

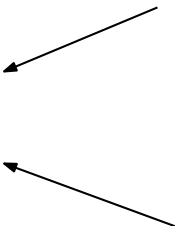
Minimum rank problem with different approaches


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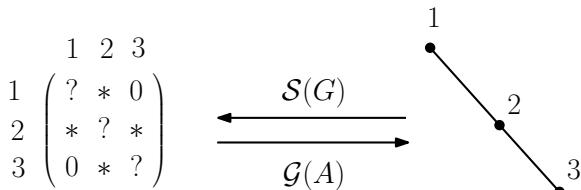
What is the smallest possible rank?

$$\begin{pmatrix} ? & * & 0 \\ * & ? & * \\ 0 & * & ? \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} ? & * & 0 \\ * & ? & * \\ 0 & * & ? \end{pmatrix}$$


min rank (mr) = 2;
max nullity (M) = 1.

Minimum Rank / Maximum Nullity

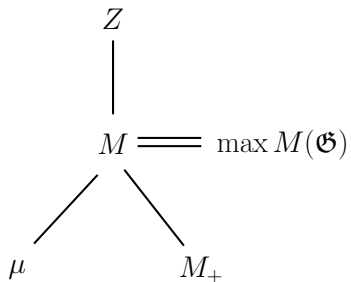


$$\text{mr}(G) = \min\{\text{rank}(A) : A \in \mathcal{S}(G)\}$$

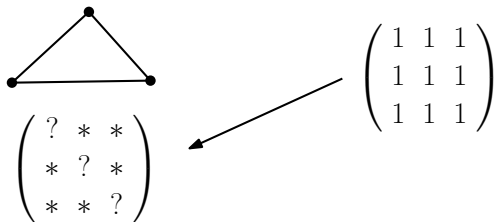
$$+) \quad M(G) = \max\{\text{nullity}(A) : A \in \mathcal{S}(G)\}$$

$$\text{mr}(G) + M(G) = \text{rank} + \text{nullity} = |V(G)|$$

All Related Parameters

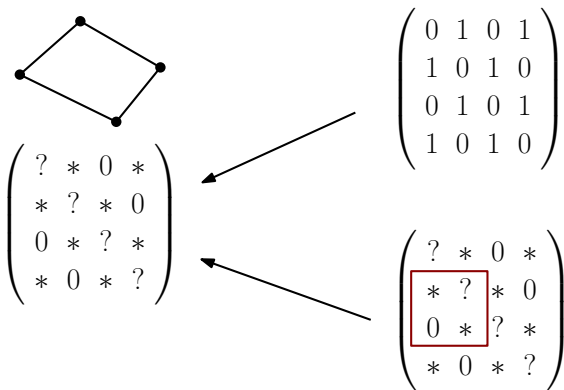


Example: K_n



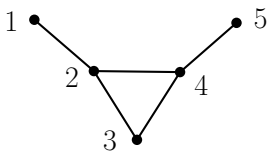
$$M(K_n) = n - 1, \quad n \geq 2$$

Example: C_n



$$M(C_n) = n - 2, \quad n \geq 3$$

Triangle Number



$$\text{tri}(G) = 3$$

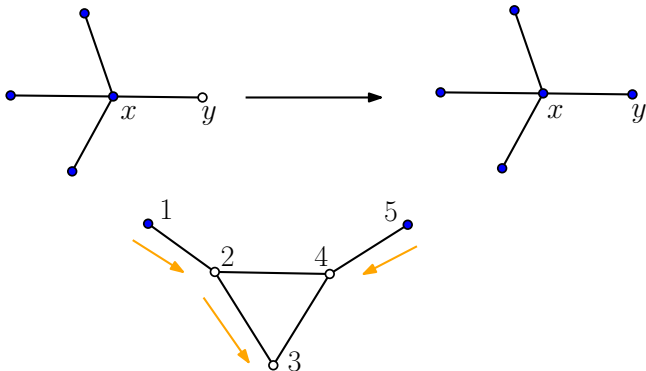


$$\text{mr}(G) = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \\ \begin{pmatrix} ? & * & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & ? & * & * & 0 \\ 0 & * & ? & * & 0 \\ 0 & * & * & ? & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * & ? \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

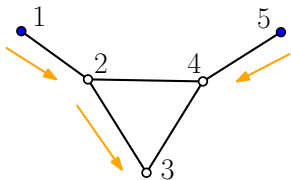
$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \ 5 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \\ \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & ? & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & ? \\ 0 & 0 & * & ? & * \\ ? & 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & ? & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

