ZETA FUNCTIONS OF GRAPH BUNDLES

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ABSTRACT. As a continuation of computing the zeta function of a regular covering graph by Mizuno and Sato in [9], we derive in this paper computational formulae for the zeta functions of a graph bundle and of any (regular or irregular) covering of a graph. If the voltages to derive them lie in an abelian or dihedral group and its fibre is a regular graph, those formulae can be simplified. As a by-product, the zeta function of the cartesian product of a graph and a regular graph is obtained. The same work is also done for a discrete torus and for a discrete Klein bottle.

1. Introduction

In this paper we consider an undirected finite simple graph. Let G be a graph with vertex set V(G) and edge set E(G). The degree $\deg_G(v)$ of a vertex v in G is the number of edges of G incident with v. An automorphism of G is a permutation of the vertex set V(G) that preserves adjacency. The set of automorphisms forms a permutation group, called the automorphism group $\operatorname{Aut}(G)$ of G.

A (v_0, v_n) -path P of length n in G is a sequence $P = (v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n)$ of n+1 vertices and n edges such that consecutive vertices share an edge (we do not require that all vertices are distinct). Sometimes, the path P is also considered as a subgraph of G. We say that a path has a backtracking if $v_{i-1} = v_{i+1}$ for some $i, 1 \le i \le n-1$. A (v_0, v_n) -path is called a cycle if $v_0 = v_n$. The inverse cycle of a cycle $C = (v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_0)$ is the cycle $C^{-1} = (v_0, v_{n-1}, \ldots, v_1, v_0)$.

A subpath $(v_1, \ldots, v_{m-1}, v_m)$ of a cycle $C = (v_1, \ldots, v_m, \ldots, v_1)$ is called a *tail* if $\deg_C(v_1) = 1$, $\deg_C(v_i) = 2$, $2 \le i \le m-1$, and

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 $\deg_C(v_m) \geq 3$, where $\deg_C(v)$ is the degree of v in the subgraph C. Each cycle C without backtracking determines a unique tail-less, backtracking-less cycle C^* by removing all tails of C. Note that any backtracking-less tail-less cycle C is just a cycle such that both C and C^2 have no backtracking (see [4], [11]). Two backtracking-less, tail-less cycles $C_1 = (v_1, \ldots, v_m)$ and $C_2 = (w_1, \ldots, w_m)$ are called equivalent if there is k such that $w_j = v_{j+k}$ for all j, where the subscripts are module m. Let [C] denote the equivalence class which contains a cycle C. A backtracking-less, tail-less cycle C is primitive if C is not obtained by going r times around some other cycle B, i.e., $C \neq B^r$ for $r \geq 2$. Note that each equivalence class of primitive, backtracking-less and tail-less cycles of a graph C corresponds to a conjugacy class of the fundamental group $\pi_1(C, v)$ of C for a vertex $v \in V(C)$.

The (Ihara) zeta function [13] of a graph G is defined to be the function of $u \in \mathbb{C}$ with u sufficiently small, given by

$$Z(G, u) = Z_G(u) = \prod_{|C|} (1 - u^{\nu(C)})^{-1},$$

where [C] runs over all equivalence classes of primitive, backtracking-less and tail-less cycles of G and $\nu(C)$ denotes the length of C. Clearly, the zeta function of a disconnected graph is the product of the zeta functions of its connected components. Zeta functions of graphs were originated from zeta functions of regular graphs by Ihara [5], where their reciprocals are expressed as explicit polynomials. A zeta function of a regular graph G associated to a unitary representation of the fundamental group of G was developed by Sunada [14]. Hashimoto [4] treated multivariable zeta functions of bipartite graphs. Northshield [11] proved that the number of spanning trees in a graph G can be expressed in terms of the zeta function $Z_G(u)$.

Let G be a connected graph with $V(G) = \{v_1, \ldots, v_m\}$. The adjacency matrix $A(G) = (a_{ij})$ is an $m \times m$ matrix with $a_{ij} = 1$ if v_i and v_j are adjacent and $a_{ij} = 0$ otherwise. Let D_G denote the diagonal matrix with diagonal entries $d_i^G = \deg_G(v_i)$, $1 \le i \le m$, and let $Q_G = D_G - I$. The Ihara's result on zeta functions of regular graphs is generalized as follows.

THEOREM 1. (Bass [1]) Let G be a connected graph with m vertices and s edges. Then the reciprocal of the zeta function of G is given by

$$Z_G(u)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)^{s-m} \det (I - A(G)u + Q_G u^2).$$

Note that Theorem 1 is still true for a disconnected graph G.

Later, Stark and Terras [13] gave an elementary proof of Theorem 1 and discussed three different zeta functions of a graph. Mizuno and Sato [9] gave a decomposition formula for the zeta function of a regular covering of a graph. In this paper, we compute the zeta function of a graph bundle. In section 2, a formula for the zeta function of a graph bundle is derived by Theorem 1 and a decomposition formula for the zeta function of any (regular or irregular) covering graph is given. In Sections 3 and 4, we compute the zeta function of a graph bundle when its voltages lie in an abelian group or in a dihedral group and whose fibre is a regular graph. The zeta function of a cartesian product of a graph with a regular graph is given in Section 3 too. As an application, in Section 5, the zeta functions of a discrete torus and of a discrete Klein bottle are computed.

