

Exact two-point resistance, and the simple random walk on the complete graph minus N edges

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Abstract

An analytical approach is developed to obtain the exact expressions for the two-point resistance, and the total effective resistance of the complete graph minus N edges of the opposite vertices. These expressions are written in terms of certain numbers that we introduced which we call the Bejaia and the Pisa numbers, these numbers are the natural generalizations of the bisected Fibonacci and Lucas numbers. The correspondence between random walks and the resistor networks is then used to obtain the exact expressions for the the first passage and mean first passage times on this graph.

1 Introduction

A random walk on an undirected connected graph G is a process that starts at some vertex of G , and at each time step moves to one of the neighbors of the current vertex, each of them chosen with equal probability. The basic quantity relevant to random walks is the first passage time (FPT), or the hitting time, this is the expected time to hit a target node for the first time for a walker starting from a source node. This quantity is an indicator that characterizes the transport efficiency and carries much information of random walks. It has been shown that the escape probability, the (FPT) and the commute time (the random round trip between two nodes) of random walks are related to the effective resistance [1, 2, 3]. Therefore, the effective resistance provides an alternative way to compute the (FPT). A nice interpretation of the two-point resistance R_{ij} between nodes i and j was given by Klein and Randić [4], as a measure of how close these nodes are: for unit conductances, R_{ij} is small when there are many paths between the nodes i and j , and large when there are few paths, between the nodes i and j . With this interpretation in mind, the two-point resistance sometimes is called the resistance distance between nodes i and j , i.e., the two-point resistance enjoys the properties of a distance function. An interesting quantity related to the two-point resistance in a resistor network (undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ with vertex set V and edge set E , with unit resistors as edges) is the total resistance distances of the graph G , denoted by $R(G)$. Recently, this quantity was shown to be equal to the network criticality [5]: a measure for robustness of a network to changes in traffic, topology, and community of interest. The computation of the two-point resistance of graphs are usually difficult to obtain in a closed form, however, for certain graphs with symmetries like the undirected circulant graphs, this may be possible. The undirected circulant graph [6], is a graph whose vertices can be ordered so that the adjacency matrix is a symmetric circulant matrix, the N -cycle and the complete graphs are examples of the circulant graphs. Chau and Basu [7], derived recently a formula to compute the (FPT) of the random walk on the N -cycle graph with $2p$ neighbors, i.e., the undirected circulant graph of the type $C_N(1, 2, \dots, p)$. Their formula is based on Lovász's formula for the expected hitting time of random walk on a finite graph [8]. Wu in his paper [9], on the theory of resistor network, derived a formula to compute the two-point resistance between any two nodes in terms of the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the Laplacian matrix associated with the finite electrical network. By using his formula, he obtained two-point resistance of the complete and the cycle graphs. By diagonalizing the Laplacian matrix associated with the N -cycle graph with $2p$ nearest neighbors and using Wu's formula we obtain a formula to compute the two-point resistance between any two vertices of this graph. Then it is not difficult to show that this formula when multiplied by the number of edges $|E|$ is identical to the (FPT) given in [7]. This is expected, since we are dealing with the undirected circulant graphs that enjoy rotational symmetry, each vertex of these graphs is a vertex-transitive, i.e., looks the same from any vertex, then the first passage time is symmetric under the exchange of the vertices. Therefore, we may as well consider that the random walk has started at vertex 0, and after some steps reaches a given vertex say l . Using the commute time formula given by Chandra et al. [3], $C_{ij} = 2|E|R_{ij}$, then the first passage time H_{0l} may be written as $H_{0,l} = |E|R_{0,l}$. For example, the two-point resistance between the vertex 0 and any other vertex l of the N -cycle is $R_{0,l} = l(1 - l/N)$, and since the number of edges is $|E| = N$, then the expression for the (FPT) of the random walk on the N -cycle gives $H_{0,l} = l(N - l)$. This result was derived previously using probabilistic techniques on graphs [10]. In this paper, we give the exact expression for the two-point resistance between any two vertices of the complete graph minus N edges of the opposite vertices, N is assumed to be odd, this graph is denoted by K_N^{-N} . If N is even, then, the complete graph minus $N/2$ edges of the opposite vertices is known as the cocktail-party graph [6], in this case the two-point resistance computations are straightforward

