

# DISTANCE SPECTRA AND DISTANCE ENERGY OF SOME CLUSTER GRAPHS

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## **Abstract**

The  $D$ -eigenvalues (distance eigenvalues) of a connected graph  $G$  are the eigenvalues of the distance matrix  $D = D(G)$  of  $G$ . The collection of  $D$  - eigenvalues is the  $D$  - spectrum (distance spectrum) of  $G$ . In this paper, the distance polynomial, distance spectra and distance energy of some edge deleted graphs called cluster graphs are obtained.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $G$  be a connected graph with vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ . The distance matrix  $D = D(G)$  of  $G$  has  $d_{ii} = 0$  and  $d_{ij}$  = the length of the shortest path between the vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  of  $G$ . The distance polynomial of  $G$  is defined as  $\det|\mu I - D|$ . Where  $I$  is the unit matrix of order  $p$ . The eigenvalues of  $D(G)$  are said to be the  $D$  - eigenvalues of  $G$  and form the  $D$  - spectrum of  $G$ , denoted by  $Spec_D(G)$ .

Since the distance matrix is symmetric, all its eigenvalues  $\mu_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , are real and can be labelled so that  $\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots \geq \mu_p$ . If  $\mu_{i_1} > \mu_{i_2} > \dots > \mu_{i_g}$  are the distinct  $D$  - eigenvalues, then the  $D$  - spectrum can be written as

$$Spec_D(G) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{i_1} & \mu_{i_2} & \dots & \mu_{i_g} \\ m_1 & m_2 & \dots & m_g \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $m_j$  indicates the algebraic multiplicity of the eigenvalue  $\mu_{i_j}$ . Of course,  $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_g = p$ .

The  $D$  - energy,  $E_D(G)$  is defined as

$$E_D(G) = \sum_{i=1}^p |\mu_i| \tag{1}$$

The concept of distance energy was recently introduced [6]. This definition was motivated by the much older and nowadays extensively studied graph energy defined in a mannerfully analogous to Eq.(1.1), but in terms of the ordinary graph spectrum (eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of a graph). For more details on distance spectra and distance energy of graphs, see [4] - [7].

Two graphs are said to be  $D$  - equienergetic graphs, if they have the same  $D$  - energy.

The spectral graph theoretic definitions in this paper follow the book [1]. All graphs considered in this paper are simple.

## 2 Some cluster graphs

I. Gutman and L. Pavlović [2] introduced four classes of graphs obtained from complete graph by deleting edges. For the sake of continuity, we produce these here.

**Definition 2.1.** [2] Let  $v$  be a vertex of the complete graph  $K_p$ ,  $p \geq 3$  and let  $e_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq p - 1$ , be its distinct edges, all being incident to  $v$ . The graph  $Ka_p(k)$  or  $Cl(p, k)$  is obtained by deleting  $e_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  from  $K_p$ . In addition,  $Ka_p(0) \cong K_p$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [2] Let  $f_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$  be independent edges of the complete graph  $K_p$ ,  $p \geq 3$ . The graph  $Kb_p$  is obtained by deleting  $f_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  from  $K_p$ . The graph  $Kb_p(0) \cong K_p$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [2] Let  $V_k$  be a  $k$ -element subset of the vertex set of the complete graph  $K_p$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq p$ ,  $p \geq 3$ . The graph  $Kc_p(k)$  is obtained by deleting from  $K_p$  all the edges connecting pairs of vertices from  $V_k$ . In addition,  $Kc_p(0) \cong Kc_p(1) \cong K_p$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [2] Let  $3 \leq k \leq p$ ,  $p \geq 3$ . The graph  $Kd_p(k)$  obtained by deleting from  $K_p$ , the edges belonging to a  $k$ -membered cycle.

The characteristic polynomials of the adjacency matrix of the above class of graphs are obtained in [2],[9] - [11]. In this paper, we obtain distance polynomial, distance spectra and distance energy of the following class of graphs, these class of graphs are defined in [10].

## 3 Main Results

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(K_m)_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \lfloor p/m \rfloor$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq p$ , be independent complete subgraphs with  $m$  vertices of the complete graph  $K_p$ ,  $p \geq 3$ . The graph  $Kc_p(m, k)$  obtained from  $K_p$  by deleting all the edges of  $k$  independent complete subgraphs  $(K_m)_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . In addition,  $Kc_p(m, 0) \cong Kc_p(0, k) \cong Kc_p(0, 0) \cong K_p$ .

