

# Spectra and eigenspaces from regular partitions of Cayley (di)graphs of permutation groups \*

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## Abstract

In this paper, we present a method to obtain regular (or equitable) partitions of Cayley (di)graphs (that is, graphs, digraphs, or mixed graphs) of permutation groups on  $n$  letters. We prove that every partition of the number  $n$  gives rise to a regular partition of the Cayley graph. By using representation theory, we also obtain the complete spectra and the eigenspaces of the corresponding quotient (di)graphs. More precisely, we provide a method to find all the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of such (di)graphs, based on their irreducible representations. As examples, we apply this method to the pancake graphs  $P(n)$  and to a recent known family of mixed graphs  $\Gamma(d, n, r)$  (having edges with and without direction). As a byproduct, the existence of perfect codes in  $P(n)$  allows us to give a lower bound for the multiplicity of its eigenvalue  $-1$ .

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## 1 Preliminaries

In this paper, we study the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of Cayley (di)graphs  $\text{Cay}(G, S)$  (in these, we include graphs, digraphs, and mixed graphs), where  $G$  is a subgroup of the symmetric group  $S_n = \text{Sym}(n)$ , and  $S$  is the generating set given by some permutations  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k$ .

Throughout this paper,  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  denotes a digraph, which as said before can be a graph, digraph or mixed graph, with vertex set  $V$  and arc set  $E$ . An arc from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$  is denoted by either  $uv$  or  $u \rightarrow v$ . The set of vertices adjacent from a vertex  $u \in V$  is denoted by  $\Gamma^+(u) = \{v \in V : u \rightarrow v\}$ . We allow *loops* (that is, arcs from a vertex to itself), and *multiple arcs*. A *digon* is a pair of opposite arcs,  $uv$  and  $vu$ , forming an edge, and is denoted by  $u \sim v$ . So from now on, and without loss of generality, we refer to  $\Gamma$  as a digraph, unless stated otherwise. In particular if  $\Gamma$  contains both edges and arcs, it is usually referred to as a *mixed* (or *partially directed*) graph. For more details, see the comprehensive survey of Miller and Širáň [17].

If  $\Gamma$  has adjacency matrix  $A$ , its spectrum

$$\text{sp } \Gamma = \text{sp } A = \{[\lambda_0]^{m_0}, [\lambda_1]^{m_1}, \dots, [\lambda_d]^{m_d}\},$$

is constituted by the (possibly complex) distinct eigenvalues with the corresponding algebraic multiplicities  $m_i$ , for  $i \in [n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

### 1.1 Regular partitions and their spectra

Let  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  be a digraph with adjacency matrix  $A$ . A partition  $\pi = (V_1, \dots, V_m)$  of its vertex set  $V$  is called *regular* (or *equitable*) whenever, for any  $i, j = 1, \dots, m$ , the *intersection numbers*  $b_{ij}(u) = |\Gamma^+(u) \cap V_j|$ , where  $u \in V_i$ , do not depend on the vertex  $u$  but only on the subsets (usually called *classes* or *cells*)  $V_i$  and  $V_j$ . In this case, such numbers are simply written as  $b_{ij}$ , and the  $m \times m$  matrix  $B = (b_{ij})$  is referred to as the *quotient matrix* of  $A$  with respect to  $\pi$ . This is also represented by the *quotient (weighted) digraph*  $\pi(\Gamma)$  (associated with the partition  $\pi$ ), with vertices representing the cells, and there is an arc with weight  $b_{ij}$  from vertex  $V_i$  to vertex  $V_j$  if and only if  $b_{ij} \neq 0$ .

The *characteristic matrix* of a partition  $\pi$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{S} = (s_{ui})$  whose  $i$ -th column is the characteristic vector of  $V_i$ , that is,  $s_{ui} = 1$  if  $u \in V_i$ , and  $s_{ui} = 0$  otherwise. In terms of this matrix, we have the following characterization of regular partitions and their spectra (see Godsil [12]).