2. Computing zeta functions of graph bundles

Let G be a connected graph and let \vec{G} be the digraph obtained from G by replacing each edge of G with a pair of oppositely directed edges. The set of directed edges of \vec{G} is denoted by $E(\vec{G})$. By e^{-1} , we mean the reverse edge to an edge $e \in E(\vec{G})$. We denote the directed edge e of \vec{G} by uv if the initial and terminal vertices of e are u and v, respectively. For a finite group Γ , a Γ -voltage assignment on G is a function $\phi : E(\vec{G}) \to \Gamma$ such that $\phi(e^{-1}) = \phi(e)^{-1}$ for all $e \in E(\vec{G})$. We denote the set of all Γ -voltage assignments on G by $C^1(G;\Gamma)$.

Let F be another graph and let $\phi \in C^1(G; \operatorname{Aut}(F))$. Now, we construct a new graph $G \times^{\phi} F$ with the vertex set $V(G \times^{\phi} F) = V(G) \times V(F)$, and two vertices (u_1, v_1) and (u_2, v_2) are adjacent in $G \times^{\phi} F$ if either $u_1u_2 \in E(\vec{G})$ and $v_2 = v_1^{\phi(u_1u_2)}$ or $u_1 = u_2$ and $v_1v_2 \in E(F)$. We call $G \times^{\phi} F$ the F-bundle over G associated with ϕ (or, simply a graph bundle) and the first coordinate projection induces the bundle projection $p^{\phi}: G \times^{\phi} F \to G$. The graphs G and F are called the base and the fibre of the graph bundle $G \times^{\phi} F$, respectively. Note that the map p^{ϕ} maps vertices to vertices, but the image of an edge can be either an edge or a vertex. If $F = \overline{K}_n$, the complement of the complete graph K_n of n vertices, then an F-bundle over G is just an n-fold graph covering of G. If $\phi(e)$ is the identity of $\operatorname{Aut}(F)$ for all $e \in E(\vec{G})$, then $G \times^{\phi} F$ is just the cartesian product of G and F. (See [6]).

Let ϕ be an $\operatorname{Aut}(F)$ -voltage assignment on G. For each $\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(F)$, let $\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}$ denote the spanning subgraph of the digraph \vec{G} whose directed edge set is $\phi^{-1}(\gamma)$. Thus the digraph \vec{G} is the edge-disjoint union of spanning subgraphs $\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}$, $\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(F)$. Let $V(G) = \{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_m\}$ and $V(F) = \{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n\}$. We define an order relation \leq on $V(G \times^{\phi} F)$ as follows: for $(u_i, v_k), (u_j, v_\ell) \in V(G \times^{\phi} F), (u_i, v_k) \leq (u_j, v_\ell)$ if and only if either $k < \ell$ or $k = \ell$ and $i \leq j$. Let $P(\gamma)$ denote the $n \times n$ permutation matrix associated with $\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(F)$ corresponding to the action of $\operatorname{Aut}(F)$ on V(F), i.e., its (i,j)-entry $P(\gamma)_{ij} = 1$ if $v_i^{\gamma} = v_j$ and $P(\gamma)_{ij} = 0$ otherwise. Then for any $\gamma, \delta \in \operatorname{Aut}(F), P(\delta \gamma) = P(\delta)P(\gamma)$. The tensor product $A \otimes B$ of the matrices A and B is considered as the matrix B having the element b_{ij} replaced by the matrix Ab_{ij} . Kwak and Lee formulated the adjacency matrix $A(G \times^{\phi} F)$ of a graph bundle $G \times^{\phi} F$ as follows.

Theorem 2. ([7])

$$A(G \times^{\phi} F) = \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(F)} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) \right) + I_m \otimes A(F),$$

where $P(\gamma)$ is the $n \times n$ permutation matrix associated with $\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(F)$ corresponding to the action of $\operatorname{Aut}(F)$ on V(F), and I_m is the identity matrix of order m = |V(G)|.

For any vertex $(u_i, v_k) \in V(G \times^{\phi} F)$, its degree is $d_i^G + d_k^F$, where $d_i^G = \deg_G(u_i)$ and $d_k^F = \deg_F(v_k)$. Therefore, $D_{G \times^{\phi} F} = D_G \otimes I_n + I_m \otimes D_F$ and then $Q_{G \times^{\phi} F} = D_{G \times^{\phi} F} - I_{mn} = (D_G - I_m) \otimes I_n + I_m \otimes D_F = Q_G \otimes I_n + I_m \otimes D_F$. Furthermore, if we set |E(G)| = s and |E(F)| = t, then

$$|E(G \times^{\phi} F)| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (d_i^G + d_k^F)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(n \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i^G + m \sum_{k=1}^{n} d_k^F \right) = ns + mt.$$

The following theorem follows immediately from Theorem 1.

THEOREM 3. Let G be a connected graph with m vertices and s edges, F a graph with n vertices and t edges and let ϕ be an Aut(F)voltage assignment on G. Then the reciprocal of the zeta function of

 $G \times^{\phi} F$ is

$$Z_{G \times^{\phi} F}(u)^{-1}$$

$$= (1 - u^{2})^{(ns+mt)-mn} \cdot \times \det \left(I_{mn} - \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(F)} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) + I_{m} \otimes A(F)\right)u + (Q_{G} \otimes I_{n} + I_{m} \otimes D_{F})u^{2}\right).$$

In the following, we consider three particular cases of Theorem 3: (i) $F = \overline{K}_n$, (ii) $\phi = 1$ is trivial, or more generally all voltages lie in an abelian group, and (iii) all voltages lie in a dihedral group. The last two cases will be treated in Sections 3 and 4, respectively.