unlike in this paper. The general formula to compute the two-point resistance of the graph K_N^{-N} turns out to be given by trigonometrical power sums. To obtain the exact two-point resistance, an extra care is needed to use a formula by Schwatt [11] on trigonometrical power sums, since the latter does not give the right answer when the powers are congruent to N . Therefore, we have to solve this problem first before doing our computations. As a consequence, computing the two-point resistance is not direct and is done in steps, once the right formula for the trigonometrical power sum is obtained, we use the binomial coefficients representation by residues, and the linearity property of the residue operator. This property played an important role in our paper, that enabled us to avoid carrying out certain sum of binomials like $\sum_{p=1}^{\lfloor j/N \rfloor} (-1)^{pN} \binom{2j}{j-pN}$, this turns out to be an open mathematical problem in combinatorics ¹, the only known closed formula for this sum is for $N = 1, 2, 3$. Then, using the Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind, and introducing certain numbers which we call the Bejaia and the Pisa numbers, the two-point resistance is obtained. We find that the names Bejaia and Pisa fit nicely, here, simply because Fibonacci started thinking about his famous numbers while he was in bejaia and wrote them when he went back to Pisa. These numbers, have nice properties like the Fibonacci and the Lucas numbers. More precisely, these numbers are the natural generalizations of the bisected Fibonacci and Lucas numbers, that is, $F_{2n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$, and $L_{2n} = \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$ respectively. The total effective resistance, and the important parameters of random walks on this graph such as the (FPT), and the mean first passage times (MFPT) are also given by exact expressions. It is interesting to note that for regular graphs, we obtained the (MFPT) expression through a very simple formula in terms of The total effective resistance, and the degree of the graph..

2 The two-point resistance of the complete graph minus N edges

In this section, exact formula for the two-point resistance of the complete graph minus N edges of the opposite vertices is obtained, here, N is assumed to be odd, this graph is denoted by K_N^{-N} . Our computations are done in steps and somehow similar to the computations of the two-point resistance of the N -cycle with four nearest neighbors carried out recently by the author [12]. Our computations of the two-point resistance is based on a theorem by Wu [9], which states that for a resistor network with unit resistance, the the two point resistance between any two nodes α and β is given by

$$R_{\alpha,\beta} = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{|\psi_{n\alpha} - \psi_{n\beta}|^2}{\lambda_n}, \quad (1)$$

where $1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq N$ and λ_n, ψ_n are the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the Laplacian L associated with the resistor network having unit resistance, that is, graphs. The Laplacian matrix L associated with the graph $G = (V, E)$ is $L = D - A$, where D is the diagonal matrix of degrees and A is the adjacency matrix representing the edge set E . Now, let us give a suitable method for obtaining the eigenvalues for certain circulant graphs and in particular The eigenvalues of the graph K_N^{-N} . The complete graph minus N edges is a circulant graph [6], that is, a graph whose vertices can be ordered so that the adjacency matrix A is a circulant matrix, mathematically, this means that the i^{th} row is a cyclic shift of the zeroth row by i , $a_{i,j} = a_{0,j-i}$, $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$, so that the vertices N and 0 are identical, here, note that the subscripts are reduced modulo N . The graph K_N^{-N} is an undirected graph with no self-loops, i.e., $a_{i,j} = a_{j,i}$ and $a_{ii} = 0$ respectively. Our

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graph belongs to the the undirected circulant graphs denoted by $C_N(1, 2, \dots, p)$, where $p < N/2$, if N is even, and $p < \frac{N-1}{2}$, if N is odd, here, each vertex i is adjacent to $2p$ vertices $i \pm 1, i \pm 2, \dots, i \pm p \pmod N$. In particular, if $p = 1$, this is the N -cycle graph in which each vertex is adjacent to two vertices, and if $p = N/2$, $p = \frac{N-1}{2}$, then, one obtains a complete graph whose number of vertices N is even, odd respectively. Therefore, if N is odd, the complete graph minus N edges as a circulant graph is $C_N(1, 2, \dots, \frac{N-1}{2} - 1)$, so that each vertex is adjacent to $N - 3$ vertices. The matrix elements of the Laplacian matrix L of the graph G , may be written as

$$L_{mn} = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } m = n, \\ -1 & \text{if } m \text{ and } n \text{ are adjacents} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where d , is the degree of the graph that is, the number of unit resistors connected to i^{th} vertex. In order to obtain the eigenvalues of the Laplacian of the graph, it is more convenient to read the matrix elements of the adjacency matrix A using circulant graphs. For example, the Laplacian for the N -cycle graph, the N -cycle with four nearest neighbors, and the complete graph minus N edges for N odd, may be written as

$$L_{mn} = 2\delta_{m,n} - (\delta_{m,n+1} + \delta_{m,n-1}), \quad (3)$$

$$L_{mn} = 4\delta_{m,n} - (\delta_{m,n+1} + \delta_{m,n-1}) - (\delta_{m,n+2} + \delta_{m,n-2}), \quad (4)$$

and

$$L_{mn} = (N - 3)\delta_{m,n} - (\delta_{m,n+1} + \delta_{m,n-1}) - \dots - (\delta_{m,n+(\frac{N-1}{2}-1)} + \delta_{m,n-(\frac{N-1}{2}-1)}), \quad (5)$$

