

GRAPHS AND NON-NORMAL OPERATOR (I)

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we investigate the properties of non-normal (convexoid, hyponormal) adjacency operators for a graph under two operations, tensor product and Cartesian one

1. Introduction

A directed graph $G = (V, E, \partial^+, \partial^-)$ is a system of sets V, E and maps $\partial^\pm : E \rightarrow V$. An element $v \in V$ (resp. $e \in E$) is called a vertex (resp. arc). If $\partial^+(e) = u$ and $\partial^-(e) = v$ for some $e \in E$, then u is a server of v (or an initial vertex) and v is a receiver of u (or a terminal vertex). For each vertices u, v in V , $d^+(u, v)$ (resp. $d^-(u, v)$) is the number of all common servers (resp. common receivers) of u and v . The outdegree $d^+(v)$, the indegree $d^-(v)$, and the valency (or degree) $d(v)$ are defined by $d^+(v) = \#\{e \in E : \partial^+(e) = v\}$, $d^-(v) = \#\{e \in E : \partial^-(e) = v\}$ and $d(v) = d^+(v) + d^-(v)$, respectively.

A graph is called locally finite if every vertex has finite valency. A graph has bounded valency if there is a constant $M > 0$ such that $d(v) \leq M$ for any vertex $v \in V$. Now an adjacency matrix has been consider for finite graphs. In[8] Morhar defined an adjacency operator for infinite graph. In general, an adjacency operator is closed, but we restrict our attention to bounded adjacency operators.

Following [2], we recall adjacency operators of graphs. Let H be the Hilbert space $\ell^2(V)$ with the canonical basis $\{e_v : v \in V\}$ defined by $e_v(u) = \delta_{v,u}$. Then a closed operator $A(G)$ is defined by

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$$\text{Dom}(A) = \left\{ x = \sum_{v \in V} x_v e_v \in H : \sum_{u \in V} \left| \sum_{v \in D^-(u)} x_v \right|^2 < \infty \right\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$Ax = \sum_{u \in V} \sum_{v \in D^-(u)} x_v e_u,$$

where $D^-(u)$ is the set of all servers of u . We call $A(G)$ the adjacency operator of G , and $A(G)$ can be expressed as the operator on $\ell^2(V)$ whose matrix representation (a_{ij}) with respect to the basis $\{v_i\}$, where $v_i \in V$ and

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if there exists the arrows from } v_i \text{ to } v_j; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is known by [2, Th. 2] that $A(G)$ is bounded if and only if G has bounded valency, i.e. the valency $d(v)$ is bounded, $\sup\{d(v) : v \in V\} < \infty$. In this case, the adjoint $A(G)^*$ of $A(G)$ is given by $A(G)^*x = \sum_{u \in V} \sum_{v \in D^+(u)} x_v e_u$ for $x = \sum_{v \in V} x_v e_v \in H$, where $D^+(u)$ is the set of all receivers of u . For a directed graph G , it makes sense to consider the directed graph G^* whose arrows are all oppositely directed for G . In [5], the adjacency operator $A(G^*)$ of G^* is the adjacency operator $A(G)^*$. Then G^* is called the adjoint graph of G , that is, one of edges are exactly the converses for those of G . Note that G^* does not denote what is called the line graph of G . In [3], the adjacency operator $A(G)$ on $\ell^2(V)$ can be defined by the dyadic representation: $A(G) = \sum_{(w,v) \in E} e_v \otimes e_w$, where a dyad $x \otimes y$ means the rank 1 operator defined by $(x \otimes y)z = (z, y)x$.

Note that above summation converges in the strong operator topology. Next we see the tensor product of graphs. Let $G = (V, E)$ and $H = (W, F)$ be directed graph. Then the adjacency operator $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ act on Hilbert space $\ell^2(V)$ and $\ell^2(W)$ respectively. So the tensor product $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ acting on $\ell^2(V) \otimes \ell^2(W)$ is defined by $((A(G) \otimes A(H))x \otimes y, x \otimes y) = (A(G)x \otimes A(H)y, x \otimes y) = (A(G)x, x)(A(H)y, y)$ for $x \in \ell^2(V)$ and $y \in \ell^2(W)$. Then the tensor product $G \otimes H$ of G and H is defined as a graph $G \otimes H$ with

vertices $V \times W$ such that $((v, w), (x, y)) \in E(G \otimes H)$ if and only if $((A(G) \otimes A(H))e_v \otimes e_w, e_v \otimes e_w) = 1$. Thus the tensor product $G \otimes H$ of G and H is a graph whose adjacency operator is $A(G) \otimes A(H)$. In the finite case, the tensor product of graphs is obtained by making use of the Kronecker product of the adjacency matrices.