As the first case, let $F = \overline{K}_n$ be n isolated vertices. Then any $\operatorname{Aut}(\overline{K}_n)$ -voltage assignment is just a permutation voltage assignment defined in [3], and $G \times^{\phi} \overline{K}_n = G^{\phi}$ is just an n-fold covering graph of G. In this case, it may not be a regular covering. Hence,

$$Z_{G^{\phi}}(u)^{-1}$$

$$= (1 - u^{2})^{(s-m)n}$$

$$\times \det \left(I_{mn} - \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) \right) u + (Q_{G} \otimes I_{n}) u^{2} \right).$$

A representation ρ of a group Γ over the complex field \mathbb{C} is a group homomorphism from Γ to the general linear group $\operatorname{GL}(r,\mathbb{C})$ of all $r \times r$ invertible matrices over \mathbb{C} . The number r is called the degree of the representation ρ (see [15]). Let $\phi \in C^1(G; \operatorname{Aut}(\overline{K}_n))$ be a permutation voltage assignment on G, and let $\Gamma = \langle \phi(e) \mid e \in E(\vec{G}) \rangle$ be the subgroup of $S_n = \operatorname{Aut}(\overline{K}_n)$ generated by the voltages $\phi(e)$. Then, it is clear that the homomorphism $P: \Gamma \to \operatorname{GL}(n,\mathbb{C})$ defined by $\gamma \mapsto P(\gamma)$ is a representation of Γ , which is called the permutation representation of Γ . Let $\rho_1 = 1, \rho_2, \ldots, \rho_\ell$ be the nonequivalent irreducible representations of Γ and let f_i be the degree of ρ_i for $1 \leq i \leq \ell$, so that $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} f_i^2 = |\Gamma|$. It is well-known [15] that the permutation representation P can be decomposed as the direct sum of irreducible representations: Say $P = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\ell} m_i \rho_i$ with multiplicities m_i . Then, there exists an invertible matrix M such that

$$M^{-1}P(\gamma)M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\ell} (\rho_i(\gamma) \otimes I_{m_i})$$

for any $\gamma \in \Gamma$, where $A_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_k$ denotes the block diagonal matrix with diagonal blocks A_1, \ldots, A_k consecutively. Noting that $A(G) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)})$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} m_i f_i = n$, we have

$$(I_{m} \otimes M)^{-1} \left(I_{mn} - \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) \right) u + (Q_{G} \otimes I_{n}) u^{2} \right)$$

$$\times (I_{m} \otimes M)$$

$$= I_{mn} - \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{\ell} \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes \rho_{i}(\gamma)) \otimes I_{m_{i}} \right) \right) u + (Q_{G} \otimes I_{n}) u^{2}$$

$$= \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\ell} \left(I_{mf_{i}} - \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes \rho_{i}(\gamma) \right) u + (Q_{G} \otimes I_{f_{i}}) u^{2} \right) \otimes I_{m_{i}}.$$

Furthermore, it is known [12] that m_1 is the number of orbits under the action of the group Γ , so that $m_1 \geq 1$. Therefore, the zeta function of a (regular or irregular) covering G^{ϕ} is

$$Z_{G^{\phi}}(u)^{-1}$$

$$= ((1 - u^{2})^{s-m} \det(I_{m} - A(G)u + Q_{G}u^{2}))^{m_{1}}$$

$$\times \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} ((1 - u^{2})^{(s-m)f_{i}} \det(I_{mf_{i}} - (\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes \rho_{i}(\gamma))u$$

$$+ (Q_{G} \otimes I_{f_{i}})u^{2}))^{m_{i}}.$$

Since $Z_G(u)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)^{s-m} \det(I_m - A(G)u + Q_Gu^2)$, we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 4. Let G be a connected graph with m vertices and s edges, $\phi \in C^1(G; \operatorname{Aut}(\overline{K}_n))$ a permutation voltage assignment on G, and let $\Gamma = \langle \phi(e) \mid e \in E(G) \rangle$ be the subgroup generated by the voltages $\phi(e)$. Let $\rho_1 = 1, \rho_2, \ldots, \rho_\ell$ be the irreducible representations of Γ with degrees f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_ℓ , respectively. Then the reciprocal of the zeta function of the n-fold covering G^{ϕ} of G derived from the voltage assignment ϕ is

$$Z_{G^{\phi}}(u)^{-1} = \left(Z_{G}(u)^{-1}\right)^{m_{1}} \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} \left((1-u^{2})^{(s-m)f_{i}} T_{i}(u)\right)^{m_{i}},$$

where

$$(1) \quad T_i(u) = \det \left(I_{mf_i} - \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes \rho_i(\gamma) \right) u + (Q_G \otimes I_{f_i}) u^2 \right).$$

and m_i is the multiplicity of ρ_i in the permutation representation P of Γ .

It gives another proof of Corollary 1 in Section 2 in [13].

COROLLARY 5. (Stark and Terras [13]) For every connected covering graph G^{ϕ} of the graph G, the inverse zeta function $Z_G(u)^{-1}$ divides $Z_{G^{\phi}}(u)^{-1}$.

If Γ acts on itself by right multiplication, then Γ can be identified as a regular subgroup of S_{Γ} and the covering G^{ϕ} is a regular covering of G. In this case, the multiplicity m_i is equal to the degree f_i of the irreducible representation ρ_i . Therefore, we have Theorem 2 in [9] as a corollary.

COROLLARY 6. (Mizuno and Sato [9]) The reciprocal of the zeta function of the connected regular covering G^{ϕ} of G derived from an ordinary voltage assignment $\phi: E(\vec{G}) \to \Gamma$ is

$$Z_{G^{\phi}}(u)^{-1} = Z_G(u)^{-1} \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} \left((1-u^2)^{(s-m)f_i} T_i(u) \right)^{f_i},$$

where $T_i(u)$ is given in Eq (1).

