



## Some Types of Spectral Distances between a Hypercube and its Complement and Line Graph

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### ABSTRACT

Suppose  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are two  $n \times n$  matrices with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1(M_j) \leq \lambda_2(M_j) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(M_j)$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ . The spectral distance between  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is defined as  $\sigma(M_1, M_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i(M_1) - \lambda_i(M_2)|$ . In this paper, the Seidel, Laplacian, Signless Laplacian and Normalized Laplacian spectral distances of the hypercube and its complement, as well as the  $k$ -iterated line graphs of hypercube and its complements are computed. Some results on the spectral distance double cover are also presented.

Keywords: Seidel spectral distance, Laplacian spectral distance, Normalized Laplacian spectral distance, Signless Laplacian spectral distance, Extended double cover of graph.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this section we recall some definitions that will be used in the paper. Let  $G$  be a simple graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges and  $A(G) = (A_{ij})_{n \times n}$  be the adjacency matrix of  $G$ . The characteristic polynomial of the adjacency matrix  $A(G)$ ,  $P(G, \lambda) = P(A(G), \lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A(G))$  is called the characteristic polynomial of the graph  $G$ . The eigenvalues of the matrix  $A(G)$  are called the eigenvalues of  $G$ . Suppose the eigenvalues of  $G$  are denoted  $\lambda_1(G) \leq \lambda_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(G)$ . The Seidel adjacency matrix of a graph  $G$  with adjacency matrix  $A(G)$  is the matrix  $S$  defined by  $S = J - I - 2A(G)$  (Cvetković, Doob and Sachs (1980)). The Laplacian matrix is defined by  $L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$ , where  $D(G)$  is the diagonal matrix of  $G$ . The Laplacian

eigenvalues of  $G$  are denoted by  $\mu_1(G) \leq \mu_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \mu_n(G)$ . The matrix  $Q(G) = D(G) + A(G)$  is called the signless Laplacian matrix of  $G$ . The signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $G$  are denoted  $q_1(G) \leq q_2(G) \leq \dots \leq q_n(G)$ . The normalized Laplacian matrix  $N(G) = (N_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is defined as (Chung (1997)) :

$$N_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } \deg(v_i) \neq 0 \\ -1 & \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{\deg(v_i) \deg(v_j)}} & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } v_i \text{ is adjacent to } v_j. \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The normalized Laplacian eigenvalues of  $G$  are denoted by  $\delta_1(G) \leq \delta_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \delta_n(G)$ . The line graph  $l(G)$  of  $G$  is the graph with the edge set of  $G$  as vertex set, where two vertices are adjacent if the corresponding edges of  $G$  have an endpoint in common.

The  $n$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q_n$  is the  $n$ -regular graphs whose vertices are the  $n$ -tuples with entries in  $\{0,1\}$  and whose edges are the pairs of  $n$ -tuples that differ in exactly one position. It can easily be seen that the number of vertices and edges of  $Q_n$  are  $2^n$  and  $n2^{n-1}$ , respectively. The complement  $\bar{G}$  of a simple graph  $G$  is the simple graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and  $uv \in e(\bar{G})$  if and only if  $uv \notin e(G)$ . Let  $\bar{Q}_n$  denote the complement of  $n$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q_n$  (Chen (2012)). The Boolean lattice  $BL_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) is the graph whose vertex set is the set of all subsets of  $\{1,2,\dots,n\}$ , where two subsets  $X$  and  $Y$  are adjacent if their symmetric difference has precisely one element (Bondy and Murty (1979), p. 9). The hypercube  $Q_n$  and Boolean lattice  $BL_n$  are isomorphic (Bondy and Murty (1979), p. 18). The following lemma is crucial throughout this paper.

**Lemma 1. 1.**

- (i) (Cvetković, Doob and Sachs (1980)). Let  $G$  be a  $r$ -regular graph on  $n$  vertices with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1(G) \leq \lambda_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(G) = r$ . Then the spectrum of  $\bar{G}$  contains  $n - r - 1, -1 - \lambda_1(G), \dots, -1 - \lambda_{n-1}(G)$ .
- (ii) (Brouwer and Haemers (2012)). Let  $G$  be a  $r$ -regular graph on  $n$  vertices with  $\lambda_1(G) \leq \lambda_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(G) = r$ . Then Seidel spectrum of  $G$  contains  $n - 2r - 1, -1 - 2\lambda_1(G), \dots, -1 - 2\lambda_{n-1}(G)$ .
- (iii) (Cvetković, Doob and Sachs (1980)). Let  $S$  be the Seidel matrix of the graph  $G$ , then Seidel matrix of the graph  $\bar{G}$  is  $\bar{S} = -S$ .

