frac{j+\beta}{m} \right)} = \frac{mU_{m-1}(s+1)}{T_m(s+1) - \cos(2\pi\beta)}. \tag{15}$$

Clearly, the sum (13) is of the form (15) for  $m = n$  and  $s = (a^2 - b - c)/c$ , and it is well defined when  $a^2 - b - c \neq 0$  or  $\beta \neq 0$ . Application of the identity (15) yields (1). If  $a^2 - b - c = 0$  and  $\beta = 0$ , then  $s_n^- = 0$ , which contradicts the definition of the set  $S$ , hence the sum (13) is well defined, under assumptions of the theorem. The proof is completed.

*Remark.* Let us note that if  $c = 0$ , then elements in  $S$  are independent of  $j$ , thus the evaluation of the sum  $S_n$  is trivial.

Moreover, when  $a^2 - b - c = 0$  and  $\beta = 0$ , then  $s_n^- = 0$ . In that case,  $s_n^+ = 2a$  and the sum of reciprocals of non-zero elements of the set  $S$  equals

$$\frac{a}{c} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi j}{n} \right)} + \frac{1}{2a},$$

for  $a \neq 0$ . Application of [3, Corollary 2.3.] yields that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi j}{m} \right)} = \frac{m^2 - 1}{3},$$

which implies

$$\frac{a}{c} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi j}{n} \right)} + \frac{1}{2a} = \frac{a}{c} \frac{n^2 - 1}{3} + \frac{1}{2a}.$$

When  $a^2 - b - c = 0$ ,  $\beta = 0$  and  $a = 0$  it is trivial to see that the sum of non-zero reciprocal elements of  $S$  is zero.

## 4 Closed form evaluation of the resolvent based indices

In this section we combine Theorem 1 with the knowledge of the spectrum of graphs  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  to deduce closed form expressions for the resolvent and the resolvent Estrada indices of those graphs in terms of  $n$ .

### 4.1 Resolvent energies and resolvent Estrada indices for systems $F_n$ and $M_n$ .

We start by proving Corollary 1 which gives a closed formula for the resolvent energy for hexacyclic systems  $F_n$  and  $M_n$ , and then we derive closed formulas for resolvent Estrada indices for these systems.

*Proof of Corollary 1.* From the definition of resolvent energy (4), in view of Proposition 2 and the fact that the number of vertices of  $F_n$  is  $4n$ , we have

$$ER(F_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{4n - \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi j}{n}\right)}} + \frac{1}{4n - \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi j}{n}\right)}} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{4n + \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{2j\pi}{n}\right)}} + \frac{1}{4n + \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{2j\pi}{n}\right)}} \right).$$

In the notation of Theorem 1, we can write the above sums as

$$ER(F_n) = S_n \left( 4n - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, 2, 0 \right) + S_n \left( 4n + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, 2, 0 \right).$$

Application of Theorem 1 completes the proof in the case of  $F_n$ . Reasoning similarly, for the graph  $M_n$  we deduce that

$$ER(M_n) = S_n \left( 4n - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, 2, 0 \right) + S_n \left( 4n + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, 2, -\frac{1}{2} \right),$$

which, after applying Theorem 1 completes the proof of the corollary. ■

**Corollary 2.** *The resolvent Estrada indices for the hexacyclic system graph  $F_n$  and the Möbius system graph  $M_n$  are*

$$\begin{aligned} EER(F_n) &= (4n^2 - n) \left( \left( 4n - \frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{U_{n-1}(8n^2 - 6n)}{T_n(8n^2 - 6n) - 1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( 4n - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{U_{n-1}(8n^2 - 2n - 1)}{T_n(8n^2 - 2n - 1) - 1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} EER(M_n) &= (4n^2 - n) \left( \left( 4n - \frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{U_{n-1}(8n^2 - 6n)}{T_n(8n^2 - 6n) - 1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( 4n - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{U_{n-1}(8n^2 - 2n - 1)}{T_n(8n^2 - 2n - 1) + 1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From the definition of the resolvent Estrada index (7), combined with Proposition 2, in the notation of Theorem 1 we have

$$EER(F_n) = (4n - 1) \left( S_n \left( 4n - \frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, 2, 0 \right) + S_n \left( 4n - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, 2, 0 \right) \right).$$