For a voltage assignment $\phi: E(\vec{G}) \to \Gamma$ and an irreducible representation ρ of Γ , the *L-function* of G associated to ρ and ϕ is defined by

$$Z_G(u, \rho, \phi) = \prod_{[C]} \det \left(I_f - \rho(\phi(C)) u^{\nu(C)} \right)^{-1},$$

where f is the degree of ρ , $\phi(C)$ is the net voltage on C and [C] runs over all equivalence classes of primitive, backtracking-less and tail-less cycles of G (see [4], [5] and [14]). It was proved in [9] that, for the irreducible representations ρ_i of Γ ,

$$Z_G(u, \rho_i, \phi)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)^{(s-m)f_i} T_i(u),$$

where $T_i(u)$ is given in Eq.(1). Therefore we have the following corollary.

COROLLARY 7. Under the same assumptions as in Theorem 4, we have

$$Z_{G^{\phi}}(u) = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} Z_{G}(u, \rho_{i}, \phi)^{m_{i}},$$

where m_i is the multiplicity of ρ_i in the permutation representation P of Γ .

EXAMPLE 1. Let n=3 and $\Gamma=S_3$, so that G^{ϕ} is a 3-fold covering of G. The symmetric group S_3 has three irreducible representations $\rho_1=1$, ρ_2 the sign representation, with degrees $f_1=f_2=1$ and ρ_3 with degree $f_3=2$ defined as follows:

$$\rho_3(1) = I_2, \quad \rho_3((123)) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & \mu^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \rho_3((132)) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix}, \\
\rho_3((12)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mu \\ \mu^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \rho_3((13)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \rho_3((23)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mu^2 \\ \mu & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\mu = \exp(2\pi i/3)$. The permutation representation can be decomposed as $P = \rho_1 \oplus \rho_3$. That is $m_1 = 1$, $m_2 = 0$ and $m_3 = 1$. By Theorem 4, one can get

$$Z_{G^{\phi}}(u)^{-1}$$
= $Z_{G}(u)^{-1}(1 - u^{2})^{2(s-m)}$

$$\times \det \left(I_{2m} - \left(\sum_{\gamma \in S_{3}} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes \rho_{3}(\gamma)\right) u + (Q_{G} \otimes I_{2})u^{2}\right),$$

where m is the number of vertices of G. Note that S_3 is the dihedral group of order 6. This result can also be obtained from Theorem 9 in Section 4 later in a different way.

In particular, if G is the diamond graph, i.e., the complete graph K_4 minus an edge, then an easy computation gives that

$$Z_G(u)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)(1 - u)(1 + u^2)(1 + u + 2u^2)(1 - u^2 - 2u^3).$$

Consider an S_3 -voltage assignment ϕ which is defined as in Figure 1.

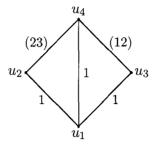


Figure 1: An S_3 -voltage assignment ϕ on the diamond graph

Then the covering G^{ϕ} is connected. Moreover,

$$A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,(13))}) = A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,(123))}) = A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,(132))}) = \mathbf{0}$$

and

Thus one can have

$$Z_{G^{\phi}}(u)^{-1} = Z_{G}(u)^{-1}(1-u^{2})^{2}(1-u-u^{3}+2u^{4})$$

 $\times (1-u+2u^{2}-u^{3}+2u^{4})(1+u+u^{3}+2u^{4})$
 $\times (1+u+2u^{2}+u^{3}+2u^{4}).$

Note that this formula is given in Example 5(3) in [13] with an aid of Mathematica. However we compute it here with a permutation voltage assignment.

3. Graph bundles having voltages in an abelian group

In this section, we consider the zeta function of a graph bundle $G \times^{\phi} F$ when the images of ϕ lie in an abelian subgroup Γ of $\operatorname{Aut}(F)$ and the graph F is regular. In this case, for any $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$, the permutation matrices $P(\gamma_1)$ and $P(\gamma_2)$ are commutative and $D_F = k_F I_n$, where k_F denotes the degree of the graph F.

It is well-known [2] that every permutation matrix $P(\gamma)$ commutes with the adjacency matrix A(F) of F for all $\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(F)$. Since the matrices $P(\gamma)$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$, and A(F) are all diagonalizable and commute with each other, they are simultaneously diagonalizable. That is, there exists an invertible matrix M_{Γ} such that $M_{\Gamma}^{-1}P(\gamma)M_{\Gamma}$ and $M_{\Gamma}^{-1}A(F)M_{\Gamma}$ are diagonal matrices for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Let $\lambda_{(\gamma,1)}, \ldots, \lambda_{(\gamma,n)}$ be the eigenvalues of the permutation matrix $P(\gamma)$ and let $\lambda_{(F,1)}, \ldots, \lambda_{(F,n)}$ be the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix A(F). Then

$$M_{\Gamma}^{-1}P(\gamma)M_{\Gamma} = \left[egin{array}{ccc} \lambda_{(\gamma,1)} & \mathbf{0} & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ \mathbf{0} & & \lambda_{(\gamma,n)} & \end{array}
ight] \quad ext{and}$$
 $M_{\Gamma}^{-1}A(F)M_{\Gamma} = \left[egin{array}{ccc} \lambda_{(F,1)} & & \mathbf{0} & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ \mathbf{0} & & \lambda_{(F,n)} & \end{array}
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Therefore,

$$(I_{m} \otimes M_{\Gamma})^{-1} \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) + I_{m} \otimes A(F) \right) (I_{m} \otimes M_{\Gamma})$$

$$= \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{(\gamma,1)} & \mathbf{0} \\ & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & \lambda_{(\gamma,n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+I_{m} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{(F,1)} & \mathbf{0} \\ & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & \lambda_{(F,n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \lambda_{(\gamma,i)} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) + \lambda_{(F,i)} I_{m} \right)$$

and

$$(I_m \otimes M_{\Gamma})^{-1}(Q_G \otimes I_n + I_m \otimes D_F)(I_m \otimes M_{\Gamma}) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (Q_G + k_F I_m).$$

