

ON EQUIENERGETIC, HYPERENERGETIC AND HYPOENERGETIC GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. The eigenvalue of a graph G is the eigenvalue of its adjacency matrix and the energy $E(G)$ is the sum of absolute values of eigenvalues of graph G . Two non-isomorphic graphs G_1 and G_2 of the same order are said to be equienergetic if $E(G_1) = E(G_2)$. The graphs whose energy is greater than that of complete graph are called hyperenergetic and the graphs whose energy is less than that of its order are called hypoenergetic graphs. The natural question arises: Are there any pairs of equienergetic graphs which are also hyperenergetic (hypoenergetic)? We have found an affirmative answer of this question and contribute some new results.

1. INTRODUCTION

We begin with finite connected and undirected graphs without loops and multiple edges. The terms not defined here are used in sense of Balakrishnan and Ranganathan [1] or Cvetković et al. [5]. The adjacency matrix of a graph G with vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n is an $n \times n$ matrix $[a_{ij}]$ such that,

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v_i \text{ is adjacent with } v_j, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The eigenvalues of adjacency matrix of graph is known as eigenvalues of graph. The set of eigenvalues of the graph with their multiplicities is known as spectrum of the graph. Hence,

$$\text{spec}(G) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_n \\ m_1 & m_2 & \cdots & m_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Two non-isomorphic graphs are said to be cospectral if they have same spectra, otherwise they are known as non-cospectral. Let G be a graph on n vertices and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be the eigenvalues of G . The energy of a graph G is the sum of absolute values of the eigenvalues of graph G and denoted by $E(G)$. Hence,

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

The concept of energy was introduced by Gutman [6]. A brief account of energy of graph can be found in Cvetković *et al.* [5] and Li *et al.* [10]. Two non-isomorphic graphs G_1 and G_2 of same order are said to be *equienergetic* if $E(G_1) = E(G_2)$.

Ramane *et al.* [12, 13] have proved that if G_1 and G_2 are regular graphs of same order then for $k \geq 2$, $L^k(G_1)$ and $L^k(G_2)$, $\overline{L^k(G_1)}$ and $\overline{L^k(G_2)}$ are equienergetic. Here, $L^k(G)$ is called iterated line graph of G .

Some equienergetic graphs have been described in Li *et al.* [10], while a symmetric computer aided study have carried out for equienergetic trees [2, 11]. Some open problem on equienergetic graphs were posted in [8]. To find out non-cospectral equienergetic graphs other than trees is challenging and interesting as well. We take up this problems and construct a pair of graphs which are equienergetic.

In 1978 Gutman [6] conjectured that among all graphs with n vertices, the complete graph K_n has the maximum energy. This was disproved by Walikar *et al.* [16] and was defined the concept of *hyperenergetic graphs* whose energy is greater than that of complete graphs. Gutman [7] has proved that hyperenergetic graphs on n vertices exist for all $n \geq 8$ and there are no hyperenergetic graphs on less than 8 vertices.

A graph G on order n is said to be *hypoenergetic* [3] if $E(G)$ is less than its order otherwise it is said to be *non-hypoenergetic* [4]. In 2007 Gutman [9] have proved that if the graph G is regular of any non-zero degree, then G is non hypoenergetic.

The present work is aimed to contribute to find families of hyperenergetic and hypoenergetic.

The *splitting graph* $S'(G)$ of a graph G is obtained by adding to each vertex v a new vertex v' , such that v' is adjacent to every vertex that is adjacent to v in G . The *shadow graph* $D_2(G)$ of a connected graph G is constructed by taking two copies of G say G' and G'' . Join each vertex u' in G' to the neighbors of the corresponding vertex u'' in G'' . Vaidya and Popat [15] have proved that for any graph G , $E(S'(G)) = \sqrt{5}E(G)$ and $E(D_2(G)) = 2E(G)$.

The *m-splitting graph* $\text{Spl}_m(G)$ of a graph G is obtained by adding to each vertex v of G new m vertices, say $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_m$, such that v_i , $1 \leq i \leq m$, is adjacent to each vertex that is adjacent to v in G .