In this paper, for the sake of brevity, in place of  $Kc_p(m, k)$  we use  $K_C(p, m, k)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $p, m, k$  be positive integers. For  $p \geq 3$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \lfloor p/m \rfloor$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq p$ , the distance polynomial of  $K_C(p, m, k)$  is,

$$\det|\mu I - D| = X^{p-mk-1}(1+X)^{(m-2)k+1} \{(p-\mu-m)X - (p-2X-mk)(m-1)\} \times \\ \times \{X^2 - (m-2)X - m + 1\}^{k-1}$$







Adding the rows  $m + 1, m + 2, \dots, mk$  to first row and setting  $c = t + mk - m$ , i.e  $c = p - \mu - m$ , we get (2.10).

$$(1+X)^{m-1} \begin{vmatrix} c & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ s & X & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ s & 0 & \dots & X & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -X & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & -X & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & -X & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -X & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & -X & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & -X & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -X & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & -X \end{vmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Expression (2.10) is equal to

$$(1+X)^{m-1} \begin{vmatrix} c & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ s & X & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ s & 0 & X & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ s & 0 & 0 & \dots & X \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -X & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & -X & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -X & \dots & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & -X \end{vmatrix}^{k-1} \quad (12)$$

Simplifying (2.11) with the values  $c = p - \mu - m, s = 2X - mk, X = 1 + \mu$  and substituting the result in (2.6) and then multiplying the result by  $(-1)^p$ , we get the result of Theorem 2.1.

**Corollary 3.3.** For  $1 \leq m \leq p, k = 1$ , (2.1) takes the form

$$\det|\mu I - D| = (\lambda+1)^{p-m-1}(\lambda+2)^{m-1} \{(p - \mu - m)(\lambda + 1) - (p - 2(\lambda + 1) - m)(m - 1)\} \quad (13)$$

### 4 Distance spectra and distance enrgy of $K_c(p, m, k)$ graphs

**Theorem 4.1.** For  $p \geq 3, 1 \leq k \leq \lfloor p/m \rfloor, 1 \leq m \leq p, mk < p$ , the distance spectra of  $K_c(p, m, k)$  contains  $-1$  ( $p-mk-1$  times),  $-2$  ( $(m-2)k+1$  times),  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  ( $k-1$  times),  $\alpha_4$  ( $k-1$  times) where

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{(p+m-3)+\sqrt{(p+m-3)^2+4\{mk(m-1)-(p-1)(m-2)\}}}{2}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{(p+m-3)-\sqrt{(p+m-3)^2+4\{mk(m-1)-(p-1)(m-2)\}}}{2}$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{m-4+\sqrt{(m-2)^2+4(m-1)}}{2}$$

$$\alpha_4 = \frac{m-4-\sqrt{(m-2)^2+4(m-1)}}{2}$$

**Proof:** It is easy to compute the roots of the result of Theorem 2.1. These roots are  $-1$  ( $p-mk-1$  times),  $-2$  ( $(m-2)k+1$  times),  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  and  $\alpha_4$  as given above and the collection of these roots forms the distance spectra of  $K_c(p, m, k)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** For  $p \geq 3, 1 \leq k \leq \lfloor p/m \rfloor, 1 \leq m \leq p, mk < p$ , the distance energy of  $K_c(p, m, k)$  is

$$E_D K_c(p, m, k) = p - mk - 1 + (m - 4)k + 1 + |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + (k - 1)(|\alpha_3| + |\alpha_4|)$$

where  $\alpha_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , are as given in Theorem 3.1.

**Proof:** The distance spectrum of  $K_c(p, m, k)$  is

$$\text{Spec}_D(K_c(p, m, k)) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} -1 & -2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_4 \\ p - mk - 1 & (m - 2)k + 1 & 1 & 1 & k - 1 & k - 1 \end{matrix} \right.$$

Using the definition of the distance energy given by eqn.(1) and the spectra of  $K_c(p, m, k)$ , we get the result.

Here we give some examples in Table 1.

**TABLE 1:** The distance polynomial and distance spectra of  $K_c(p, m, k)$  graphs.

$p, m, k$	Distance polynomial of $K_c(p, m, k)$	D - spectra of $K_c(p, m, k)$
9,3,2	$(\mu + 1)^2(\mu + 2)^3(\mu^2 - 9\mu - 4)(\mu^2 + \mu - 2)$	$(-1)^2, (-2)^4, -0.4244, 9.4244, 1$
9,3,1	$(\mu + 1)^5(\mu + 2)^2(\mu^2 - 9\mu + 2)$	$(-1)^5, (-2)^2, 0.2280, 8.7720$
8,4,1	$(\mu + 1)^3(\mu + 2)^3(\mu^2 - 9\mu + 2)$	$(-1)^3, (-2)^3, 0.2280, 8.7700$
6,2,2	$(\mu + 1)(\mu + 2)(\mu^2 - 5\mu - 4)(\mu^2 + 2\mu)$	$(-1), (-2)^2, 0, 0.7016, 5.7016$



In above table  $\mu^t$  denotes the distance eigenvalue  $\mu$  with algebraic multiplicity  $t$ .

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