

Spectral Characterization of the Edge-Deleted Subgraphs of Complete Graph

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Abstract In this paper, we show that some edges-deleted subgraphs of complete graph are determined by their spectrum with respect to the adjacency matrix as well as the Laplacian matrix.

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1. Introduction

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with vertex set $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and edge set E . All graphs considered here are simple and undirected. Let $d(v_i)$ denote the vertex degree of v_i . Let $A(G)$ be the $(0,1)$ -adjacency matrix of G . The matrix $L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$ is called the Laplacian matrix of G , where $D(G)$ is the $n \times n$ diagonal matrix with $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$ as diagonal entries (and all other entries 0). The polynomial $P_{A(G)}(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A(G))$ and $P_{L(G)}(\mu) = \det(\mu I - L(G))$ are defined as the characteristic polynomials of the graph G with respect to the adjacency matrix and the Laplacian matrix, respectively, where I is the identity matrix, which can be written as $P_{A(G)}(\lambda) = \lambda^n + a_1\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$ and $P_{L(G)}(\mu) = \mu^n + q_1\mu^{n-1} + \dots + q_n$, respectively. Since both matrices $A(G)$ and $L(G)$ are real and symmetric, their eigenvalues are all real numbers. Assume that $\lambda_1(G) \geq \lambda_2(G) \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n(G)$ and $\mu_1(G) \geq \mu_2(G) \geq \dots \geq \mu_n(G) (= 0)$ are the adjacency eigenvalues and Laplacian eigenvalues of graph G , respectively. The adjacency spectrum of graph G consists of the adjacency eigenvalues (together with their multiplicities), and the Laplacian spectrum of graph G consists of the Laplacian eigenvalues (together with their multiplicities).

Two graphs are cospectral if they share the same spectrum. A graph G is said to be determined by its spectrum (DS for short) if for any graph H , $P_{A(H)}(\lambda) = P_{A(G)}(\lambda)$ (or $P_{L(H)}(\mu) = P_{L(G)}(\mu)$) implies that H is isomorphic to G .

Up to now, only few graphs with very special structures have been proved to be determined by their spectra. So, “which graphs are determined by their spectrum?” [3] seems to be a difficult

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problem in the theory of graph spectrum.

Some known results can be found in [2, 4–8, 10–13].

In this paper, some more special graphs will be discussed. If a graph G is obtained from K_n by deleting one, two, three or four edges, then G must be isomorphic to one of G_{ij} ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4; j = 0, 1, \dots, 10$) as shown in Figure 1.