In [4], the adjacency operator of the Cartesian product $G \oplus H$ for simple graphs G and H is given by $A(G \oplus H) = A(G) \otimes I - I \otimes A(H)$. For a directed graph G , the spectrum $\sigma(G)$, the approximate point spectrum $\sigma_{ap}(G)$, the normal approximate spectrum $\prod_n(G)$, the numerical range $W(G)$, the spectral radius $\gamma(G)$, the numerical radius $\omega(G)$ and the norm $\|G\|$ of a graph G are defined as $\sigma(A(G))$, $\sigma_{ap}(A(G))$, $\prod_n(A(G))$, $\gamma(A(G))$, $\omega(A(G))$, and $\|A(G)\|$, respectively

Throughout this paper, a graph stands for a locally finite directed graph without multiple arcs

In section 2, we shall show that $\prod_n(G) \cdot \prod_n(H) \subset \prod_n(G \otimes H)$, $\|G \oplus H\| \leq \|G\| + \|H\|$, and $\overline{Co}(W(G) \cup W(H)) \subset \overline{W}(G \otimes H)$, where $\overline{Co}X$ denotes the closed convex hull of X , moreover we shall give examples of proper inclusions in the above relations.

In section 3, we shall investigate the properties of non-normal (convexoid and hyponormal) adjacency operators of simple graphs G and H under two operations, tensor product and Cartesian product.

2. Spectras and numerical ranges of graphs

B.Mohar and M.Omladič[9] showed that

$$(1) \quad \sigma(G \otimes H) = \sigma(G) \cup \sigma(H)$$

for any locally finite graphs G and H . J.I. Fujii [1] showed that $\gamma(G \otimes H) = \gamma(G) \cdot \gamma(H)$. However the equality (1) does not hold for other spectras. We shall show here.

THEOREM 2.1 *We have*

$$(2) \quad \prod_n(G) \cdot \prod_n(H) \subset \prod_n(G \otimes H)$$

for graphs G and H .

PROOF. Since

$$A(G) \otimes A(H) - \alpha\beta = (A(G) - \alpha) \otimes \beta + A(G) \otimes (A(H) - \beta),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (A(G) \otimes A(H) - \alpha\beta)x_n \otimes y_n \| \\ &= \| \{ (A(G) - \alpha) \otimes \beta + A(G) \otimes (A(H) - \beta) \} x_n \otimes y_n \| \\ &\leq \| (A(G) - \alpha)x_n \otimes \beta y_n \| + \| A(G)x_n \otimes (A(H) - \beta)y_n \| \\ &= \| (A(G) - \alpha)x_n \| \| \beta y_n \| + \| A(G)x_n \| \| (A(H) - \beta)y_n \| \\ &\leq \| (A(G) - \alpha)x_n \| \| \beta \| + \| A(G) \| \| (A(H) - \beta)y_n \| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (A(G) \otimes A(H) - \alpha\beta)^* x_n \otimes y_n \| \\ &\leq \| (A(G) - \alpha)^* x_n \| \| \beta y_n \| + \| A(G)^* x_n \| \| (A(H) - \beta)^* y_n \| \\ &= \| (A(G) - \alpha)^* x_n \| \| \beta \| + \| A(G)^* \| \| (A(H) - \beta)^* y_n \| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, whenever $\alpha \in \prod_n(G)$ (resp. $\beta \in \prod_n(H)$) and $\{x_n\}$ (resp. $\{y_n\}$) is a sequence of unit vectors satisfying $\| (A(G) - \alpha)x_n \| \rightarrow 0$ (resp. $\| (A(G) - \beta)y_n \| \rightarrow 0$) and $\| (A(G) - \alpha)^* x_n \| \rightarrow 0$ (resp. $\| (A(G) - \beta)^* y_n \| \rightarrow 0$). Hence $\alpha\beta \in \prod_n(G \otimes H)$.

We shall show that there are adjacency operators $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ for which the equality in (2) does not hold as follows :

EXAMPLE 2.2. Let G be the graph

$$G : \circ \leftarrow \circ, \quad A(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and let $G \otimes G$ be

$$G \otimes G : \begin{array}{ccc} \circ & & \circ \\ & \nwarrow & \\ \circ & & \circ \end{array}, \quad A(G) \otimes A(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have observed that $A(G)$ have empty normal approximate spectrum $\prod_n(G)$ of a graph G by a theorem due to Kasahara and Takai[7]. But $A(G) \otimes A(G)$ has a normal approximate proper value , that is. $0 \in \prod_n(G \otimes G)$.

