

# SEIDEL LAPLACIAN ENERGY of ZERO-DIVISOR GRAPH $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$

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**Abstract.** The Seidel Laplacian energy of graphs has recently been defined. In the present work, we compute the Seidel Laplacian energy of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  for  $n = p^2, n = pq, n = 2q$ , and  $n = p^3$ , where  $p, q$  are distinct prime numbers.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $G$  be a simple graph with  $n$  vertices and  $e$  edges. The vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are called adjacent and denoted by  $v_i \sim v_j$  if they are joined by an edge. The degree of a vertex  $v_i$  is denoted by  $d_i$ . A complete graph has  $n$  vertices denoted by  $K_n$ , and its complement  $\bar{K}_n$  has  $n$  vertices and no edges. A complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,m}$  is a kind of bipartite graph that the set of vertices consists of two disjoint subsets of cardinality  $n$  and  $m$ , where two vertices in the same set are not adjacent, and every pair of vertices in the two sets are adjacent.

The zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring  $\mathcal{R}$  was first defined in [1]. The standard definition of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma[\mathcal{R}]$  of  $\mathcal{R}$  was given in [2]. Let  $Z(\mathcal{R})$  be the set of zero-divisors of  $\mathcal{R}$ . The vertex set of  $\Gamma[\mathcal{R}]$  is  $Z^*(\mathcal{R}) = Z(\mathcal{R}) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $x \sim y$  iff  $xy = 0$  for  $x \neq y$  and  $x, y \in Z^*(\mathcal{R})$ .

The spectrum of a matrix is a multiset consisting of eigenvalues  $\theta_i$  of multiplicities  $m_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) and are denoted by  $\{\theta_1^{(m_1)}, \dots, \theta_n^{(m_n)}\}$ . Consider the diagonal matrix  $D(G) = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$ . The Laplacian matrix  $L(G)$  is known as  $L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$ , let  $\vartheta_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) be its eigenvalues, briefly L-eigenvalues. Throughout the study, the expression Seidel Laplacian will denoted by SL. The SL matrix of  $G$  is defined in [3] as  $SL = D_S - S$ , where  $D_S = \text{diag}(n-1-2d_1, n-1-2d_2, \dots, n-1-2d_n)$  and  $S$  is the Seidel matrix of  $G$ . Moreover, the SL-energy of  $G$  is presented [3] as

$$E_{SL}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \sigma_i - \frac{n(n-1)-4e}{n} \right|,$$

where  $\sigma_i$  are the SL-eigenvalues of  $G$ . Let  $N = \frac{n(n-1)-4e}{n}$ . Thus, we have

$$E_{SL}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\sigma_i - N|.$$

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Some bounds are presented for  $E_{SL}(G)$  (see [3]), further studies on  $E_{SL}(G)$  can be followed from [4-6].

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  be the commutative ring of all residue classes of integers modulo  $n$ . The matrix representations, energies, and topological indices of commutative rings, especially the zero divisor graph of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , are some of the most studied subjects in recent years. The energy and Wiener index of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  are computed for  $n = pq$  and  $n = p^2$ , where  $p, q$  are primes [7]. The adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  is considered for  $n = p^2q$  and  $n = p^3$ , where  $p, q$  are primes and the Wiener index of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  is calculated [8], for more work refer to [9-10]. Further, in [11], the degree distance of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  is computed. The L-eigenvalues of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  is studied in detail (see [12-13]). These studies establish a connection between  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  and spectral graph theory and are the source of our motivation.

In the present work, we calculate the SL-energy of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  for  $n = p^2$ ,  $n = pq$ ,  $n = 2q$ ,  $n = p^3$ . Now, we state the essential lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1.** ([7])

- i. If  $n = p^2$  ( $p > 2$  is a prime), then  $Z^*(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}) = \{p, 2p, \dots, (p-1)p^2\}$ . For any  $x, y \in Z^*(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$ ,  $xy = 0$ , and we have  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}] \cong K_{p-1}$ .
- ii. If  $n = pq$  such that  $p, q$  are distinct primes, then  $Z^*(\mathbb{Z}_{pq}) = B \cup C$ , where  $B = \{pt: t = 1, 2, \dots, q-1\}$  and  $C = \{qt: t = 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ . For any  $x, y \in Z^*(\mathbb{Z}_{pq})$ ,  $xy = 0$  iff  $x \in B, y \in C$  or  $x \in C, y \in B$ , and  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{pq}] \cong K_{p-1, q-1}$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** ([14]) Let  $n = p^3$ . Then,  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}] \cong K_{p-1} + \bar{K}_{p^2-p}$ , which is the complete split graph with  $p^2 - 1$  vertices.