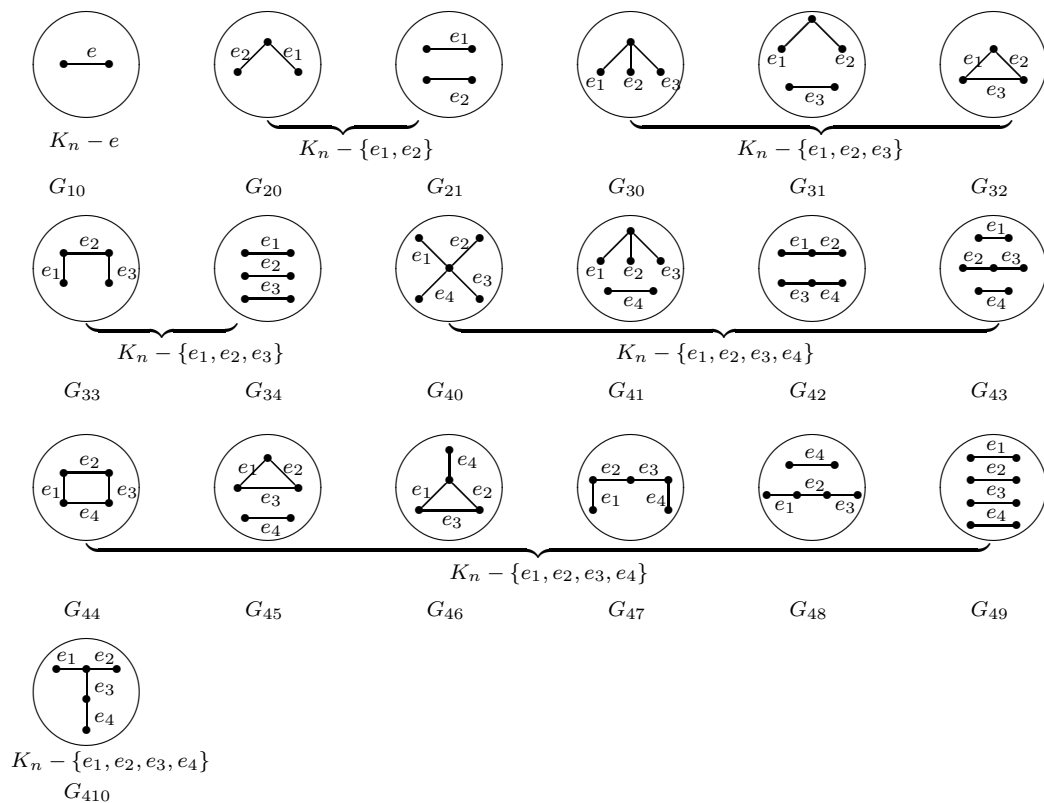


Figure 1 G_{ij} ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4; j = 0, 1, \dots, 10$)

Let \mathcal{G} be a collection consisting of G where G is the graph obtained from the complete graph K_n by deleting one, two, three or four edges, that is, $\mathcal{G} = \{G_{10}, G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{30}, G_{31}, G_{32}, G_{33}, G_{34}, G_{40}, G_{41}, G_{42}, G_{43}, G_{44}, G_{45}, G_{46}, G_{47}, G_{48}, G_{49}, G_{410}\}$. The number of deleted edges is i in K_n . In this paper, we prove that for any graph $G \in \mathcal{G}$, G is determined by its adjacency spectrum and Laplacian spectrum, respectively. That is

Theorem 1.1 *If graph G_i is obtained from K_n ($n \geq i + 2$) by deleting i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) edges, then G_i is determined by its adjacency spectrum.*

Theorem 1.2 *If graph G_i is obtained from K_n ($n \geq i + 2$) by deleting i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) edges, then G_i is determined by its Laplacian spectrum.*

2. Some lemmas

In the section, we will present some lemmas which are required in the proof of the main results.

Lemma 2.1 ([1]) *The coefficients of the characteristic polynomial of a graph G satisfy:*

- (1) $a_1 = 0$;
- (2) $-a_2$ is the number of edges of G ;
- (3) $-a_3$ is twice the number of triangles in G .

Lemma 2.2 ([3, 9]) *Let G be a graph. For the adjacency matrix and the Laplacian matrix, the following can be obtained from the spectrum.*

- (i) *The number of vertices.*
- (ii) *The number of edges.*
- (iii) *Whether G is regular.*
- (iv) *Whether G is regular with any fixed girth.*

For the adjacency matrix the following follows from the spectrum.

- (v) *The number of closed walk of any length.*
- (vi) *Whether G is bipartite.*

For the Laplacian matrix the following follows from the spectrum.

- (vii) *The number of spanning trees.*
- (viii) *The number of components.*
- (ix) *The sum of the squares of degrees of vertices.*

Lemma 2.3 ([9, p. 657]) *Let G be a graph with e edges, x_i vertices of degree i , and y 4-cycles. Then*

$$|w_4(G)| = 2e + 4 \sum_i \binom{i}{2} x_i + 8y, \quad (1)$$

where $|w_4(G)|$ is the total number of closed 4-walks in G .

Lemma 2.4 *Let G be a graph with n vertices and $\binom{n}{2} - i$ edges, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$. If $n \geq 3, 4, 5, 6$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, respectively, then G has only one connected component.*

Proof Without loss of generality, we take $i = 4$. Assume that G have l ($l > 1$) connected components, that is $G = G_{n_1} \cup G_{n_2} \cup \cdots \cup G_{n_l}$, where $|V(G_{n_i})| = n_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ and $n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_l = n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - 4 &= |E(G)| = |E(G_{n_1})| + |E(G_{n_2})| + \cdots + |E(G_{n_l})| \\ &\leq \frac{n_1(n_1-1)}{2} + \frac{n_2(n_2-1)}{2} + \cdots + \frac{n_l(n_l-1)}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

namely,

$$\sum_{i=1}^l n_i^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} n_i n_j - 8 = n^2 - 8 \leq \sum_{i=1}^l n_i^2,$$

we get

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} n_i n_j \leq 4.$$

Since $n \geq 6$, this is a contradiction.

Lemma 2.5 ([1, p. 41]) *If \overline{G} is the complement of G , and G has n vertices, then*

$$\kappa(G) = n^{-2} P_{L(\overline{G})}(n), \quad (2)$$

where $\kappa(G)$ is the number of spanning trees of the graph G .

3. Proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2

It is well known that the complete graph K_n are determined by their adjacency spectrum and Laplacian spectrum. Now we are ready to prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2.

Proof of Theorem 1.1 Let $G_i \in \mathcal{G}$. Suppose a graph H is cospectral with G_i with respect to the adjacency spectrum. We consider the following cases.

