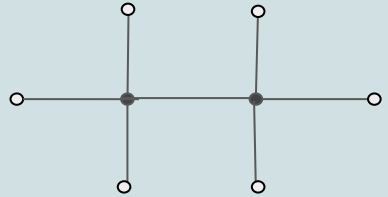
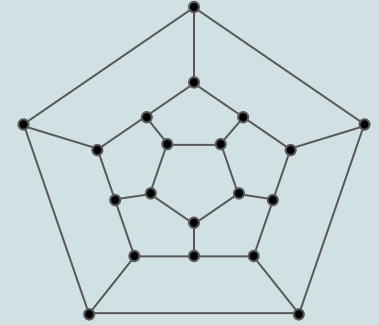


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# Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue a of Distance Matrix



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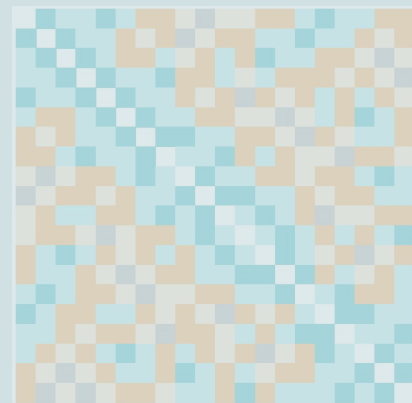
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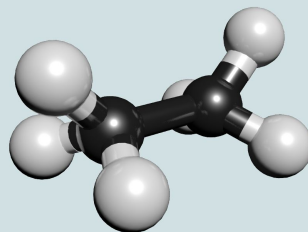
## Overview

- “On the Largest Eigenvalue of the Distance Matrix of a Connected Graph” by Bo Zhou and Nenad Trinajstić
- Application to Chemistry/Chemical Graph Theory
- The Distance Matrix of a Graph
- Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue
- Nordhaus-Gaddum type result

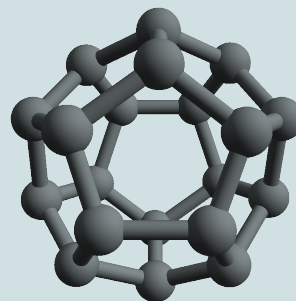
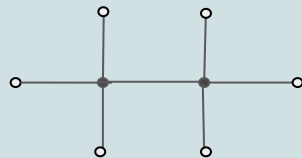


# Application to Chemistry

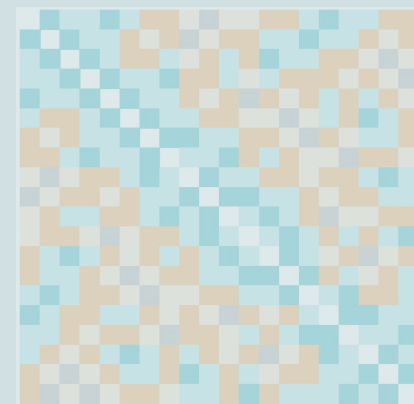
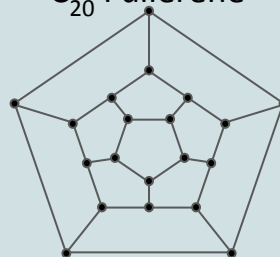
Eigenvalues of distance matrices are used in chemical QSAR (Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship) and QSPR (Quantitative Structure-Property Relationship) modeling.



$C_2H_6$  (Ethane)



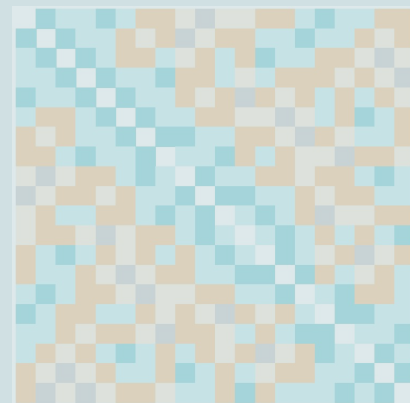
$C_{20}$  Fullerene



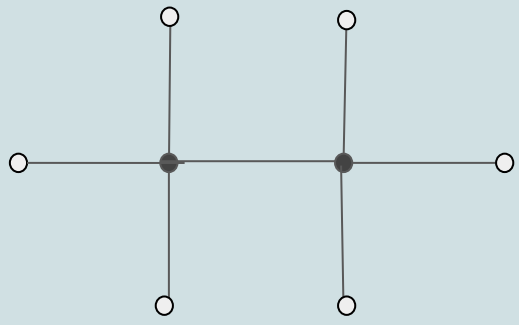
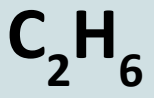