- (iv) (Brouwer and Haemers (2012), p. 4) If eigenvalues  $\lambda_1(G), \lambda_2(G), \dots, \lambda_n(G)$  are the eigenvalue of  $r$ -regular graph  $G$ , then  $\mu_i(G) = r - \lambda_i(G)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are the eigenvalues of  $L(G)$ .
- (v) (Brouwer and Haemers (2012)). The eigenvalues of  $\overline{L(G)}$  are  $0, n - \mu_i(G)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .
- (vi) (Brouwer and Haemers (2012)). If  $\lambda_1(G), \lambda_2(G), \dots, \lambda_n(G)$  are the eigenvalue of  $r$ -regular graph  $G$ , then  $q_i(G) = r + \lambda_i(G)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are the eigenvalues of  $Q(G)$ .
- (vii) The eigenvalues of  $\overline{Q(G)}$  are  $2n - 2 - q_n(G), n - 2 - q_i(G)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .
- (viii) (Chung (1997)). Let  $G$  be a  $r$ -regular graph. Then  $\delta_i(G) = \frac{\mu_i(G)}{r}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
- (ix) The eigenvalues of  $\overline{N(G)}$  are  $0, \frac{n - \mu_i(G)}{r}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

**Lemma 1. 2.** (Jin and Ruibin (1999)). The  $n$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q_n$  has  $n + 1$  distinct eigenvalues. They are given by  $\lambda_i(G) = -n + 2i$ , and the eigenvalue  $\lambda_i(G)$  has multiplicity  $\binom{n}{i}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  where  $n \geq 1, \binom{n}{i}$  is binomial coefficient.

Throughout this paper our notation is standard and taken mainly from the books (Bondy and Murty (1979); Brouwer and Haemers (2012); Chung (1997); Cvetković, Doob and Sachs (1980); Harary (1969)). The spectrum of an  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\text{Spec}(G) = \left( \lambda_1(G) \lambda_2(G) \dots \lambda_s(G) \right)_{t_1 t_2 \dots t_s}$ , where  $s$  denotes the number of distinct eigenvalues of  $G$  and  $t_i$  is the multiplicity of  $\lambda_i(G)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ .

## 2. SPECTRAL DISTANCES BETWEEN A HYPERCUBE AND ITS COMPLEMENT

The aim of this section is to compute the adjacency, Seidel, Laplacian signless Laplacian, normalized Laplacian spectral distances of Hypercube and its complement.

**Proroposition 2. 1.** If  $n > 2$  then  $\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = 2(2^n - n - 1)$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 1.2, if  $n$  is even then the eigenvalues of  $Q_n$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} -n & -n+2 & \dots & -2 & 0 & 2 & \dots & n-2 & n \\ \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}} & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}+1} & & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} \end{matrix} \right),$$

and if  $n$  is odd then the eigenvalues of  $Q_n$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} -n & -n+2 & \dots & -1 & 1 & \dots & n-2 & n \\ \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & & \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} & \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1} & & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} \end{matrix} \right).$$

By Lemma 1.1(i), if  $n$  is even then the eigenvalues of  $\overline{Q_n}$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} -n+1 & -n+3 & \dots & -1 & 1 & \dots & n-3 & n-1 & 2^{n-n-1} \\ \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}} & & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} \end{matrix} \right),$$

and if  $n$  is odd then the eigenvalues of  $\overline{Q_n}$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} -n+1 & -n+3 & \dots & 0 & 2 & \dots & n-1 & 2^{n-n-1} \\ \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & & \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} & \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1} & & \binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} \end{matrix} \right).$$

Then by definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} |\lambda_i(\overline{Q_n}) - \lambda_i(Q_n)| \\ &= (2^n - 2n - 1) + 1 + \left( \binom{n}{n-1} - 1 \right) + \dots + \left( \binom{n}{1} - 1 \right) + 1 \\ &= 2^n - 2n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} = 2^{n+1} - 2n - 2, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$ . ■