Zero Forcing Number $Z(G)$

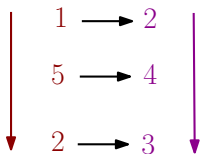


$$Z(G) = \min |\text{initial set}| = 2$$

$Z(G)$ and $\text{tri}(G)$

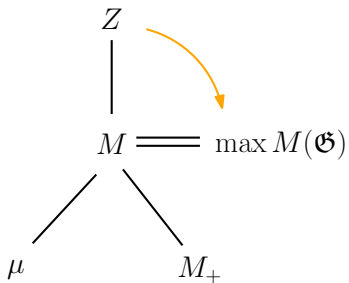


$$\begin{array}{c}
 \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \\
 \begin{array}{c} 1 \ 5 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \\ \downarrow \text{purple} \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} * & 0 & ? & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * & ? \\ 0 & 0 & * & ? & * \\ ? & 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & ? & 0 & 0 & * \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

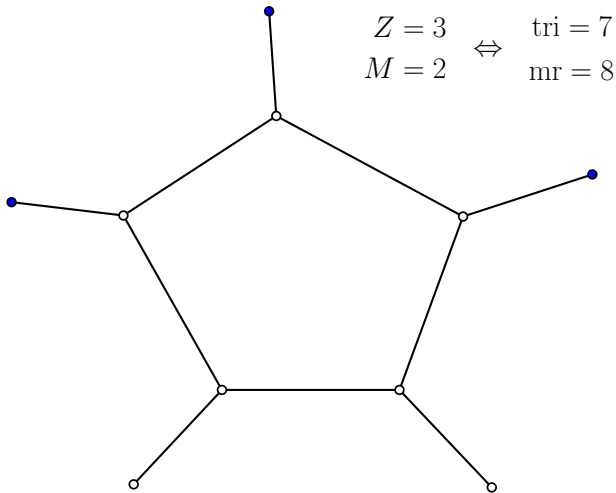


$$\begin{array}{l}
 Z + \text{tri} = n \\
 \Downarrow \quad \Updownarrow \\
 M + \text{mr} = n
 \end{array}$$

All Related Parameters



Example: $M(G) < Z(G)$



What happened on H_5 ?

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ 10 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 1 & 0/* & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & * & ? & 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & ? & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & * & * & ? & 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ? & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * & ? & 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ? & * & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * & ? & 0 & * \\ 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ? & * \\ 10 & 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * & ? \end{pmatrix}$$

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What happened on H_5 ?

	1	3	9	2	4	10	6	8	5	7
2	*	0	0	?	*	*	0	0	0	0
4	0	*	0	*	?	0	*	0	0	0
10	0	0	*	*	0	?	0	*	0	0
1	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	*	0	?	*	*	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	?	0	*
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	?	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	?
3	0	?	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	?	0	0	*	0	0	0	0

What happened on H_5 ?

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What happened on H_5 ?

	3	5	4	6	1	2	8	10	7	9
4	*	0	?	*	0	*	0	0	0	0
6	0	*	*	?	0	0	*	0	0	0
2	0	0	*	0	*	?	0	*	0	0
8	0	0	0	*	0	0	?	*	*	0
1	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	?	0	*
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	?	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	?
3	?	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	?	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0

Minimum rank for loop graphs

Loop graph \mathfrak{G}

Simple graph G



$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * \\ * & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} ? & * \\ * & ? \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{mr}(\mathfrak{G}_1) = 1 \quad \text{mr}(\mathfrak{G}_2) = 2 \quad \text{mr}(\mathfrak{G}_3) = 2 \xrightarrow{\min} \text{mr}(G) = 1$$

P_4 Reduction Lemma

$$\text{mr}(\text{diagram}_1) = \text{mr}(\text{diagram}_2)$$

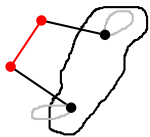
The first diagram shows a graph with two red vertices and two black vertices. A red path connects the two red vertices. Black edges connect the red vertices to the black vertices. A grey loop is present. The second diagram shows the same graph but with a yellow path connecting the two black vertices.

$$\text{mr}(\text{diagram}_3) = \text{mr}(\text{diagram}_4)$$

The third diagram shows a graph with two red vertices and two black vertices. A red path connects the two red vertices, with a red loop on the left. Black edges connect the red vertices to the black vertices. A grey loop is present. The fourth diagram shows the same graph but with a yellow path connecting the two black vertices and a yellow loop on the right.

Type 1 Reduction

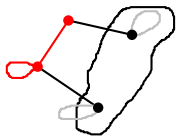
$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} & * & * & 0 \\ * & & & 0 \\ \hline * & & & \\ & * & \sim & \\ 0 & 0 & & \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} & * & & \\ * & & & \\ \hline & & & * \\ & & * & \sim \\ & & * & \end{array} \right)$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} * & \\ & * \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & * \\ * & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ & * \\ & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} & * & 0 \\ * & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Type 2 Reduction

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & * \\ \hline * & & \\ * & * & \sim \\ 0 & 0 & \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} * & & \\ * & * & \\ \hline & * & * \\ & * & \sim \end{array} \right)$$



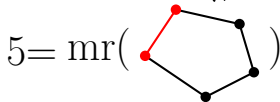
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Sketch of the proof

scale row 3
and row 4

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

realized by



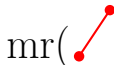
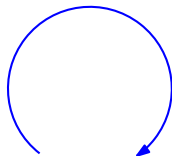
$$5 = \text{mr}(\text{graph})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Schur complement