## The Wiener Index

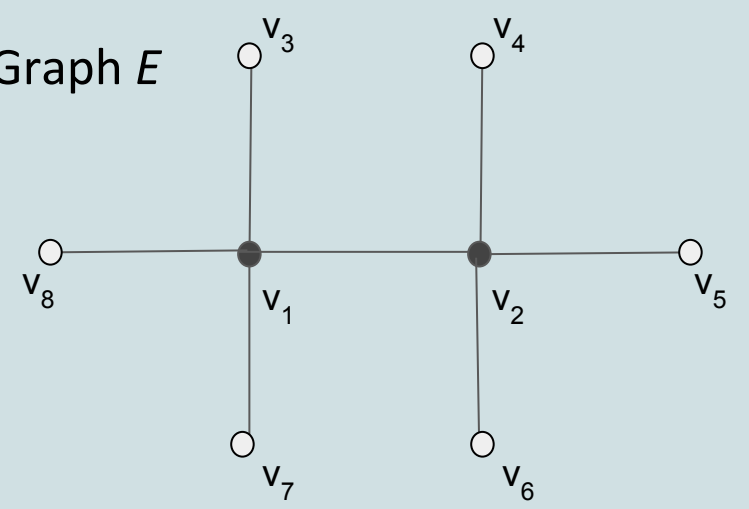
- Named for Harry Wiener (Chemist, Medical Doctor, Pharmaceutical Executive, Psychiatry Researcher)
- The First Topological Index (1947): originally called “The Path Number”
- Was the seed to further molecular descriptors such as using eigenvalues of distance matrices (Bonchev & Trinajstić, 1977)



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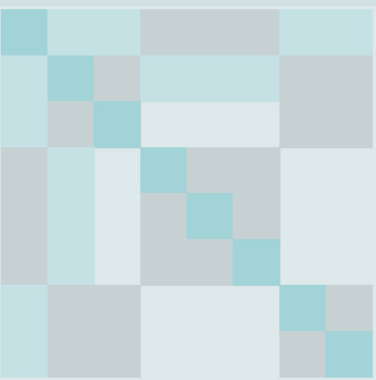
Graph  $E$



$$D_E =$$

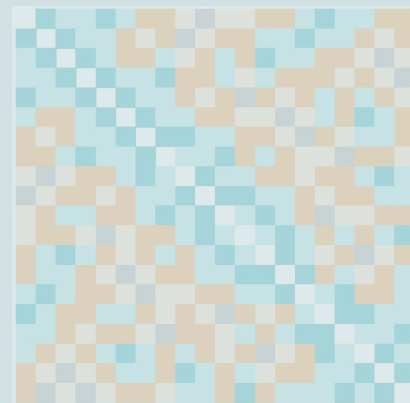
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$v_7$	1	2	2	3	3	3	0	2
$v_8$	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	0

# The Distance Matrix


$$D_E = \begin{matrix} & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_6 & v_7 & v_8 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v_7 \\ v_8 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- Real
- Symmetric
- Non-Negative
- Irreducible

Also uniquely determines a graph up to isomorphism!



# The Wiener Index

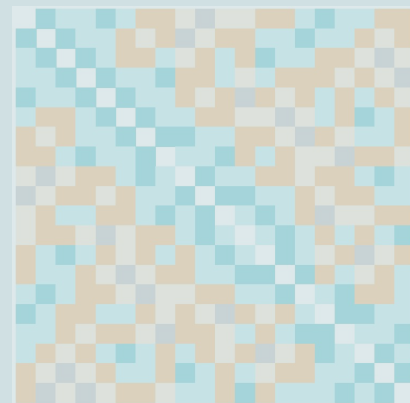
**Definition 2.2.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices. Define

$$W(G) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} D_{ij}.$$

In other words,  $W(G)$  is the sum of the distances between all unordered pairs of vertices. We refer to  $W(G)$  as the **Wiener index** of  $G$ .

$$D_E = \begin{matrix} & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_6 & v_7 & v_8 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v_7 \\ v_8 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow W(E) = 58$$



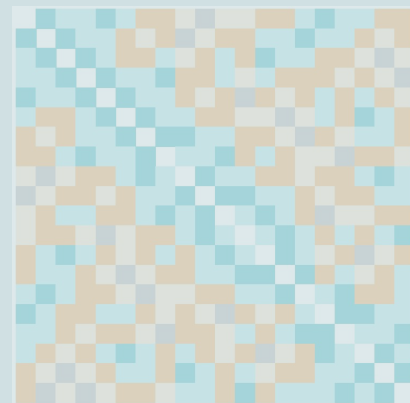
# $S(G)$

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices. We define  $S(G)$  to be the sum:

$$S(G) = \sum_{u,v \in V(G)} \text{dist}(u,v)^2.$$

$$D_E = \begin{matrix} & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_6 & v_7 & v_8 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v_7 \\ v_8 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow S(E) = 136$$