**Proposition 2. 2.** If  $n > 4$  then  $S\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = 2^{n+2} - 8n$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 1.1 (ii) and Lemma 1.2, the Seidel eigenvalues of  $Q_n$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} -2n+3 & -2n+7 & \dots & 2n-5 & 2n-1 & 2^n-2n+1 \\ \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} \end{matrix} \right),$$

By Lemma 1.2 (iii), the Seidel eigenvalues of  $\overline{Q_n}$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} 1+2n-2^n & -2n+1 & -2n+5 & \dots & 2n-7 & 2n-3 \\ \binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} \end{matrix} \right).$$

Then by definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S \sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} |S\lambda_i(\overline{Q_n}) - S\lambda_i(Q_n)| \\ &= 2(2^n - 4n + 2) + 4 + 2 \left( \binom{n}{n-1} - 2 \right) + \dots + 2 \left( \binom{n}{1} - 2 \right) \\ &\quad + 4(n - 2) \\ &= 2^{n+1} - 4n + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \binom{n}{i} - 2 \right) = 2^{n+2} - 8n, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$ . ■

**Proposition 2. 3.** If  $n > 2$  then

$$Q\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = L\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = nN\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = 2^n(2^n - 2n - 1).$$

**Proof.** By Lemma 1.1 (vi) and Lemma 1.2, if  $n$  is even then the Laplacian eigenvalues of  $Q_n$  are:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} 0 & 2 & \dots & n-2 & n & n+2 & \dots & 2n-2 & 2n \\ \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \dots & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}} & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}+1} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} \end{matrix} \right),$$

and if  $n$  is odd then the eigenvalues of  $Q_n$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} 0 & 2 & \dots & n-1 & n+1 & \dots & 2n-2 & 2n \\ \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \dots & \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} & \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} \end{matrix} \right).$$

By Lemma 1.1 (v), if  $n$  is even then the Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\overline{Q_n}$  are:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} 0 & 2^{n-2n} & 2^{n-2n+2} & \dots & 2^{n-2n} & \dots & 2^{n-4} & 2^{n-2} \\ \binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \dots & \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} \end{matrix} \right),$$

and if  $n$  is odd then the Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\overline{Q_n}$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} 0 & 2^{n-2n} & 2^{n-2n+2} & \dots & 2^{n-2n-3} & 2^{n-2n-1} & \dots & 2^{n-4} & 2^{n-2} \\ \binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \dots & \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} & \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} \end{matrix} \right).$$

Then by definition, we have

$$L \sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} |\mu_i(\overline{Q_n}) - \mu_i(Q_n)|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2^n - 2n - 2) + \binom{n}{n-1} (2^n - 2n) \\
 &+ (2^n - 2n - 2) + \binom{n}{n-2} (2^n - 2n) + \dots \\
 &+ (2^n - 2n - 2) + \binom{n}{1} (2^n - 2n) + (2^n - 2n - 2) \\
 &= n(2^n - 2n - 2) + (2^n - 2n) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} \\
 &= n(2^n - 2n - 2) + (2^n - 2n)(2^n - n - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since from  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} = 2^n - n - 1$ , therefore  $L\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = 2^n(2^n - 2n - 1)$ . Since  $Q_n$  is bipartite, by (Brouwer and Haemers 2012, p. 17) Laplacian eigenvalues of  $Q_n$  are equal to the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\overline{Q_n}$ , by Lemma 1.1(xi) and Lemma 1.2, the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\overline{Q_n}$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} 2^n-2n & 2^n-2n+2 & \dots & 2^n-4 \\ \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{1} & & \binom{n}{n-1} \end{array} \begin{array}{cc} 2^n-2 & 2(2^n-n-1) \\ \binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} \end{array} \right).$$

By definition, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} |q_i(\overline{Q_n}) - q_i(Q_n)| \\
 &= (2^{n+1} - 4n - 2) + (2^n - 2n) + \binom{n}{1} (2^n - 2n - 2) \\
 &+ (2^n - 2n) + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} (2^n - 2n - 2) + (2^n - 2n) \\
 &= 2(2^n - 2n - 1) + n(2^n - 2n) \\
 &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} (2^n - 2n - 2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $Q\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = 2^n(2^n - 2n - 1)$ . By Lemma 1.1(vii) and Lemma 1.2 we get the normalized Laplacian eigenvalues of  $Q_n$  as follows:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & \frac{2}{n} & \frac{4}{n} & \dots \\ \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & \dots \end{array} \begin{array}{cc} \frac{2n-4}{n} & \frac{2n-2}{n} \\ \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \binom{n}{n} \end{array} \right).$$