The *m-shadow graph* $D_m(G)$ of a connected graph G is constructed by taking m copies of G , say G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m , then join each vertex u in G_i to the neighbors of the corresponding vertex v in G_j , $1 \leq i, j \leq m$.

Proposition 1.1 ([14]). $E(\text{Spl}_m(G)) = \sqrt{1 + 4m} E(G)$.

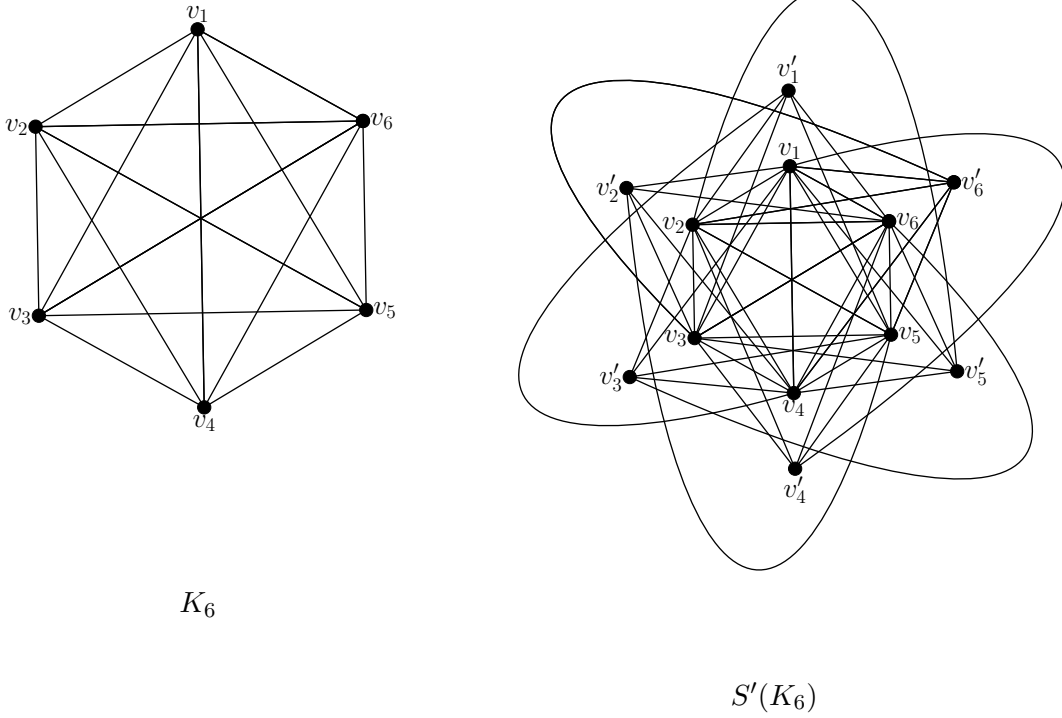


FIGURE 2

$$A(S'(K_6)) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_6 & v'_1 & v'_2 & v'_3 & v'_4 & v'_5 & v'_6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v'_1 \\ v'_2 \\ v'_3 \\ v'_4 \\ v'_5 \\ v'_6 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Hence,

$$\text{spec}(S'(K_6)) = \left(\begin{matrix} \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{5 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{5 - 5\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 5 & 5 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \right).$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} E(S'(K_6)) &= 10\sqrt{5} \Rightarrow E(S'(K_6)) > 22 \\ &\Rightarrow E(S'(K_6)) > E(K_{12}) \\ &\Rightarrow S'(K_6) \text{ is hyperenergetic.} \end{aligned}$$

The following is a graph of $E(S'(K_n))$ and $E(K_{2n})$ which helps to understand that $S'(K_n)$ is hyperenergetic when $n \geq 6$.