**Lemma 1.1** ([12]). *Let  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  be a digraph with adjacency matrix  $A$ , and vertex partition  $\pi$  with characteristic matrix  $S$ .*

- (i) *The partition  $\pi$  is regular if and only if there exists an  $m \times m$  matrix  $C$  such that  $SC = AS$ . Moreover,  $C = B$ , the quotient matrix of  $A$  with respect to  $\pi$ .*
- (ii) *If  $\pi$  is regular and  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $B$ , then  $Sx$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . Consequently, the spectrum of  $\pi(\Gamma)$  is contained in the spectrum of  $\Gamma$ , that is,  $\text{sp } B \subseteq \text{sp } A$ .*

## 1.2 Lift digraphs and their spectra

Given a group  $G$  with generating set  $S$ , a *voltage assignment* of the *base digraph*  $\Gamma$  is a mapping  $\alpha : E \rightarrow S$ . The pair  $(\Gamma, \alpha)$  is often called a *voltage digraph*. The *lifted digraph* (or, simply, *lift*)  $\Gamma^\alpha$  is the digraph with vertex set  $V(\Gamma^\alpha) = V \times G$  and arc set  $E(\Gamma^\alpha) = E \times G$ , where there is an arc from the vertex  $(u, g)$  to the vertex  $(v, h)$  if and only if  $uv \in E$  and  $h = \alpha(uv)g$ . In this case, we refer to a *regular lift* because of the mapping  $\phi : \Gamma^\alpha \rightarrow \Gamma$  defined by erasing the second coordinate (that is,  $\phi(u, g) = u$  and  $\phi(a, g) = a$  for every  $u \in V$  and  $a \in E$ ) is a regular ( $|G|$ -fold) covering, in its usual meaning in algebraic topology (see, for instance, Gross and Tucker [13]).

As a particular case of a lifted graph, notice that the Cayley digraph  $\text{Cay}(G, S)$  can be seen as a lift of the base digraph  $\Gamma$  consisting of a vertex with  $|S|$  (directed) loops, each of them having assigned, through  $\alpha$ , an element of  $S$ .

To the pair  $(\Gamma, \alpha)$ , we assign the  $k \times k$  *base matrix*  $B$ , a square matrix whose rows and columns are indexed by the elements of the vertex set of  $\Gamma$ , and whose  $uv$ -th element  $B_{u,v}$  is determined as follows: If  $a_1, \dots, a_j$  is the set of all the arcs of  $\Gamma$  emanating from  $u$  and terminating at  $v$  (not excluding the case  $u = v$ ), then

$$B_{u,v} = \alpha(a_1) + \dots + \alpha(a_j), \quad (1)$$

the sum being an element of the complex group algebra  $\mathbb{C}(G)$ ; otherwise, we let  $B_{u,v} = 0$ . Given a unitary irreducible representation of  $G$ ,  $\rho \in \text{Irep}(G)$ , of dimension  $d_\rho$ , let  $\rho(B)$  be the  $d_\rho k \times d_\rho k$  matrix obtained from  $B$  by replacing every entry  $B_{u,v} \in \mathbb{C}(G)$  as in (1) by the  $d_\rho \times d_\rho$  matrix

$$\rho(B_{u,v}) = \begin{cases} \rho(\alpha(a_1)) + \dots + \rho(\alpha(a_j)) & \text{if } B_{u,v} \neq 0, \\ O & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $O$  is the all-zero  $d_\rho \times d_\rho$  matrix.

The following results from Širáň and the authors [7] (see also [6]) allow us to compute the spectrum of a (regular) lifted digraph from its associated matrix and the irreducible representations of its corresponding group. For more information on representation theory, see James and Liebeck [15] or Burrow [2].

**Theorem 1.1** ([7]). *Let  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  be a base digraph on  $k$  vertices, with a voltage assignment  $\alpha$  in a group  $G$ , with  $|G| = n$ . For every irreducible representation  $\rho \in \text{Irep } G$ , let  $\rho(B)$  be the complex matrix whose entries are given by (2). Then,*

$$\text{sp } \Gamma^\alpha = \bigcup_{\rho \in \text{Irep}(G)} d_\rho \cdot \text{sp}(\rho(B)).$$

The result of Theorem 1.1 can be generalized to deal with the so-called relative voltage assignments and (not necessarily regular) lifts, which are defined as follows. Let  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  be the digraph considered above,  $G$  a group, and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$  of index  $n$ . Let  $G/H$  denote the set of left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . Furthermore, let  $\beta : E \rightarrow G$  be a mapping defined on every arc  $a \in E$ . In this context, one calls  $\beta$  a *voltage assignment in  $G$  relative to  $H$* , or simply a *relative voltage assignment*. Then, the *relative lift*  $\Gamma^\beta$  has vertex set  $V^\beta = V \times G/H$  and arc set  $E^\beta = E \times G/H$ . Incidence in the lift is given as expected: If  $a$  is an arc from a vertex  $u$  to a vertex  $v$  in  $\Gamma$ , then for every left coset  $J \in G/H$  there is an arc  $(a, J)$  from the vertex  $(u, J)$  to the vertex  $(v, \beta(a)J)$  in  $\Gamma^\beta$ . Notice that a relative voltage assignment  $\beta$  in a group  $G$  with subgroup  $H$  is equivalent to a regular voltage assignment if and only if  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . In such a case, the relative lift  $\Gamma^\beta$  admits a description in terms of ordinary voltage assignment in the factor group  $G/H$ , with voltage  $\beta(a)H$  assigned to an arc  $a \in E$  with original relative voltage  $\beta(a)$ . In this context, Pavlíková, Širáň, and the authors [8] proved the following result, which generalizes Theorem 1.1 for relative voltage assignments.

