

ON THE SEIDEL EIGENVECTORS OF A GRAPH

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Let G be a simple graph of order n and let $\mu_1 > \mu_2 > \dots > \mu_k$ and $\mu_1^* > \mu_2^* > \dots > \mu_k^*$ be its main eigenvalues with respect to the ordinary adjacency matrix $A = A(G)$ and the SEIDEL adjacency matrix $A^* = A^*(G)$, respectively. Let $n_m = n\beta_m^2$ and $n_m^* = n(\beta_m^*)^2$ for $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$, where β_m and β_m^* are the main angles of μ_m and μ_m^* , respectively. Besides, let $(x_1^{(m)}, x_2^{(m)}, \dots, x_n^{(m)})$ and $(s_1^{(m)}, s_2^{(m)}, \dots, s_n^{(m)})$ denote the main eigenvectors of μ_m and μ_m^* , respectively, so that $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{(m)} = \sqrt{n_m}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^{(m)} = \sqrt{n_m^*}$. In this work we show that

$$x_i^{(m)} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\sqrt{n_j^*} s_i^{(j)}}{\mu_j^* + 2\mu_m + 1} \right) \sqrt{n_m} \quad \text{and} \quad s_i^{(m)} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\sqrt{n_j} x_i^{(j)}}{\mu_m^* + 2\mu_j + 1} \right) \sqrt{n_m^*}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

In this paper we consider only simple graphs. The spectrum of a simple graph G of order n consists of the eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ of its $(0, 1)$ adjacency matrix $A = A(G)$ and is denoted by $\sigma(G)$. The SEIDEL spectrum of G consists of the eigenvalues $\lambda_1^* \geq \lambda_2^* \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n^*$ of its $(0, -1, 1)$ adjacency matrix $A^* = A^*(G)$ and is denoted by $\sigma^*(G)$. Let $P_G(\lambda) = |\lambda I - A|$ and $P_G^*(\lambda) = |\lambda I - A^*|$ denote the characteristic polynomial and the SEIDEL characteristic polynomial, respectively.

We say that an eigenvalue μ of G is main if and only if $\langle \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{Pj} \rangle = n \cos^2 \alpha > 0$, where \mathbf{j} is the main vector (with coordinates equal to 1) and \mathbf{P} is the orthogonal projection of the space \mathbb{R}^n onto the eigenspace $\mathcal{E}_A(\mu)$. The quantity $\beta = |\cos \alpha|$ is called the main angle of μ . Similarly, we say that $\mu^* \in \sigma^*(G)$ is the SEIDEL main eigenvalue if and only if $\langle \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{P}^*\mathbf{j} \rangle = n \cos^2 \alpha^* > 0$, where \mathbf{P}^* is the orthogonal projection of the space \mathbb{R}^n onto the eigenspace $\mathcal{E}_{A^*}(\mu^*)$. The quantity $\beta^* = |\cos \alpha^*|$ is called the SEIDEL main angle of μ^* .

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Further, let $A^k = [a_{ij}^{(k)}]$ for any non-negative integer k . The number N_k of all walks of length k in G equals $\mathbf{sum} A^k$, where $\mathbf{sum} M$ is the sum of all elements in a matrix M . According to [3], [4], the generating function $H_G(t)$ of the numbers N_k of length k in the graph G is defined by $H_G(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} N_k t^k$. The function $H_G^*(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} N_k^* t^k$, where $N_k^* = \mathbf{sum} (A^*)^k$ and $(A^*)^k = [(a_{ij}^*)^{(k)}]$, is called the SEIDEL generating function [5].

In [1] was proved that the graph G and its complement \overline{G} have the same number of main eigenvalues. We also know that $|\mathcal{M}(G)| = |\mathcal{M}^*(G)|$, where $\mathcal{M}(G)$ and $\mathcal{M}^*(G)$ denote the sets of all main and the SEIDEL main eigenvalues of G , respectively (see [2]).

