



## Remarks on the sum of powers of normalized signless Laplacian eigenvalues of graphs

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**Abstract.** Let  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , be a simple connected graph of order  $n$  and size  $m$ . Denote by  $\gamma_1^+ \geq \gamma_2^+ \geq \dots \geq \gamma_n^+ \geq 0$  the normalized signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $G$ , and by  $\sigma_\alpha(G)$  the sum of  $\alpha$ -th powers of the normalized signless Laplacian eigenvalues of a connected graph. The paper deals with bounds of  $\sigma_\alpha$ . Some special cases, when  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\alpha = -1$ , are also considered.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , be a simple connected graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges and a sequence of vertex degrees  $\Delta = d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_n = \delta > 0$ ,  $d_i = d(v_i)$ . With  $i \sim j$  we denote the adjacency of vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  in graph  $G$ .

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  and  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  be the adjacency and the diagonal degree matrix of  $G$ , respectively. Then  $L = D - A$  is the Laplacian matrix of  $G$ . Because graph  $G$  is assumed to be connected, it has no isolated vertices and therefore the matrix  $D^{-1/2}$  is well-defined. The normalized Laplacian is defined as  $\mathcal{L} = D^{-1/2}LD^{-1/2} = I - D^{-1/2}AD^{-1/2} = I - R$ , signless Laplacian matrix as  $L^+ = D + A$ , and normalized signless Laplacian as  $\mathcal{L}^+ = D^{-1/2}L^+D^{-1/2} = I + D^{-1/2}AD^{-1/2} = I + R$ , where  $R$  is the Randić matrix [5]. For more information on these matrices one can refer to [11, 13, 18]. Each of these matrices completely represents the graph. However, for a graph with large number of nodes it requires a large amount of memory to store the matrix. As an alternative we might study the eigenvalues of the matrix. Eigenvalues of the corresponding graph matrix form the spectrum of  $G$ . These eigenvalues (spectra) give us some useful information about the matrix which can be translated into useful information about the graph [7].

Let  $\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_2 \geq \dots \geq \gamma_{n-1} > \gamma_n = 0$  be the normalized Laplacian eigenvalues of  $G$ . Some well known properties of these eigenvalues are [30]:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \gamma_i = n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \gamma_i^2 = n + 2M_2^*(G),$$

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where

$$M_2^*(G) = \sum_{i \sim j} \frac{1}{d_i d_j},$$

is a graph invariant known as modified second Zagreb index [24]. It is also met under the name general Randić index  $R_{-1}$ , (see [8, 26]).

For a real number  $\alpha$ , the sum of  $\alpha$ -th powers of normalized Laplacian eigenvalues of a connected graph was defined by [2]

$$S_\alpha(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \gamma_i^\alpha.$$

More details about this subject can be found in [1, 12, 20]. For  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $S_{1/2}(G) = LIE(G)$  which is known as Laplacian incidence energy (see [21, 28]) is obtained. For  $\alpha = -1$ , the Kemeny’s constant,

$$K(G) = S_{-1}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\gamma_i},$$

defined in [17] (see also [6, 19, 21]) is obtained. Let us note that a graph invariant

$$K_f^*(G) = 2mK(G),$$

defined in [9] is known as the degree Kirchhoff index.

Let  $\gamma_1^+ \geq \gamma_2^+ \geq \dots \geq \gamma_n^+ \geq 0$  be the normalized signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $G$ . Denote by  $N_k$  the following auxiliary quantity

$$N_k = \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \gamma_i^+,$$

where  $1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ .

By analogy with Kemeny’s constant, for the connected non-bipartite graphs, we introduce “signless Kemeny’s” constant

$$K^+(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\gamma_i^+}.$$

For a real number  $\alpha$ , the sum of  $\alpha$ -th powers of the normalized signless Laplacian eigenvalues of a connected graph was defined in [3] as

$$\sigma_\alpha(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha}.$$

For  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\sigma_{1/2}(G) = I_RE(G)$ , which is known as Randić (normalized) incidence energy (see [3, 4]), and for  $\alpha = -1$ ,  $\sigma_{-1}(G) = K^+(G)$ . Notice that the normalized Laplacian and normalized signless Laplacian eigenvalues coincide in the case of bipartite graphs [3]. Therefore, for connected bipartite graphs,  $S_\alpha(G)$  is equal to  $\sigma_\alpha(G)$ ,  $LIE(G)$  is equal to  $I_RE(G)$  and  $K(G)$  is equal to  $K^+(G)$ .