**Theorem 1.2** ([8]). *Let  $\Gamma$  be a base digraph of order  $k$  and let  $\beta$  be a voltage assignment on  $\Gamma$  in a group  $G$  relative to a subgroup  $H$  of index  $n$  in  $G$ . Given an irreducible representation  $\rho \in \text{Irep}(G)$ , let us consider the matrix  $\rho(H) = \sum_{h \in H} \rho(h)$ . Then,*

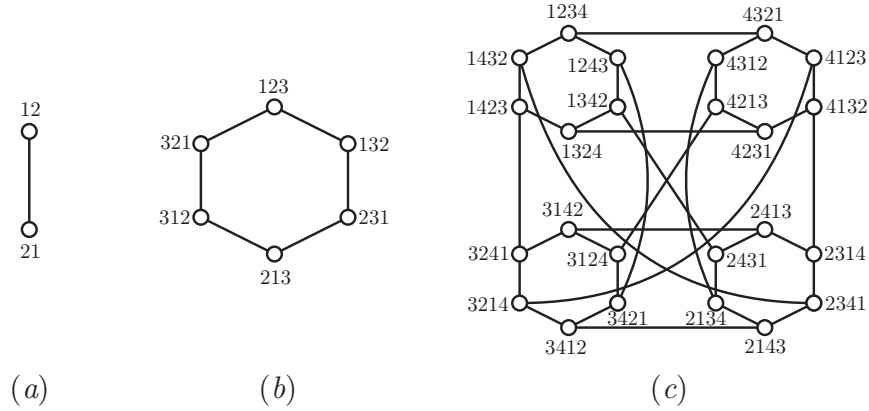
$$\text{sp } \Gamma^\beta = \bigcup_{\rho \in \text{Irep}(G)} \text{rank}(\rho(H)) \cdot \text{sp}(\rho(B)),$$

where the union must be understood for all  $\rho \in \text{Irep}(G)$  such that  $\text{rank}(\rho(H)) \neq 0$ .

### 1.3 The pancake graphs

To illustrate our results, we use two families of Cayley graphs: The pancake graphs and a new family of mixed graphs introduced in [5], which can be seen as a generalization of both the pancake graphs and the cycle prefix digraphs. Let us first introduce the pancake graphs, together with some of their basic properties.

The  *$n$ -dimensional pancake graph*, proposed by Dweighter [9] (see also Akers and Krishnamuthy [1]), and denoted by  $P(n)$ , is a graph with the vertex set  $V(P(n)) = \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \mid x_i \in [n], x_i \neq x_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}$ . Its adjacencies are as follows:

Figure 1: Pancakes graphs: (a)  $P(2)$ , (b)  $P(3)$ , and (c)  $P(4)$ .

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$k$	0	1	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Table 1: The known values of the diameter  $k$  of the pancake graph  $P(n)$ .

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \sim \begin{cases} x_1 \dots x_{n-2} x_n x_{n-1}, \\ x_1 \dots x_{n-3} x_n x_{n-1} x_{n-2}, \\ x_1 \dots x_{n-4} x_n x_{n-1} x_{n-2} x_{n-3}, \\ \vdots \\ x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_2 x_1. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The pancake graph  $P(n)$  is a vertex-transitive  $(n-1)$ -regular graph with  $n!$  vertices. It is a Cayley graph  $\text{Cay}(G, S)$ , where  $G$  is the symmetric group  $\text{Sym}(n)$  and the generating set  $S$  corresponds to the permutations of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  given by (3). As examples, the pancakes graphs  $P(2)$ ,  $P(3)$ , and  $P(4)$  are shown in Figure 1.

