

## Minimum Equitable Dominating Harary Energy of a Graph

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### Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of minimum equitable dominating Harary energy  $HE_{ED}(G)$  of a graph. We also compute the minimum equitable dominating Harary energy  $HE_{ED}(G)$  of some families of graphs. We establish bounds for minimum equitable dominating Harary energy. Open problems are also given for further research.

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## 1 Introduction

Through out the paper we consider simple, undirected, signless, markless graphs. For a simple graph  $G$  of order  $n$  with vertex set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  and edge set  $E$ , the distance between the vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , denoted by  $d_{ij} = d(v_i, v_j)$  is the length of the shortest path joining them. The Harary matrix, [4], of a graph  $G$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $(h_{ij})$  given by

$$h_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{d_{ij}}, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

A subset  $U$  of  $V(G)$  is an equitable dominating set if for every  $v \in V(G) - U$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in U$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$  and  $|deg(u) - deg(v)| \leq 1$  where  $deg(x)$  denotes the degree of vertex  $x$  in  $V(G)$ . Any equitable dominating set with minimum cardinality is called a minimum equitable dominating set. For a

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minimum equitable dominating set  $ED$  of a graph  $G$ , the minimum equitable dominating Harary matrix is given by  $H_{ED}(G) = (hed_{ij})$  where

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

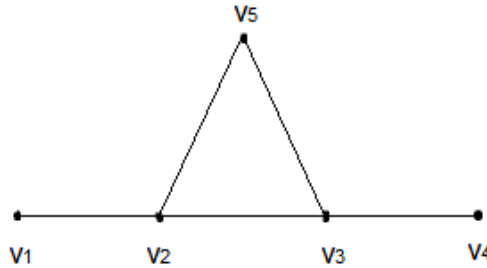
The minimum equitable dominating Harary energy of  $G$  is defined in a similar fashion to classical graph energy, see [3, 10], as

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

Some mathematical properties of graph energy and some special energies are studied in [5, 9, 15, 17, 18, 21] and some chemical properties of them are studied in [7, 11, 12, 13]. Several lower and upper bounds on these energy types are studied in [1, 2, 14, 16]. All studies in graph energies depend on some type of graph matrices which were clearly catalogued in [4]. The area of graph theory dealing with graph energies is called as spectral graph theory, see [6, 8, 19, 20]. In the remaining part of this paper, we study the minimum equitable dominating Harary energy and obtain few properties of it.

## 2 An example

Let  $G$  be the graph as shown in the diagram below. For  $G$ , a minimum equitable dominating set is  $D = \{v_2, v_3\}$ . Then



Here the minimum equitable dominating Harary matrix is given by

$$H_{ED}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} .$$

The characteristic polynomial of  $H_{ED}$  is  $\lambda^5 - 2\lambda^4 - 5.111\lambda^3 - 2.111\lambda^2 + 0.5764\lambda + 0.3333$  and therefore the spectrum is

$$spec_{ED}(G) = \begin{pmatrix} -0.7452 & -0.6937 & -0.5 & 0.3604 & 3.5785 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence the minimum equitable dominating Harary energy would be  $HE_{ED}(G) = 5.8778$ .

### 3 Minimum equitable dominating Harary energy of some standard graphs

**Theorem 3.1.** *The minimum equitable dominating Harary energy of the complete bipartite graph  $K_{n \times n}$  is*

$$HE_{ED}(K_{n \times n}) = \frac{3n}{2} + (n-2) + \frac{\sqrt{n^2 + 4n - 4}}{2}$$