Using a procedure which is applied in [3,p. 45] for getting $H_G(t)$, we can easily see that

$$(1) \quad H_G^*\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \lambda \left[\frac{(-1)^n 2^n P_G\left(-\frac{\lambda+1}{2}\right)}{P_G^*(\lambda)} - 1 \right].$$

Besides, using the spectral decomposition of A^* , it is not difficult to show that $H_G^*(t)$ may be represented in the form

$$(2) \quad H_G^*\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{n_1^* \lambda}{\lambda - \mu_1^*} + \frac{n_2^* \lambda}{\lambda - \mu_2^*} + \dots + \frac{n_k^* \lambda}{\lambda - \mu_k^*},$$

where $n_i^* = n(\beta_i^*)^2$ and $n_1^* + n_2^* + \dots + n_k^* = n$; μ_i^* and β_i^* ($i = 1, 2, \dots, k$) stand for the SEIDEL main eigenvalues and SEIDEL main angles of G , respectively. Using (1) and (2), we obtain the following relation

$$(3) \quad \prod_{m=1}^k (\lambda + 2\mu_m + 1) = \left(\prod_{m=1}^k (\lambda - \mu_m^*) \right) \left(1 + \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{n_m^*}{\lambda - \mu_m^*} \right),$$

where $\mu_m \in \mathcal{M}(G)$ for $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$. We note that if $\lambda \in \sigma(G) \setminus \mathcal{M}(G)$ then necessarily $-2\lambda - 1 \in \sigma^*(G) \setminus \mathcal{M}^*(G)$. Consequently, using (3) it follows that

$$(4) \quad \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{n_m^*}{\mu_m^* + 2\mu_i + 1} = 1 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, k).$$

Theorem 1. *Let G be a graph of order n with two SEIDEL main eigenvalues μ_1^* and μ_2^* . Then*

$$(5) \quad \mu_{1,2} = \frac{n - 2 - \mu_1^* - \mu_2^*}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{(\mu_1^* - \mu_2^* + n)^2 - 4n_1^*(\mu_1^* - \mu_2^*)}}{4}.$$

Besides, we have

$$(6) \quad n_{1,2} = \frac{n}{2} \pm \frac{n^2 + (n - 2n_1^*)(\mu_1^* - \mu_2^*)}{2\sqrt{(\mu_1^* - \mu_2^* + n)^2 - 4n_1^*(\mu_1^* - \mu_2^*)}},$$

where $n_i = n\beta_i^2$ for $i = 1, 2$; β_1 and β_2 denote the main angles of μ_1 and μ_2 , respectively.

Proof. Using (3) by a straight-forward calculation we get (i) $2\mu_1 + 2\mu_2 = n - 2 - \mu_1^* - \mu_2^*$; and (ii) $4\mu_1\mu_2 = \mu_1^*\mu_2^* - (n_2^* - 1)\mu_1^* - (n_1^* - 1)\mu_2^* - (n - 1)$, which provides relation (5).

In order to derive relation (6) first recall that $A^* = K - 2A$ and $e(G) + e(\overline{G}) = \binom{n}{2}$, where K is the adjacency matrix of the complete graph K_n and $e(G)$ is the number of edges of G . Making use of (i) $2(n_1\mu_1 + n_2\mu_2) + (n_1^*\mu_1^* + n_2^*\mu_2^*) = 2\binom{n}{2}$; and (ii) $n_1 + n_2 = n$, we easily obtain (6). \square

Further, according to [3, p. 50],

$$(7) \quad P_G(\lambda) = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} \frac{P_G^*(-2\lambda - 1)}{1 + \frac{1}{2\lambda} H_G\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)}.$$

Setting $n_i = n\beta_i^2$ where β_i is the main angle of μ_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, note that $H_G(t)$ can be displayed in the form

$$H_G\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{n_1\lambda}{\lambda - \mu_1} + \frac{n_2\lambda}{\lambda - \mu_2} + \dots + \frac{n_k\lambda}{\lambda - \mu_k}.$$

Combining (7) and the last relation, it is not difficult to see that the following relation is satisfied

$$(8) \quad \prod_{m=1}^k (\lambda - \mu_m^*) = \left(\prod_{m=1}^k (\lambda + 2\mu_m + 1) \right) \left(1 - \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{n_m}{\lambda + 2\mu_m + 1} \right),$$

from which we easily obtain

$$(9) \quad \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{n_m}{\mu_m^* + 2\mu_m + 1} = 1 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, k).$$

Theorem 2. *Let G be a graph of order n with two main eigenvalues μ_1 and μ_2 . Then*

$$(10) \quad \mu_{1,2}^* = \frac{n - 2 - 2\mu_1 - 2\mu_2}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{(2\mu_1 - 2\mu_2 + n)^2 - 8n_1(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}}{2}.$$

Besides, we have

$$(11) \quad n_{1,2}^* = \frac{n}{2} \pm \frac{n^2 + 2(n - 2n_1)(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{2\sqrt{(2\mu_1 - 2\mu_2 + n)^2 - 8n_1(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}},$$

where $n_1^* = n(\beta_1^*)^2$ and $n_2^* = n(\beta_2^*)^2$.