Now by Lemma 1.1(ix) the normalized Laplacian eigenvalues  $\overline{Q_n}$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & \frac{2^n-2n}{n} & \frac{2^n-2n+2}{n} & \dots \\ \binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \dots \end{array} \begin{array}{cc} \frac{2^n-4}{n} & \frac{2^n-2}{n} \\ \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} \end{array} \right),$$

and by definition,

$$N\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} |\delta_i(\overline{Q_n}) - \delta_i(Q_n)|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{n}((2^n - 2n - 2) + \binom{n}{n-1} - 1)(2^n - 2n) \\
 &+ (2^n - 2n - 2) + \left(\binom{n}{n-2} - 1\right)(2^n - 2n) + \dots \\
 &+ (2^n - 2n - 2) + \left(\binom{n}{1} - 1\right)(2^n - 2n) + (2^n - 2n - 2) \\
 &= (2^n - 2n - 2) + \frac{1}{n}(2^n - 2n) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(\binom{n}{i} - 1\right) \\
 &= (2^n - 2n - 2) + \frac{1}{n}(2^n - 2n)(2^n - n - 1),
 \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$ . This implies that  $L\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n) = nN\sigma(\overline{Q_n}, Q_n)$ . ■

### 3. SPECTRAL DISTANCES BETWEEN A LINE GRAPH HYPERCUBE AND ITS COMPLEMENT

The aim of this section is to compute the spectral distance of  $l^k(Q_n)$  and its complement. For simplicity, we define  $l^1(G) = l(G)$  and  $l^k(G) = l(l^{k-1}(G))$ ,  $k \geq 2$ . It is both consistent and convenient to set  $l^0(G) = l(G)$ . If  $G$  is regular, then its line graph is also regular. In particular, the line graph of a regular graph  $G$  of order  $n_0$  and of degree  $r_0$  is a regular graph of order  $n_1 = (r_0 n_0)/2$  and of degree  $r_1 = 2r_0 - 2$ . Therefore, the order and degree of  $l^k(G)$  are  $n_k = (r_{k-1} n_{k-1})/2$  and  $r_k = 2r_{k-1} - 2$  where  $n_{k-1}$  and  $r_{k-1}$  are, respectively, the order and degree of  $l^{k-1}(G)$ . If the eigenvalues of  $G$  are  $\lambda_i(G)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n_0$  (arranged in increasing order), then the respective eigenvalues of  $l(G)$  are  $-2$  with multiplicity  $n_1 - n_0$  and  $\lambda_i(G) + r_0 - 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n_0$  (Cvetković et al. 1980). By Lemma 1.1(i) the eigenvalues of  $\overline{l(G)}$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} \binom{n}{2} r_0 + 1 & 1 & -1 - (\lambda_1(G) + r_0 - 2) & \dots & -1 - (\lambda_{n-1}(G) + r_0 - 2) \\ 1 & \frac{n}{2}(r_0 - 2) & 1 & & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

**Proposition 3.1.** If  $n > 3$  then

$$\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)) = 2^n (4n - 9) - 10n + 24.$$

**Proof.** By above discussion, and Lemma 1.2 the eigenvalues of  $l(Q_n)$  and  $\overline{l(Q_n)}$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} -2 & 0 & \dots & 2n-6 & 2n-4 & 2n-2 \\ n2^{n-1} - 2n + \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & & \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} \end{array} \right),$$

$$\left( \begin{matrix} -2n+3 & -2n+5 & \dots & -3 & -1 & 1 & n2^{n-1}-2n+1 \\ \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & & \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} & n2^{n-1}-2n+\binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} \end{matrix} \right).$$

Then by definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n2^{n-1}} |\lambda_i(\overline{l(Q_n)}) - \lambda_i(l(Q_n))| \\ &= n2^{n-1} - 4n + 3 + 2 \left( \binom{n}{n-1}(2n-5) + \binom{n}{n-2}(2n-7) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + 3\binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{1} \right) + 3(n2^{n-1} - 2^n - 2n + 3) \\ &= n2^{n+1} + (3 \times 2^n) - 8n + 12 + 2 \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i}(2i-3) \\ &= 2^n(4n-9) - 10n + 24, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$  and from  $\sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i}i = n2^{n-1} - 2n$ . ■

