

Generalized characteristic polynomial of generalized R -vertex corona*

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Abstract

Let G be a graph of order n with adjacency matrix $A(G)$ and diagonal degree matrix $D(G)$. The generalized characteristic polynomial of G is defined to be $f_G(x, t) = \det(xI_n - (A(G) - tD(G)))$. R -graph of G , denoted by $R(G)$, is obtained by adding a new vertex for each edge of G and joining each new vertex to both end vertices of the corresponding edge. The generalized R -vertex corona, denoted by $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$, is the graph obtained from $R(G)$ and H_1, \dots, H_n by joining the i -th vertex of $V(G)$ to every vertex of H_i . In this paper, we determine the generalized characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$. As applications, we get infinitely many pairs of generalized cospectral graphs, the number of spanning trees and Kirchhoff index of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$.

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1 Introduction

We only consider simple graphs. For a graph G of order n , let $A(G)$ denote the adjacency matrix of G , and $D(G)$ the diagonal degree matrix of G . The Laplacian matrix and signless Laplacian matrix of G are

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defined as $L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$ and $Q(G) = D(G) + A(G)$, respectively. The characteristic polynomial of a $n \times n$ matrix Z is denoted by $\phi(Z, \lambda) = \det(\lambda I_n - Z)$, where I_n is the identity matrix of order n . The eigenvalues of $A(G)$, $L(G)$ and $Q(G)$ are called the A -spectrum, L -spectrum and Q -spectrum of G , respectively. The adjacency, Laplacian and signless Laplacian eigenvalues of G are denoted as $\lambda_1(G) \leq \lambda_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(G)$, $0 = \mu_1(G) \leq \mu_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \mu_n(G)$ and $\nu_1(G) \leq \nu_2(G) \leq \dots \leq \nu_n(G)$. The *generalized characteristic polynomial* of G is defined to be $f_G(x, t) = \det(xI_n - (A(G) - tD(G)))$ [1, 4, 13], which generalizes A -spectrum, L -spectrum and Q -spectrum of G . The characteristic polynomials of $A(G)$, $L(G)$ and $Q(G)$ are equal to $f_G(\lambda, 0)$, $(-1)^{|V(G)|} f_G(-\lambda, 1)$ and $f_G(\lambda, -1)$, respectively.

Graphs with the same A -spectrum (respectively, L -spectrum and Q -spectrum) are called A -cospectral (respectively, L -cospectral, Q -cospectral) graphs. For graph G and H , if $f_G(x, t) = f_H(x, t)$, then we call G and H are f -cospectral. Obviously, if G and H are f -cospectral, then they are A -cospectral, L -cospectral and Q -cospectral.

Graph operations, such as the disjoint union, the *corona*, the *edge corona*, the *neighborhood corona* [3, 10–12, 14], are techniques to construct new classes of graphs from old ones. For a graph G , $R(G)$ is a graph obtained from G by adding a vertex u_e and joining u_e to the end vertices of e for each $e \in E(G)$ [5, 9]. Let $I(G)$ be the set of newly added vertices, i.e., $I(G) = V(R(G)) \setminus V(G)$. We define a new graph operation based on R -graph, the *generalized R -vertex corona* of graph G with n vertices and H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n . We compute the generalized characteristic polynomial of the generalized R -vertex corona. In the rest of this paper, \mathbf{j}_n denotes the column vector of size n consisting entirely of 1's and $\mathbf{0}$ denotes a zero matrix when its size is obvious.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give the definition of the generalized R -vertex corona and some useful tools. In Section 3, we compute the generalized characteristic polynomial of the generalized R -vertex corona. Also, we construct many pairs of generalized cospectral graphs. As the applications, *kirchhhoff index* and the number of *spanning trees* of some special R -vertex corona graphs are computed.