Thus

$$\det(I_{mn} - (\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) + I_m \otimes A(F))u$$

+(Q_G \otimes I_n + I_m \otimes D_F)u²)

$$= \det \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} (I_m - (\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \lambda_{(\gamma,i)} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) + \lambda_{(F,i)} I_m) u \right.$$
$$\left. + (Q_G + k_F I_m) u^2 \right),$$

and then

$$\begin{split} &Z_{G \times^{\phi} F}(u)^{-1} \\ &= (1 - u^2)^{(\epsilon - m + \frac{mk_F}{2})n} \\ &\times \prod_{i=1}^{n} \det(I_m - (\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \lambda_{(\gamma, i)} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi, \gamma)}) + \lambda_{(F, i)} I_m) u + (Q_G + k_F I_m) u^2). \end{split}$$

Since the cartesian product $G \times F$ of two graphs G and F is the F-bundle over G associated with the trivial voltage assignment ϕ , i.e., $\phi(e) = 1$ for all $e \in E(\vec{G})$ and $A(G) = A(\vec{G})$, we get the following corollary.

COROLLARY 8. For any connected graph G and a connected k_F regular graph F, the reciprocal of the zeta function of the cartesian
product $G \times F$ is

$$Z_{G \times F}(u)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)^{\left(s - m + \frac{mk_F}{2}\right)n} \times \prod_{i=1}^n \det\left(I_m - (A(G) + \lambda_{(F,i)}I_m)u + (Q_G + k_F I_m)u^2\right),$$

where |V(G)| = m, |E(G)| = s and |V(F)| = n.

In particular, if G is regular of degree k_G , then the reciprocal of the zeta function of the cartesian product $G \times F$ is

$$Z_{G\times F}(u)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)^{\left(\frac{k_G + k_F}{2} - 1\right)mn} \times \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 - (\lambda_{(G,j)} + \lambda_{(F,i)})u + (k_G + k_F - 1)u^2\right),$$

where $\lambda_{(G,j)}$, $1 \leq j \leq m$, are the eigenvalues of the graph G.

EXAMPLE 2. Let $G = F = K_3$, the complete graph with 3 vertices. Then $Z(K_3, u)^{-1} = (1 - u^3)^2$. The eigenvalues of K_3 are 2, -1 and -1. By Corollary 8, we get

$$Z_{K_3 \times K_3}(u)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)^9 (1 - 4u + 3u^2)(1 - u + 3u^2)^4 (1 + 2u + 3u^2)^4.$$

It is clear that $Z(K_3, u)^{-1}$ is not a divisor of $Z(K_3 \times K_3, u)^{-1}$. This example says that in general, $Z_G(u)^{-1}$ or $Z_F(u)^{-1}$ is not necessarily to be a divisor of $Z_{G\times F}(u)^{-1}$.

In general, for the complete graph K_m , its eigenvalues are m-1 with multiplicity 1 and -1 with multiplicity m-1. Therefore

$$Z_{K_m \times K_n}(u)^{-1}$$

$$= (1 - u^2)^{\left(\frac{m+n}{2} - 2\right)mn} (1 - (m+n-2)u + (m+n-3)u^2)$$

$$\times (1 - (m-2)u + (m+n-3)u^2)^{n-1}$$

$$\times (1 - (n-2)u + (m+n-3)u^2)^{m-1}$$

$$\times (1 + 2u + (m+n-3)u^2)^{(m-1)(n-1)}.$$

EXAMPLE 3. Let C_n be the *n*-cycle. It is known [15] that the eigenvalues of C_n are $2\cos(2\pi k/n)$, $0 \le k \le n-1$. By Corollary 8, we get

$$Z_{C_m \times C_n}(u)^{-1}$$

$$= (1 - u^2)^{mn} \prod_{k_2=0}^{n-1} \prod_{k_1=0}^{m-1} (1 - 2(\cos(2\pi k_1/m) + \cos(2\pi k_2/n))u + 3u^2).$$

4. Graph bundles having voltages in a dihedral group

In this section, we compute the zeta function of a graph bundle having voltages in a dihedral group. Assume that F is k_F -regular with n vertices again and let Aut(F) contains the dihedral group D_n of order 2n, which is described below, as a subgroup in addition.