respectively. We should note that row and column labels of $\delta_{m,n \pm k}$ are to be considered modulo N . Since the matrix Ψ with elements $\psi_{n,k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \exp(\frac{2\pi ink}{N})$ is a unitary transformation, this is a consequence of the identity $(\Psi^* \Psi)_{mn} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \exp[-2\pi ik(m-n)/N] = \delta_{m,n}$, then, the hermitian Laplacian matrix L may be diagonalized using the matrix Ψ . The matrix elements $\delta_{m,n+k}$ may be considered as matrix elements of the k^{th} power of the rotation matrix R of finite closed lattice [13], i.e, $(R^k)_{mn} = \delta_{m,n+k}$. As a consequence using Ψ , $\delta_{m,n+k}$ may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{R}^k)_{mn} &= (\Psi^* R^k \Psi)_{mn} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j,l} \delta_{j,l+k} \exp[2\pi i(ln - jm)/N] \\ &= \exp[-2\pi ikm/N] \frac{1}{N} \sum_l \exp[2\pi i(n - m)/N] \\ &= \delta_{m,n} \exp[-2\pi ikm/N], \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

similarly, $(\mathcal{R}^{-k})_{mn} = \delta_{m,n} \exp[2\pi ikm/N]$. Now, this representation may be used to obtain the eigenvalues of the laplacian of any N -cycle graph with $2p$ nearest neighbors, for example the eigenvalues for the N -cycle graph, the N -cycle graph with four nearest neighbors are $\lambda_n = 4 \sin^2(n\pi/N)$, $\lambda_n = 4 \sin^2(n\pi/N) + 4 \sin^2(2n\pi/N)$ respectively. In general, the eigenvalues of the N -cycle with $2p$ nearest neighbors are

$$\lambda_n = 4 \sum_{m=1}^p \sin^2(nm\pi/N).$$

Thus, the eigenvalues of the Laplacian of the complete graph minus N edges are

$$\lambda_n = 4 \sum_{m=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}-1} \sin^2(nm\pi/N), \quad (7)$$

by using the identity

$$4 \sum_{m=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \sin^2(nm\pi/N) = N, \quad (8)$$

it follows that the even and the odd eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_{2n} = N - 4 \sin^2(n\pi/N)$$

and

$$\lambda_{2n-1} = N - 4 \cos^2((2n-1)\pi/2N)$$

respectively. Substituting the expressions for the eigenvalues λ_n of the Lapacian in Eq. (1), then the two point resistance of the graph K_N^{-N} may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\alpha\beta} &= R(|\alpha - \beta|) = R(l) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{4 \sin^2(nl\pi/N)}{N - 4 \sin^2(\frac{N-1}{2}n\pi/N)} \\ &= \frac{4}{N^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\sin^2(2nl\pi/N)}{1 - \frac{4}{N} \sin^2(n\pi/N)} + \frac{4}{N^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\sin^2((2n-1)l\pi/N)}{1 - \frac{4}{N} \cos^2((2n-1)\pi/2N)}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Therefore, to compute the two-point resistance we need to compute the last two sum that we denote by $R_1(l)$ and $R_2(l)$ respectively. The first term may be expanded to give

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(l) &= \frac{4}{N^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\sin^2(2nl\pi/N)}{1 - \frac{4}{N} \sin^2(n\pi/N)} \\ &= \frac{2}{N^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (4/N)^j \left(\sin^{2j}(n\pi/2N) \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^{s+1} \frac{l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} 2^{2s} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \sin^{2s}(2n\pi/N) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (4/N)^j \left(\sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^{s+1} \frac{l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} 2^{4s} \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \sin^{2(s+j+m)}(n\pi/N) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

In obtaining the last two lines of the above equation we have used the trigonometrical identity

$$\cos 2(2ln\pi/N) = \sum_{s=0}^l (-1)^s \frac{l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} 2^{2s} \sin^{2s}(2n\pi/N),$$

and the symmetry $\sin^{2j} n\pi/N = \sin^{2j}(N-1)n\pi/N$ for $1 \leq n \leq N-1$. As it was explained in our recent paper [12], that the suitable formula for the sum over n is a slight deformation of the formula given by Schwatt [11]. The suitable formula that we need is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \sin^{2(s+j+m)}(n\pi/N) &= \frac{N}{2^{2(s+j+m)}} \binom{2(j+s+m)}{j+s+m} \\ &+ \frac{N}{2^{2(j+s+m)-1}} \sum_{p=1}^{[(j+s+m)/N]} (-1)^p \binom{2(j+s+m)}{j-pN}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Therefore, the computation of $R_1(l)$ splits into two parts $R_1(l)'$ and $R_1(l)''$, where

$$R_1(l)' = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^{s+1} \frac{l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \times \left(\sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \binom{2J}{J} - \sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \binom{2J}{J} \right) \quad (12)$$