By using same manner as a proof in Theorem 2.1, we can easily show the following.

COROLLARY 2.3. *We have $\sigma_{ap}(G) \cdot \sigma_{ap}(H) \subset \sigma_{ap}(G \otimes H)$.*

THEOREM 2.4. *Let $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ be any adjacency operators acting on Hilbert space $\ell^2(V)$ and $\ell^2(W)$, respectively. Then*

- (i) $Co(W(G) \cdot W(H)) \subset W(G \otimes H)$ and $\omega(G) \cdot \omega(H) \leq \omega(G \otimes H)$,
- (ii) $Co(W(G) \cup W(H)) = W(G \oplus H)$ and $\omega(G) + \omega(H) = \omega(G \oplus H)$, and
- (iii) $\|G \otimes H\| = \|G\| \|H\|$ and $\|G \oplus H\| \leq \|G\| + \|H\|$

PROOF. (i) Let $\lambda \in W(G)$ and $\mu \in W(H)$. Then there exist unit vectors $x \in \ell^2(V)$ and $y \in \ell^2(W)$ such that $\lambda = (A(G)x, x)$ and $\mu = (A(H)y, y)$. Thus we have

$$\lambda\mu = (A(G)x, x)(A(H)y, y) = ((A(G) \otimes A(H))x \otimes y, x \otimes y) \in W(G \otimes H)$$

Since $W(G \otimes H)$ is convex, $Co(W(G) \cdot W(H)) \subset W(G \otimes H)$. It follows that $\omega(G) \cdot \omega(H) \leq \omega(G \otimes H)$.

(ii) It is clear from (i) that there is a scalar t in $[0, 1]$ such that $t\lambda + (1 - t)\mu \in Co(W(G) \cup W(H))$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} t\lambda + (1 - t)\mu &= t(A(G)x, x) + (1 - t)(A(H)y, y) \\ &= (A(G)\sqrt{tx}, \sqrt{tx}) + (A(H)\sqrt{1 - ty}, \sqrt{1 - ty}) \\ &= ((A(G) \oplus A(H))(\sqrt{tx}, \sqrt{1 - ty}), (\sqrt{tx}, \sqrt{1 - ty})) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$,

$$\|(\sqrt{tx}, \sqrt{1 - ty})\|^2 = \|\sqrt{tx}\|^2 + \|\sqrt{1 - ty}\|^2 = 1$$

Hence we conclude that $t\lambda + (1 - t)\mu \in W(G \oplus H)$

Conversely, let $z \in W(G \oplus H)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (A(G \oplus H)(x, y), (x, y)) \\ &= ((A(G) \otimes I + I \otimes A(H))x \otimes y, x \otimes y) \\ &= (A(G)x, x)(y, y) + (x, x)(A(H)y, y) \\ &= (A(G)x, x) + (A(H)y, y) \in Co(W(G) \cup W(H)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have $Co(W(G) \cup W(H)) = W(G \oplus H)$, and hence it follows that $\omega(G) + \omega(H) = \omega(G \oplus H)$. In (iii) the equality is well-known and the inequality is clear.

In Theorem 2.4 $\overline{W(G \otimes H)}$ (resp. $\|G \otimes H\|$) is not always equal to $\overline{Co(W(G) \cdot W(H))}$ (resp. $\|G\| + \|H\|$). Here we give an elementary example :

EXAMPLE 2.5. Let G and H be the following graphs :

$$\begin{aligned} G : \circ \leftarrow \circ, \quad A(G) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ H : \circ \rightarrow \circ, \quad A(H) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} G \otimes H : \begin{array}{ccc} \circ & & \circ \\ & \nwarrow & \\ \circ & & \circ \end{array}, \quad A(G) \otimes A(H) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ G \oplus H : \begin{array}{ccc} \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \end{array}, \quad A(G) \oplus A(H) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that $\overline{W(G)} = \overline{W(H)} = \{\lambda : |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$, from which we have $\overline{Co(W(G) \cdot W(H))} \subset \{\lambda : |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{4}\}$. Let $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$, $x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $x = (x_1, x_2)$. Then it follows that $((A(G) \otimes A(H))x, x) = \frac{1}{2}$. Thus $\frac{1}{2}$ is not in the set $\{\lambda : \|\lambda\| \leq \frac{1}{4}\}$. Moreover, it is clear that $\omega(G) \cdot \omega(H) = \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2} \leq \omega(G \otimes H)$. Also we have $\|G \oplus H\| = \sqrt{2} < 2 = \|G\| + \|H\|$.