Proof. Using (8) by an easy calculation we have (i) $\mu_1^* + \mu_2^* = n - 2 - 2\mu_1 - 2\mu_2$; and (ii) $\mu_1^* \mu_2^* = 4\mu_1 \mu_2 - 2(n_2 - 1)\mu_1 - 2(n_1 - 1)\mu_2 - (n - 1)$, which provides relation (10).

Next, making use of (i) $(n_1^* \mu_1^* + n_2^* \mu_2^*) + 2(n_1 \mu_1 + n_2 \mu_2) = 2 \binom{n}{2}$ and (ii) $n_1^* + n_2^* = n$, we arrive at (11), which completes the proof. \square

Let $(x_1^{(m)}, x_2^{(m)}, \dots, x_n^{(m)})$ and $(s_1^{(m)}, s_2^{(m)}, \dots, s_n^{(m)})$ denote the main eigenvectors of μ_m and μ_m^* , respectively, so that $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{(m)} = \sqrt{n_m}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^{(m)} = \sqrt{n_m^*}$. Let $\deg(i)$ denotes the degree of the vertex i . With this notation, we have recently proved the following result:

Proposition 1 (LEPOVIĆ [6]). *Let $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k \in \mathcal{M}(G)$. Then:*

- (1°) $\sqrt{n_1} x_i^{(1)} + \sqrt{n_2} x_i^{(2)} + \dots + \sqrt{n_k} x_i^{(k)} = 1$;
 - (2°) $\sqrt{n_1} x_i^{(1)} \mu_1 + \sqrt{n_2} x_i^{(2)} \mu_2 + \dots + \sqrt{n_k} x_i^{(k)} \mu_k = \deg(i)$,
- for any $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proposition 2. *Let $\mu_1^*, \mu_2^*, \dots, \mu_k^* \in \mathcal{M}^*(G)$. Then:*

- (1°) $\sqrt{n_1^*} s_i^{(1)} + \sqrt{n_2^*} s_i^{(2)} + \dots + \sqrt{n_k^*} s_i^{(k)} = 1$;
 - (2°) $\sqrt{n_1^*} s_i^{(1)} \mu_1^* + \sqrt{n_2^*} s_i^{(2)} \mu_2^* + \dots + \sqrt{n_k^*} s_i^{(k)} \mu_k^* = (n - 1) - 2 \deg(i)$,
- for any $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{M} = \{m \mid \lambda_m^* \in \sigma^*(G) \setminus \mathcal{M}^*(G)\}$. Then for any non-negative integer ℓ , we have

$$(A^*)^\ell = \sum_{m=1}^k \mathbf{X}_m^* (\mu_m^*)^\ell + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{M}} \mathbf{Y}_m (\lambda_m^*)^\ell,$$

where $\mathbf{X}_m^* = \mathbf{X}_m^* [s_{ij}^{(m)}]$ and $\mathbf{Y}_m = \mathbf{Y}_m [y_{ij}^{(m)}]$ with $z_{ij}^{(m)} = z_i^{(m)} z_j^{(m)}$. Of course, here $\{(y_1^{(m)}, y_2^{(m)}, \dots, y_n^{(m)}) \mid m \in \mathbb{M}\}$ represents a complete set of mutually orthogonal normalized eigenvectors which are related to $\{\lambda_m^* \in \sigma^*(G) \setminus \mathcal{M}^*(G) \mid m \in \mathbb{M}\}$ such that $y_1^{(m)} + y_2^{(m)} + \dots + y_n^{(m)} = 0$. Using the last relation we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (a_{ij}^*)^{(\ell)} = \sum_{m=1}^k \left(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j^{(m)} \right) s_i^{(m)} (\mu_m^*)^\ell + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{M}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n y_j^{(m)} \right) y_i^{(m)} (\lambda_m^*)^\ell,$$

which provides the proof. \square

Proposition 3. *Let G be a connected or disconnected graph of order n with two Seidel main eigenvalues μ_1^* and μ_2^* . Then*

$$s_i^{(1)} = \frac{((n-1) - 2 \deg(i)) - \mu_2^*}{\sqrt{n_1^*} (\mu_1^* - \mu_2^*)} \quad \text{and} \quad s_i^{(2)} = \frac{\mu_1^* - ((n-1) - 2 \deg(i))}{\sqrt{n_2^*} (\mu_1^* - \mu_2^*)}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proof. Combing relations Proposition 2 (1°) and (2°), by a straight-forward calculation we obtain the statement. \square