The exact diameters  $k = k(n)$  of  $P(n)$  are only known for  $n \leq 17$ , as shown in Table 1 (see Cibulka [3] and Sloane [18]). The best results to our knowledge were given by Gates and Papadimitriou [11], who proved that

$$\frac{17}{16}n \leq k(n) \leq \frac{5n+5}{3},$$

and by Heydari and Sudborough [14], who improved the lower bound to

$$k(n) \geq \frac{15}{14}n.$$

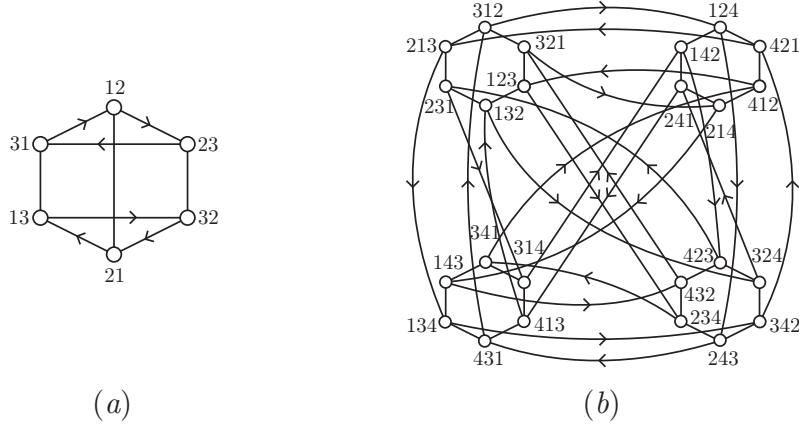


Figure 2: New mixed graphs: (a)  $\Gamma(2, 2, 1)$  and (b)  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$ .

#### 1.4 The new mixed graphs $\Gamma(d, n, r)$

Recently, the pancake graphs, together with the cyclic prefix digraphs, were used by the first author [5] to propose a new general family of mixed graphs.

The definition of these new mixed graphs is as follows.

**Definition 1.** Given the integers  $n \geq 2$  and  $d, r \geq 1$ , with  $r < n \leq d + 1$ , the mixed graph  $\Gamma(d, n, r)$  has as vertex set the  $n$ -permutations of the  $d + 1$  symbols  $1, 2, \dots, d, d + 1$ . Moreover, a vertex  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$  is adjacent, through edges, to the  $r$  vertices

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \sim \begin{cases} x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-2} x_n x_{n-1} \\ x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-3} x_n x_{n-1} x_{n-2} \\ \vdots \\ x_1 \dots x_{n-r-1} x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_{n-r} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

and adjacent, through arcs, to the  $z = d - r$  vertices

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 x_3 \dots x_n y, & y \neq x_i, i = 1, \dots, n & (d - n + 1 \text{ vertices}) \\ x_1 \dots x_{n-r-2} x_{n-r} \dots x_n x_{n-r-1} \\ x_1 \dots x_{n-r-3} x_{n-r-1} \dots x_n x_{n-r-2} \\ \vdots \\ x_2 \dots x_n x_1 \end{cases} (n - r - 1 \text{ vertices}). \quad (5)$$

Thus, the number of vertices of the mixed graph  $\Gamma(d, n, r)$  is the number of  $n$ -permutations of  $d + 1$  elements,  $N = \frac{(d+1)!}{(d+1-n)!}$ . Moreover,  $\Gamma(d, n, r)$  is a totally  $(r, z)$ -regular mixed graph, and it is also vertex-transitive. In particular, if  $n = d + 1$  and  $r = d$ , then  $\Gamma(n - 1, n, n - 1)$  is the pancake graph  $P(n)$ ; and if  $r = 1$ , then  $\Gamma(d, n, 1)$  coincides with the so-called cycle prefix digraph  $\Gamma_d(n)$  (notice that in this case, we require that  $d \geq n$ ),

