# Laplacian State Transfer on Graphs with an Edge Perturbation Between Twin Vertices

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=  $\cos(t)I - i\sin(t)A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & -i\sin(t) \\ -i\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix}.$ 

• Hence PST occurs at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

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• In contrast, the main conclusion by Bose et. al. in [1] observes that the complete graph  $K_{4n}$  with a missing edge exhibits LPST.

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• Let N(u) denote the set of all neighbours of a vertex u in G. Then

Lemma 1

If  $N(u_a) \setminus \{u_b\} = N(u_b) \setminus \{u_a\}$  then the matrices L and M commute.

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• If  $U_L(t)$  is the transition matrix of the unperturbed graph, then the transition matrix of the perturbed graph is

$$U_{L^{\alpha}}(t) = U_L(t) \left[ I + \frac{1}{2} \left( \exp(-2i\alpha t) - 1 \right) M \right].$$

# Theorem (LPST Between Twin Vertices I):

- Suppose the conditions of previous Proposition are satisfied.
- Let the unperturbed graph G exhibit LPST at time  $\tau$  between the vertices  $u_p$  and  $u_q$ .
- Then the edge perturbed graph with Laplacian  $L^{\alpha}$  exhibits LPST at  $\tau$  between the vertices  $u_p$  and  $u_q$  provided one of the following holds:

• 
$$p, q \in \{a, b\}$$
 with  $\alpha \tau \in \pi \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
•  $p, q \notin \{a, b\}$ .

• Moreover, if  $p \in \{a, b\}$  and  $q \notin \{a, b\}$ , then there exists no LPST in the perturbed graph between  $u_p$  and  $u_q$ .

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# Proof of Previous Theorem:

- Here  $\alpha \tau \in \pi \mathbb{Z}$  implies  $\exp(-2i\alpha \tau) = 1$ , and  $U_{L^{\alpha}}(\tau) = U_{L}(\tau)$ .
- $\bullet$  In case  $q \not\in \{a,b\},$  we have  $M \mathbf{e}_q = 0$  and hence

$$U_{L^{\alpha}}(t)\mathbf{e}_{q} = U_{L}(t)\mathbf{e}_{q}.$$
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• Since  $N(u_a) \setminus \{u_b\} = N(u_b) \setminus \{u_a\}$ , there is an automorphism of G swapping the vertices  $u_a$  and  $u_b$ , and that fixing all other vertices. Suppose P is the matrix of the automorphism then

$$P\mathbf{e}_{a} = \mathbf{e}_{b}$$
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and P commutes with L as well as  $U_L(t)$ . Now using (2)

$$\mathbf{e}_a^T U_{L^{\alpha}}(t) \mathbf{e}_q = \mathbf{e}_a^T U_L(t) \mathbf{e}_q = \mathbf{e}_a^T U_L(t) P \mathbf{e}_q = \mathbf{e}_a^T P U_L(t) \mathbf{e}_q = \mathbf{e}_b^T U_{L^{\alpha}}(t) \mathbf{e}_q$$

Since  $U_{L^{\alpha}}(t)$  is unitary and  $a \neq b$ , there is no LPST between  $u_p$  and  $u_q$  whenever  $p \in \{a, b\}$  and  $q \notin \{a, b\}$ .

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# Theorem (LPST Between Twin Vertices II):

- Suppose the conditions of previous Proposition are satisfied.
- Let the unperturbed graph be periodic at  $u_p$  at time  $\tau$ .
- Then the following holds:
  - If  $p \in \{a, b\}$  with  $2\alpha \tau \in \pi(2\mathbb{Z} + 1)$ , then the edge perturbed graph exhibits LPST between  $u_a$  and  $u_b$  at  $\tau$ .
  - If p ∉ {a, b}, then the edge perturbed graph is also periodic at the vertex u<sub>p</sub> at τ.

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# Corollary (Edge Deleted Complete Graphs):

- The graph  $K_{4n}$  on 4n vertices with a missing edge exhibits LPST.
- Moreover, removal of any set of pairwise non-adjacent edges from  $K_{4n}$  results LPST at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  between the end vertices of every edge removed.

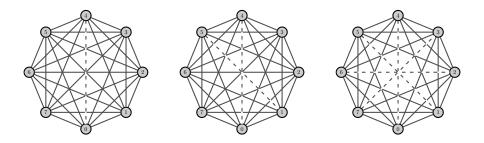


Figure: The complete graph  $K_8$  with disjoint edges removed.

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# Corollary (Weighted Laplacian Integral Graphs):

- Let G be a Laplacian integral graph having a pair of twins u and v.
- If the edge weight between u and v is set to  $\frac{1}{4}$  then the edge perturbed graph exhibits LPST between u and v at time  $2\pi$ .
- Moreover G is periodic at rest of the vertices at  $2\pi$ .

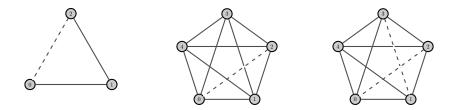


Figure: The complete graphs  $K_3$  and  $K_5$  with disjoint edges perturbed.

# Theorem (LPGST on Edge Perturbed Graphs I):

The previous conclusions can further be generalized to have LPGST in certain graphs.

- Suppose the conditions of previous Proposition are satisfied.
- Let the unperturbed graph G exhibit LPGST between the vertices  $u_p$  and  $u_q$  with respect to a sequence  $\tau_k \in \mathbb{R}$ .
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# Theorem (LPGST on Edge Perturbed Graphs II):

- Suppose the conditions of previous Proposition are satisfied.
- Let the unperturbed graph be almost periodic at  $u_p$  with respect to the sequence  $\tau_k \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- Then the following holds:
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# Corollary (Circulant Graphs With Additional Edges):

- Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n = 2^k$  and consider a circulant graph  $Cay(\mathbb{Z}_n, S)$ . Let  $S = \frac{n}{2} S$  and each divisor d of n satisfies  $|S \cap S_n(d)| \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .
- If a new edge is added between a pair of twin vertices in Cay (Z<sub>n</sub>, S) then the resulting graph exhibits LPGST between the end vertices of the newly added edge with respect to a sequence τ<sub>k</sub> ∈ π/2 (4Z + 1).
- Moreover, the perturbed graph is almost periodic at the remaining vertices with respect to τ<sub>k</sub>.

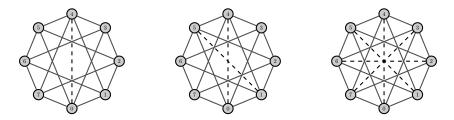


Figure: Edges perturbed circulant graph  $Cay(\mathbb{Z}_8, S)$  with  $S = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ .

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# Conclusions and Futureworks

- The study of state transfer is a rapidly growing area as it contributes to the research in quantum information processing and cryptography.
- Here we have investigated state transfer on edge perturbed graphs, and as a particular case, we have found infinite class of circulant graphs exhibiting LPST and LPGST.
- Cayley graphs appear frequently in communication networks, therefore the study on Cayley graphs in particular have tremendous importance.
- However, investigation into any well known families of graphs shall produce remarkable results.

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