Analogously, the eigenvalues of the matrix  $l^k(G)$  are:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} -2 & \lambda_1(l^{k-1}(G))^{-r_{k-1}-2} & \dots & \lambda_n(l^{k-1}(G))^{-r_{k-1}-2} \\ n_k - n_{k-1} & 1 & & 1 \end{matrix} \right),$$

and the eigenvalues of the matrix of  $l^k(G)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , are:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} n_k - r_{k-1} - 1 & 1 & -1 - \lambda_i(l^{k-1}(G))^{+r_{k-1}+2} \\ 1 & n_k - n_{k-1} & 1 \end{matrix} \right)$$

The spectral distance between  $k$ -iterated line graph,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $n > 3$  of a hypercube and its complement is:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)) &= n_k - 2r_k + r_0 - \lambda_n(Q_n) - 1 + 2(\sum_{i=1}^{n_0-1} \lambda_i(Q_n) \\ &\quad + r_k - r_0 - 1)(n_1 - n_0 + 1)(r_k - r_1 - 3) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{k-3} (n_{j+1} - n_j)(r_k - r_{j+1} - 3) \\ &\quad + (n_{k-1} - n_{k-2})(r_{k-1} - 5) \\ &\quad + 3(n_k - n_{k-1} - (\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i}) + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (n_{j+1} - n_j)). \end{aligned}$$

From (Walikar, Ramane, Gutman and Halkarni (2007)), we have:

- (a)  $r_k = 2^k r_0 - 2^{k+1} + 2$ ,
- (b)  $n_k = \frac{n_0}{2^k} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} r_j = \frac{n_0}{2^k} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (2^j r_0 - 2^{j+1} + 2)$ .

So that,

$$r_k - r_z = \sum_{i=z}^{k-1} (r_i - 2) = (r_0 - 2)(2^k - 2^z),$$



$$n_{j+1} - n_j = \frac{n_0}{2^j} (r_{j-1} - 2) \prod_{m=0}^{j-1} r_m.$$

Clearly, if  $G$  is an  $n$  - vertex graph then  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(G) = 0$ . So that  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_0-1} \lambda_i(Q_n) = 0$ . Since  $n_0(Q_n) = 2^n$ ,  $n_1(Q_n) = n2^{n-1}$ ,  $r_0(Q_n) = n$ ,  $\lambda_n(Q_n) = n$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)) &= 2((2^n - 1)(r_k + n - 1) \\ &\quad + (2^{n-1}(n - 2) + 1)((n - 2)(2^k - 2) - 3) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{k-3} (n_{j+1} - n_j) ((n - 2)(2^k - 2^{j+1}) - 3) \\ &\quad + (n_{k-1} - n_{k-2})(r_{k-1} - 5)) + n_k - 2r_k - 1 \\ &\quad + 3(n_k - n_{k-1} - 2^n + 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (n_{j+1} - n_j)). \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $(n_{j+1} - n_j)(Q_n) = 2^{n-1}(n - 2) \prod_{m=0}^{j-1} r_m$ .

**Corollary 3. 2.** If  $k = 2, 3$  and  $n > 3$  then

$$\sigma(\overline{l^2(Q_n)}, l^2(Q_n)) = n(2^{n+1}(2n - 5) - 16) + 28,$$

$$\sigma(\overline{l^3(Q_n)}, l^3(Q_n)) = n(2^{n+1}(4n^2 - 13n + 9) - 32) + 60.$$

#### 4. LAPLACIAN SPECTRAL DISTANCES BETWEEN A LINE GRAPH HYPERCUBE AND ITS COMPLEMENT

The aim of this section is to compute the Laplacian spectral distance of  $l^k(Q_n)$  and its complement. Let  $G$  be a regular graph with  $n$  vertex and  $m$  edge of degree  $r$  and  $\mu_1(G), \dots, \mu_n(G)$  are the Laplacian eigenvalue of  $G$ . Since  $\mu_i(G) = r - \lambda_i(G)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then the spectrum of the Laplacian of  $l(G)$  is the same as the spectrum of the Laplacian of  $G$ , except that it has  $(rn)/n$  extra eigenvalues of  $2r$ .