and

$$R_1(l)'' = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^{s+1} \frac{2l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \times \left(\sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/N]} (-1)^p \binom{2J}{J-pN} - \sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/N]} (-1)^p \binom{2J}{J-pN} \right), \quad (13)$$

where $J = j + s$. The next thing to do is to evaluate the sum over J , to do so we use the representation of the binomial coefficients by residue [14]. First, let us recall the definition of the residue operator, if $G(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k w^k$ is a generating function for a sequence $\{a_k\}$. Then the k -th coefficient of $G(w)$ may be represented by the formal residue as follows

$$a_k = \text{res}_w G(w) w^{-k-1}.$$

In particular, the generating function of the binomial coefficient sequence $\binom{n}{k}$ for a fixed n is given by

$$G(w) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} w^k = (1+w)^n,$$

and hence

$$\binom{n}{k} = \text{res}_w (1+w)^n w^{-k-1}.$$

The other binomial coefficient that we need is the one that in which n takes all integer values, like the first sum over J given in Eq. (12), this particular binomial coefficient is given by

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \text{res}_w (1-4w)^{-1/2} w^{-n-1}.$$

Before finishing this brief summary, we should mention one important property of the residue operator res , namely linearity. This is crucial in our computations, linearity states that given some constants α and β , then

$$\alpha \text{res}_w G_1(w) w^{-k-1} + \beta \text{res}_w G_2(w) w^{-k-1} = \text{res}_w (\alpha G_1(w) + \beta G_2(w)) w^{-k-1}.$$

Therefore, the first sum over J in Eq. (12) may be written as

$$\sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \binom{2J}{J} = \text{res}_w (1-4w)^{-1/2} \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/Nw)^J w^{-1} = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{N-4}} \quad (14)$$

As a result the first term of Eq. (12) may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^{s+1} \frac{l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \binom{2J}{J} \\ &= \frac{1}{2N} \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{N-4}} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} (-1)^{l+k+1} \frac{2l}{2l-k} \binom{2l-k}{k} \left(\sqrt{N(4-N)} \right)^{2(l-k)}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where we have set $l-s=k$. Now, the sum over k of Eq. (15) is nothing but the normalized Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind $C_{2l}(\sqrt{N(4-N)})$ without the term $k=l$, where

$$C_{2l}(x) = 2T_{2l}(x/2) = \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} (-1)^k \frac{2l}{2l-k} \binom{2l-k}{k} x^{2l-2k},$$

is the normalized Chebyshev polynomial [15], and

$$T_{2l}(x/2) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{x}{2} + \sqrt{(x/2)^2 - 1} \right)^{2l} + \left(\frac{x}{2} - \sqrt{(x/2)^2 - 1} \right)^{2l} \right].$$

Therefore, equation (15) may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2N} \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{N-4}} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} (-1)^{l+k+1} \frac{2l}{2l-k} \binom{2l-k}{k} \left(\sqrt{N(4-N)} \right)^{2(l-k)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2N} \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{N-4}} (-1)^{l+1} \left(C_{2l}(\sqrt{N(4-N)} - 2(-1)^l) \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(N-4)}} \left(\left(\frac{N-2 + \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2l} + \left(\frac{N-2 - \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2l} - 2 \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{N(N-4)} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where $\mathcal{B}_l(N)$ are Bejaia numbers that are defined below. In order to make our formulas nicer and less complicated, we introduce certain numbers $\mathcal{B}_l(N)$, that we call the Bejaia numbers given by the following expression

$$\mathcal{B}_l(N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(N-4)}} \left(\left(\frac{N-2 + \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^l - \left(\frac{N-2 - \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^l \right). \quad (17)$$

Then,

$$\mathcal{B}_l^2(N) = \frac{1}{N(N-4)} \left(\left(\frac{N-2 + \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2l} + \left(\frac{N-2 - \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2l} - 2 \right),$$

this is reminiscent of the relation $F_l^2 = \frac{1}{5} \left(L_{2l} - 2(-1)^l \right)$, where F_l and L_{2l} are the Fibonacci and the Lucas numbers respectively. Therefore, we may define the Bejaia's cousin numbers $\mathcal{P}_l(N)$, that we call the Pisa numbers defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_l(N) = \left(\frac{N-2 + \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^l + \left(\frac{N-2 - \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^l, \quad (18)$$