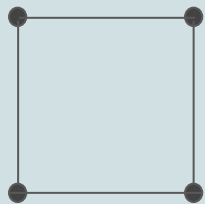




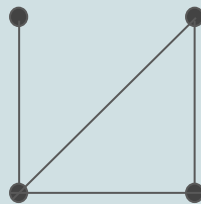
# The Wiener Index & $S(G)$ limitations

The Wiener index &  $S(G)$  do not uniquely determine a graph (and hence the underlying structure of the molecule).

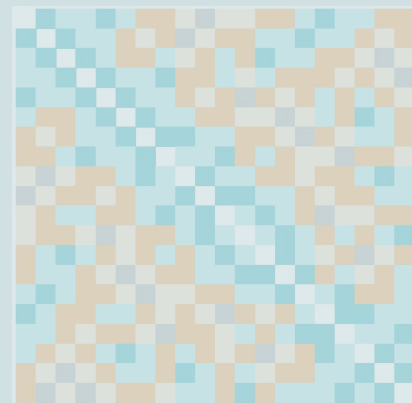
For example, consider the two graphs below.



$$W(G_1) = 8$$
$$S(G_1) = 12$$



$$W(G_2) = 8$$
$$S(G_2) = 12$$





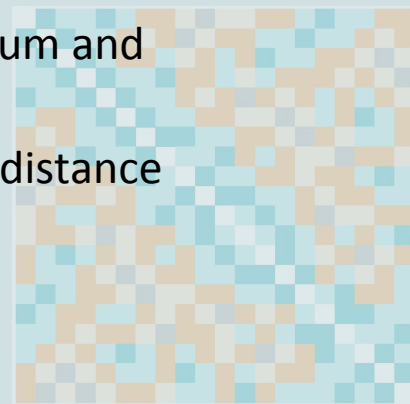
## Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue

$$0 < D_{\min} \leq \lambda_{\max} \leq D_{\max}$$

Since distance matrices are real and non-negative, then by the Perron-Frobenius theorem we know that the largest eigenvalue is unique and positive. It is called the Perron root or the Perron-Frobenius eigenvalue.

Perron-Frobenius also gives us that  $\lambda_{\max}$  is bounded by the minimum and maximum row sum.

Let  $D_{\min}$  and  $D_{\max}$  be the minimum and maximum row sum of the distance matrix respectively.

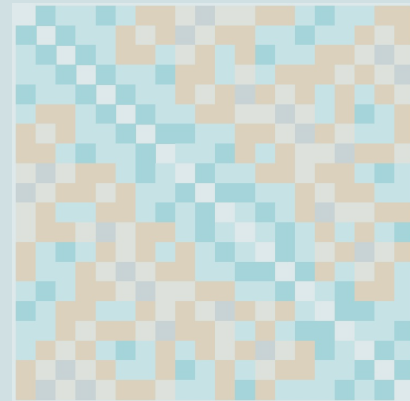


# Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue

$$D_{\min} \leq \Lambda(G) \leq D_{\max}$$

$$D_E = \begin{matrix} & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_6 & v_7 & v_8 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v_7 \\ v_8 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 \leq \Lambda(E) \leq 16$$



# Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue

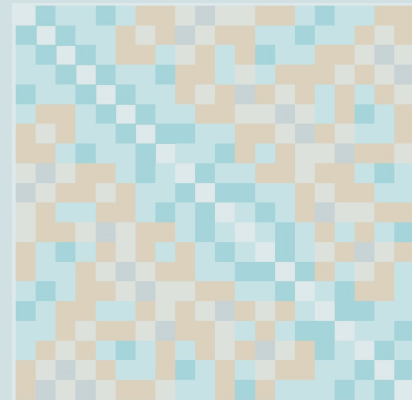
$$D_{\min} \leq \Lambda(G) \leq n(n-1)/2$$

$D_{\max}$

What about that maximum row sum?

$$D_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_M \leq n(n-1)/2$$





## Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue

$$D_{\min} \leq \Lambda(G) \leq n(n-1)/2$$

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $D_M$  be the maximum row sum of the distance matrix  $D$ . Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices and diameter  $d$ . Then*

$$D_M \leq \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} i + (n-d)(d) \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

*and equality holds if and only if  $G$  is a path of length  $n-1$ .*

$$D_M(E) \leq 1 + 2 + (8-3)(3) = 18$$

And we saw that actually,  $D_M(E) = 16$ .