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. Let G be a graph of n vertices with vertex set $V(G)$ and H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n be n arbitrary graphs. The generalized R -vertex corona of G and H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n denoted by $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$, is the graph obtained from $R(G)$ and H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n by joining the i -th vertex of $V(G)$ to every vertex of H_i .

In this paper, we will determine the generalized characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ with the help of the coronal of a matrix and the Kronecker product. The Z -coronal $\Gamma_Z(\lambda)$ of an $n \times n$ matrix Z is defined [3, 10-12, 14] to be the sum of the entries of the matrix $(\lambda I_n - Z)^{-1}$, that is, $\Gamma_Z(\lambda) = \mathbf{j}_n^T (\lambda I_n - Z)^{-1} \mathbf{j}_n$. It is well known that, if Z is an $n \times n$ matrix with each row sum equals to a constant t , then $\Gamma_Z(\lambda) = \frac{n}{\lambda - t}$.

Let M_1, M_2, M_3 and M_4 be respectively $p \times p, p \times q, q \times p$ and $q \times q$ matrices with M_1 and M_4 invertible. It is well known that $\begin{pmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \\ M_3 & M_4 \end{pmatrix} = \det(M_4) \det(M_1 - M_2 M_4^{-1} M_3) = \det(M_1) \det(M_4 - M_3 M_1^{-1} M_2)$. where $M_1 - M_2 M_4^{-1} M_3$ and $M_4 - M_3 M_1^{-1} M_2$ are called the Schur complements [15] of M_4 and M_1 , respectively.

If $A = [a_{ij}]$ is an $m \times n$ matrix and B is an $r \times s$ matrix, then the Kronecker product [7] $A \otimes B$ is defined as the $mr \times ns$ matrix with the block form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11}B & \dots & a_{1n}B \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}B & \dots & a_{mn}B \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is an associative operation with the property that $(A \otimes B)^T = A^T \otimes B^T$ and $(A \otimes B)(C \otimes D) = AC \otimes BD$ whenever the products AC and BD exist.

Let $t(G)$ denote the number of spanning trees of G . It is well known [5] that if G is a connected graph on n vertices, then $t(G) = \frac{\mu_2(G) \dots \mu_n(G)}{n}$. The Kirchhoff index of a graph G , denoted by $Kf(G)$, is defined as the sum of resistance distances between all pairs of vertices [2, 8]. Gutman [6] proved that the Kirchhoff index of a connected graph G with $n(n \geq 2)$ vertices can be expressed as $Kf(G) = n \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{\mu_i(G)}$.

3 Generalized characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$

Let G be an arbitrary graph on n vertices and m edges and H_i an arbitrary graph on t_i vertices, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Let $N = m + n$ and $M = t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n$.

Label the vertices of G by $1, 2, \dots, n$ and the newly added vertices in $R(G)$ by $n+1, \dots, n+m$. Label the vertices of H_1 by $n+m+1, n+m+2, \dots, n+m+t_1$, and the vertices of H_i for $i \geq 2$ by $n+m+\sum_{k=1}^{i-1} t_k + 1, n+m+\sum_{k=1}^{i-1} t_k + 2, \dots, n+m+\sum_{k=1}^i t_k$.

Theorem 3.1. *Let G be an arbitrary graph with n vertices and m edges, and H_i an arbitrary graph with t_i vertices for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. The generalized characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ is*

$$f_{R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i}(x, t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} x - \Gamma_{A(H_1) - tD(H_1)}(x+t) + t \times t_1 & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x - \Gamma_{A(H_n) - tD(H_n)}(x+t) + t \times t_n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & xI_m \end{pmatrix} - A(R(G) + tD(R(G))) \prod_i^n f_{H_i}(x+t, t).$$

Proof. The adjacency matrix of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ can be written as:

$$A(R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i) = \begin{pmatrix} A(R(G)) & C \\ C^T & B \end{pmatrix},$$

where $C = \begin{pmatrix} j_{t_1}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & j_{t_2}^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & j_{t_n}^T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{N \times M}, B = \begin{pmatrix} A(H_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A(H_2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A(H_n) \end{pmatrix}.$