so that $\mathcal{B}_l^2(N) = \frac{1}{N(N-4)}(\mathcal{P}_{2l}(N) - 2)$. The Bejaia numbers, and the Pisa numbers are generalizations of the bisected Fibonacci and the Lucas numbers respectively. For $N = 5$, then the Bejaia numbers $\mathcal{B}_l(5)$ are nothing but the bisection of the Fibonacci numbers, F_{2l} , and similarly, the Pisa numbers $\mathcal{P}_l(5)$, are the bisection of the Lucas numbers, that is, L_{2l} , see sequences (A001906, A005248) [16]. We now go to the second term of Eq. (12), this time the summation over J is a finite sum and the suitable residue representation is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \binom{2J}{J} &= \sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \operatorname{res}_{w=0} (1+w)^{2J} w^{-J-1} \\ &= N \operatorname{res}_{w=0} \frac{(1+w)^{2(s+m)}}{(Nw)^{s+m}((1+w)^2 - Nw)} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Using the above equation and summing over m , and then evaluating the residue, the second term of Eq. (12) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^s \frac{l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \binom{2J}{J} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{res}_{w=0} \frac{1}{\left(w - \left(\frac{N-4-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2}\right)\right) \left(w - \left(\frac{N-4+\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2}\right)\right)} \left(C_{2l} \left(\frac{i(1-w^2)}{w} \right) - 2(-1)^l \right) \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{B}_{2l}(N)}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

In order to compute the first term of Eq. (13), we first, sum over J which is done through residue representation as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/N]} (-1)^p \binom{2J}{J-pN} &= -\operatorname{res}_w \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J (1+w)^{2J} w^{-J-1} \left(\frac{w^N}{1+w^N} \right) \\ &= -\frac{N}{\sqrt{N(N-4)}} \frac{\left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^N}, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

in obtaining Eq. (21), we allowed the sum over p to go to infinity, since for $p > [J/N]$, the binomial is identically zero and subtracted the $p = 0$ term from the infinite geometrical series $\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} (-1)^p (w^N)^p$, $|w| < 1$. Then, the sum of the first term in Eq. (13) reads

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^{s+1} \frac{2l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/N]} (-1)^p \binom{2J}{J-pN} \\ &= \sqrt{N(N-4)} \frac{\left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^N} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Finally, we come to the last computation of the first part of the two-point resistance, that is, the second term in Eq. (13). This time the sum over J is finite and one has

$$\sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/N]} (-1)^p \binom{2J}{J-pN} = \frac{w^N}{1+w^N} \operatorname{res}_{w=0} \frac{(1+w)^{2(s+m)}}{(Nw - (1+w^2))(Nw)^{s+m}}. \quad (23)$$

In the above equation we have discarded a term whose residue at $w = N - 2 - \sqrt{N^2 - 4N}$ do not contribute and has a vanishing residue at $w = 0$. Summing over m , then, the residue computation at the pole $w = 0$ of order $2l - N$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^s \frac{2l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{\lfloor J/N \rfloor} (-1)^p \binom{2J}{J-pN} \\ &= -\mathcal{B}_{2l-N}(N). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

It is interesting to note that this term contributes only for $l \geq (N+1)/2$. As a result, now, adding the different contributions given by equations (16), (20), and (24), then, the first term $R_1(l)$ of the two-point resistance of the graph K_N^{-N} has the following closed formula

$$R_1(l) = \frac{4}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\sin^2(2n\pi/N)}{N - 4 \sin^2(n\pi/N)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}_{2l}(N)}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N) \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2}\right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2}\right)^N} \quad (25)$$

The computations of the second term of the two-point resistance $R(l)$, namely, $R_2(l)$, are to a certain extent similar to those of $R_1(l)$, the details of these computations will be given in appendix A. Although, not all the contributions are the same as in $R_1(l)$, the total contribution give exactly the same results obtained for $R_1(l)$, then, the second term $R_2(l)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} R_2(l) &= \frac{4}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\sin^2((2n-1)l\pi/N)}{N - 4 \cos^2((2n-1)\pi/2N)} \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{B}_{2l}(N)}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N) \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2}\right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2}\right)^N}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Therefore, the final expression for the two-point resistance of the graph K_N^{-N} , reads;

$$\begin{aligned} R(l) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{4 \sin^2(nl\pi/N)}{N - 4 \sin^2(\frac{N-1}{2}n\pi/N)} = \\ &= \mathcal{B}_{2l}(N) - \sqrt{N(N-4)} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N) \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2}\right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2}\right)^N}, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Where $N > 4$, and $l < \frac{N+1}{2}$.