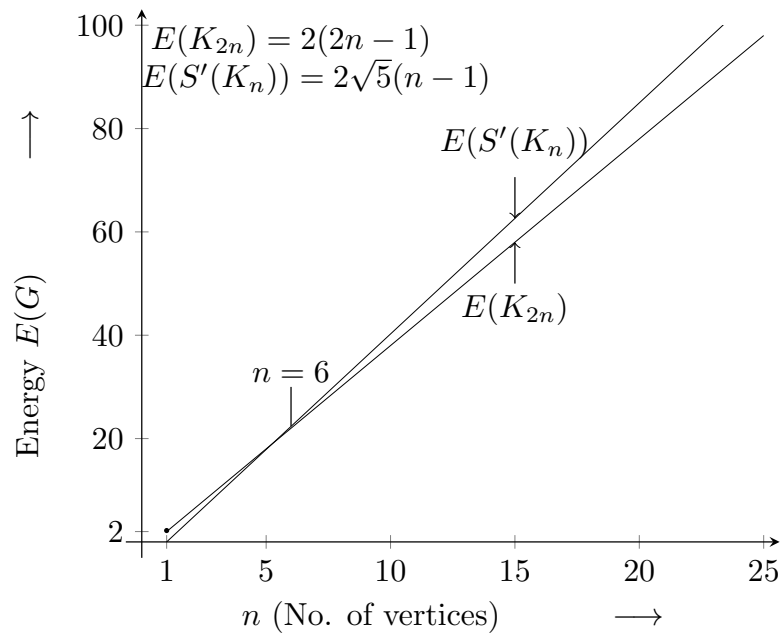


FIGURE 3

The natural question arises: Are there any graphs which are equienergetic and hyperenergetic as well? To answer this question we prove following corollary.

Corollary 3.1. $D_3(S'(K_n))$ and $\text{Spl}_2(S'(K_n))$ are equihyperenergetic graphs for $n \geq 9$.

Proof. As we have discussed in Theorem 3.1, $S'(K_n)$ is a graph with $2n$ vertices. Therefore, $D_3(S'(K_n))$ is a graph with $6n$ vertices. To prove above result we show that $D_3(S'(K_n))$ is hyperenergetic if and only if $n \geq 9$.

If $D_3(S'(K_n))$ is hyperenergetic then

$$\begin{aligned} E(D_3(S'(K_n))) &> 2(6n - 1) \Leftrightarrow 3E(S'(K_n)) > 2(6n - 1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt{5}(E(K_n)) > 2(6n - 1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt{5}(2(n - 1)) > 2(6n - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow n > \frac{3\sqrt{5} - 1}{3\sqrt{5} - 6} \\ &\Leftrightarrow n \geq 9. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $D_3(S'(K_n))$ is hyperenergetic for $n \geq 9$. Therefore, according to Theorem 2.1, $D_3(S'(K_n))$ and $\text{Spl}_2(S'(K_n))$ are equihyperenergetic for $n \geq 9$. \square

4. HYPOENERGETIC GRAPHS

Theorem 4.1. $D_m(K_{1,n})$ is hypoenergetic.

Proof. Consider star graph $K_{1,n}$ on n vertices. Then $E(K_{1,n}) = 2\sqrt{n}$. Now, $D_m(K_{1,n})$ is a graph with $m(n + 1)$ vertices. As,

$$\begin{aligned} n > 1 &\Rightarrow (n - 1)^2 > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow n^2 - 2n + 1 > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow n^2 + 2n + 1 > 4n \\ &\Rightarrow 4n < (n + 1)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{n} < (n + 1) \\ &\Rightarrow m(2\sqrt{n}) < m(n + 1). \end{aligned}$$

According to Proposition 1.2, we have $E(D_m(K_{1,n})) = mE(K_{1,n}) = m(2\sqrt{n}) < m(n + 1)$. Hence, $D_m(K_{1,n})$ is hypoenergetic. \square

Example 4.1. Consider star graph $K_{1,4}$ and $D_2(K_{1,4})$ (see Figure 4). Therefore, $\text{spec}(D_2(K_{1,4})) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$. Hence, $E(D_2(K_{1,4})) = 8 < 10$ and $D_2(K_{1,4})$ is hypoenergetic.