This paper deals with bounds of  $\sigma_\alpha$  and special cases  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\alpha = -1$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall some results from the literature that will be used hereafter.

**Lemma 2.1.** [10] *Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$  with no isolated vertices. Then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i^+ = n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n (\gamma_i^+)^2 = n + 2M_2^*(G).$$

The basic result for  $\gamma_1^+$  was obtained in [15].

**Lemma 2.2.** [15] *For any connected graph  $G$ , the largest normalized signless Laplacian eigenvalue is*

$$\gamma_1^+ = 2.$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [15] *Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n \geq 2$  with no isolated vertices. Then*

$$\gamma_2^+ = \gamma_3^+ = \dots = \gamma_n^+ = \frac{n-2}{n-1},$$

*if and only if  $G \cong K_n$ .*

**Lemma 2.4.** [14] *Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n > 2$  vertices. Then  $\gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = \dots = \gamma_{n-1}$  if and only if  $G \cong K_n$  or  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .*

The following was proved in [27] for an arbitrary square matrix  $A$  of order  $n \times n$  with only real valued eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** [27] *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with only real eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ . Suppose that  $\lambda_1$  is known. Let  $1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ . Then*

$$\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \lambda_i \leq \frac{k(\text{tr}A - \lambda_1)}{n-1} + \sqrt{\frac{k(n-k-1)g(A)}{n-1}},$$

where

$$g(A) = \text{tr} \left( A - \frac{\text{tr}A}{n} I \right)^2 - \frac{n}{n-1} \left( \lambda_1 - \frac{\text{tr}A}{n} \right)^2.$$

## 3. Main results

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then, for  $1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ ,*

$$N_k \geq \frac{(n-2)k}{n-1}. \tag{1}$$

*The equality in (1) is achieved for  $G \cong K_n$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, it is elementary to see that

$$\frac{N_k}{k} = \frac{\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \gamma_i^+}{k} \geq \frac{\sum_{i=k+2}^n \gamma_i^+}{n-k-1} = \frac{n-2-N_k}{n-k-1},$$

that is (1).

By Lemma 2.3 one can easily check that the equality in (1) is achieved for  $G \cong K_n$ .  $\square$

From Lemmas 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.5 the following result can be proved.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then, for  $1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ ,

$$N_k \leq \frac{(n - 2)k + \sqrt{k(n - k - 1)(2(n - 1)M_2^*(G) - n)}}{n - 1}. \tag{2}$$

The equality in (2) is achieved for  $G \cong K_n$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices and  $k, 1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ , be a positive integer.

(i) If  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , then

$$\sigma_\alpha \leq 2^\alpha + \frac{(n - 2)^\alpha}{(n - 1)^{\alpha - 1}}, \tag{3}$$

with equality if and only if either  $\alpha = 0$ , or  $\alpha = 1$ , or  $G \cong K_n$ .

(ii) If  $\alpha \geq 1$ , then

$$\sigma_\alpha \geq 2^\alpha + \frac{(n - 2)^\alpha}{(n - 1)^{\alpha - 1}}, \tag{4}$$

with equality if and only if  $\alpha = 1$  or  $G \cong K_n$ .

(iii) If  $\alpha \leq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_\alpha(G) &\leq 2^\alpha + k^{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{(n - 2)k + \sqrt{k(n - k - 1)(2(n - 1)M_2^*(G) - n)}}{n - 1} \right)^\alpha \\ &+ (n - k - 1)^{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{(n - 2)(n - k - 1) - \sqrt{(n - k - 1)k(2(n - 1)M_2^*(G) - n)}}{n - 1} \right)^\alpha. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

with equality achieved for  $\alpha = 0$  or  $G \cong K_n$ .

*Proof.* (i) We start with the case  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ . From the power mean inequality, see for example [22], we have

$$\left( \frac{\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha}}{k} \right)^{1/\alpha} \leq \frac{N_k}{k},$$

that is

$$\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha} \leq k^{1-\alpha} N_k^{\alpha}, \tag{6}$$

where the equality holds if and only if  $\gamma_2^+ = \gamma_3^+ = \dots = \gamma_{k+1}^+$ .