3 The total effective resistance, and the simple random walk on the complete graph minus N edges

Effective resistances in electrical networks, have been known to have far reaching implications in a variety of problems. Recurrence and transience in random walks in infinite networks Doyle and Snell [1], and the covering and commute times of random walks in graphs [2, 3] can be determined

by the effective resistance. A simple random walk, on a graph is conveniently represented by its transition probability $P_{ij} = \frac{1}{d(i)}$, if i, j are adjacent vertices and 0 otherwise (where $d(i)$ is the degree of i). This is the probability the walk move from vertex i to vertex j , given that we are at vertex i . There are important parameters associated with random walks on graphs such as the (FPT) and and commute time that may be written in terms of the effective resistance. The (FPT) H_{ij} is the expected number of steps it takes a walk that starts at i to reach j . The commute time C_{ij} is the expected number of steps that it takes a walk to go from i to j and back to i so $C_{ij} = H_{ij} + H_{ji}$. It has been proved by Chandra et al. [3] that the commute time C_{ij} is equal to $2|E|R_{ij}$, and from the total resistance distance of the graph G , introduced by Klein and Randic [4] $R(G) = \sum_{i<j} R_{ij}$, then

$$R(G) = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{i<j} (H_{ij} + H_{ji}) = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{ij} H_{ij} \quad (28)$$

that, is, the total effective resistance of a graph is proportional to the expected commute time averaged over all pairs of vertices. Given a closed form expression for the effective resistance, then the total effective resistance $R(G)$, the (FPT), and (MFPT), may be obtained in closed forms. The expression for (FPT) of the simple random walk on the complete graph minus N edges, may be written as $H_{0,l} = |E|R(l)$, since the graph is regular and has a rotational symmetry. Now, the total number of edges in this graph is $\frac{N(N-3)}{2}$, therefore, the exact expression for the (FPT) of the simple random walk on the graph K_N^{-N} , reads

$$H_{0,l} = \frac{N(N-3)}{2} \left(\mathcal{B}_{2l}(N) - \sqrt{N(N-4)} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N) \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2} \right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2} \right)^N} \right). \quad (29)$$

In order to compute the (MFPT), we need an expression for the total effective resistance of this graph, this may be seen as follows,

$$\overline{H_{0,l}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} H_{0,l} = \frac{2|E|}{N^2} \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \frac{N}{2} R(l) = \frac{d}{N} R(G), \quad (30)$$

where we have used the formula $2|E| = Nd$ for regular graphs, here, the degree of the graph is $d = N - 1$. The expression of the total effective resistance may be obtained in a closed form by using the expressions for the sums $\sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \mathcal{B}_{2l}(N)$ and $\sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N)$ evaluated in AppendixB.1. As a consequence, the total resistance may be computed to give

$$\begin{aligned} R(K_N^{-N}) &= N \sum_{l=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} R(l) \\ &= N \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_N(N) - (N-2)}{N(N-4)} - \frac{\mathcal{B}_N(N) - N}{\sqrt{N(N-4)}} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2} \right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2} \right)^N} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

in obtaining the above formula for the total resistance we used the fact that $\mathcal{B}_1(N) = 1$, and $\mathcal{P}_1(N) = N - 2$. Thus, the (MFPT) of the simple random walk on K_N^{-N} , is

$$\overline{H_{0,l}} = (N-1) \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_N(N) - (N-2)}{N(N-4)} - \frac{\mathcal{B}_N(N) - N}{\sqrt{N(N-4)}} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2} \right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)})}{2} \right)^N} \right). \quad (32)$$

It has been shown in [4], that the total effective resistance of a connected graph G with N vertices may be written in terms of the Laplacian eigenvalues as $R(G) = N \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\lambda_n}$, therefore, the equivalent formula for the (MFPT) of the simple random walk on the graph K_N^{-N} , is

$$\overline{H_{0,l}} = (N-1) \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left(4 \sum_{m=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}-1} \sin^2 mn\pi/N \right)^{-1} \quad (33)$$

Comparison with eq. (32) entitles us to draw the conclusion that we should have the following identity

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left(4 \sum_{m=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}-1} \sin^2 mn\pi/N \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_N(N) - (N-2)}{N(N-4)} - \frac{\mathcal{B}_N(N) - N}{\sqrt{N(N-4)}} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2) - \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2) - \sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^N} \right). \quad (34)$$

For example, we may check the above identity for the graph K_7^{-7} , i.e., the 7-cycle graph in which every vertex is adjacent to 4 nearest neighbors. In this case the Bejaia and the Pisa numbers are $\mathcal{B}_7(7) = 12649$, and $\mathcal{P}_7(7) = 57965$ respectively, see Appendix B, then, computing both sides of Eq. (34) give the value 1.3846153.