Let E be the incidence matrix of G , $A(R(G)) = \begin{pmatrix} A(G) & E \\ E^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$

The degree matrix of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ can be written as:

$$D(R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i) = \begin{pmatrix} D(R(G)) + \begin{pmatrix} W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{N \times N} & 0 \\ 0 & D(F) + I_M \end{pmatrix},$$

where $D(R(G)) = \begin{pmatrix} 2D(G) & 0 \\ 0 & 2I_m \end{pmatrix}, W = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & t_n \end{pmatrix}.$

Let F denote $H_1 \cup H_2 \cup \dots \cup H_n$, $D(F) = \begin{pmatrix} D(H_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D(H_2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & D(H_n) \end{pmatrix}.$

Then, the generalized matrix of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} & A(R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i) - tD(R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A(R(G)) & C \\ C^T & B \end{pmatrix} - t \begin{pmatrix} D(R(G)) + \begin{pmatrix} W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{N \times N} & 0 \\ 0 & D(F) + I_M \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A(R(G)) - tD(R(G)) - t \begin{pmatrix} W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{N \times N} & C \\ C^T & B - tD(F) - tI_M \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So, the generalized characteristic polynomial is

$$f_{R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i}(x, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \det \begin{pmatrix} xI_N - A(R(G)) + tD(R(G)) + t \begin{pmatrix} W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{N \times N} & -C \\ -C^T & xI_M - B + tD(F) + tI_M \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \det((x+t)I_M - B + tD(F)) \det(xI_N - A(R(G)) + tD(R(G))) \\
&\quad + t \begin{pmatrix} W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{N \times N} - C(xI_M - B + tD(F) + tI_M)^{-1} C^T,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
&\det((x+t)I_M - B + tD(F)) \\
&= \det \begin{pmatrix} (x+t)I_{t_1} - A(H_1) + tD(H_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & (x+t)I_{t_n} - A(H_n) + tD(H_n) \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \prod_i^n f_{H_i}(x+t, t)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&C(xI_M - B + tD(F) + tI_M)^{-1} C^T = \\
&\begin{pmatrix} J_{t_1}^T ((x+t)I_{t_1} - A(H_1) + tD(H_1))^{-1} J_{t_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & J_{t_n}^T ((x+t)I_{t_n} - A(H_n) + tD(H_n))^{-1} J_{t_n} \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{A(H_1) - tD(H_1)}(x+t) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \Gamma_{A(H_n) - tD(H_n)}(x+t) \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
&f_{R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i}(x, t) \\
&= \det(xI_N - A(R(G)) + tD(R(G)) + t \begin{pmatrix} W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{N \times N}) \\
&\quad - \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{A(H_1) - tD(H_1)}(x+t) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \Gamma_{A(H_n) - tD(H_n)}(x+t) \end{pmatrix} \prod_i^n f_{H_i}(x+t, t) \\
&= \det \begin{pmatrix} x - \Gamma_{A(H_1) - tD(H_1)}(x+t) + t \times t_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & x - \Gamma_{A(H_n) - tD(H_n)}(x+t) + t \times t_n \end{pmatrix} \\
&\quad - A(R(G) + tD(R(G))) \prod_i^n f_{H_i}(x+t, t). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.2. Let G be a graph with n vertices and m edges. Let H_i be an arbitrary graph with t_i vertices for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then the following hold

(1) The adjacency characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
&\phi_{A(R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) \\
&= \det \left(\begin{pmatrix} \lambda - \Gamma_{A(H_1)}(\lambda) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda - \Gamma_{A(H_n)}(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} - A(R(G)) \right) \prod_i^n \phi_{A(H_i)}(\lambda).
\end{aligned}$$