Considering Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 with the same idea as in the above

$$\sum_{i=k+2}^n (\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha} \leq (n - k - 1)^{1-\alpha} (n - 2 - N_k)^{\alpha}, \tag{7}$$

where the the equality holds if and only if  $\gamma_{k+2}^+ = \gamma_{k+3}^+ = \dots = \gamma_n^+$ .

Then by Eqs. (6) and (7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_\alpha(G) &= 2^\alpha + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha} + \sum_{i=k+2}^n (\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha} \leq \\ &\leq 2^\alpha + k^{1-\alpha} N_k^\alpha + (n - k - 1)^{1-\alpha} (n - 2 - N_k)^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

For  $x \geq \frac{k(n-2)}{n-1}$ , let

$$f(x) = 2^\alpha + k^{1-\alpha} x^\alpha + (n - k - 1)^{1-\alpha} (n - 2 - x)^\alpha.$$

It is easy to see that  $f$  is decreasing for  $x \geq \frac{k(n-2)}{n-1}$ , since  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3.1

$$\sigma_\alpha \leq 2^\alpha + k^{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{(n-2)k}{n-1}\right)^\alpha + (n-k-1) \left(\frac{n-2}{n-1}\right)^\alpha = 2^\alpha + \frac{(n-2)^\alpha}{(n-1)^{\alpha-1}}.$$

Hence, we get the upper bound in (3). If the equality holds in (3), then  $\gamma_2^+ = \gamma_3^+ = \dots = \gamma_{k+1}^+$ ,  $\gamma_{k+2}^+ = \gamma_{k+3}^+ = \dots = \gamma_n^+$  and  $N_k = \frac{(n-2)k}{n-1}$ . This implies that  $\gamma_2^+ = \gamma_3^+ = \dots = \gamma_n^+ = \frac{n-2}{n-1}$ . Thus, by Lemma 2.3, we arrive at  $G \cong K_n$ . Conversely, if  $G \cong K_n$ , it can be easily seen that the equality holds in (3).

(ii) Note that  $f$  is increasing for  $x \geq \frac{(n-2)k}{n-1}$ , since  $\alpha \geq 1$ . Then, for  $\alpha \geq 1$ , by power mean inequality and Lemmas 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1, we have

$$\sigma_\alpha(G) \geq 2^\alpha + k^{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{(n-2)k}{n-1}\right)^\alpha + (n-k-1) \left(\frac{n-2}{n-1}\right)^\alpha = 2^\alpha + \frac{(n-2)^\alpha}{(n-1)^{\alpha-1}}.$$

Hence, the lower bound in (4) holds. Similarly to the above, one can show that the equality in (4) holds if and only  $G \cong K_n$ .

(iii) Note that  $f$  is increasing for  $x \geq \frac{(n-2)k}{n-1}$ , since  $\alpha \leq 0$ . By Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2

$$\frac{(n-2)k}{n-1} \leq N_k \leq \frac{(n-2)k + \sqrt{k(n-k-1)(2(n-1)M_2^*(G) - n)}}{n-1}.$$

Therefore, we get

$$\sigma_\alpha(G) \leq f\left(\frac{(n-2)k + \sqrt{k(n-k-1)(2(n-1)M_2^*(G) - n)}}{n-1}\right).$$

This leads to the upper bound in (5). By Lemma 2.3, one can easily check that equality in (5) is achieved for  $G \cong K_n$ .

□

From Theorem 3.3, we have:

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then*

$$I_R E(G) \leq \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{(n-1)(n-2)}. \tag{8}$$

*Equality holds if and only if  $G \cong K_n$ .*

The inequality (8) was proven in [10, 15].

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices and  $k, 1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ , be a positive integer. Then

$$K^+(G) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{k^2(n-1)}{(n-2)k + \sqrt{k(n-k-1)(2(n-1)M_2^*(G) - n)}} + \frac{(n-k-1)^2(n-1)}{(n-2)(n-k-1) - \sqrt{k(n-k-1)(2(n-1)M_2^*(G) - n)}}.$$

Equality is achieved for  $G \cong K_n$ .

**Remark 3.6.** The bipartite graph case of Theorem 3.3 can be found in Theorem 3.7 of [20].

In the next theorem we establish a relationship between  $\sigma_\alpha(G)$  and  $\sigma_{\alpha-1}(G)$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then, for any real  $\alpha, \alpha \leq 1$  or  $\alpha \geq 2$ , holds

$$\sigma_\alpha(G) \leq 2\sigma_{\alpha-1}(G) - \frac{(n - 2M_2^*(G))^{\alpha-1}}{n^{\alpha-2}}. \tag{9}$$

When  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ , the sense of inequality reverses. Equality holds if and only if either  $\alpha = 1$ , or  $\alpha = 2$ , or  $G \cong K_n$ .