REMARK 1. Using Proposition 1 (1°) and (2°), we easily find that (i) $x_i^{(1)} = \frac{\deg(i) - \mu_2}{\sqrt{n_1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}$ and (ii) $x_i^{(2)} = \frac{\mu_1 - \deg(i)}{\sqrt{n_2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Theorem 3. Let G be a connected or disconnected graph of order n with k main eigenvalues. Let $(x_1^{(m)}, x_2^{(m)}, \dots, x_n^{(m)})$ and $(s_1^{(m)}, s_2^{(m)}, \dots, s_n^{(m)})$ denote the main eigenvectors of μ_m and μ_m^* , respectively, so that $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{(m)} = \sqrt{n_m}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^{(m)} = \sqrt{n_m^*}$. Then

$$(12) \quad x_i^{(m)} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\sqrt{n_j^*} s_i^{(j)}}{\mu_j^* + 2\mu_m + 1} \right) \sqrt{n_m} \quad \text{and} \quad s_i^{(m)} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\sqrt{n_j} x_i^{(j)}}{\mu_m^* + 2\mu_j + 1} \right) \sqrt{n_m^*}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Proof. We shall first show that the right-hand side of (12) is true for any $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$. In order to prove that $(s_1^{(m)}, s_2^{(m)}, \dots, s_n^{(m)})$ is the eigenvector of the main eigenvalue μ_m^* , it is sufficient to demonstrate that its coordinates $s_i^{(m)}$ satisfy the following system of homogeneous linear equations

$$\mu_m^* s_i^{(m)} = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^k [(1 - 2a_{i\ell}) - a_{i\ell}^{(0)}] \frac{\sqrt{n_j} x_\ell^{(j)}}{\mu_m^* + 2\mu_j + 1} \right) \sqrt{n_m^*},$$

understanding that $a_{ij}^{(0)} = \delta_{ij}$, where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta symbol. Indeed, using (9) and the equation $\mu_j x_i^{(j)} = \sum_{\ell=1}^n a_{i\ell} x_\ell^{(j)}$, the last relation is transformed into

$$\mu_m^* s_i^{(m)} = \sqrt{n_m^*} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\sqrt{n_j} x_i^{(j)} (2\mu_j + 1)}{\mu_m^* + 2\mu_j + 1} \right) \sqrt{n_m^*},$$

from which we obtain the assertion using Proposition 1 (1°). In a quite analogous manner, making use of (4) and Proposition 2 (1°), we find that the left-hand side of (12) is also true for any $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$. \square

Using (12) and keeping in mind that $\{(x_1^{(m)}, x_2^{(m)}, \dots, x_n^{(m)}) \mid m = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and $\{(s_1^{(m)}, s_2^{(m)}, \dots, s_n^{(m)}) \mid m = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ are the complete systems of mutually orthogonal normalized eigenvectors, we arrive at

Proposition 4. Let G be a graph with k main eigenvalues. Then for any $m = 1, 2, \dots, k$ we have

$$\frac{1}{n_m} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{n_i^*}{(\mu_i^* + 2\mu_m + 1)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{n_m^*} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{n_i}{(\mu_m^* + 2\mu_i + 1)^2}.$$

Further, for any $\lambda^* \in \sigma^*(G)$ we have that $-\lambda^* \in \sigma(\overline{G})$. Since $\mathcal{E}_{A^*}(\lambda^*) = \mathcal{E}_{\overline{A^*}}(-\lambda^*)$, we obtain implicitly $\mathcal{M}^*(\overline{G}) = -\mathcal{M}^*(G)$, where $-\mathcal{M}^*(G) = \{\lambda^* \mid -\lambda^* \in \mathcal{M}^*(G)\}$. Consequently, according to (2), we get

$$(13) \quad H_{\overline{G}}^*\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{n_1^*\lambda}{\lambda + \mu_1^*} + \frac{n_2^*\lambda}{\lambda + \mu_2^*} + \dots + \frac{n_k^*\lambda}{\lambda + \mu_k^*}.$$