3. Non-normal adjacency operators

We list definitions on adjacency operators for graphs discussed in the below

- (1) $A(G)$ is normal if $A(G)^*A(G) = A(G)A(G)^*$.
- (2) $A(G)$ is hyponormal if $A(G)^*A(G) \geq A(G)A(G)^*$. and
- (3) $A(G)$ is convexoid if $\overline{W(G)} = Co\sigma(G)$.

Also we state some definitions for the graph G . A source of a directed graph G is a vertex v whose $d^-(v) = 0$. A source v is called non-trivial if $d^+(v) \neq 0$. A sink of G is a vertex v whose $d^+(v) = 0$. A sink v is called non-trivial if $d^-(v) \neq 0$. We recall that a graph G is normally symmetric if $d^-(u, v) = d^+(u, v)$ for any $u, v \in V$. In general, it follows from Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.4(i) that

$$(3) \quad Co\left(\prod_n(G) \cdot \prod_n(H)\right) \subset \overline{W(G \otimes H)}.$$

By the equality in (3) and the following lemma, we shall investigate the properties of non-normal (Convexoid and hyponormal) adjacency operators under two operators, tensor product and Cartesian one.

LEMMA 3.1. *The adjacency operator $A(G)$ of a graph G is convexoid if and only if the closed numerical range $\overline{W(G)}$ is spanned by the normal approximate spectrum $\prod_n(G)$ of $A(G)$ in the sense that $\overline{W(G)} = Co\prod_n(G)$.*

PROOF. Suppose that $A(G)$ is convexoid. Then $\overline{W(G)} = Co\sigma(G)$, and so an extrem point of $\overline{W(G)}$ belongs to $\sigma(G)$ and so $\sigma_{ap}(G)$. Thus we have $\overline{W(G)} = Co\ ext(\overline{W(G)}) = Co(\sigma(G) \cap \partial\overline{W(G)})$, where $extX$ denotes the set of all extreme points of X and ∂X denotes the boundary of X . On the other hand, we have $\sigma(G) \cap \partial\overline{W(G)} \subset \prod_n(G)$ by Hildebrandt's theorem [6]. Then it follows $\overline{W(G)} \subset Co(\sigma(G) \cap \partial\overline{W(G)}) \subset Co\prod_n(G) \subset \overline{W(G)}$. Thus $\overline{W(G)} = Co\prod_n(G)$.

Conversely, if $A(G)$ satisfies the equality $\overline{W(G)} = Co\prod_n(G)$, then $\overline{W(G)} = Co\prod_n(G) \subset Co\sigma(G) \subset \overline{W(G)}$, so that the equality $\overline{W(G)} = Co\sigma(G)$ holds. Therefore $A(G)$ is convexoid.

THEOREM 3.2. *Let $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ be convexoid adjacency operators for graphs G and H , respectively. Then the equality $\overline{W(G \otimes H)} = Co(\prod_n(G) \cdot \prod_n(H))$ holds if and only if $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ is convexoid.*

PROOF. Since $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ are convexoid operators, it follows from Lemma 3.1 that $\overline{W(G)} = Co\prod_n(G)$ and $\overline{W(H)} = Co\prod_n(H)$. Assume that the equality in (3) holds, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{W(G \otimes H)} &= Co(\prod_n(G) \cdot \prod_n(H)) = Co(Co\prod_n(G) \cdot Co\prod_n(H)) \\ &= Co(\overline{W(G)} \cdot \overline{W(H)}) = Co(Co\sigma(G) \cdot Co\sigma(H)) = Co(\sigma(G \otimes H)) \\ &= Co(\prod_n(G \otimes H)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ is a convexoid.