*Proof.* Let  $K_{n \times n}$  be the complete bipartite graph of order  $n \times n$  with vertex set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . The minimum equitable dominating Harary matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & \dots & 1/2 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & \dots & 1/2 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & \dots & 1/2 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & \dots & 1/2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & \dots & 1/2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & \dots & 1/2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & \dots & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In that case, the characteristic equation is

$$(\lambda + 1/2)^{2n-4} \left( \lambda^2 - \frac{3n}{2}\lambda + \frac{3n-7}{4} \right)^{n-1} \left( \lambda^2 + \frac{n}{2}\lambda - \frac{n-1}{4} \right) = 0$$

implying that the spectrum is

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc} \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{3n + \sqrt{9n^2 - 12n + 28}}{4} & \frac{3n - \sqrt{9n^2 - 12n + 28}}{4} & \frac{-n + \sqrt{n^2 + 4n - 4}}{4} & \frac{-n - \sqrt{n^2 + 4n - 4}}{4} \\ 2n - 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

Therefore,

$$HE(S_n^0) = \frac{3n}{2} + (n-2) + \frac{\sqrt{n^2 + 4n - 4}}{2}.$$

□

**Theorem 3.2.** *The minimum equitable dominating Harary energy of the crown graph  $S_n^0$  is*

$$RSE(S_n^0) = \frac{1}{6} \left[ 8n - 16 + \sqrt{n^2 + 4n - 4} + \sqrt{9n^2 - 12n + 18} \right].$$

*Proof.* The minimum equitable dominating set is  $\{v_1, v_3 \dots v_n\}$ . The same proof technique will give the result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.**  $HE_{ED}(K_n) = (n - 2) + \sqrt{n^2 - 2n + 5}$ .

*Proof.* For complete graph  $K_n$ , the vertex set is  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and minimum equitable dominating set is  $D = \{v_1\}$ . The same proof technique will give the result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *The minimum equitable dominating Harary energy of the complement  $\overline{K_n}$  of the complete graph is*

$$RSE(\overline{K_n}) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $K_n$  be the complete graph with vertex set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Since the minimum equitable dominating set has no vertex, the matrix is

$$HE_{ED}(\overline{K_n}) = [0]_{n \times n}.$$

Then the characteristic equation is  $\lambda^n = 0$ . Therefore,

$$HE_{ED}(\overline{K_n}) = 0.$$

$\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $K_{1,n-1}$  is a star graph of order  $n \geq 3$ , then*

$$HE_{ED}(K_{1,n-1}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ n - 2 + \sqrt{n^2 + 8n} \right].$$

*Proof.*  $K_{1,n-1}$  has a minimum equitable dominating set  $D = \{v_0\}$ . The same proof technique can be used to prove this.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *If  $K_{1,n-1}$  is a star graph of order  $n \geq 3$  and  $\overline{K_{1,n-1}}$  be it's complement, then*

$$HE_{ED}(\overline{K_{1,n-1}}) = (n - 3) + \sqrt{n^2 - 4n + 8}.$$

*Proof.*  $\overline{K_{1,n-1}}$  has a minimum equitable dominating set  $D = \{v_0\}$ . Then

$$HE_{ED}(\overline{K_{1,n-1}}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \dots & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \dots & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \dots & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \dots & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}.$$

Characteristic equation for  $n \geq 3$  is  $\lambda(\lambda + 1)^{n-3}(\lambda^2 - (n-2)\lambda - 1) = 0$  and the minimum equitable dominating Harary eigenvalues for  $n \geq 3$  are

$$spec_{ED} \overline{K_{1,n-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & \frac{n-2+\sqrt{n^2-4n+2}}{2} & \frac{n-2+\sqrt{n^2-4n+2}}{2} \\ n-3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

As a result, the minimum equitable dominating Harary energy is

$$(n-3) + \sqrt{n^2 - 4n + 8}$$

□

Recall that a cocktail party graph is denoted by  $K_{n \times 2}$  and is a graph having vertex set  $V = \cup_{i=1}^n \{u_i, v_i\}$  and edge set  $E = \{u_i u_j, v_i v_j, u_i v_j, v_i u_j : 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$ . This graph is also called as a complete  $n$ -partite graph. The following graphs also have the minimum dominating set equal to their minimum equitable dominating set, thus we ommit the proof.