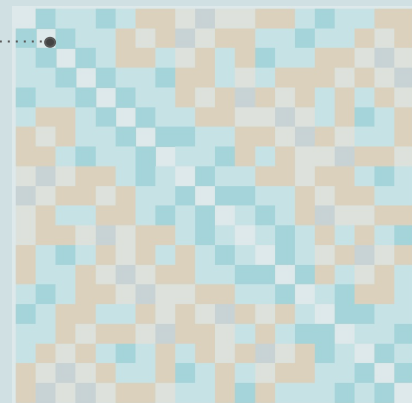


## Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue

$$D_{\min} \leq \Lambda(G) \leq n(n-1)/2$$

**Corollary 4.3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a path with  $n$  vertices, then the row sums of the distance matrix are not equal.*

$$D_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ n-1 & n-2 & n-3 & n-4 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

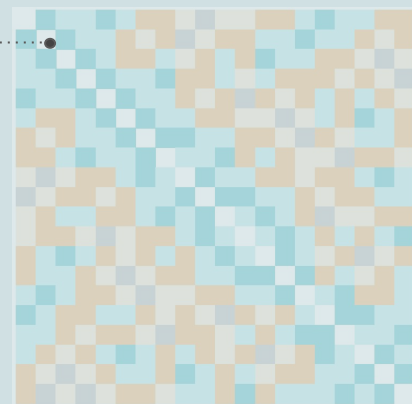


## Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue

$$D_{\min} \leq \Lambda(G) < n(n-1)/2$$

Using the Rayleigh Quotient, we can deduce that the upper bound is only equal to the largest row sum when the row sums are equivalent. So for  $n \geq 3$ , you have a strict less than  $n(n-1)/2$ .

$$D_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$





## Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue

$$2W(\mathbb{G})_{\min}/n \leq \Lambda(G) < n(n-1)/2$$

**Lemma 5.3.** [6, Cor.7] *Let  $\Lambda$  be the largest eigenvalue of the distance matrix,  $D$ . Then*

$$\Lambda \geq \frac{2}{n}W(G)$$

*with equality if and only if the row sums of  $D$  are all equal.*

Previously,  $10 \leq \Lambda(E) < 16$ .

Now by Lemma 5.3,  $14.5 \leq \Lambda(E) < 16$ .



Wiener Index  
for the win!





## Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue

$$2W(G)/n \leq \Lambda(G) < n(n-1)/2$$

**Lemma 5.4.** [6, Cor.8] *Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n \geq 2$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Then*

$$\Lambda \geq 2(n-1) - \frac{2m}{n}$$

*with equality if and only if  $G = K_n$  or  $G$  is a regular graph of diameter two.*

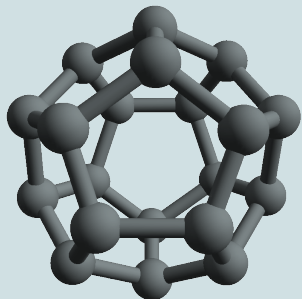
This lower bound is always at most  $2W(G)/n$ . But gives a way to express the lower bound in terms of edges of the graph.

Previously,  $14.5 \leq \Lambda(E) < 16$ .

By Lemma 5.4,  $12.25 \leq \Lambda(E)$ .

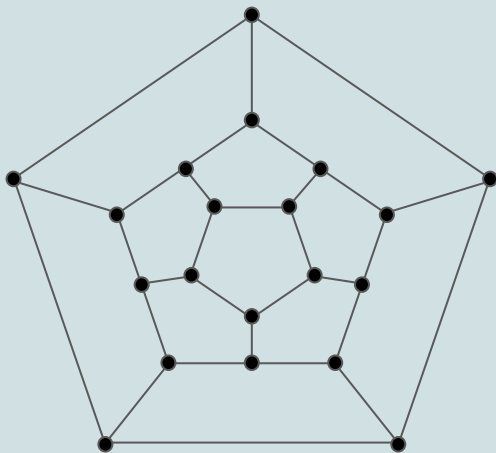


Wiener Index  
still wins!