4 Conclusion

To conclude, in this work, we were able to obtain the exact formula for the two-point resistance, the total effective resistance, the (FPT) and the (MFPT) of the simple random walk on the the complete graph minus N edges of the opposite vertices K_N^{-N} . These formulas are written in terms of certain numbers that we called the Bejaia, and the Pisa numbers that are generalizations of the bisected Fibonacci and the Lucas numbers. By uncovering the properties of the Bejaia, and the Pisa numbers, then the exact two-point resistance may be obtained for any number of vertices N of the graph K_N^{-N} . These numbers were shown to be related to each other through some identities, similar to the relations between the Fibonacci and the Lucas numbers. Using these identities, then the sum of the Bejaia and the Pisa numbers and their powers were possible and given in closed forms which played a crucial role in obtaining the exact formulas for the total effective resistance, the (FPT), and the (MFPT) of the simple random walk on the the graph K_N^{-N} . The connection between the random walk and the bisected Fibonacci numbers have been already noticed in the literatures [17], If, one consider a particle executing random walk on the line that starts at the point 1 and arrives eventually at the point 5 in a total of $4 + 2l$ probable unit steps, l of which are in the negative direction. Then, the number of distinct walks satisfying these restrictions is given by the bisection of the Fibonacci numbers (alternate Fibonacci numbers). The same random walk is generated by computing the two-point correlators (intersection numbers) on the moduli space of holomorphic maps, of a fixed degree d , from a sphere into the Grassmannian of 2-planes in \mathbb{C}^5 [18]. In a recent work [12], the exact two-point resistance of the exact expression for the two-point resistance of the square of the N -cycle graph, $C_N(1, 2)$, in which every vertex is connected to its two neighbors and neighbor's neighbors, in which it was shown to be written in terms of two-point resistance of the N -cycle graph C_N , the square of the Fibonacci numbers, and the bisected Fibonacci numbers. Therefore, the two-point resistance of the graph K_N^{-N} , in this paper generalizes naturally the two-point resistance of the graph $C_N(1, 2)$. In general, the important parameters of random walks on circulant graphs are related to the Fibonacci numbers and their generalizations.

A The explicit computation of the sum $R_2(l)$

Here, we will show that the sum $R_2(l)$ given in Eq. (35) is exactly equal to $R_1(l)$, see Eq. (25). The expression for $R_2(l)$ may be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
R_2(l) &= \frac{4}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\sin^2((2n-1)l\pi/N)}{N - 4 \cos^2((2n-1)\pi/2N)} \\
&= \frac{2}{N^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (4/N)^j \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^{s+1} \frac{l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} 2^{4s} \\
&\quad \times \left(\sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \cos^{2(s+j+m)}((2n-1)\pi/2N) \right). \tag{35}
\end{aligned}$$

Using the following identity

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \cos^{2(s+j+m)}((2n-1)\pi/2N) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \cos^{2(s+j+m)}(n\pi/2N) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (-1)^{n-1} \cos^{2(s+j+m)}(n\pi/2N), \tag{36}
\end{aligned}$$

one can show that the suitable formula for the power sums in Eq. (36), that take into account that j may be congruent to N , is

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \cos^{2(s+j+m)}((2n-1)l\pi/N) &= \frac{N}{2^{2(s+j+m)+1}} \binom{2(j+s+m)}{j+s+m} \\
&\quad + \frac{N}{2^{2(j+s+m)}} \sum_{p=1}^{[(j+s+m)/2N]} \binom{2(j+s+m)}{j-2pN} \\
&\quad - \frac{N}{2^{2(j+s+m)}} \sum_{p=1}^{[(j+s+m)/2N]} \binom{2(j+s+m)}{j-(2p-1)N}. \tag{37}
\end{aligned}$$

The terms on the right hand of Eq. (37) are similar to those on the right of Eq. (11), the only difference is that this time we have sums over even and odd p without the alternating factor $(-1)^p$. Therefore, the corresponding sums over J may be computed to give

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/2N]} \binom{2J}{J-2pN} &= \text{res}_w \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J (1+w)^{2J} w^{-J-1} \left(\frac{w^{2N}}{1-w^{2N}} \right) \\
&= \frac{N}{\sqrt{N(N-4)}} \frac{\left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2N}}{1 - \left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2N}}, \tag{38}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/2N]} \binom{2J}{J - (2p-1)N} &= \operatorname{res}_w \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J (1+w)^{2J} w^{-J-1} \left(\frac{w^N}{1-w^{2N}} \right) \\ &= \frac{N}{\sqrt{N(N-4)}} \frac{\left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^N}{1 - \left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2N}}, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

respectively. The first sum over J in Eq. (35) is exactly $R_1(l)'$, this was already computed, that is, the sum of the two contributions given by Eqs. (16) and (20) respectively. The second and the third sums over J may be computed using the previous computations and the last two equations, to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^{s+1} \frac{2l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/2N]} \binom{2J}{J-pN} &= \\ -\sqrt{N(N-4)} \frac{\left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2N}}{1 - \left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2N}} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N), \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^s \frac{2l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/2N]} \binom{2J}{J - (2p-1)N} &= \\ \sqrt{N(N-4)} \frac{\left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^N}{1 - \left(\frac{N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \right)^{2N}} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N), \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

respectively. Note that in obtaining the second and the third sums given by Eqs. (40), (41) respectively, we used the fact that

$$\sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/2N]} \binom{2J}{J-2pN} = \operatorname{res}_w \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J (1+w)^{2J} w^{-J-1} \left(\frac{w^{2N}}{1-w^{2N}} \right),$$