**Proposition 4. 1.** If  $n > 3$  then

$$L\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)) = n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 3).$$

**Proof.** By above discussion, Lemma 1.1(iv) and Lemma 1.2, the Laplacian eigenvalues of  $l(Q_n)$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} 0 & 2 & \dots & 2n-4 & 2n-2 & 2n \\ \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} & n2^{n-1} - 2^n + \binom{n}{n} \end{matrix} \right),$$

and the Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\overline{l(Q_n)}$  are as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & n2^{n-1}-2n & n2^{n-1}-2n+2 & \dots & n2^{n-1}-4 & n2^{n-1}-2 \\ \binom{n}{n} & n2^{n-1}-2n+\binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-2} & \binom{n}{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then by definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n2^{n-1}} |\mu_i(\overline{l(Q_n)}) - \mu_i(l(Q_n))| \\ &= 2\left(\binom{n}{1}(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 2) + \binom{n}{2}(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 4) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}(n2^{n-1} - 2n + 2)\right) + (n2^{n-1} - 2^{n+1} + 3) \\ &\quad (n2^{n-1} - 4n) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} (n2^{n-1} - 2(n+i)) \\ &\quad + n2^{n-1}((n-4)2^{n-1} - 4n + 19) - 12n. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} = 2^n - 2$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} i = n2^{n-1} - n$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} (n2^{n-1} - 2(n+i)) = n2^{n-1}(2^n - 8) + 6n.$$

Therefore,  $L\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)) = n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 3)$ , which proves the result. ■

Analogously, the eigenvalues of the matrix  $L, l^k(G)$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n - 1$  are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mu_i(l^{k-1}(G)) & 2r_0 & 2r_1 & \dots & 2r_{k-1} \\ 1 & 1 & n_1-n_0+1 & n_2-n_1 & \dots & n_k-n_{k-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

and the eigenvalues of the matrix  $L, \overline{l^k(G)}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & n_k-2r_{k-1} & \dots & n_k-2r_1 & n_k-2r_0 & n_k-\mu_i(l^{k-1}(G)) \\ 1 & n_k-n_{k-1} & & n_2-n_1 & n_1-n_0+1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The Laplacian spectral distance between  $k$ -iterated line graph,  $k \geq 2$  and  $n > 3$  of a hypercube and its complement is:

$$\begin{aligned} L\sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)) &= 2\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_0-1} n_k - 2r_{k-1} - \mu_i(Q_n)\right) \\ &\quad + (n_1 - n_0 + 1)(n_k - 2(r_{k-1} - r_0)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} (n_{j+1} - n_j) (n_k - 2(r_{k-1} - r_j)) \\ &\quad + (n_k - n_{k-1} - (\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i}) + \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (n_{j+1} - n_j)) \\ &\quad (n_k - 4r_{k-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $G$  is  $n$ -vertex and  $m$  edges,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(G) = 2m$ . So that,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_0-1} \mu_i(Q_n) = n(2^n - 2)$ . By using (a) and (b), one can see that

$$L\sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)) = 2(n2^{n-1}(n_k - 2(r_{k-1} + n + 1)) \\ + \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} (n_{j+1} - n_j)(n_k - 2(r_{k-1} + r_j))) \\ + (n_k - n_{k-1} - 2^n + 1 \\ - \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (n_{j+1} - n_j))(n_k - 4r_{k-1}).$$

Here,  $(n_{j+1} - n_j)(Q_n) = 2^{n-1}(n - 2) \prod_{m=0}^{j-1} r_m$ .

**Corollary 4. 2.** If  $k = 2, 3$  and  $n > 3$  then

$$L\sigma(\overline{l^2(Q_n)}, l^2(Q_n)) = n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1}(n^2 - 2n + 1) - 8n^2 + 19n - 3) \\ - 8n - 32(2^{n-1} - 1),$$

$$L\sigma(\overline{l^3(Q_n)}, l^3(Q_n)) = n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1}(4n^4 - 20n^3 + 37n^2 - 30n + 9) \\ - 32n^3 + 134n^2 - 183n + 81).$$

## 5. SIGNLESS LAPLACIAN SPECTRAL DISTANCES BETWEEN A LINE GRAPH HYPERCUBE AND ITS COMPLEMENT

The aim of this section is to compute the signless Laplacian spectral distance of  $l^k(Q_n)$  and its complement. From (Cvetković and Simić (2009)). Let  $G$  be a regular graph with  $n$  vertex and  $m$  edge of degree  $r$  and  $q_1(G), q_2(G), \dots, q_n(G)$  be the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $G$ . Since  $q_i(G) = \lambda_i(G) + r$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $l(G)$  are  $q_1(G) + 2r - 4$ ,  $q_1(G) + 2r - 4$ , ...,  $q_1(G) + 2r - 4$  and  $2r - 4$  repeated  $(r n)/2 - n$  times.