Case 1 $i=1$. Consider the complete graph K_n by deleting one edge. By Lemma 2.2, H is a graph with n vertices and $\binom{n}{2}-1$ edges. By Lemma 2.4, H has only one connected component, then $H \cong G \cong G_{10}$.

Case 2 $i=2$. Similarly to Case 1, we have $H \cong G_{20}$ or $H \cong G_{21}$. In view of the fact that $\binom{n}{3} - 2(n-2) + 1$ triangles are contained in G_{20} and $\binom{n}{3} - 2(n-2)$ triangles are contained in G_{21} , by Lemma 2.1(3) or Lemma 2.2(v), G is determined by its adjacency spectrum.

Case 3 $i=3$. Similarly to Case 1, the H must be isomorphic to one of G_{3j} ($j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$).

There are $\binom{n}{3} - 3(n-2) + 3$, $\binom{n}{3} - 3(n-2) + 1$, $\binom{n}{3} - 3(n-2) + 2$, $\binom{n}{3} - 3(n-2) + 2$ and $\binom{n}{3} - 3(n-2)$ triangles contained in G_{30} , G_{31} , G_{32} , G_{33} and G_{34} , respectively. Obviously, G_{32} and G_{33} have equal triangles. Moreover, there are $2e + 4(3\binom{n-3}{2} + (n-3)\binom{n-1}{2}) + 8(3\binom{n}{4} - 6\binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3))$, $2e + 4(2\binom{n-3}{2} + 2\binom{n-2}{2} + (n-4)\binom{n-1}{2}) + 8(3\binom{n}{4} - 6\binom{n-2}{2} + 2(n-3) + 1)$ closed 4-walks in G_{32} and G_{33} , respectively. If G_{32} and G_{33} are cospectral, by Lemma 2.2(v), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2e + 4 \left(3\binom{n-3}{2} + (n-3)\binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3\binom{n}{4} - 6\binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3) \right) \\ &= 2e + 4 \left(2\binom{n-3}{2} + 2\binom{n-2}{2} + (n-4)\binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3\binom{n}{4} - 6\binom{n-2}{2} + 2(n-3) + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Solving this equation, we get $n=3$, a contradiction.

Case 4 $i=4$. Similarly to Case 1, the H must be isomorphic to one of G_{4j} ($j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$).

In view of $G_{40} - G_{410}$, there are $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 6$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 3$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 2$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 1$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 4$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 2$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 4$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 3$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 2$, $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2)$ and $\binom{n}{3} - 4(n-2) + 4$ triangles contained in $G_{40} - G_{410}$, respectively. Obviously, G_{41} and G_{47} have equal triangles, G_{44} , G_{46} and G_{410} have equal triangles, G_{42} , G_{45} and G_{48} have equal triangles. If they are cospectral, we consider the following subcases.

Subcase 1 By Lemma 2.3, we calculate $|w_4(G_{41})|$ and $|w_4(G_{47})|$. We have

$$|w_4(G_{41})| = 2e + 4 \left(\binom{n-4}{2} + 5 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-6) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3) + 6 \right) \text{ and}$$

$$|w_4(G_{47})| = 2e + 4 \left(3 \binom{n-3}{2} + 2 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-5) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3) + 4 \right).$$

By Lemma 2.2(v), we have $|w_4(G_{41})| = |w_4(G_{47})|$, that is

$$2e + 4 \left(\binom{n-4}{2} + 5 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-6) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3) + 6 \right) \\ = 2e + 4 \left(3 \binom{n-3}{2} + 2 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-5) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3) + 4 \right).$$

This equation has no solution.

Subcase 2 Similarly to Subcase 1, by Lemma 2.3, we calculate $|w_4(G_{44})|$, $|w_4(G_{46})|$ and $|w_4(G_{410})|$. We have

$$|w_4(G_{44})| = 2e + 4 \left(4 \binom{n-3}{2} + (n-4) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 4(n-3) + 1 \right),$$

$$|w_4(G_{46})| = 2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + \binom{n-2}{2} + \binom{n-4}{2} + (n-4) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 5(n-3) \right)$$

and

$$|w_4(G_{410})| = 2e + 4 \left(\binom{n-4}{2} + \binom{n-3}{2} + 3 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-5) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 4(n-3) + 2 \right).$$