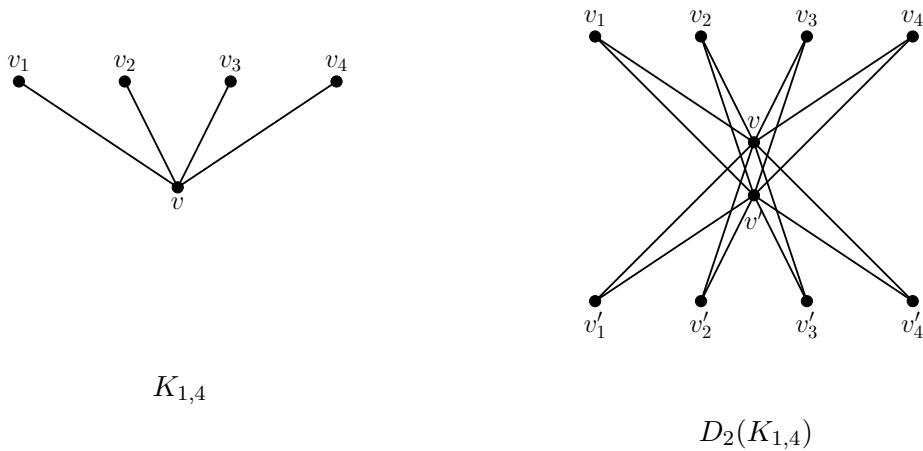


FIGURE 4

$$A(D_2(K_{1,4})) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} v & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v' & v'_1 & v'_2 & v'_3 & v'_4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} v \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v' \\ v'_1 \\ v'_2 \\ v'_3 \\ v'_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The following graph on Figure 5 is a graph of n and $E(G)$ which helps to understand that $D_2(K_{1,n})$ is hypoenergetic.

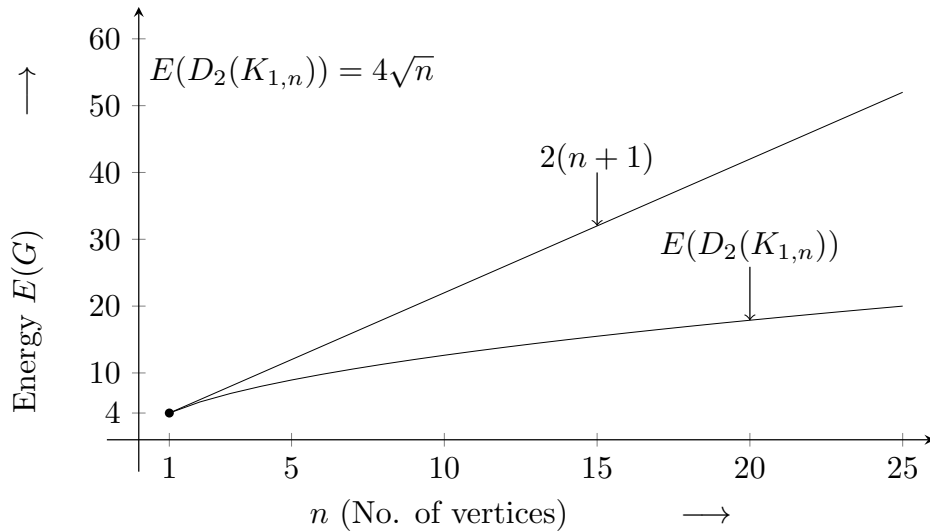


FIGURE 5

The natural question arises: are there any graphs which are equienergetic as well as hypoenergetic? We call such graphs as equihypoenergetic. To answer this question we prove following corollary.

Corollary 4.1. $D_3(K_{1,n})$ and $Spl_2(K_{1,n})$ are equihypoenergetic graphs.

Proof. It is obvious that from Theorem 4.1, $D_3(K_{1,n})$ is hypoenergetic and from Theorem 2.1, $D_3(K_{1,n})$ and $\text{Spl}_2(K_{1,n})$ are equienergetic. Hence, $D_3(K_{1,n})$ and $\text{Spl}_2(K_{1,n})$ are equihypoenergetic graphs. \square

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