(2) The Laplacian characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{L(R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda - \Gamma_{-L(H_1)}(-\lambda + 1) + t_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda - \Gamma_{-L(H_n)}(-\lambda + 1) + t_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda I_m \end{pmatrix} + L(R(G)) \right) \\ & \cdot \prod_i^n \phi_{L(H_i)}(-\lambda + 1) \cdot (-1)^{N+M}. \end{aligned}$$

(3) The signless Laplacian characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{Q(R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{pmatrix} \lambda - \Gamma_{Q(H_1)}(\lambda - 1) - t_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - \Gamma_{Q(H_n)}(\lambda - 1) - t_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda I_m \end{pmatrix} - Q(R(G)) \right) \\ & \cdot \prod_i^n \phi_{Q(H_i)}(\lambda - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. (1) Since $\phi_{A(R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) = f_{R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i}(\lambda, 0)$, by Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{A(R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{pmatrix} \lambda - \Gamma_{A(H_1)}(\lambda) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - \Gamma_{A(H_n)}(\lambda) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda I_m \end{pmatrix} - A(R(G)) \right) \prod_i^n \phi_{A(H_i)}(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Since $\phi_{L(R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) = (-1)^{N+M} f_{R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i}(-\lambda, 1)$, by Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{L(R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda - \Gamma_{-L(H_1)}(-\lambda + 1) + t_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda - \Gamma_{-L(H_n)}(-\lambda + 1) + t_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda I_m \end{pmatrix} + L(R(G)) \right) \\ & \cdot \prod_i^n \phi_{L(H_i)}(-\lambda + 1) \cdot (-1)^{N+M}. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Since $\phi_{Q(R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) = f_{R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i}(\lambda, -1)$, by Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{Q(R(G) \boxplus \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{pmatrix} \lambda - \Gamma_{Q(H_1)}(\lambda - 1) - t_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - \Gamma_{Q(H_n)}(\lambda - 1) - t_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda I_m \end{pmatrix} - Q(R(G)) \right) \\ & \cdot \prod_i^n \phi_{Q(H_i)}(\lambda - 1). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 3.3. Let G be a graph with n vertices and m edges. Let H_i be an arbitrary graph with t_i vertices for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and W denotes $\text{diag}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$. If $\Gamma_{A(H_i) - tD(H_i)}(x + t) = \Gamma_{A(H) - tD(H)}(x + t)$, then

Corollary 3.6. Let G be an arbitrary graph with n vertices and m edges, and H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n be r -regular graphs on T vertices. Then

(1) The adjacency characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ is

$$\phi_{A(R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) = \lambda^{m-n} \det \left(\lambda \left(\lambda - \frac{T}{\lambda - r} \right) I_n - (\lambda + 1)A(G) - D(G) \right) \prod_i^n \phi_{A(H_i)}(\lambda).$$

(2) The Laplacian characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{L(R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= (-\lambda + 2)^{m-n} \det \left(\left(-\lambda - \frac{T}{-\lambda + 1} + T \right) (-\lambda + 2)I_n + (-\lambda + 3)L(G) - \lambda D(G) \right) \\ & \quad \cdot \phi_{L(H_i)}(-\lambda + 1) \cdot (-1)^{N+M}. \end{aligned}$$

(3) The signless Laplacian characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{Q(R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= (\lambda - 2)^{m-n} \det \left(\left(\lambda - \frac{T}{\lambda - 1 - 2r} - T \right) (\lambda - 2)I_n - (\lambda - 1)Q(G) + (-\lambda + 2)D(G) \right) \\ & \quad \cdot \phi_{Q(H_i)}(\lambda - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. It is clear from Corollary 3.5. □