Application of Theorem 1 completes the proof in the case of  $F_n$ . Similar calculations yield the result for the system  $M_n$ . Namely, in the notation of Theorem 1 we have

$$EER(M_n) = (4n - 1) \left( S_n \left( 4n - \frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, 2, 0 \right) + S_n \left( 4n - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, 2, -\frac{1}{2} \right) \right),$$

which, after applying Theorem 1 completes the proof. ■

## 4.2 Laplacian resolvent energies and the signless Estrada resolvent indices for systems $F_n$ and $M_n$

By combining Theorem 1 with Propositions 3 and 4 in which the explicit evaluation of the Laplacian and the signless Laplacian spectrum for hexacyclic systems  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  is given, we derive closed formulas for the Laplacian resolvent energies and signless Estrada resolvent index. Proofs

of Corollaries 3–5 are similar as above, so we omit those.

**Corollary 3.** *The Laplacian resolvent energy of the hexacyclic system graph  $F_n$  and the Möbius hexacyclic system graph  $M_n$  are*

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL(F_n) &= (4n^2 - n) \frac{U_{n-1} \left(8n^2 - 4n - \frac{1}{2}\right)}{T_n \left(8n^2 - 4n - \frac{1}{2}\right) - 1} \\
 &\quad + (4n^2 - 2n) \frac{U_{n-1} \left(8n^2 - 8n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{T_n \left(8n^2 - 4n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL(M_n) &= (4n^2 - n) \frac{U_{n-1} \left(8n^2 - 4n - \frac{1}{2}\right)}{T_n \left(8n^2 - 4n - \frac{1}{2}\right) - 1} \\
 &\quad + (4n^2 - 2n) \frac{U_{n-1} \left(8n^2 - 8n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{T_n \left(8n^2 - 4n + \frac{1}{2}\right) + 1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 4.** *The signless Laplacian energy of the hexacyclic system graph  $F_n$  and the Möbius hexacyclic system graph  $M_n$  are*

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL^+(F_n) &= (8n^2 - 3n) \frac{U_{n-1} \left(32n^2 - 24n + \frac{7}{2}\right)}{T_n \left(32n^2 - 24n + \frac{7}{2}\right) - 1} \\
 &\quad + (8n^2 - 4n) \frac{U_{n-1} \left(32n^2 - 32n + \frac{13}{2}\right)}{T_n \left(32n^2 - 32n + \frac{13}{2}\right) - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL^+(M_n) &= (8n^2 - 3n) \frac{U_{n-1} \left(32n^2 - 24n + \frac{7}{2}\right)}{T_n \left(32n^2 - 24n + \frac{7}{2}\right) + 1} \\
 &\quad + (8n^2 - 4n) \frac{U_{n-1} \left(32n^2 - 32n + \frac{13}{2}\right)}{T_n \left(32n^2 - 32n + \frac{13}{2}\right) - 1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 5.** *The resolvent signless Estrada index of the hexacyclic sys-*

tem graph  $F_n$  and the Möbius hexacyclic system graph  $M_n$  are

$$SLEER(F_n) = (8n^2 - 2n) \left( (8n - 4) \frac{U_{n-1} (32n^2 - 32n + 7)}{T_n (32n^2 - 32n + 7) - 1} \right. \\ \left. + (8n - 5) \frac{U_{n-1} (32n^2 - 40n + 11)}{T_n (32n^2 - 40n + 11) - 1} \right)$$

and

$$SLEER(M_n) = (8n^2 - 2n) \left( (8n - 4) \frac{U_{n-1} (32n^2 - 32n + 7)}{T_n (32n^2 - 32n + 7) + 1} \right. \\ \left. + (8n - 5) \frac{U_{n-1} (32n^2 - 40n + 11)}{T_n (32n^2 - 40n + 11) - 1} \right).$$

## 5 Numerical calculations of resolvent based indices

Based on derived formulas it is easy to calculate any of the five indices derived in corollaries 1 – 5 for systems  $F_n$  and  $M_n$ . As an example, we summarise numerical values of the resolvent energy and the resolvent Estrada index for systems  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  for different values of  $n$  in tables 1-4.

