

A NOTE ON THE MINIMUM DOMINATING ENERGY OF A GRAPH

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Abstract The minimum dominating energy of a graph has been reported recently in [15]. In this paper some new bounds for the minimum dominating energy $E_D(G)$ of a graph G are presented.

1 Introduction

The concept of energy of a graph was introduced by I. Gutman [6]. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. The number of vertices of G we denote by n and the number of edges we denote by m , thus $|V(G)| = n$ and $|E(G)| = m$. For any integer x , $\lceil x \rceil$ is the largest integer greater than or equal to x . For undefined terminologies we refer the reader to [5].

For details on mathematical aspects of the theory of graph energy see the reviews [8], papers [9, 10, 11, 12]. The basic properties including various upper bounds for energy of a graph have been established in [10, 11], and it is found remarkable chemical applications in the molecular orbital theory of conjugated molecules [7, 16].

2 The Minimum Dominating Energy

The minimum dominating matrix [15] has been defined as follows.

Definition 1. Let G be a simple graph of order n and size m . A subset D of V is called a dominating set if every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to at least one vertex in D . Any dominating set with minimum cardinality is called a minimum dominating set. Let D be any minimum dominating set of G . The minimum dominating matrix of G is the $n \times n$ matrix $A_D(G) = (a_{i,j})$, where

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v_i v_j \in E; \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \in D; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The characteristic polynomial of $A_D(G)$ is denoted by

$$f_n(G, \lambda) := \det(\lambda I - A_c(G))$$

The minimum dominating eigenvalues of a graph G are the eigenvalues of $A_D(G)$. Since $A_D(G)$ is real and symmetric, its eigenvalues are real numbers and we label them in non-increasing order $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$. The minimum dominating energy of G is then defined as

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

3 Main Results

For the sake of completeness, we mention below result which is important throughout the paper.

Lemma 3.1. [15] *If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigenvalues of $A_D(G)$, then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 = 2m + |D|. \tag{3.1}$$

We need following result, which will be helpful to prove our result.

Theorem 1. [14] *Suppose a_i and $b_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ are positive real numbers, then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\sqrt{\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2}} \right)^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right)^2 \tag{3.2}$$

where $M_1 = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (a_i)$; $M_2 = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (b_i)$; $m_1 = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} (a_i)$ and $m_2 = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} (b_i)$

Theorem 2. Let G be a graph of order n and size m with $|D| = k$. Suppose zero is not an eigenvalue of $A_D(G)$. Then

$$E_D(G) \geq \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_n} \sqrt{(2m + k)n}}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_n}. \tag{3.3}$$

where λ_1 and λ_n are minimum and maximum of the absolute value of λ_i 's.

Proof. Suppose $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigenvalues of $A_D(G)$. We assume that $a_i = |\lambda_i|$ and $b_i = 1$, which by Theorem 1 implies

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n 1^2 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_1}} + \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_n}} \right)^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| \right)^2 \\ (2m + k)n &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_n}{\lambda_1 \lambda_n} \right) (E_D(G))^2 \\ E_D(G) &\geq \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_n} \sqrt{(2m + k)n}}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_n}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 3. [13] Let a_i and $b_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ are nonnegative real numbers, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right)^2 \leq \frac{n^2}{4} (M_1 M_2 - m_1 m_2)^2 \tag{3.4}$$

where M_i and m_i are defined similarly to Theorem 1.

Theorem 4. Let G be a graph of order n and size m with $|D| = k$, then

$$E_D(G) \geq \sqrt{(2m + k)n - \frac{n^2}{4} (\lambda_n - \lambda_1)^2} \tag{3.5}$$

where λ_1 and λ_n are minimum and maximum of the absolute value of λ_i 's.

Proof. Suppose $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigenvalues of $A_D(G)$. We assume that $a_i = 1$ and $b_i = |\lambda_i|$, which by Theorem 3 implies

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n 1^2 \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|\right)^2 &\leq \frac{n^2}{4} (\lambda_n - \lambda_1)^2 \\ (2m + k)n - (E_D(G))^2 &\leq \frac{n^2}{4} (\lambda_n - \lambda_1)^2 \\ E_D(G) &\geq \sqrt{(2m + k)n - \frac{n^2}{4} (\lambda_n - \lambda_1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 5. [1] Suppose a_i and $b_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ are positive real numbers, then

$$\left| n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \right| \leq \alpha(n)(A - a)(B - b) \tag{3.6}$$

where a, b, A and B are real constants, that for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n, a \leq a_i \leq A$ and $b \leq b_i \leq B$. Further, $\alpha(n) = n \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\right)$.

Theorem 6. Let G be a graph of order n and size m with $|D| = k$. Let $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ be a non-increasing arrangement of eigenvalues of $A_D(G)$. Then

$$E_D(G) \geq \sqrt{2mn + nk - \alpha(n)(|\lambda_1| - |\lambda_n|)^2} \tag{3.7}$$

where $\alpha(n) = n \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\right)$.

Proof. Suppose $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigenvalues of $A_D(G)$. We assume that $a_i = |\lambda_i| = b_i, a = |\lambda_n| = b$ and $A = |\lambda_1| = b$, which by Theorem 5, implies

$$\left| n \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|\right)^2 \right| \leq \alpha(n)(|\lambda_1| - |\lambda_n|)^2 \tag{3.8}$$

Since, $E_D(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|, \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 = 2m + k$, the above inequality becomes,

$$(2m + k)n - E_D(G)^2 \leq \alpha(n)(|\lambda_1| - |\lambda_n|)^2,$$

wherefrom (7) follows. □

Theorem 7. [4] Let a_i and $b_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ are nonnegative real numbers, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 + rR \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \leq (r + R) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i\right) \tag{3.9}$$

where r and R are real constants, so that for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, holds, $ra_i \leq b_i \leq Ra_i$.

Theorem 8. Let G be a graph of order n and size m with $|D| = k$. Let $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ be a non-increasing arrangement of eigenvalues of $A_D(G)$. Then

$$E_D(G) \geq \frac{|\lambda_1||\lambda_n|n + 2m + k}{|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_n|} \tag{3.10}$$

where λ_1 and λ_n are minimum and maximum of the absolute value of λ_i 's.

Proof. Suppose $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigenvalues of $A_c(G)$. We assume that $b_i = |\lambda_i|$, $a_i = 1$, $r = |\lambda_n|$ and $R = |\lambda_1|$, which by Theorem 7 implies

$$\sum_{i=n}^n |\lambda_i|^2 + |\lambda_1| |\lambda_n| \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \leq (|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_n|) \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|. \quad (3.11)$$

Since, $E_D(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$, $\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 = 2m + k$, from the above, inequality (10) directly follows from Theorem 7. \square

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