Conversely, if $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ is a convexoid adjacency operator, then it follows from Lemma 3.1 that $\overline{W(G \otimes H)} = Co(\prod_n(G \otimes H))$. Hence we have that

$$\begin{aligned} Co\prod_n(G \otimes H) &\subseteq Co\sigma(G \otimes H) = Co(\sigma(G) \cdot \sigma(H)) \\ &= Co(\overline{W(G)} \cdot \overline{W(H)}) \subset \overline{W(G \otimes H)} \end{aligned}$$

by (i) in Theorem 2.4, and

$$Co(\overline{W(G)} \cdot \overline{W(H)}) = Co(Co\prod_n(G) \cdot Co\prod_n(H)) = Co(\prod_n(G) \cdot \prod_n(H)).$$

Therefore the equality $\overline{W(G \otimes H)} = Co(\prod_n \prod_n(H))$ holds

In connection with Theorem 3.2. we can easily see the following :

COROLLARY 3.3 *Let $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ be convexoid adjacency operators for graphs G and H , respectively. Then the equality $\overline{W(G \otimes H)} = \overline{Co(W(G) \cdot W(H))}$ is true if and only if $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ is convexoid.*

The tensor product of two adjacency operators is not necessarily convexoid even if two adjacency operators are convexoid as follows.

EXAMPLE 3.4. Let $A(G)$ be the adjacency operator acting on $\ell^2(V)$ defined by

$$A(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } G . \circ \rightarrow \circ.$$

Let $A(H)$ be the adjacency operator acting on $\ell^2(W)$ such that

$$\overline{W(H)} = Co \prod_n(H) = \{\lambda \cdot |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$$

Setting $A(J) = A(G) \oplus A(H)$ and $A(K) = A(J)^*$. we have

$$\overline{W(J)} = \overline{W(G \oplus H)} = \overline{Co(W(G) \cup W(H))} = \{\lambda \cdot |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$$

and

$$\overline{W(K)} = \overline{W(G^* \oplus H^*)} = \overline{Co(W(G^*) \cup W(H^*))} = \{\lambda : |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}.$$

Since it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} Co \prod_n(J) &= Co \prod_n(G \oplus H) = Co(\prod_n(G) \cup \prod_n(H)) \\ &= \{\lambda : |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{2}\} = \overline{W(J)} \end{aligned}$$

and $\overline{W(K)} = Co \prod_n(K)$. it follows from Lemma 3.1 that $A(J)$ and $A(K)$ are convexoid operators. But we have

$$Co \prod_n(J \otimes K) \subsetneq \overline{W(J \otimes K)}$$

THEOREM 3.5. *Let $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ be convexoid adjacency operators for graphs G and H , respectively. Then $A(G) \oplus A(H)$ is convexoid.*

PROOF. If $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ are convexoid, then it follows from Lemma 3.1 that $\overline{W(G)} = Co \prod_n(G)$ and $\overline{W(H)} = Co \prod_n(H)$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{W(G \oplus H)} &= Co \overline{W(G) \cup W(H)} \\ &= Co(Co \prod_n(G) \cup Co \prod_n(H)) = Co \prod_n(G \oplus H), \end{aligned}$$

and hence $A(G) \oplus A(H)$ is convexoid.

Both adjacency operators $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ are not always convexoid even if the Cartesian product of $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ is convexoid. Now we shall give an example as follows:

EXAMPLE 3.6. Let G and H be the following graphs:

$$G : \circ \leftarrow \circ, \quad A(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$H : \begin{array}{ccc} & \circ & \\ \nearrow & & \searrow \\ \circ & \leftarrow & \circ \end{array}, \quad A(H) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$G \oplus H : \begin{array}{ccccc} \circ & \rightarrow & \circ & \rightarrow & \circ \\ \uparrow & & & & \downarrow \\ \circ & \leftarrow & \circ & \leftarrow & \circ \end{array}, \quad A(G \oplus H) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $A(H)$ is a normal adjacency operator and so $A(H)$ is convexoid. Thus we easily see that $\overline{W(H)}$ is the interior and the boundary of the equilateral triangle whose vertices are $\sigma(H) = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ where $\omega = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}$.

It follows that $\overline{W(H)} = Co\prod_n(H)$ and $\overline{W(G)} = \{\lambda \cdot |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{2}\} \subset Co\prod_n(H)$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{W(G \oplus H)} &= \overline{Co(W(G) \cup W(H))} = Co\prod_n(H) \\ &= Co(\prod_n(G) \cup \prod_n(H)) = Co\prod_n(G \oplus H). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $A(G) \oplus A(H)$ is a convexoid operator but $A(G)$ is not convexoid.

Fujii, Sasaka and Watatani [2] showed the following :

LEMMA 3.7. *Let $A(G)$ be a hyponormal adjacency operator for a graph G . Then there does not exist a non-trivial sink of G .*

THEOREM 3.8 *Let $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ be hyponormal adjacency operators for a graphs G and H , respectively. Then*

- (i) $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ is hyponormal,
- (ii) There does not exist a non-trivial sink of $G \otimes H$, and
- (iii) The equality in (3) holds.