Graphs  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  are similar, hence, as  $n$  grows, the difference in corresponding values for resolvent energies and indices of  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  becomes negligible. For example, formulas for the resolvent energy of graphs  $F_n$  and  $M_n$ , (2) and (3) imply very small differences for large  $n$ . From tables 1 and 2 we can see that for  $n \geq 5$  there is no difference up to 9 decimal places. Similarly, numerical calculations given in tables 3 and 4 show that for  $n \geq 4$ , values of the resolvent Estrada index for  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  agree up to 7 decimal places.

$n$	$ER(F_n)$	$n$	$ER(F_n)$	$n$	$ER(F_n)$
2	1.042429792	3	1.017886868	4	1.009929103
5	1.006316473	6	1.004372208	7	1.003205970
8	1.002451470	9	1.001935288	10	1.001566615
11	1.001294131	12	1.001087052	13	1.000925995
14	1.000798263	15	1.000695256	16	1.000610978
17	1.000541149	18	1.000482644	19	1.000433140
20	1.000390882	21	1.000354519	22	1.000323006
23	1.000295515	24	1.000271391	25	1.000250105
26	1.000231229	27	1.000214412	28	1.000199365
29	1.000185849	30	1.000173662	31	1.000162635
32	1.000152627	33	1.000143515	34	1.000135195
35	1.000127578	36	1.000120588	37	1.000114156
38	1.000108226	39	1.000102746	40	1.000097672
41	1.000092965	42	1.000088590	43	1.000084517
44	1.000080719	45	1.000077170	46	1.000073851
47	1.000070742	48	1.000067825	49	1.000065084

**Table 1.** Resolvent energy for hexacyclic system  $F_n$

$n$	$ER(M_n)$	$n$	$ER(M_n)$	$n$	$ER(M_n)$
2	1.042032967	3	1.017886334	4	1.009929102
5	1.006316473	6	1.004372208	7	1.003205970
8	1.002451470	9	1.001935288	10	1.001566615
11	1.001294131	12	1.001087052	13	1.000925995
14	1.000798263	15	1.000695256	16	1.000610978
17	1.000541149	18	1.000482644	19	1.000433140
20	1.000390882	21	1.000354519	22	1.000323006
23	1.000295515	24	1.000271391	25	1.000250105
26	1.000231229	27	1.000214412	28	1.000199365
29	1.000185849	30	1.000173662	31	1.000162635
32	1.000152627	33	1.000143515	34	1.000135195
35	1.000127578	36	1.000120588	37	1.000114156
38	1.000108226	39	1.000102746	40	1.000097672
41	1.000092965	42	1.000088590	43	1.000084517
44	1.000080719	45	1.000077170	46	1.000073851
47	1.000070742	48	1.000067825	49	1.000065084

**Table 2.** Resolvent energy for Möbius hexacyclic system  $M_n$

$n$	$EER(F_n)$	$n$	$EER(F_n)$	$n$	$EER(F_n)$
2	8.4556343	3	12.2569353	4	16.1811734
5	20.1401387	6	24.1143308	7	28.0965791
8	32.0836124	9	36.0737223	10	40.0659284
11	44.0596271	12	48.0544268	13	52.0500616
14	56.0463454	15	60.0431431	16	64.0403551
17	68.0379058	18	72.0357370	19	76.0338030
20	80.0320677	21	84.0305020	22	88.0290820
23	92.0277885	24	96.0266052	25	100.0255185
26	104.0245172	27	108.0235915	28	112.0227332
29	116.0219351	30	120.0211912	31	124.0204961
32	128.0198452	33	132.0192344	34	136.0186600
35	140.0181189	36	144.0176084	37	148.0171258
38	152.0166690	39	156.0162359	40	160.0158248
41	164.0154340	42	168.0150620	43	172.0147075
44	176.0143693	45	180.0140463	46	184.0137376
47	188.0134421	48	192.0131590	49	196.0128877