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

definition

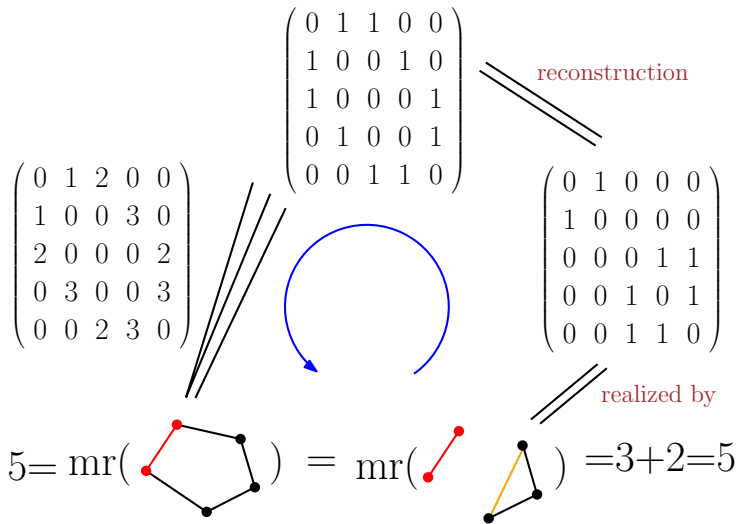


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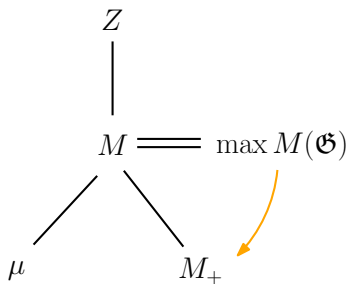


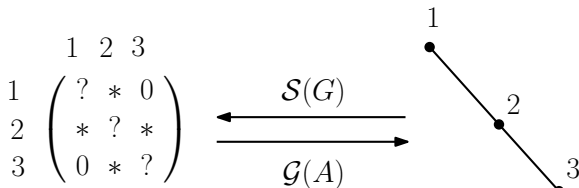
$$= 3 + 2 = 5$$

Sketch of the proof



All Related Parameters





$$\mathcal{S}_+(G) = \{A \text{ p.s.d.}, A \in \mathcal{S}(G)\} \subseteq \mathcal{S}(G)$$

$$M_+(G) := \max\{\text{nullity}(A) : A \in \mathcal{S}_+(G)\} \leq M(G)$$

If A is p.s.d.,

$$A = Q^T D Q = Q^T \sqrt{D} \sqrt{D} Q = S^T S$$

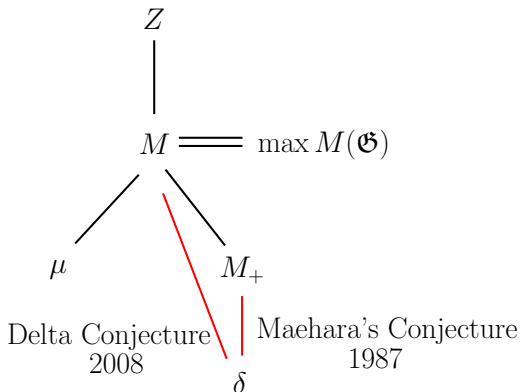
$$\begin{pmatrix} - & v_1 & - \\ - & v_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & v_n & - \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ v_1 v_2 \cdots v_n \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix} = [\langle v_i, v_j \rangle]$$

Orthogonal Representation

$$\begin{pmatrix} - & v_1 & - \\ - & v_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & v_n & - \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_n \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix} = [\langle v_i, v_j \rangle]$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} f : V(G) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^d & \langle v_i, v_j \rangle \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow i \sim j \\ i \longmapsto v_i & \langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow i \not\sim j \end{array}$$

smallest $d \Leftrightarrow$ p.s.d. minimum rank



Tracy Hall provided a proof in 2009.

$$A \in \mathcal{S}(G)$$

A is generalized Laplacian

A has exactly one negative eigenvalue

A satisfies Strong Arnold Hypothesis:

$$\text{No such } X \text{ exists that } \begin{array}{l} AX = 0 \\ A \circ X = 0 \\ I \circ X = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\mu = \max \text{ nullity} \leq M$$

$\mu(G) \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow G$ is disjoint union of paths;

$\mu(G) \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow G$ is outerplanar;

$\mu(G) \leq 3 \Leftrightarrow G$ is planar;

$\mu(G) \leq 4 \Leftrightarrow G$ is linklessly embeddable.

Graph Complement Conjecture

$Z(G) + Z(\overline{G}) \geq n - 2?$ True, by Tracy Hall.

$M(G) + M(\overline{G}) \geq n - 2?$ Unknown.

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