Corollary 3.7. Let G be an r -regular graph with n_1 vertices and m_1 edges, and H_i be arbitrary graphs on n_2 vertices. If $H_i \simeq H$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i}(x, t) \\ &= \det((x - \Gamma_{A(H) - tD(H)}(x + t))(x + 2t) + t(x + 2t)(n_2))I_{n_1} - (x + 2t)A(G) \\ & \quad - 2t(x + 2t)D(G) - A(G) - D(G) (f_H(x + t, t))^{n_1} (x + 2t)^{m_1 - n_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By Corollary 3.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{R(G) \square \wedge_i^n H_i}(x, t) \\ &= \det((x - \Gamma_{A(H) - tD(H)}(x + t))(x + 2t)I_{n_1} + t(x + 2t)W - (x + 2t)A(G) \\ & \quad - 2t(x + 2t)D(G) - A(G) - D(G) (f_H(x + t, t))^{n_1} (x + 2t)^{m_1 - n_1} \\ &= \det((x - \Gamma_{A(H) - tD(H)}(x + t))(x + 2t) + t(x + 2t)(n_2))I_{n_1} - (x + 2t)A(G) \\ & \quad - 2t(x + 2t)D(G) - A(G) - D(G) (f_H(x + t, t))^{n_1} (x + 2t)^{m_1 - n_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Following conclusions are consistent with the result in literature [9].

Corollary 3.8. Let G be an r -regular graph with n_1 vertices and m_1 edges, and H_i be arbitrary graphs on n_2 vertices. If $H_i \simeq H$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1$, then

(1) The adjacency characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{A(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= \lambda^{m_1 - n_1} \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} \left(\lambda^2 - (\Gamma_{A(H)}(\lambda) - \lambda_i(G))\lambda - r_1 - \lambda_i(G) \right) \prod_{i=1}^{n_2} (\lambda - \lambda_i(G_2))^{n_1}, \end{aligned}$$

where λ_i denotes the i th adjacency eigenvalue of G .

(2) The Laplacian characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{L(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= (\lambda - 2)^{m_1 - n_1} \prod_{i=2}^{n_2} (\lambda - 1 - \mu_i(H))^{n_1} \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} (\lambda^3 - (r_1 + n_2 + 3 + \mu_i(G))\lambda^2 \\ & \quad + (4\mu_i(G) + 2n_2 + r_1 + 2)\lambda - 3\mu_i(G)), \end{aligned}$$

where μ_i denotes the i th Laplacian eigenvalue of G .

(3) The signless Laplacian characteristic polynomial of $R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{Q(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= (\lambda - 2)^{m_1 - n_1} \prod_{i=1}^{n_2} (\lambda - 1 - \nu_i(H))^{n_1} \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} (\lambda^2 - (\Gamma_{Q(H)}(\lambda - 1) \\ & \quad + \nu_i(G) + r_1 + n_2 + 2)\lambda + 2r_1 + 2n_2 + 2\Gamma_{Q(H)}(\lambda - 1) + \nu_i(G)), \end{aligned}$$

where ν_i denotes the i th signless Laplacian eigenvalue of G .

Proof. (1) Since $\phi_{A(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) = f_{R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i}(\lambda, 0)$, by Corollary 3.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{A(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= \lambda^{m_1 - n_1} \det(\lambda(\lambda - \Gamma_{A(H)}(\lambda))I_n - (\lambda + 1)A(G) - D(G))(f_{A(H)}(\lambda))^{n_1} \\ &= \lambda^{m_1 - n_1} \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} (\lambda^2 - (\Gamma_{A(H)}(\lambda) - \lambda_i(G))\lambda - r_1 - \lambda_i(G)) \prod_{i=1}^{n_2} (\lambda - \lambda_i(G_2))^{n_1}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Since $\phi_{L(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) = (-1)^{n_1 + m_1 + n_1 n_2} f_{R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i}(-\lambda, 1)$, by Corollary 3.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{L(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= \det((-\lambda - \Gamma_{-L(H)}(-\lambda + 1))(-\lambda + 2)I_{n_1} + (-\lambda + 2)n_2 I_{n_1} - (-\lambda + 2)A(G) - A(G) \\ & \quad + 2(-\lambda + 2)D(G) - D(G))(-1)^{n_1 + m_1 + n_1 n_2} (-\lambda + 2)^{m_1 - n_1} (f_{L(H)}(-\lambda + 1))^{n_1} \\ &= (-1)^{n_1 + m_1 + n_1 n_2} \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} \left((\lambda - 2) \left(\lambda - 2r_1 - n_2 - \frac{n_2}{\lambda - 1} \right) - r_1 - u_i(G) \right) \\ & \quad \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n_2} (-\lambda + 1 + \mu_i(H))^{n_1} \cdot (-\lambda + 2)^{m_1 - n_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\mu_i(G) = 0$. Now the result follows easily.