*Proof.* For any non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices holds

$$2\sigma_{\alpha-1}(G) - \sigma_\alpha(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n (2 - \gamma_i^+)(\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha-1}. \tag{10}$$

Let  $p = (p_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , be a non negative real number sequence and  $a = (a_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  positive real number sequence. In [16] (see also [23]) it was proven that for any real  $r, r \leq 0$  or  $r \geq 1$ , holds

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \right)^{r-1} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^r \geq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right)^r. \tag{11}$$

When  $0 \leq r \leq 1$  the opposite inequality is valid.

For  $r = \alpha - 1, \alpha \leq 1$  or  $\alpha \geq 2, p_i = 2 - \gamma_i^+, a_i = \gamma_i^+, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the inequality (11) becomes

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n (2 - \gamma_i^+) \right)^{\alpha-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (2 - \gamma_i^+)(\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha-1} \geq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (2 - \gamma_i^+)\gamma_i^+ \right)^{\alpha-1},$$

Then, by Lemma 2.1

$$n^{\alpha-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (2 - \gamma_i^+)(\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha-1} \geq (n - 2M_2^*(G))^{\alpha-1}. \tag{12}$$

From the above inequality and identity (10) we obtain (9). The case when  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$  can be proved analogously.

Equality in (12) holds if and only if either  $\alpha = 1$ , or  $\alpha = 2$ , or  $2 = \gamma_1^+ = \dots = \gamma_t^+ > \gamma_{t+1}^+ = \dots = \gamma_n^+$ , for some  $t, 1 \leq t \leq n - 1$ , or  $\gamma_2^+ = \dots = \gamma_n^+$ . By Lemma 2.3, this implies that equality in (9) holds if and only if either  $\alpha = 1$ , or  $\alpha = 2$ , or  $G \cong K_n$ .  $\square$

From Theorem 3.7, we have:

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$K^+(G) \geq \frac{n(n - M_2^*(G))}{n - 2M_2^*(G)}.$$

Equality holds if and only if  $G \cong K_n$ .

Considering the similar proof techniques in Theorem 3.7 together with Lemma 2.4, we get:

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $G$  be a connected bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then, for any real  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \leq 1$  or  $\alpha \geq 2$ , holds

$$S_\alpha(G) = \sigma_\alpha(G) \leq 2\sigma_{\alpha-1}(G) - \frac{(n - 2M_2^*(G))^{\alpha-1}}{(n - 2)^{\alpha-2}}. \tag{13}$$

When  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ , the sense of inequality reverses. Equality holds if and only if either  $\alpha = 1$ , or  $\alpha = 2$ , or  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .

From Theorem 3.9, we obtain:

**Corollary 3.10.** Let  $G$  be a connected bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$K(G) \geq \frac{(n - 1)(n - 2M_2^*(G)) + (n - 2)^2}{2(n - 2M_2^*(G))}.$$

Equality holds if and only if  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph, with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then for any real  $\alpha$  holds

$$\sigma_\alpha(G) \leq 2^\alpha + \sqrt{(n - 2)(\sigma_{2\alpha-1}(G) - 2^{2\alpha-1})}. \tag{14}$$

Equality holds if and only if  $\alpha = 1$  or  $G \cong K_n$ .

*Proof.* The following identities are valid for any real  $\alpha$

$$\sigma_{2\alpha-1}(G) - 2^{2\alpha-1} = \sum_{i=2}^n (\gamma_i^+)^{2\alpha-1} = \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{((\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha})^2}{\gamma_i^+}. \tag{15}$$

On the other hand, for positive real number sequences  $x = (x_i)$  and  $a = (a_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and arbitrary real  $r \geq 0$ , in [25] the following inequality was proved

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^{r+1}}{a_i^r} \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^{r+1}}{(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)^r}. \tag{16}$$

For  $r = 1$ ,  $x_i = (\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha}$ ,  $a_i = \gamma_i^+$ ,  $i = 2, \dots, n$ , the above inequality transforms into

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{((\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha})^2}{\gamma_i^+} \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=2}^n (\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha})^2}{\sum_{i=2}^n \gamma_i^+}.$$

Then, by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{((\gamma_i^+)^{\alpha})^2}{\gamma_i^+} \geq \frac{(\sigma_\alpha(G) - 2^\alpha)^2}{n - 2}. \tag{17}$$

Combining (15) and (17) we obtain (14).