By Lemma 2.2(v), we have

$$2e + 4 \left(4 \binom{n-3}{2} + (n-4) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 4(n-3) + 1 \right) \\ = 2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + \binom{n-2}{2} + \binom{n-4}{2} + (n-4) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 5(n-3) \right), \quad (3)$$

and

$$2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + \binom{n-2}{2} + \binom{n-4}{2} + (n-4) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 5(n-3) \right) \\ = 2e + 4 \left(\binom{n-4}{2} + \binom{n-3}{2} + 3 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-5) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 4(n-3) + 2 \right), \quad (4)$$

and

$$2e + 4 \left(\binom{n-4}{2} + \binom{n-3}{2} + 3 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-5) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 4(n-3) + 2 \right) \\ = 2e + 4 \left(4 \binom{n-3}{2} + (n-4) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 4(n-3) + 1 \right). \quad (5)$$

Solving the equation (3), we get $n=3$, a contradiction with $n \geq 6$. Solving the equation (4), we get $n=4$, a contradiction with $n \geq 6$. The equation (5) has no solution.

Subcase 3 Similarly to Subcase 1, by Lemma 2.3, we calculate $|w_4(G_{42})|$, $|w_4(G_{45})|$ and $|w_4(G_{48})|$. We have

$$|w_4(G_{42})| = 2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + 4 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-6) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 2(n-3) + 8 \right),$$

$$|w_4(G_{45})| = 2e + 4 \left(3 \binom{n-3}{2} + 2 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-5) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3) + 6 \right) \text{ and}$$

$$|w_4(G_{48})| = 2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + 4 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-6) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 2(n-3) + 7 \right).$$

By Lemma 2.2(v), we have

$$2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + 4 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-6) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 2(n-3) + 8 \right) \\ = 2e + 4 \left(3 \binom{n-3}{2} + 2 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-5) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3) + 6 \right), \quad (6)$$

$$2e + 4 \left(3 \binom{n-3}{2} + 2 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-5) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 3(n-3) + 6 \right) \\ = 2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + 4 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-6) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 2(n-3) + 7 \right), \quad (7)$$

$$2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + 4 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-6) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 2(n-3) + 7 \right) \\ = 2e + 4 \left(2 \binom{n-3}{2} + 4 \binom{n-2}{2} + (n-6) \binom{n-1}{2} \right) + 8 \left(3 \binom{n}{4} - 8 \binom{n-2}{2} + 2(n-3) + 8 \right). \quad (8)$$

Solving the equation (6), we get $n=4$, a contradiction with $n \geq 6$. Solving the equation (7), we get $n=3$, a contradiction with $n \geq 6$. The equation (8) has no solution.

In what follows, we prove Theorem 1.2. To this end, we need the following Lemmas.

Lemma 3.1 Let $d^2(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2(G)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
d^2(G_{30}) &= (n-4)(n-1)^2 + 3(n-2)^2 + (n-4)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 11n + 24; \\
d^2(G_{31}) &= (n-5)(n-1)^2 + 4(n-2)^2 + (n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 11n + 20; \\
d^2(G_{32}) &= (n-3)(n-1)^2 + 3(n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 11n + 24; \\
d^2(G_{33}) &= (n-4)(n-1)^2 + 2(n-2)^2 + 2(n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 11n + 22; \\
d^2(G_{34}) &= (n-6)(n-1)^2 + 6(n-2)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 11n + 18. \\
d^2(G_{40}) &= (n-5)(n-1)^2 + 4(n-2)^2 + (n-5)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 36. \\
d^2(G_{41}) &= (n-6)(n-1)^2 + 5(n-2)^2 + (n-4)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 30. \\
d^2(G_{42}) &= (n-6)(n-1)^2 + 4(n-2)^2 + 2(n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 28. \\
d^2(G_{43}) &= (n-7)(n-1)^2 + 6(n-2)^2 + (n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 26. \\
d^2(G_{44}) &= (n-4)(n-1)^2 + 4(n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 32. \\
d^2(G_{45}) &= (n-5)(n-1)^2 + 2(n-2)^2 + 3(n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 30. \\
d^2(G_{46}) &= (n-4)(n-1)^2 + (n-2)^2 + 2(n-3)^2 + (n-4)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 34. \\
d^2(G_{47}) &= (n-5)(n-1)^2 + 2(n-2)^2 + 3(n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 30. \\
d^2(G_{48}) &= (n-6)(n-1)^2 + 4(n-2)^2 + 2(n-3)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 28. \\
d^2(G_{49}) &= (n-8)(n-1)^2 + 8(n-2)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 24. \\
d^2(G_{410}) &= (n-5)(n-1)^2 + 3(n-2)^2 + (n-3)^2 + (n-4)^2 = n^3 - 2n^2 - 15n + 32.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof By simple calculation, we can obtain the results. \square