**Proposition 5. 1.** If  $n > 3$  then

$$Q\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)) = n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 3).$$

**Proof.** By above discussion and Lemma 1.2 the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $l(Q_n)$  are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccc} 2(n-2) & 2n-2 & 2n & \dots & 4n-6 & 4n-4 \\ n2^{n-1}-2^n+\binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & \dots & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} \end{array} \right).$$

By Lemma 1.1(vii), the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\overline{l(Q_n)}$ , are as follows:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} n2^{n-1}-4n+4 & n2^{n-1}-4n+6 & \dots & n2^{n-1}-2n & n2^{n-1}-2n+2 & Z_n \\ \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & & \binom{n}{n-1} & n2^{n-1}-2^n+\binom{n}{n} & \binom{n}{0} \end{matrix} \right).$$

Here,  $Z_n = 2(n2^{n-1} - 2n + 1)$ . Then by definition,

$$\begin{aligned} Q\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n2^{n-1}} |q_i(\overline{l(Q_n)}) - q_i(l(Q_n))| \\ &= (n2^n - 8n + 6) + 2 \left( \binom{n}{n-1}(n2^{n-1} - 6n + 8) \right. \\ &\quad + \dots + \binom{n}{2}(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 2) + \binom{n}{1}(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 4) \\ &\quad \left. + (n2^{n-1} - 2^{n+1} + 3)(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 6) \right) \\ &= n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1} - 2^{n+1} - 4n + 27) - 20n + 24 \\ &\quad - 3 \times 2^{n+2} + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i}(n2^{n-2} - 2n - i + 3). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$  and from  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} i = n2^{n-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} (n2^{n-2} - 2n - i + 3) &= (2^{n-1} - 1)(n2^{n-1} - 5n + 6) \\ &= n2^{n-2} + 3 \times 2^n(1 - n) + 5n - 6. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$Q\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)) = n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1} - 4n + 3).$$

This completes the proof. ■

Analogously, from (Gutman, Kiani, Mirzakhah and Zhou (2009)) the eigenvalues of the matrix  $Q$ ,  $l^k(G)$  are:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} 2r_{k-1}-4 & q_1(l^{k-1}(G))+2r_{k-1}-4 & \dots & q_n(l^{k-1}(G))+2r_{k-1}-4 \\ n_k-n_{k-1} & 1 & & 1 \end{matrix} \right),$$

and the eigenvalues of the matrix  $Q$ ,  $\overline{l^k(G)}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , are:

$$\left( \begin{matrix} n_k-2r_{k-1}+2 & n_k-q_i(l^{k-1}(G))-2r_{k-1}+2 & 2n_k-q_n(l^{k-1}(G))-2r_{k-1}+2 \\ n_k-n_{k-1} & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \right).$$

In what follows, the signless Laplacian spectral distances between  $k$ -iterated line graphs,  $k \geq 2$  and  $n > 3$ , the line graph of hypercube and its complement are computed.

$$\begin{aligned} Q\sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)) &= 2((n_k - n_0(Q_n) - 1 - 2 \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (r_j - 2)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n_0-1} (n_k - q_i(Q_n) - 2(r_{k-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (r_j - 2) - 1)) \\ &\quad + (n_1 - n_0 + 1)[n_k - 2(r_{k-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (r_i - 2) - 1]) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} (n_{j+1} - n_j) [n_k - 2(r_{k-1} + \sum_{z=j}^{k-2} (r_z - 2)) - 1] \\
 & + (n_k - n_{k-1} - (\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i}) - \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (n_{j+1} - n_j)) \\
 & (n_k - 4r_{k-1} + 8).
 \end{aligned}$$