**Lemma 1.3.** ([6]) If  $\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \dots, \vartheta_n$  be the L-eigenvalues of  $G$ , then the SL-eigenvalues of  $G$  are  $n - 2\vartheta_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  and 0, for  $i = n$  (see [4]).

**Lemma 1.4.** ([6]) Let  $K_{m,n}$  ( $1 < n < m$ ) be a complete bipartite graph. Then,

$$E_{SL}(K_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} \frac{4(m^2n - n^2m + n^2) + 2(m^2 - m - n - mn)}{m+n}, & N > 0 \\ \frac{4(m^2n - n^2m) + 2(n^2 + mn)}{m+n}, & N < 0. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1.5.** ([6]) Let  $S_n$  ( $n \geq 4$ ) be a star. Then,  $E_{SL}(S_n) = 6n + \frac{16}{n} - 20$ .

## 2. SL-ENERGY of $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$

The structure of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  is stated in the previous section for specific values of  $n$ . In this section, we will compute the SL-energy of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  for  $n = p^2$ ,  $n = pq$ ,  $n = 2q$  and  $n = p^3$ , where  $p, q$  are distinct prime numbers. First, we can give the SL-energy of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{2q}]$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $q > 3$  be a prime. The SL-energy of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{2q}]$  is  $E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{2q}]) = 6q + \frac{16}{q} - 20$ .

*Proof:* The zero-divisor graph for a prime  $q > 3$  is the star  $K_{1,q-1}$ . Setting  $n = q$  in Lemma 1.5 leads to the conclusion.

**Theorem 2.1.** The SL-energy of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}]$  is  $E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}]) = 2(p-2)$ .

*Proof:* From Lemma 1.1,  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}] \cong K_{p-1}$ . Clearly  $N = \frac{(p-1)(p-2)-2(p-1)(p-2)}{p-1} = -(p-2)$ . The Laplacian spectrum of  $K_{p-1}$  is  $\{0^{(1)}, (p-1)^{(p-2)}\}$ . Using this fact in Lemma 1.3 determines the SL spectrum of  $K_{p-1}$  as  $\{0^{(1)}, -(p-1)^{(p-2)}\}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}]) &= |0 - N| + (p-2)|-(p-1) - N| \\ &= |p-2| + (p-2)|-1| \\ &= 2(p-2). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we compute the SL-energy of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}]$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $p > 2$  be a prime. Then, the SL-energy of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}]$  is

$$E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}]) = \frac{4p^4 - 8p^3 - 2p^2 + 5p + 1}{p+1}.$$

*Proof:* By Lemma 1.2, we have  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}] \cong K_{p-1} + \bar{K}_{p^2-p}$ , which is the complete split graph with  $p^2 - 1$  vertices,  $e = \frac{(p-1)(p-2)}{2} + p(p-1)^2$  edges. We have  $\frac{2e}{n} = \frac{2p^2-p-2}{p+1}$ . Then,

$$N = n - 1 - \frac{4e}{n} = p^2 - 2 - \frac{2(2p^2 - p - 2)}{p+1} = \frac{p^3 - 3p^2 + 2}{p+1}.$$

The Laplacian spectrum of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}]$  is  $\{0^{(1)}, (p-1)^{(p^2-p-1)}, (p^2-1)^{(p-2)}\}$  (see Corollary 10, [13]). Then, by Lemma 1.3, its SL spectrum is  $\{(0)^{(1)}, [(p-1)^2]^{(p^2-p-1)}, (1-p^2)^{(p-2)}\}$ . Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}]) &= \left| 0 - \frac{p^3 - 3p^2 + 2}{p+1} \right| + (p^2 - p - 1) \left| (p-1)^2 - \frac{p^3 - 3p^2 + 2}{p+1} \right| \\ &\quad + (p-2) \left| 1 - p^2 - \frac{p^3 - 3p^2 + 2}{p+1} \right| \\ &= \frac{p^3 - 3p^2 + 2}{p+1} + (p^2 - p - 1) \left| \frac{2p^2 - p - 1}{p+1} \right| \\ &\quad + (p-2) \left| \frac{-2p^3 + 2p^2 + p - 1}{p+1} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