**Theorem 3.7.** *If  $K_{n \times 2}$  is a cocktail party graph of order  $2n$ , then  $HE_{ED}(K_{n \times 2}) = 2n - 3 + \sqrt{4n^2 - 4n + 9}$ .*

The friendship graph is denoted by  $F_3^{(n)}$  and is a graph obtained by taking  $n$  copies of the cycle graph  $C_3$  with a vertex in common. Then we have the following result.

**Theorem 3.8.**  $HE_{ED}(F_3^{(n)}) = n + \sqrt{n^2 + 6n + 1}$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *The minimum equitable dominating Harary energy of the complement  $\overline{K_{n \times 2}}$  of the cocktail party graph  $K_{n \times 2}$  of order  $2n$  is*

$$HE_{ED}(\overline{K_{n \times 2}}) = 2n - 2 + \sqrt{5}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\overline{K_{n \times 2}}$  be the cocktail party graph of order  $2n$  with vertex set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . The matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Characteristic equation is

$$(\lambda^2 - 1)^{n-1}(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 1) = 0$$

Hence, spectrum is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1.618 & -0.618 \\ n-1 & n-1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,  $HE_{ED}(\overline{K_{n \times 2}}) = 2n - 2 + \sqrt{5}$ .

□

## 4 Properties of minimum equitable dominating Harary energy of a graph

We have different domination parameters like minimum dominating, global dominating, secure dominating etc., Let  $X$  be any such domination set  $X$ , in this section we give some properties with respect to general dominating set  $X$ . Let  $|\lambda I - H_X| = a_0\lambda^n + a_1\lambda^{n-1} + a_2\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + a_n$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $H_X$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $X$  be any dominating set (for ex. minimum dominating or boundary dominating etc.) then, the first three coefficients of characteristic polynomial are*

- (i)  $a_0 = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $a_1 = -\text{Cardinality of } X$ ,
- (iii)  $a_2 = \left(\frac{X}{2}\right) - \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{d(v_i, v_j)^2}$ .

*Proof.* (i) Using the characteristic equation, we get  $a_0 = 1$ .

(ii) The sum of determinants of all  $1 \times 1$  principal submatrices of  $H_{ED}$  is equal to the trace of  $H_X$ . This implies that  $a_1 = (-1)^1 \cdot \text{trace of } [H_X(G)] = -\text{Cardinality of } X$ .

(iii) The sum of determinants of all the  $2 \times 2$  principal submatrices of  $[H_X(G)]$  is

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= (-1)^2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \begin{vmatrix} a_{ii} & a_{ij} \\ a_{ji} & a_{jj} \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_{ii}a_{jj} - a_{ij}a_{ji} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_{ii}a_{jj} - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_{ji}a_{ij} \\ &= \left(\frac{X}{2}\right) - \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{d(v_i, v_j)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices  $m$  edges and minimum equitable*

*dominating set  $ED$ . Then  $\sqrt{|X| + 2 \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{d(v_i, v_j)^2} + n(n-1)|\det A_X(G)|^{\frac{2}{n}}} \leq$*

$$HE_X(G) \leq \sqrt{n \left( |X| + 2 \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{d(v_i, v_j)^2} \right)}.$$

*Proof.* Upper bound: It can be easily proven by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2,$$

The substitutions  $a_i = 1$  and  $b_i = |\lambda_i|$  yield the upper bound with respect to general dominating set  $X$ .

$$[HE_X] \leq \sqrt{n \left( |X| + 2 \sum_{i < j}^n \frac{1}{d(v_i, v_j)^2} \right)}$$

Lower bound: It can be easily proven by using arithmetic mean and geometric mean inequality.  $\square$

## 5 Open Problems

**Open problem 5.1.** *Obtain the class of graphs which are equienergetic with respect to minimum equitable dominating Harary matrix.*

**Open problem 5.2.** *Study the properties of Laplacian minimum equitable dominating Harary matrix.*

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