Next, let $(\overline{x}_1^{(m)}, \overline{x}_2^{(m)}, \dots, \overline{x}_n^{(m)})$ denote the main eigenvector of $\overline{\mu}_m \in \mathcal{M}(\overline{G})$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}_i^{(m)} = \sqrt{\overline{n}_m}$, where $\overline{n}_m = n\overline{\beta}_m^2$ and $\overline{\beta}_m$ is the main angle of $\overline{\mu}_m$. Using the last relation, we obtain from Theorem 3 that

$$\overline{x}_i^{(m)} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\sqrt{n_j^*} s_i^{(j)}}{-\mu_j^* + 2\overline{\mu}_m + 1} \right) \sqrt{\overline{n}_m} \quad \text{and} \quad s_i^{(m)} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\sqrt{\overline{n}_j} \overline{x}_i^{(j)}}{-\mu_m^* + 2\overline{\mu}_j + 1} \right) \sqrt{n_m^*},$$

and from Proposition 4 that

$$\frac{1}{\overline{n}_m} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{n_i^*}{(-\mu_i^* + 2\overline{\mu}_m + 1)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{n_m^*} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\overline{n}_i}{(-\mu_m^* + 2\overline{\mu}_i + 1)^2}.$$

We note that if G is a self-complementary graph then its SEIDEL main spectrum is symmetric with respect to the zero point. Moreover, according to (2) and (13) it follows that $n_{\mu^*} = n_{-\mu^*}$ for any $\mu^*, -\mu^* \in \mathcal{M}^*(G)$, by understanding that $n_{\mu^*} = n\beta_{\mu^*}^2$ and β_{μ^*} is the main angle of μ^* . In particular, if G is a self-complementary graph of order n with two SEIDEL main eigenvalues μ^* and $-\mu^*$, we obtain implicitly from Proposition 3 that $\pm\mu^* = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n ((n-1) - 2\deg(i))^2}$.

We also note that in this case $n_{\mu^*} = n/2$. Thus, if G is a self-complementary graph of order n with two main eigenvalues μ_1 and μ_2 , we find from (5) and (6) that

$$\mu_{1,2} = \frac{n-2}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{n^2 + 4(\mu^*)^2}}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad n_{1,2} = \frac{n}{2} \pm \frac{n^2}{2\sqrt{n^2 + 4(\mu^*)^2}},$$

respectively.

Finally, in order to demonstrate some results presented in this paper we shall consider the following graph: $G = K_{2n+1} \cup 3(n+1)K_1$, where nK_1 denotes a graph with n isolated vertices. We can see that $K_{2n+1} \cup 3(n+1)K_1$ is integral¹ in the ordinary and the SEIDEL sense for any non-negative integer n . Namely, $\sigma(G)$ and $\sigma^*(G)$ have two main eigenvalues $\mu_1 = 2n$, $\mu_2 = 0$ and two SEIDEL main eigenvalues $\mu_1^* = 4n+3$, $\mu_2^* = -(3n+1)$, respectively. Further, we have that (i) $n_1 = 2n+1$ and $n_2 = 3(n+1)$; (ii) $n_1^* = \frac{32n^2 + 48n + 16}{7n+4}$ and $n_2^* = \frac{3n^2}{7n+4}$;

¹A graph is called integral if its spectrum consists entirely of integers. We notice from (8) that if G is integral then G is integral in the SEIDEL sense if and only if the SEIDEL main spectrum $\mathcal{M}^*(G)$ contains integral values.

(iii) $\sigma(G) = \{2n, 0^{3(n+1)}, -1^{2n}\}$ and $\sigma^*(G) = \{4n + 3, 1^{2n}, -1^{3n+2}, -(3n + 1)\}$, where the multiplicity of a multiple eigenvalue is given in the form of an exponent. Besides, we find that (iv) $x_i^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$ if $i \in V(K_{2n+1})$ and $x_i^{(1)} = 0$, otherwise, where $V(G)$ is the vertex set of G ; (v) $x_i^{(2)} = 0$ if $i \in V(K_{2n+1})$ and $x_i^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3(n+1)}}$, otherwise; (vi) $s_i^{(1)} = \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{(2n+1)(7n+4)}}$ if $i \in V(K_{2n+1})$ and $s_i^{(1)} = \frac{\sqrt{2n+1}}{\sqrt{(n+1)(7n+4)}}$, otherwise; and (vii) $s_i^{(2)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7n+4}}$ if $i \in V(K_{2n+1})$ and $s_i^{(2)} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{7n+4}}$, otherwise.

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