By considering  $p^3 - 3p^2 + 2 > 0$ ,  $2p^2 - p - 1 > 0$ , and  $-2p^3 + 2p^2 + p - 1 < 0$  results as

$$\begin{aligned} E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}]) &= \frac{p^3 - 3p^2 + 2 + (p^2 - p - 1)(2p^2 - p - 1) + (p - 2)(2p^3 - 2p^2 - p + 1)}{p + 1} \\ &= \frac{p^3 - 3p^2 + 2 + 2p^4 - 3p^3 - 2p^2 + 2p + 1 + 2p^4 - 6p^3 + 3p^2 + 3p - 2}{p + 1} \\ &= \frac{4p^4 - 8p^3 - 2p^2 + 5p + 1}{p + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we can give the SL-energy of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{pq}]$  as follows.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $q < p$ . Then, the SL-energy of  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{pq}]$  is

$$E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{pq}]) = \begin{cases} \frac{2[(p-1)^2+1-pq+2(q-1)][(p-q)^2+(q-1)(p-q+1)]}{p+q-2}, & N > 0 \\ \frac{4(p-1)(q-1)(p-q)+2(q-1)^2}{p+q-2}, & N < 0. \end{cases}$$

*Proof:* By Lemma 1.1,  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{pq}] \cong K_{p-1,q-1}$ . So,  $E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{pq}]) = E_{SL}(K_{p-1,q-1})$ . Clearly  $K_{p-1,q-1}$  has  $p + q - 2$  vertices and  $e = (p - 1)(q - 1)$  edges. Thus,  $N = \frac{(p+q-2)(p+q-3)-4(p-1)(q-1)}{p+q-2} = \frac{(p-q)^2-p-q+2}{p+q-2}$ . Setting  $m = p - 1, n = q - 1$  when  $N > 0$  in Lemma 1.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{pq}]) &= \frac{4[(p-1)^2(q-1) - (q-1)^2(p-1) + (q-1)^2]}{p+q-2} \\ &\quad + \frac{2[(p-1)^2 - (p-1) - (q-1) - (p-1)(q-1)]}{p+q-2} \\ &= \frac{4[(p-1)(q-1)(p-1 - (q-1)) + (q-1)^2]}{p+q-2} \\ &\quad + \frac{2[(p-1)(p-2) - (q-1)(1 + (p-1))]}{p+q-2} \\ &= \frac{4(q-1)[(p-1)(p-q) + (q-1)] + 2[p^2 - 3p + 2 - (q-1)p]}{p+q-2} \\ &= \frac{4(q-1)(p^2 - pq - p + 2q - 1) + 2(p^2 - 2p + 2 - pq)}{p+q-2} \\ &= \frac{4(q-1)(p^2 - 2pq + pq + q^2 - q^2 - p + 2q - 1) + 2[(p-1)^2 + 1 - pq]}{p+q-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{4(q-1)[(p-q)^2 + q(p-q) + 2q - p - 1] + 2[(p-1)^2 + 1 - pq]}{p+q-2} \\
&= \frac{4(q-1)((p-q)^2 + q(p-q) - (p-q) + q - 1) + 2[(p-1)^2 + 1 - pq]}{p+q-2} \\
&= \frac{4(q-1)[(p-q)^2 + (p-q)(q-1) + q - 1] + 2[(p-1)^2 + 1 - pq]}{p+q-2} \\
&= \frac{4(q-1)[(p-q)^2 + (q-1)(p-q+1)] + 2[(p-1)^2 + 1 - pq]}{p+q-2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Likewise, for  $N < 0$  in Lemma 1.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{SL}(\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_{pq}]) &= \frac{4[(p-1)^2(q-1) - (q-1)^2(p-1)] + 2[(q-1)^2 + (p-1)(q-1)]}{p+q-2} \\
&= \frac{2(p-1)(q-1)[2(p-1) - 2(q-1) + 1] + 2(q-1)^2}{p+q-2} \\
&= \frac{4(p-1)(q-1)(p-q) + 2(q-1)^2}{p+q-2},
\end{aligned}$$

which yields the result.

### 3. CONCLUSION

Studies in recent years show that the matrix representations of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  have been extensively worked. Several topological indices and types of energies are computed for certain values of  $n$ . In this work, the Seidel Laplacian energy of the zero-divisor graph  $\Gamma[\mathbb{Z}_n]$  is computed for  $n = p^2$ ,  $n = pq$ ,  $n = 2q$ ,  $n = p^3$ .

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