

# On Spectral Radius of Graphs

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**Abstract**—Let  $G(V, E)$  be simple graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges and  $A$  be vertex subset of  $V(G)$ . For any  $v \in A$  the degree of the vertex  $v_i$  with respect to the subset  $A$  is defined as the number of vertices  $A$  that are adjacent to  $v_i$ . We call it as  $\mathcal{D}$ -degree and is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_i$ . Denote  $\lambda_1(G)$  as the largest eigenvalue of the graph  $G$  and  $s_i$  as the sum of  $\mathcal{D}$  degree of vertices that are adjacent to  $v_i$ . In this paper we give lower bounds of  $\lambda_1(G)$  in terms of  $\mathcal{D}$  degree.

**Index Terms**— $\mathcal{D}$ -degree, spectral radius, dominating set, covering set, adjacency matrix.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Let  $G$  be simple graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. For any  $v_i \in V$ , the degree of  $v_i$ , denoted by  $d_i$ , is the number of edges that are adjacent to  $v_i$ . The new definition of the degree of a vertex and results using this can be seen in papers [8, 9]. A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called dominating set if every vertex of  $V-D$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ . Any dominating set with minimum cardinality is called minimum dominating set and this cardinality is called domination number. A subset  $C$  of  $V$  is called covering set if every edge of  $V$  is incident to at least one vertex of  $C$ . Any covering set with minimum cardinality is called minimum covering set and the number of element of this set is called covering number.

For any graph  $G$ , let  $A(G)=(a_{ij})$  be the adjacency matrix. The eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  of  $A$  assumed in non-increasing order. The largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_1(G)$  is called spectral radius of the graph. Till now, there are many bounds for  $\lambda_1(G)$  (see for instance [3,6]). Further results and properties see the reviews [1,2,4,5]. In this paper, we give bounds for  $\lambda_1$  of  $G$  in terms of  $\mathcal{D}$ -degree, which is generalization of earlier bounds found in the paper [3,6]. Using minimum dominating set and minimum covering set, the adjacency matrices  $A_D(G), A_C(G)$  have been defined in the papers [7,10]. The  $\mathcal{D}$ -degree is also used to get bounds for the largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_1^D(G), \lambda_1^C(G)$  of these matrices.

We start with defining degree of vertex with respect to a subset of vertex set or  $\mathcal{D}$ -degree.

**Definition 1.1:** Let  $G(V, E)$  be a simple graph and  $A$  be any vertex sub-set. The degree of a vertex  $v_i$  of a graph  $G$  with respect to  $A$  is the number of vertices of  $A$  that are adjacent to  $v_i$ . This degree is denoted by  $d_A(v_i)$  or  $\mathcal{D}_i$ .

Here  $A$  may or may not be the subset of  $V$ . However, if  $A=\emptyset$  then  $\mathcal{D}_i=0$  and if  $A=V$  then  $\mathcal{D}_i=d(v_i) \forall v_i \in V$ .

## 2 BOUNDS FOR SPECTRAL RADIUS

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . If  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \dots, \mathcal{D}_n$  represents  $\mathcal{D}$ -degree sequence of these vertices with respect to a vertex subset  $A$  of  $G$  then

$$\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2 + s_2^2 + \dots + s_n^2}{\mathcal{D}_1^2 + \mathcal{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathcal{D}_n^2}}$$

Where,  $s_i$  is sum of  $\mathcal{D}$  degree vertices that are adjacent to  $v_i$ . Equality case occurs when  $A=V$

**Proof.** Let  $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$  be a unit positive eigenvector of  $A(G)$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1(G)$ .

$$\text{Let } C = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i^2}} (\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \dots, \mathcal{D}_n)^T$$

$$AC = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i^2}} (\sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j} \mathcal{D}_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n a_{nj} \mathcal{D}_j)^T$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i^2}} (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)^T$$

$$\text{Similarly } C^T A = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i^2}} (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$$

$$C^T A^2 C = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i^2} (s_1^2 + s_2^2 + \dots + s_n^2)$$

$$\therefore \lambda_1(G) = \sqrt{\lambda_1(A^2)} = \sqrt{X^T A^2 X} \geq \sqrt{C^T A^2 C}$$

$$\text{Hence } \lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2 + s_2^2 + \dots + s_n^2}{\mathcal{D}_1^2 + \mathcal{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathcal{D}_n^2}}$$