Lemma 3.2 Let G is a graph. If $\kappa(G)$ is the number of spanning trees of the graph G , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\kappa(G_{30}) &= n^{n-5}(n-1)^2(n-4); \\
\kappa(G_{32}) &= n^{n-5}((n-2)^3 - 3n + 8); \\
\kappa(G_{41}) &= n^{n-8}(n^6 - 8n^5 + 21n^4 - 22n^3 + 8n^2); \\
\kappa(G_{42}) &= n^{n-8}(n^6 - 8n^5 + 22n^4 - 24n^3 + 9n^2); \\
\kappa(G_{44}) &= n^{n-6}(n^4 - 8n^3 + 20n^2 - 16n); \\
\kappa(G_{45}) &= n^{n-7}(n^5 - 8n^4 + 21n^3 - 18n^2); \\
\kappa(G_{47}) &= n^{n-7}(n^5 - 8n^4 + 21n^3 - 20n^2 + 5n); \\
\kappa(G_{48}) &= n^{n-8}(n^6 - 8n^5 + 22n^4 - 23n^3 + 5n^2 + 2n); \\
\kappa(G_{410}) &= n^{n-7}(n^5 - 8n^4 + 20n^3 - 18n^2 + 5n).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof Without loss of generality, we calculate only $\kappa(G_{30})$. Since

$$\overline{G}_{30} = K_{1,3} \cup (n-4)K_1,$$

it follows

$$P_{L(\overline{G}_{30})}(\mu) = \mu^{n-3}(\mu-1)^2(\mu-4).$$

By Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\kappa(G_{30}) = n^{-2}P_{L(\overline{G}_{30})}(n) = n^{n-5}(n-1)^2(n-4).$$

Similarly to the calculation of $\kappa(G_{30})$, we can get other $\kappa(G_{ij})$ in the Lemma. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.2 Let $G_i \in \mathcal{G}$. Suppose a graph H is cospectral with G_i with respect to

the Laplacian spectrum. We consider the following cases.

Case 1 $i = 1$. Considering the complete graph K_n by deleting one edge leads to the conclusion obviously.

Case 2 $i = 2$. Consider the complete graph K_n by deleting two edges. By Lemma 2.2, H is a graph with n vertices and $\binom{n}{2} - 2$ edges. By Lemma 2.2(viii), H has only one connected component, then $H \cong G_{20}$ or $H \cong G_{21}$. We prove G_{20} and G_{21} are not Laplacian cospectral. Suppose that G_{20} and G_{21} are Laplacian cospectral. By Lemma 2.2(ix), graphs G_{20} and G_{21} have the same sum of the squares of degrees of vertices. We have the following equation

$$2(n-2)^2 + (n-3)^2 + (n-1)^2 = 4(n-2)^2,$$

which has no solution, a contradiction.

Case 3 $i = 3$. Similarly to Case 2, consider the complete graph K_n by deleting three edges. The H must be isomorphic to one of G_{3j} ($j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$). By Lemma 3.1, we know that only graphs G_{30} and G_{32} have the same sum of the squares of degrees of vertices. If G_{30} and G_{32} are cospectral with respect to the Laplacian spectrum, then by Lemma 2.2(vii) G_{30} and G_{32} have the same number of spanning trees, but by Lemma 3.2 we know that $\kappa(G_{30}) \neq \kappa(G_{32})$ for any n . So G_{30} and G_{32} are not cospectral with respect to the Laplacian spectrum.

Case 4 $i = 4$. Similarly to Case 2, consider the complete graph K_n by deleting four edges. The H must be isomorphic to one of G_{4j} ($j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$). By Lemma 3.1, we have 3 subcases as follows.

Subcase 1 The graphs G_{41} , G_{45} and G_{47} have the same sum of the squares of degrees of vertices. But by Lemma 3.2, we have $\kappa(G_{41}) \neq \kappa(G_{45}) \neq \kappa(G_{47})$ for $n \geq 3$. So G_{41} , G_{45} and G_{47} are not cospectral with respect to the Laplacian spectrum.

Subcase 2 Only the graphs G_{42} and G_{48} have the same sum of the squares of degrees of vertices. But by Lemma 3.2, we have $\kappa(G_{42}) \neq \kappa(G_{48})$ for any n . So G_{42} and G_{48} are not cospectral with respect to the Laplacian spectrum.

Subcase 3 Only the graphs G_{44} and G_{410} have the same sum of the squares of degrees of vertices. But by Lemma 3.2, we have $\kappa(G_{44}) \neq \kappa(G_{410})$ for any n . So G_{44} and G_{410} are not cospectral with respect to the Laplacian spectrum.

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