By Euler's theorem,  $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i(G) = 2m$ , where  $G$  have exactly  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. So,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_0-1} q_i(Q_n) = n(2^n - 2)$ . By using Equations (a) and (b),  $q_0(Q_n) = 2n$  and,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q\sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)) & = 2(n_k - 2^{k+1}(n - 2) - n(2^n - 2) - 5 \\
 & + n 2^{n-1} [n_k - 2^{k+1}(n - 2) - 2(r_{k-1} - n + 1)] \\
 & + \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} (n_{j+1} - n_j) [n_k - 2(r_{k-1} + (n - 2)(2^k - 2^j) \\
 & - 2(k - j) + 1)] + (n_k - n_{k-1} - \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (n_{j+1} - n_j) \\
 & - 2^n + 1)(n_k - 4r_{k-1} + 8),
 \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $(n_{j+1} - n_j)(Q_n) = 2^{n-1}(n - 2) \prod_{m=0}^{j-1} r_m$ .

**Corollary 5. 2.** If  $k = 2, 3$  and  $n > 3$  then

$$Q\sigma(\overline{l^2(Q_n)}, l^2(Q_n)) = n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1}(n^2 - 2n + 1) - 8n^2 + 21n - 13) - 2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q\sigma(\overline{l^3(Q_n)}, l^3(Q_n)) & = n2^{n-1}(n2^{n-1}(4n^4 - 20n^3 + 37n^2 - 30n + 9) \\
 & - 32n^3 + 134n^2 - 183n + 81).
 \end{aligned}$$

## 6. CONCLUDING REMARKS

In this paper some types of spectral distances between a hypercube and its complement, as well as the line graph of a hypercube and its complement are investigated. In this section some easy observation together with an open question are presented.

Let  $G$  be a graph on the vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ . Define a bipartite graph  $G^*$  with set  $V(G^*) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  in which  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $u_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq p$  and  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $u_j$  if  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_j$  in  $G$ . The graph  $G^*$  is known as the extended double cover graph of  $G$ . It is easy to see that  $G^*$  is regular of degree  $r + 1$  if only if  $G$  is regular of degree  $r$  (Chen (2004)).

**Lemma 6. 1.** (Chen (2004)) Let  $\lambda_1(G) \leq \lambda_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(G)$  be the spectrum of  $G$ . Then the spectrum of  $G^*$  consists of  $\pm(\lambda_1(G) + 1)$ ,  $\pm(\lambda_2(G) + 1), \dots, \pm(\lambda_n(G) + 1)$

**Proposition 6. 2.** If  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are  $n$  –vertex graphs, with eigenvalues  $\lambda_i(G_j)$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $\lambda_1(G_j) \leq \lambda_2(G_j) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(G_j)$ , then  $\sigma(G_1^*, G_2^*) = 2\sigma(G_1, G_2)$ .

**Corollary 6. 3.**

(i) If  $n > 2$  then  $\sigma(\bar{Q}_n^*, Q_n^*) = 2 \sigma(\bar{Q}_n, Q_n)$ ,  $L\sigma(\bar{Q}_n^*, Q_n^*) = 2 L\sigma(\bar{Q}_n, Q_n)$ ,  $Q\sigma(\bar{Q}_n^*, Q_n^*) = 2 Q\sigma(\bar{Q}_n, Q_n)$ ,  $N\sigma(\bar{Q}_n^*, Q_n^*) = 2 N\sigma(\bar{Q}_n, Q_n)$ .

(ii) If  $n > 4$  then  $S\sigma(\bar{Q}_n^*, Q_n^*) = 2 S\sigma(\bar{Q}_n, Q_n)$ .

(iii) If  $n > 3$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\overline{l(Q_n^*)}, l(Q_n^*)) &= 2 \sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)), \\ L\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n^*)}, l(Q_n^*)) &= 2 L\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)), \\ Q\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n^*)}, l(Q_n^*)) &= 2 Q\sigma(\overline{l(Q_n)}, l(Q_n)). \end{aligned}$$

(iv) If  $k \geq 2$  and  $n > 3$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n^*)}, l^k(Q_n^*)) &= 2 \sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)), \\ L\sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n^*)}, l^k(Q_n^*)) &= 2 L\sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)), \\ Q\sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n^*)}, l^k(Q_n^*)) &= 2 Q\sigma(\overline{l^k(Q_n)}, l^k(Q_n)). \end{aligned}$$

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