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**Corollary 2.1.** When  $A = V$ ,  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{t_1^2 + t_2^2 + \dots + t_n^2}{\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2}}$

where  $t_i$  represents the sum of degree of vertices that are adjacent to  $v_i$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $\mathfrak{D}$ -degree sequence of vertices as  $\mathfrak{D}_1, \mathfrak{D}_2, \mathfrak{D}_3, \dots, \mathfrak{D}_n$  corresponding to the subset  $A$  of  $G$  then

$$\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{(d_1 \mathfrak{D}_1 + d_2 \mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + d_n \mathfrak{D}_n)^2}{n(\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2)}}$$

**Proof.** By theorem 2.1,  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2 + s_2^2 + \dots + s_n^2}{\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2}}$

By Cauchy's Schwarz inequality,  $\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n s_i)^2}{n}$

$$\therefore \lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{(s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_n)^2}{n(\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2)}}$$

Also  $s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_n = d_1 \mathfrak{D}_1 + d_2 \mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + d_n \mathfrak{D}_n$

$$\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{(d_1 \mathfrak{D}_1 + d_2 \mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + d_n \mathfrak{D}_n)^2}{n(\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2)}}$$

**Corollary 2.2.** For a connected graph  $G$  and a vertex subset  $A$  with  $|A| = k$  then  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k d_i}{n}$

**Proof:** By theorem 2.2

$$\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{(d_1 \mathfrak{D}_1 + d_2 \mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + d_n \mathfrak{D}_n)^2}{n(\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2)}}$$

Since  $d_i \geq \mathfrak{D}_i$ ,  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{(\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2)^2}{n(\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2)}}$

Which implies  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{(\mathfrak{D}_1^2 + \mathfrak{D}_2^2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n^2)}{n}}$

By Cauchy's Schwarz inequality,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2 \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i)^2}{n}$

Thus  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{(\mathfrak{D}_1 + \mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + \mathfrak{D}_n)^2}{n^2}}$

$$\lambda_1(G) \geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i}{n}$$

But  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k d_i$  where  $k = |A|$   $\lambda_1(G) \geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k d_i}{n}$

**Corollary 2.3.** If  $A = D$ , a minimum dominating set,

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^k d_i \geq (n-1)$  and so  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \frac{(n-1)}{n}$ .

**Corollary 2.4.** If  $A = V$  then  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2m$  therefore,  $\lambda_1(G) \geq \frac{2m}{n}$ .

We recall the definition of minimum dominating matrix  $A_D(G)$ , as defined in [7].

**Definition 2.1.** The minimum dominating adjacency matrix  $A_D(G)$  is defined by  $A_D(G) = D(G) + A(G)$ , where  $A(G)$  is the adjacency matrix and  $D(G) = (d_{ij})$  is  $n \times n$  matrix with

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \in D \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $D$  be a minimum dominating set. If  $\mathfrak{D}_1, \mathfrak{D}_2, \dots, \mathfrak{D}_n$  represents  $\mathfrak{D}$ -degree sequence of these vertices corresponding to the vertex subset  $D$  of  $G$  and  $A_D(G)$  is minimum dominating matrix then

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}} \text{ where } k = |D|$$

Where,  $s_i$  is sum of  $\mathfrak{D}$  degree vertices that are adjacent to  $v_i$ . Equality case occurs when  $D = V$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$  be a unit positive eigenvector of  $A_D(G)$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1^D(G)$ .

$$\text{Let } C = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}} (\mathfrak{D}_1, \mathfrak{D}_2, \dots, \mathfrak{D}_n)^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} (D+A)C &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}} (\sum_{i=1}^n (d_{1j} + a_{1j}) \mathfrak{D}_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n (d_{nj} + a_{nj}) \mathfrak{D}_j)^T \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}} (s_1 + \sum_{j=1}^n d_{1j} \mathfrak{D}_j, \dots, s_n + \sum_{j=1}^n d_{nj} \mathfrak{D}_j)^T \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$C^T(D+A) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}} \left( s_1 + \sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij} \mathfrak{D}_j, \dots, s_n + \sum_{j=1}^n d_{nj} \mathfrak{D}_j \right)$$