# Another Example: $C_{20}$

Graph C:



$C$  is distance-regular with diameter 5 and valency 3

$D_C =$

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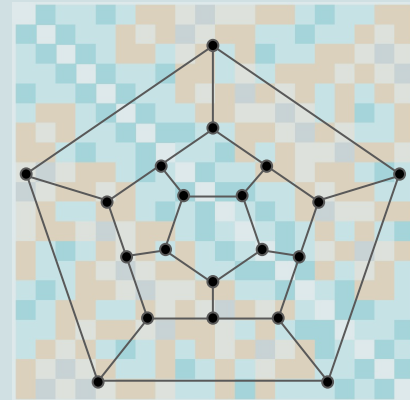
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3	3	4	5	4	3	3	4	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	0

## Another Example: $C_{20}$

Distance-Regular gives us Equal Row Sums  
 $(D_i = 50 \text{ for all } i)$

$$\text{So, } W(C) = \frac{1}{2} (20)(50) = 500$$

So by the Perron-Frobenius theorem,  
 $\Lambda(C) = 50.$



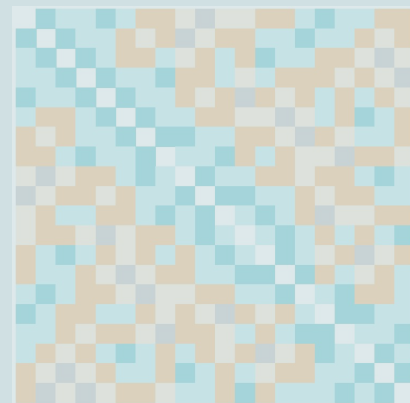


## Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue of Graphs in Class $\mathcal{G}$

The previous two examples also belong to a special class of graphs that have *exactly one* positive eigenvalue for the distance matrix. We denote this class with  $\mathcal{G}$ .

$\mathcal{G}$  includes:

- Infinite families such as:
  - Trees,  $C_n$  (cycles), Johnson, Hamming, Cocktail Party, Double Half Cubes
- Dodecahedron & Icosahedron
- Petersen graph






# Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue of Graphs in Class $\mathbb{G}$

**Lemma 5.1.** *[6, Eqn (1)], Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n \geq 2$  vertices and let  $\lambda_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) be the eigenvalues of the distance matrix  $D$  of  $G$ . Then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 0.$$

**Lemma 5.2.** *[6, Eqn (2)] Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n \geq 2$  vertices and let  $\lambda_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) be the eigenvalues of the distance matrix  $D$  of  $G$ . Then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 = 2S(G)$$




## Bounds on the Largest Eigenvalue of Graphs in Class $\mathbb{G}$

$$2W(G)/n \leq \Lambda(G) \leq n/[(2(n-1)/2)S(G)/n]$$

**Theorem 6.2.** [6, Eqn(4)] Let  $G \in \mathbb{G}$  with  $n \geq 2$  vertices. Then

$$\Lambda \leq \sqrt{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}S(G)},$$

with equality if and only if  $G = K_n$ .

Previously,  $14.5 \leq \Lambda(E) < 16$ .

By Thm 6.2,  $14.5 \leq \Lambda(E) < 15.427$ .

Compare to  $\Lambda(C) = 50$ .

Thm 6.2 gives  $\Lambda(C) < 54.093$ .



# Nordhaus-Gaddum Type Results

**Theorem 7.2.** [6, Eqn (11)] Let  $G$  be a connected graph on  $n \geq 4$  vertices with a connected complement  $\overline{G}$ . Then

$$3(n-1) \leq \Lambda(G) + \Lambda(\overline{G}) < \frac{n(n+3)}{2} - 3,$$

with left equality if and only if  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$  are both regular graphs of diameter two.

~~**Theorem 7.3.**~~ [6, Eqn (12)] Let  $G$  be a connected graph on  $n \geq 4$  vertices with a connected complement  $\overline{G}$ . If  $G \in \mathbb{G}$  or  $\overline{G} \in \mathbb{G}$ , then

$$\Lambda(G) + \Lambda(\overline{G}) < \sqrt{\frac{(n+1)n(n-1)^2}{6}} + 2n - 3.$$

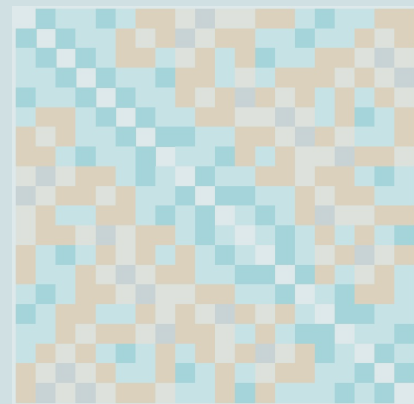
Conjecture?



## Questions

(as long as they aren't about chemistry :)

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