Let S_n denote the symmetric group on V(F). Set $V(F) = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ for a notational convenience. Let $a = (1 \ 2 \ \cdots \ n-1 \ n)$ be an n-cycle and let

$$b = \begin{cases} (1 \ n)(2 \ n-1)\cdots(\frac{n-1}{2} \ \frac{n+3}{2})(\frac{n+1}{2}) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ (1 \ n)(2 \ n-1)\cdots(\frac{n}{2} \ \frac{n+2}{2}) & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

be a permutation in S_n . Note that the permutations a and b generate the dihedral subgroup D_n of S_n , where

$$D_n = \langle a, b \mid a^n = b^2 = 1, \ bab = a^{-1} \rangle = \{1, a, \dots, a^{n-1}, b, ab, \dots, a^{n-1}b\}.$$
 Let $\mu = \exp(2\pi i/n)$ and let $\mathbf{x}_k = (1, \mu^k, \mu^{2k}, \dots, \mu^{(n-1)k})^T$ be a column vector in the complex n -space \mathbb{C}^n . Then $1, \mu, \dots, \mu^{n-1}$ are distinct eigenvalues of the permutation matrix $P(a)$ and \mathbf{x}_k is an eigenvector of $P(a)$ belonging to the eigenvalue μ^k for $0 \le k \le n-1$. Let $P(b)$ be the permutation matrix of b and let

$$M = \begin{cases} & [\mathbf{x_0} \ \mathbf{x_1} \ P(b)\mathbf{x_1} \ \mathbf{x_2} \ P(b)\mathbf{x_2} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{x_{(n-1)/2}} \ P(b)\mathbf{x_{(n-1)/2}}] & \text{if n is odd,} \\ & [\mathbf{x_0} \ \mathbf{x_1} \ P(b)\mathbf{x_1} \ \mathbf{x_2} \ P(b)\mathbf{x_2} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{x_{(n-2)/2}} \ P(b)\mathbf{x_{(n-2)/2}} \ \mathbf{x_{n/2}}] & \text{if n is even.} \end{cases}$$

From $P(a)P(b)\mathbf{x}_k = P(ab)\mathbf{x}_k = P(ba^{-1})\mathbf{x}_k = P(b)P(a^{-1})\mathbf{x}_k = \mu^{n-k}P(b)\mathbf{x}_k$, we know that for any $0 \le k \le n-1$, $P(b)\mathbf{x}_k$ is an eigenvector of P(a) associated with the eigenvalue μ^{n-k} . Thus the matrix M is invertible because its column vectors are eigenvectors of P(a) associated with distinct eigenvalues. Moreover, P(a) and A(F) are commutative since $a \in \operatorname{Aut}(F)$ from the assumption. Thus P(a) and A(F) are simultaneously diagonalizable. Note that the columns of M are eigenvectors of P(a) associated with distinct eigenvalues, so each column of M is again an eigenvector of A(F). Since P(b)A(F) = A(F)P(b) for $1 \le k \le (n-1)/2$ when n is odd and for $1 \le k \le (n-2)/2$ when n is even, \mathbf{x}_k and $P(b)\mathbf{x}_k$ are eigenvectors of A(F) belonging to the same eigenvalue, say it $\lambda_{(F,k)}$. The all-one vector \mathbf{x}_0 is an eigenvector of A(F) belonging to the eigenvalue k_F , the degree of the graph F. When n is even, denote by $\lambda_{(F,n/2)}$ the eigenvalue of A(F) associated with the eigenvector $\mathbf{x}_{n/2}$. From [8], we know that

$$(I_m \otimes M)^{-1} \left(\sum_{\gamma \in D_n} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) + I_m \otimes A(F) \right) (I_m \otimes M)$$

$$= \begin{cases} (A(G) + k_F I_m) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{t=1}^{(n-1)/2} (A_t + \lambda_{(F,t)} I_{2m}) \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ (A(G) + k_F I_m) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{t=1}^{(n-2)/2} (A_t + \lambda_{(F,t)} I_{2m}) \right) \\ & \oplus (B + \lambda_{(F,n/2)} I_m) & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

where

(2)
$$A_t = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[\begin{array}{cc} \mu^{tk} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,a^k)}) & \mu^{tk} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,a^kb)}) \\ \mu^{(n-t)k} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,a^kb)}) & \mu^{(n-t)k} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,a^k)}) \end{array} \right]$$

is a $2m \times 2m$ matrix and

(3)
$$B = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left((-1)^k A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,a^k)}) + (-1)^{k+1} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,a^kb)}) \right)$$

is an $m \times m$ matrix. Again we have

$$(I_m \otimes M)^{-1}(Q_G \otimes I_n + I_m \otimes D_F)(I_m \otimes M) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (Q_G + k_F I_m).$$

We denote the $2m \times 2m$ matrix $(Q_G + k_F I_m) \otimes I_2$ by L_G . Thus when n is odd,

$$\det(I_{mn} - (\sum_{\gamma \in D_n} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) + I_m \otimes A(F))u$$

$$+ (Q_G \otimes I_n + I_m \otimes D_F)u^2)$$

$$= \det(I_m - (A(G) + k_F I_m)u + (Q_G + k_F I_m)u^2)$$

$$\times \prod_{t=1}^{(n-1)/2} \det(I_{2m} - (A_t + \lambda_{(F,t)} I_{2m})u + L_G u^2),$$

and when n is even.

$$\det(I_{mn} - (\sum_{\gamma \in D_n} A(\vec{G}_{(\phi,\gamma)}) \otimes P(\gamma) + I_m \otimes A(F))u$$

$$+ (Q_G \otimes I_n + I_m \otimes D_F)u^2)$$

$$= \det(I_m - (A(G) + k_F I_m)u + (Q_G + k_F I_m)u^2)$$

$$\times \det(I_m - (B + \lambda_{(F,n/2)} I_m)u + (Q_G + k_F I_m)u^2)$$

$$\times \prod_{t=1}^{(n-2)/2} \det(I_{2m} - (A_t + \lambda_{(F,t)} I_{2m})u + L_G u^2).$$

The following theorem comes from Theorem 3.