PROOF. (i) If $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ are hyponormal, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &(((A(G) \otimes A(H))^*(A(G) \otimes A(H)) - (A(G) \otimes A(H))(A(G) \otimes A(H))^*) \\ &e_v \otimes e_w, e_v \otimes e_w) = ((A(G)^*A(G) \otimes A(H)^*A(H))e_v \otimes e_w, e_v \otimes e_w) \\ &\quad - ((A(G)A(G)^* \otimes A(H)A(H)^*)e_v \otimes e_w, e_v \otimes e_w) \\ &= (A(G)^*A(G)e_v, e_v)(A(H)^*A(H)e_w, e_w) \\ &\quad - (A(G)A(G)^*e_v, e_v)(A(H)A(H)^*e_w, e_w) \\ &= \|A(G)e_v\|^2\|A(H)e_w\|^2 - \|A(G)^*e_v\|^2\|A(H)^*e_w\|^2 \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ is hyponormal.

(ii) It follows from Lemma 3.7 that there are not non-trivial sinks v and w of G and H , respectively.

Assume that there exists a non-trivial sink $v \otimes w$ of $G \otimes H$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (((A(G) \otimes A(H))^*(A(G) \otimes A(H)) - (A(G) \otimes A(H))(A(G) \otimes A(H))^*)) \\ & e_v \otimes e_w, e_v \otimes e_w) = \|A(G)e_v\|^2 \|A(H)e_w\|^2 - \|A(G)^*e_v\|^2 \|A(H)^*e_w\|^2 \\ & = d^+(v)^2 d^+(w)^2 - d^-(v)^2 d^-(w)^2 \\ & = -d^-(v)^2 d^-(w)^2 \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of non-trivial sink. Thus $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ is not hyponormal.

(iii) It follows from (i) that $A(G) \otimes A(H)$ is convexoid. Thus we have $\overline{W(G \otimes H)} = Co \prod_n (G \otimes H) = Co(\prod_n (G) \cdot \prod_n (H))$.

COROLLARY 3.9. *Let $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ be hyponormal adjacency operators for graphs G and H , respectively. Then*

- (i) $A(G) \oplus A(H)$ is hyponormal,
- (ii) There does not exist a non-trivial sink of $G \oplus H$, and
- (iii) The equality $\overline{W(G \oplus H)} = Co \prod_n (G \oplus H)$ holds

PROOF (i) If $A(G)$ and $A(H)$ are hyponormal, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (((A(G) \oplus A(H))^*(A(G) \oplus A(H)) - (A(G) \oplus A(H))(A(G) \oplus A(H))^*)) \\ & e_v \oplus e_w, e_v \oplus e_w) = (A(G)^* A(G)e_v, e_v) + (A(H)^* A(H)e_w, e_w) \\ & \quad - (A(G)A(G)^*e_v, e_v) - (A(H)A(H)^*e_w, e_w) \\ & = \|A(G)e_v\|^2 + \|A(H)e_w\|^2 - \|A(G)^*e_v\|^2 - \|A(H)^*e_w\|^2 \\ & \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $A(G) \oplus A(H)$ is hyponormal.

(ii) Assume that exists a non-trivial sink $v \oplus w$ of $G \oplus H$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (((A(G) \oplus A(H))^*(A(G) \oplus A(H)) - (A(G) \oplus A(H))(A(G) \oplus A(H))^*)) \\ & e_v \oplus e_w, e_v \oplus e_w) = \|A(G)e_v\|^2 + \|A(H)e_w\|^2 - (\|A(G)^*e_v\|^2 + \|A(H)^*e_w\|^2) \\ & = d^+(v)^2 + d^+(w)^2 - (d^-(v)^2 + d^-(w)^2) \\ & = -(d^-(v)^2 + d^-(w)^2) < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $A(G) \oplus A(H)$ is not hyponormal.

(iii) Since $A(G) \oplus A(H)$ is hyponormal, $\overline{A(G) \oplus A(H)}$ is convexoid.

It follows from Lemma 3.1 that the equality $\overline{W(G \oplus H)} = \text{Co} \prod_n (G \oplus H)$ holds.

From Theorem 3.8 we can easily see the following:

COROLLARY 3.10 *Let $A(G)$ and $A(G)^*$ be hyponormal adjacency operators. Then $A(G)$ is normally symmetric and so $A(G)$ is normal adjacency operator.*

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