**Table 3.** Resolvent Estrada index for hexacyclic system  $F_n$

$n$	$EER(M_n)$	$n$	$EER(M_n)$	$n$	$EER(M_n)$
2	8.4502924	3	12.2569247	4	16.1811734
5	20.1401387	6	24.1143308	7	28.0965791
8	32.0836124	9	36.0737223	10	40.0659284
11	44.0596271	12	48.0544268	13	52.0500616
14	56.0463454	15	60.0431431	16	64.0403551
17	68.0379058	18	72.0357370	19	76.0338030
20	80.0320677	21	84.0305020	22	88.0290821
23	92.0277885	24	96.0266052	25	100.0255185
26	104.0245172	27	108.0235915	28	112.0227332
29	116.0219351	30	120.0211912	31	124.0204961
32	128.0198452	33	132.0192344	34	136.0186600
35	140.0181189	36	144.0176084	37	148.0171258
38	152.0166690	39	156.0162359	40	160.0158248
41	164.0154340	42	168.0150620	43	172.0147075
44	176.0143693	45	180.0140463	46	184.0137376
47	188.0134421	48	192.0131590	49	196.0128877

**Table 4.** Resolvent Estrada index for hexacyclic system  $M_n$

## 6 Asymptotic behavior of the resolvent based indices

In this section we will describe how to derive asymptotic behavior of the resolvent indices of  $F_n$  and  $M_n$  for large values of  $n$ , using sharp inequalities (10) and (11) for the Chebyshev polynomials. An asymptotic behavior of the resolvent energy and the resolvent Estrada index is given in the following corollary.

**Corollary 6.** *As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have the following asymptotics*

$$(i) \quad ER(F_n) \sim 1 + O(1/n) \text{ and } ER(M_n) \sim 1 + O(1/n),$$

$$(ii) \quad EER(F_n) \sim 4n + O(1/n) \text{ and } EER(M_n) \sim 4n + O(1/n).$$

*Proof.* We will prove (ii). The proof of (i) is analogous (and slightly simpler, due to the absence of the linear growth in  $n$ ).

We use formulas from Corollary 1 and apply (12) twice. First, we take  $P_\ell(n) = 4n - 3/2$  and  $P_m(n) = 8n^2 - 6n$  to deduce

$$\left(4n - \frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{U_{n-1}(8n^2 - 6n)}{T_n(8n^2 - 6n) - 1} = \frac{4n - \frac{3}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 6n)^2 - 1}} + O(n^{-c_1 n}),$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for some constant  $c_1 > 0$ . Then, we take  $P_\ell(n) = 4n - 1/2$  and  $P_m(n) = 8n^2 - 2n - 1$  in (12) to deduce

$$\left(4n - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{U_{n-1}(8n^2 - 2n - 1)}{T_n(8n^2 - 2n - 1) - 1} = \frac{4n - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 2n - 1)^2 - 1}} + O(n^{-c_2 n}),$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for some constant  $c_2 > 0$ . Therefore, there exist constants  $c, \tilde{c} > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} EER(F_n) &= (4n^2 - n) \left( \frac{4n - \frac{3}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 6n)^2 - 1}} + \frac{4n - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 2n - 1)^2 - 1}} \right) \\ &\quad + O(n^{-cn}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 EER(M_n) &= (4n^2 - n) \left( \frac{4n - \frac{3}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 6n)^2 - 1}} + \frac{4n - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 2n - 1)^2 - 1}} \right) \\
 &\quad + O(n^{-\tilde{c}n}),
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Elementary calculations yield that

$$(4n^2 - n) \left( \frac{4n - \frac{3}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 6n)^2 - 1}} + \frac{4n - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{(8n^2 - 2n - 1)^2 - 1}} \right) = 4n + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which completes the proof. ■

In a similar manner, by combining (12) with corollaries 3–5 it is possible to deduce asymptotic behavior of the Laplacian resolvent energies. Moreover, using inequalities (10) and (11) for the Chebyshev polynomials it is also possible to deduce sharper and more explicit asymptotics (up to  $O(1/n^k)$ , for any power positive integer  $k$ ). We leave those questions to an interested reader.

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