THEOREM 9. Let G be a connected graph with m vertices and s edges, and let F be a connected k_F -regular graph with n vertices such that $\operatorname{Aut}(F)$ contains the dihedral group D_n . Then for any D_n -voltage assignment ϕ on G, the reciprocal of the zeta function of the graph bundle $G \times^{\phi} F$ is

$$Z_{G \times^{\phi} F}(u)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)^{\left(s - m + \frac{mk_F}{2}\right)n} f_{G,F}(u) \prod_{t=1}^{(n-1)/2} g_{G,F,t}(u)$$

when n is odd, and

$$Z_{G \times^{\phi} F}(u)^{-1} = (1 - u^2)^{\left(s - m + \frac{mk_F}{2}\right)n} f_{G,F}(u) h_{G,F}(u) \prod_{t=1}^{(n-2)/2} g_{G,F,t}(u)$$

when n is even, where the polynomials $f_{G,F}(u)$, $g_{G,F,t}(u)$ and $h_{G,F}(u)$ are

$$f_{G,F}(u) = \det(I_m - (A(G) + k_F I_m)u + (Q_G + k_F I_m)u^2),$$

$$g_{G,F,t}(u) = \det(I_{2m} - (A_t + \lambda_{(F,t)} I_{2m})u + L_G u^2),$$

$$h_{G,F}(u) = \det(I_m - (B + \lambda_{(F,n/2)} I_m)u + (Q_G + k_F I_m)u^2).$$

5. Applications

For a graph G with m vertices, let $\omega: E(\vec{G}) \to \mathbb{C}$ be a function on the set of directed edges of G such that $\omega(e^{-1}) = \overline{\omega(e)}$, the complex conjugate of $\omega(e)$ for each $e \in E(\vec{G})$. Such a function ω is called a symmetric weight function on the graph G. Define an $m \times m$ matrix $A(G_{\omega}) = (a_{ij})$ as

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} \omega(u_i u_j) & \text{if } u_i u_j \in E(\vec{G}), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that $A(G_{\omega})$ is a Hermitian matrix and $A(G_{\omega}) = A(G)$ when $\omega(e) = 1$ for all $e \in E(\vec{G})$.

For any D_n -voltage assignment ϕ on G, define a new \mathbb{Z}_2 -voltage assignment ψ_{ϕ} on G by

$$\psi_{\phi}(e) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \phi(e) = a^k \text{ for some } 0 \le k \le n - 1, \\ -1 & \text{if } \phi(e) = a^k b \text{ for some } 0 \le k \le n - 1, \end{cases}$$

for $e = u_i u_j \in E(\vec{G})$. The derived double covering of G by ψ_{ϕ} is denoted by $G^{\psi_{\phi}}$. For any t, $1 \leq t \leq \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor$, define a function $\omega_t(\phi) : E(\vec{G}^{\psi_{\phi}}) \to \mathbb{C}$ as follows: for any $e = (u_i, g)(u_i, \psi_{\phi}(u_i u_j)g) \in E(\vec{G}^{\psi_{\phi}})$,

$$\omega_t(\phi)(e) = \begin{cases} \mu^{tk} & \text{if } g = 1 \text{ and } (\phi(u_i u_j) = a^k \text{ or } a^k b), \\ \mu^{(n-t)k} & \text{if } g = -1 \text{ and } (\phi(u_i u_j) = a^k \text{ or } a^k b), \end{cases}$$

where $\mu = \exp(2\pi i/n)$. Then $\omega_t(\phi)$ is a symmetric weight function on the graph $G^{\psi_{\phi}}$.

Define another function $\omega_{-1}(\phi): E(\vec{G}) \to \mathbb{C}$ on the graph G by

$$\omega_{-1}(\phi)(u_i u_j) = \begin{cases} (-1)^k & \text{if } \phi(u_i u_j) = a^k, \\ (-1)^{k+1} & \text{if } \phi(u_i u_j) = a^k b \end{cases}$$

for $u_i u_j \in E(\vec{G})$. Then $\omega_{-1}(\phi)$ is a symmetric weight function on G. The following lemma was obtained by Kwak and Kwon.

LEMMA 10. ([8]) Let A_t and B be the matrices in Eq (2) and (3), respectively. Then

- (1) for any $t = 1, 2, ..., \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor$, $A(G_{\omega_t(\phi)}^{\psi_{\phi}}) = A_t$ as $2m \times 2m$ matrices under vertex order $(u_1, 1), (u_2, 1), ..., (u_m, 1), (u_1, -1), (u_2, -1), ..., (u_m, -1)$, and
- (2) if n is even, $A(G_{\omega_{-1}(\phi)}) = B$ as $m \times m$ matrices.

Let $G=C_m$ be the m-cycle with consecutive vertices u_1,u_2,\ldots,u_m . The digraph $\overrightarrow{C_m}$ is an edge-disjoint union of two directed cycles $C_m^+=(u_1,u_2,\ldots,u_m,u_1)$ and $C_m^-=(u_1,u_m,\ldots,u_2,u_1)$. Now, let $F=C_n$ be another cycle with vertices v_1,v_2,\ldots,v_n so that $\operatorname{Aut}(F)=\operatorname{Aut}(C_n)=D_n$. Let $\phi\in C^1(C_m,D_n)$ be a D_n -voltage assignment on C_m . Define the net voltage on C_m^+ by $\phi(C_m^+)=\phi(u_1u_2)\cdots\phi(u_{m-1}u_m)\phi(u_mu_1)$. The graph bundle $C_m\times^\phi C_n$ is called a discrete torus if $\phi(C_m^+)=a^k$ for some $0\leq k\leq n-1$ and a discrete Klein bottle if $\phi(C_m^+)=a^kb$ for some $0\leq k\leq n-1$. As an application of our formula, we compute the zeta functions of a discrete torus and of a discrete Klein bottle in this section.