does not contribute to the residue, whereas the sum

$$\sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/2N]} \binom{2J}{J - (2p-1)N} = \operatorname{res}_w \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} (1/N)^J (1+w)^{2J} w^{-J-1} \left(\frac{w^N}{1-w^{2N}} \right),$$

does contribute to the residue and hence to the third sum provided $l \geq (N+1)/2$. The result of this computation coincides with the one obtained earlier see Eq. (24), that is,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^l (-1)^s \frac{2l}{l+s} \binom{l+s}{l-s} (4N)^s \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^m \binom{s}{m} (N/4)^m \\ &\times \sum_{J=0}^{s+m-1} (1/N)^J \sum_{p=1}^{[J/2N]} \binom{2J}{J - (2p-1)N} = -\sqrt{N(N-4)} \mathcal{B}_{(2l-N)}(N). \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Finally, adding all the contributions given by equations (16), (20), (40), and (41), then, the second term of the two-point resistance $R_2(l)$ of the graph K_N^{-N} may be written in a closed form as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
R_2(l) &= \frac{4}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\sin^2((2n-1)l\pi/N)}{N-4\cos^2((2n-1)\pi/2N)} \\
&= \frac{\mathcal{B}_{2l}(N)}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N) \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2}\right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2}\right)^N}. \tag{43}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the sums $R_1(l)$, and $R_2(l)$ are identical.

B The general properties of the Bejaia and the Pisa numbers

The Bejaia numbers may be shown to satisfy the following recursion, $\mathcal{B}_l(N) = (N-2)\mathcal{B}_{l-1}(N) - \mathcal{B}_{l-2}(N)$, $l \geq 2$, therefore, for any $N \geq 5$, one has, $\mathcal{B}_0(N) = 0$, $\mathcal{B}_1(N) = 1$, $\mathcal{B}_2(N) = N-2$, $\mathcal{B}_3(N) = (N-2)^2 - 1$, etc. Similarly, the Pisa numbers satisfy $\mathcal{P}_l(N) = (N-2)\mathcal{P}_{l-1}(N) - \mathcal{P}_{l-2}(N)$, $l \geq 2$, then, for any $N \geq 5$, one has $\mathcal{P}_0(N) = 2$, $\mathcal{P}_1(N) = N-2$, $\mathcal{P}_2(N) = (N-2)^2 - 2$, $\mathcal{P}_3(N) = (N-2)^3 - 3(N-2)$, etc. As a consequence, we have an infinity number of the Bejaia and the Pisa sequences and the two-point resistance may be evaluated for any N , and l . The left hand of the above trigonometrical sum enjoys the transparent symmetry $R(l) = R(N-l)$, whereas, on the right hand side this symmetry is not manifest. This symmetry, is checked explicitly by taking into account Eq. (24), for $l \geq (N+1)/2$. This in turn implies that the Bejaia numbers satisfies the following identity

$$\mathcal{B}_{2(N-l)}(N) - \mathcal{B}_{2l}(N) - 2\mathcal{B}_{(N-2l)}(N) = \sqrt{N(N-4)} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2}\right)^N}{1 + \left(\frac{(N-2-\sqrt{N(N-4)}}{2}\right)^N} (\mathcal{B}_{N-l}^2(N) - \mathcal{B}_l^2(N)). \tag{44}$$

This is checked to be correct using simply the definition of $\mathcal{B}_l(N)$ given in Eq. (17).

B.1 Closed formulas for $\sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \mathcal{B}_l(N)$ and $\sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N)$

In order to obtain the expression of the total effective resistance in a closed form, we need to evaluate the following sums $\sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \mathcal{B}_l(N)$ and $\sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \mathcal{B}_l^2(N)$. This turns out to be possible through certain identities satisfied by the Bejaia and the Pisa numbers, these identities are the analog of the Fibonacci and the Lucas numbers. From the expressions for the Bejaia and Pisa numbers, one obtains the following identities;

$$\mathcal{B}_l(N) = \frac{1}{N(N-4)} (\mathcal{P}_{l+1}(N) - \mathcal{P}_{l-1}(N)),$$

and

$$\mathcal{P}_l(N) = \mathcal{B}_{l+1}(N) - \mathcal{B}_{l-1}(N),$$

from these idntities, we find

$$\sum_{l=1}^n \mathcal{B}_l^2(N) = \frac{1}{N(N-4)} (\mathcal{B}_{2n+1}(N) - \mathcal{B}_1(N) - 2n), \tag{45}$$

and

$$\sum_{l=1}^n \mathcal{B}_{2l}(N) = \frac{1}{N(N-4)} (\mathcal{P}_{2n+1}(N) - \mathcal{P}_1(N)). \quad (46)$$

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