Therefore  $C^T(D+A)^2C =$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2} \left[ \left( s_1 + \sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij} \mathfrak{D}_j \right)^2 + \dots + \left( s_n + \sum_{j=1}^n d_{nj} \mathfrak{D}_j \right)^2 \right] \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2} [s_1^2 + s_2^2 \dots + s_n^2 + (\sum_{j=1}^n d_{1j} \mathfrak{D}_j)^2 + \dots + (\sum_{j=1}^n d_{nj} \mathfrak{D}_j)^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } C^T(D+A)^2C \geq \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2} [s_1^2 + s_2^2 \dots + s_n^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2]$$

where  $k = |D|$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lambda_1^D(G) &= \sqrt{\lambda_1(D+A)^2} = \sqrt{X^T(D+A)^2X} \\ &\geq \sqrt{C^T(D+A)^2C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lambda_1^D(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}}$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let G be a connected graph with n vertices and D be minimum dominating set. If  $\mathfrak{D}_1, \mathfrak{D}_2, \dots, \mathfrak{D}_n$  represents  $\mathfrak{D}$ -degree sequence of these vertices corresponding to the vertex subset D of G and  $A_D(G)$  is minimum dominating matrix then

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{(d_1\mathfrak{D}_1 + d_2\mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + d_n\mathfrak{D}_n + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2)}{\sqrt{n \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}} \text{ where } k = |D|$$

**Proof.** By theorem 2.3  $\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}}$

By Cauchy Schwarz inequality, the above relation simplifies to

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2)^2}{n \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}}$$

Also  $s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_n = d_1\mathfrak{D}_1 + d_2\mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + d_n\mathfrak{D}_n$

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{(d_1\mathfrak{D}_1 + d_2\mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + d_n\mathfrak{D}_n + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2)}{\sqrt{n \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}}$$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let G be a connected graph and D represents minimum dominating set with  $k = |D|$  then

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{2m+k}{n}$$

**Proof.** Since  $d_i \geq \mathfrak{D}_i$ , we get new bounds for  $\lambda_1^D(G)$

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2)}{\sqrt{n \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}}$$

But for any real numbers a and  $b \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{a}} \geq \sqrt{a+b}$  so

$$\frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}} \geq \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2\right)}$$

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{\sqrt{(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2)}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Using Cauchy Schwarz inequality

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i^2\right) \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i)^2}{n}$$

The above relations simplifies to  $\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i)}{n}$

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k d_i$  where  $k = |D|$

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k (d_i + \mathfrak{D}_i)}{n}$$

When  $D = V$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2m$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \mathfrak{D}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k d_i \geq k$$

Therefore  $\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{2m+k}{n}$

The above results is true for minimum covering matrix [10]. Hence we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let G be a connected graph and C be a minimum covering set. The minimum adjacency covering matrix,  $A_C(G)$  defined by  $A_C(G) = D(G) + A(G)$ , where A(G) is the adjacency matrix and  $D(G) = (d_{ij})$  is  $n \times n$  matrix with

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \in C \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\lambda_1^C(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^c \mathfrak{D}_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}}$

$$\lambda_1^C(G) \geq \frac{(d_1\mathfrak{D}_1 + d_2\mathfrak{D}_2 + \dots + d_n\mathfrak{D}_n + \sum_{i=1}^c \mathfrak{D}_i^2)}{\sqrt{n \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{D}_i^2}} \text{ where } c = |C|$$

$$\lambda_1^D(G) \geq \frac{2m+c}{n}$$

where, c is covering number

## 4 CONCLUSION

In this paper we obtained lower bounds for largest eigen value(Spectral radius) in terms of  $\mathfrak{D}$ -degree. It was proved that these bounds are generalization of earlier bounds found in the papers[5,6].

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