(3) Since $\phi_{Q(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) = f_{R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i}(\lambda, -1)$, by Corollary 3.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{Q(R(G) \square \wedge_i^{n_1} H_i)}(\lambda) \\ &= (\lambda - 2)^{m_1 - n_1} \det((\lambda - \Gamma_{Q(H)}(\lambda - 1))(\lambda - 2)I_{n_1} - (\lambda - 2)n_2 I_{n_1} - (\lambda - 2)A(G) \\ & \quad - 2(\lambda - 2)D(G) - Q(G))(f_{Q(H)}(\lambda - 1))^{n_1} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} (\lambda^2 - (\Gamma_{Q(H)}(\lambda - 1) + \nu_i(G) + r_1 + n_2 + 2)\lambda + 2r_1 + 2n_2 + 2\Gamma_{Q(H)}(\lambda - 1) \\ & \quad + \nu_i(G))(\lambda - 2)^{m_1 - n_1} \prod_{i=1}^{n_2} (\lambda - 1 - \nu_i(H))^{n_1}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 3.9. If G_1 and G_2 are generalized cospectral regular graphs, and H_i is an arbitrary graph for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then $R(G_1) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ and $R(G_2) \square \wedge_i^n H_i$ are generalized cospectral.

Proof. It is clear from Corollary 3.3. □

Corollary 3.10. Let G be an r -regular graph with n_1 vertices and m_1 edges,

and H_i be an arbitrary graph with n_2 vertices. If $H_i \simeq H$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1$, then the L -spectrum of $R(G) \square \bigwedge_i^{n_1} H_i$ is

(a) 2, repeated $m_1 - n_1$ times;

(b) $\mu_i(H) + 1$, repeated n_1 times for $i = 2, \dots, n_2$;

(c) three roots of the equation $x^3 - (r_1 + n_2 + 3 + \mu_i(G))x^2 + (4\mu_i(G) + 2n_2 + r_1 + 2)x - 3\mu_i(G) = 0$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1$.

Proof. It is clear from Corollary 3.8. □

Corollary 3.11. Let G be an r -regular graph with n_1 vertices and m_1 edges, and H_i be an arbitrary graph with n_2 vertices. If $H_i \simeq H$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1$ that the Kirchhoff index and the number of Spanning trees of $R(G) \square \bigwedge_i^{n_1} H_i$ are

$$\kappa_f(R(G) \square \bigwedge_i^{n_1} H_i) = \left(\sum_{i=2}^{n_2} \frac{n_1}{\mu_i(H) + 1} + \frac{m_1 - n_1}{2} + \frac{r_1 + n_2 + 3}{2n_2 + r_1 + 2} + \sum_{i=2}^{n_1} \frac{4\mu_i(G) + 2n_2 + r_1 + 2}{3\mu_i(G)} \right) \cdot (m_1 + n_1 + n_1 n_2),$$

$$t(R(G) \square \bigwedge_i^{n_1} H_i) = \frac{2^{m_1 - n_1} \prod_{i=1}^{n_2} (\mu_i(G_2) + 1)^{n_1} (2n_2 + r_1 + 2) \prod_{i=2}^{n_1} (3\mu_i(G))}{m_1 + n_1 + n_1 n_2}.$$

Proof. It is clear from Corollary 3.10. □

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