Equality in (17) holds if and only if  $\alpha = 1$  or  $\frac{(\gamma_2^+)^{\alpha}}{\gamma_2^+} = \frac{(\gamma_3^+)^{\alpha}}{\gamma_3^+} = \dots = \frac{(\gamma_n^+)^{\alpha}}{\gamma_n^+}$ . By Lemma 2.3, this implies that equality in (14) holds if and only if  $\alpha = 1$  or  $G \cong K_n$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.12.** It can be easily observed that for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , from (14) the inequality (8) is obtained.

By taking  $\alpha = 0$  in Eq. (14), we also have:

**Corollary 3.13.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph, with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$K^+(G) \geq \frac{n(2n-3)}{2(n-2)}.$$

Equality holds if and only if  $G \cong K_n$ .

Using the similar proof techniques in Theorem 3.11 together with Lemma 2.4, we obtain:

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $G$  be a connected bipartite graph, with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then for any real  $\alpha$  holds

$$S_\alpha(G) = \sigma_\alpha(G) \leq 2^\alpha + \sqrt{(n-2)(\sigma_{2\alpha-1}(G) - 2^{2\alpha-1})}. \tag{18}$$

Equality holds if and only if  $\alpha = 1$  or  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .

From Theorem 3.14, we get:

**Corollary 3.15.** [15] Let  $G$  be a connected bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$LIE(G) = I_R E(G) \leq \sqrt{2} + n - 2.$$

Equality holds if and only if  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .

**Corollary 3.16.** [29] Let  $G$  be a connected bipartite graph, with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$K_f^*(G) \geq (2n-3)m.$$

Equality holds if and only if  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .

Similarly as in previous theorems, the following results can be proved.

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then, for any real  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \leq 0$  or  $\alpha \geq 1$ , holds

$$\sigma_\alpha(G) \leq 2\sigma_{\alpha-1}(G) - \frac{n^\alpha}{(2K^+(G) - n)^{\alpha-1}}.$$

When  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , the opposite inequality is valid. Equality holds if and only if either  $\alpha = 0$ , or  $\alpha = 1$ , or  $G \cong K_n$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $G$  be a connected bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then, for any real  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \leq 0$  or  $\alpha \geq 1$ , holds

$$S_\alpha(G) = \sigma_\alpha(G) \leq 2\sigma_{\alpha-1}(G) - \frac{(n-2)^\alpha}{(2K(G) - n + 1)^{\alpha-1}}.$$

When  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , the opposite inequality is valid. Equality holds if and only if either  $\alpha = 0$ , or  $\alpha = 1$ , or  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .

**Theorem 3.19.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then, for any real  $\alpha$  holds

$$\sigma_\alpha(G) \leq 2^\alpha + \sqrt{(\sigma_{2\alpha+1}(G) - 2^{2\alpha+1})\left(K^+(G) - \frac{1}{2}\right)}.$$

Equality holds if and only if  $\alpha = -1$ , or  $G \cong K_n$ .

From Theorem 3.19, we get the following relation between  $K^+(G)$ ,  $M_2^*(G)$  and  $I_{RE}(G)$ .

**Corollary 3.20.** *Let  $G$  be a connected non-bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then*

$$\left(K^+(G) - \frac{1}{2}\right)(n + 2M_2^*(G) - 4) \geq (I_{RE}(G) - \sqrt{2})^2.$$

*Equality holds if and only if  $G \cong K_n$ .*

**Theorem 3.21.** *Let  $G$  be a connected bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then, for any real  $\alpha$  holds*

$$S_\alpha(G) = \sigma_\alpha(G) \leq 2^\alpha + \sqrt{(\sigma_{2\alpha+1}(G) - 2^{2\alpha+1})\left(K(G) - \frac{1}{2}\right)}.$$

*Equality holds if and only if  $\alpha = -1$ , or  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .*

From Theorem 3.21, we have:

**Corollary 3.22.** *Let  $G$  be a connected bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then*

$$\left(K(G) - \frac{1}{2}\right)(n + 2M_2^*(G) - 4) \geq (LIE(G) - \sqrt{2})^2.$$

*Equality holds if and only if  $G \cong K_{p,q}$ .*

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