Let $H_1(x) = x$ and $H_2(x) = x^2 - 1$ be polynomials in x and let $H_j(x)$ be a sequence of polynomials satisfying the recurrence relation

$$H_{j+2}(x) = xH_{j+1}(x) - H_j(x).$$

Set

(4)
$$P_j(x) = H_j(x) - H_{j-2}(x).$$

Then a straightforward calculation gives the following lemma.

LEMMA 11. Let ω be any symmetric weight function on C_m . Then

$$\det (I_m - (A((C_m)_\omega) + \lambda I_m)u + (\delta I_m)u^2)$$

$$= u^m \left(P_m \left(\frac{1}{u} - \lambda + \delta u \right) - \left(\omega(C_m^+) + \overline{\omega(C_m^+)} \right) \right),$$

where $\omega(C_m^+) = \omega(u_1u_2)\cdots\omega(u_{m-1}u_m)\omega(u_mu_1)$.

Now, we are ready to compute the zeta functions of a discrete torus and of a discrete Klein bottle. To do this, one needs to compute three polynomials $f_{C_m,C_n}(u)$, $h_{C_m,C_n}(u)$ and $g_{C_m,C_n,t}(u)$ defined in Theorem 9. For $G = C_m$ and $F = C_n$, we have $k_F = 2$ and $Q_G + k_F I_m = 3I_m$. From Lemma 11, it is easy to show that

$$f_{C_m,C_n}(u) = u^m \left(P_m \left(\frac{1}{u} - 2 + 3u \right) - 2 \right).$$

For any even n, since $\lambda_{C_n,n/2} = -2$, we have by Lemmas 10 and 11

$$h_{C_m,C_n}(u) = u^m \left(P_m \left(\frac{1}{u} + 2 + 3u \right) - 2\omega_{-1}(\phi)(C_m^+) \right),$$

where

$$\omega_{-1}(\phi)(C_m^+) = \begin{cases} (-1)^k & \text{if } \phi(C_m^+) = a^k, \\ (-1)^{k+1} & \text{if } \phi(C_m^+) = a^k b. \end{cases}$$

For the polynomial $g_{C_m,C_n,t}(u)$, first note that the eigenvalues of C_n are $\lambda_{(C_n,t)}=2\cos\frac{2\pi t}{n}$ for $1\leq t\leq \lfloor\frac{n-1}{2}\rfloor$. When $\phi(C_m^+)=a^k$ for some $0\leq k\leq n-1$, $C_m^{\psi_\phi}$ is a disjoint union of two copies of C_m but when $\phi(C_m^+)=a^kb$ for some $0\leq k\leq n-1$, $C_m^{\psi_\phi}$ is the cycle C_{2m} . By a method similar as in [8] with Lemmas 10 and 11, one can get

$$g_{C_m,C_n,t}(u) = \begin{cases} u^{2m} \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} - 2\cos\frac{2\pi t}{n} + 3u) - 2\cos\frac{2\pi tk}{n} \right)^2 & \text{if } \phi(C_m^+) = a^k, \\ u^{2m} \left(P_{2m}(\frac{1}{u} - 2\cos\frac{2\pi t}{n} + 3u) - 2 \right) & \text{if } \phi(C_m^+) = a^k b. \end{cases}$$

Summarizing our discussions, we have the following theorems.

THEOREM 12. Let a discrete torus $C_m \times^{\phi} C_n$ have the net voltage $\phi(C_m^+) = a^k$ for some $0 \le k \le n-1$. Then the reciprocal of its zeta function is

$$Z_{C_m \times \phi_{C_n}}(u)^{-1} = \begin{cases} (1 - u^2)^{mn} u^{mn} \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} - 2 + 3u) - 2 \right) \\ \times \prod_{t=1}^{(n-1)/2} \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} - 2\cos\frac{2\pi t}{n} + 3u) - 2\cos\frac{2\pi tk}{n} \right)^2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} (1 - u^2)^{mn} u^{mn} \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} - 2 + 3u) - 2 \right) \\ \times \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} + 2 + 3u) - 2(-1)^k \right) \\ \times \prod_{t=1}^{(n-2)/2} \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} - 2\cos\frac{2\pi t}{n} + 3u) - 2\cos\frac{2\pi tk}{n} \right)^2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

where $P_m(x)$ is defined in Eq (4).

THEOREM 13. Let a discrete Klein bottle $C_m \times^{\phi} C_n$ have the net voltage $\phi(C_m^+) = a^k b$ for some $0 \le k \le n-1$. Then the reciprocal of its

zeta function is

$$Z_{C_m \times \phi_{C_n}}(u)^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{cases} (1 - u^2)^{mn} u^{mn} \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} - 2 + 3u) - 2 \right) \\ \times \prod_{t=1}^{(n-1)/2} \left(P_{2m}(\frac{1}{u} - 2\cos\frac{2\pi t}{n} + 3u) - 2 \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} (1 - u^2)^{mn} u^{mn} \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} - 2 + 3u) - 2 \right) \\ \times \left(P_m(\frac{1}{u} + 2 + 3u) - 2(-1)^{k+1} \right) \\ \times \prod_{t=1}^{(n-2)/2} \left(P_{2m}(\frac{1}{u} - 2\cos\frac{2\pi t}{n} + 3u) - 2 \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

where $P_m(x)$ is defined in Eq. (4).

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