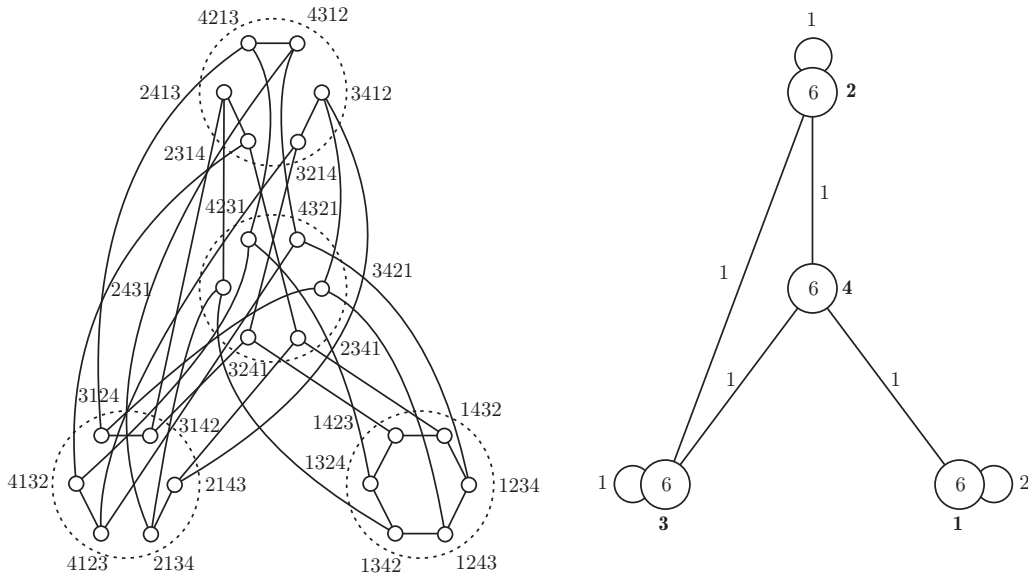


Figure 3: A regular partition of the pancake graph  $P(4)$  and its quotient graph. In boldface there is the numbering of the vertices (or classes).

see Faber, Moore, and Chen [10] or Comellas and Fiol [4]. As examples, the new mixed graphs  $\Gamma(2, 2, 1)$  and  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  are depicted in Figure 2.

## 2 Regular partitions of vertices from number partitions

Given a permutation  $\pi : [n] \rightarrow [n]$ , we denote by  $P(\pi) = (p_{ij})$  the  $n \times n$  permutation matrix with entries  $p_{ij} = 1$  if  $\pi(i) = j$ , and 0 otherwise (that is, the so-called *column representation*).

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  be a Cayley digraph, where  $G$  is a subgroup of the symmetric group  $\text{Sym}(n)$  and its generating set  $S$  is given by the permutations  $\{\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k\}$ . Then,  $\Gamma$  has a regular partition  $\beta$  with quotient matrix  $B = \sum_{i=1}^k P(\pi_i)$ .*

*Proof.* Let us show that the cells of the regular partition  $\beta$  are the sets  $V_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , constituted by the permutations with a given digit, say 1, in the fixed position  $i$ , that is  $V_i = \{\pi \in S : \pi(i) = 1\}$ . Indeed, if  $u \in V_i$ , the number of vertices  $|\Gamma^+(u) \cap V_j|$  (adjacent from  $u$  and belonging to  $V_j$ ) corresponds to the number of the permutations in  $S$  that sends 1 from the position  $i$  to position  $j$ . This is precisely the  $(i, j)$ -entry of the matrix  $B$ , which is independent of  $u$ .  $\square$

As a corollary, we have a handy way of obtaining some of the eigenvalues of  $\Gamma$  since, by Lemma 1.1(ii),  $\text{sp } B \subset \text{sp } A(\Gamma)$ .

**Example (Pancake graph  $P(4)$ ).** Consider the pancake graph  $P(4)$  as the Cayley graph  $\text{Cay}(S_4, S)$  with  $S = \{(34), (24), (14)(23)\}$ . Then, the sum of the corresponding permutation matrices  $B = P((34)) + P((24)) + P((14)(23))$  turns out to be

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

According to Proposition 2.1, this is the quotient matrix of a regular partition of  $P(4)$ , as shown in Figure 3, together with its quotient graph. Notice that, as claimed, each class of vertices contains all the permutations with 1 in a fixed position. Moreover,  $\text{sp } B = \{3, 2, 0, -1\}$ , a part of the spectrum of  $P(4)$  that, as we show in Section 3, it is

$$\text{sp } P(4) = \left\{ [3]^1, [2]^5, \left[ \frac{-1+\sqrt{17}}{2} \right]^3, [0]^5, \left[ \frac{-1-\sqrt{17}}{2} \right]^3, [-1]^4, [-2]^3 \right\}. \quad (6)$$

**Example (New mixed graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$ ).** Consider the new mixed graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  as the Cayley graph  $\text{Cay}(S_4, S)$  with  $S = \{(34), (24), (2341)\}$ . Now, the sum of the corresponding permutation matrices  $B = P((34)) + P((24)) + P((2341))$  is

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

that corresponds to the quotient matrix of the regular partition shown in Figure 4. Moreover,  $\text{sp } B = \{[3]^1, [1]^2, [-1]^2\}$ . As expected,  $\text{sp } B \subset \text{sp } \Gamma(3, 3, 2)$ , since, as shown in Section 3,

$$\text{sp } \Gamma(3, 3, 2) = \{[3]^1, [\sqrt{3}]^2, [1]^9, [-1]^9, [-\sqrt{3}]^2, [-3]^1\}. \quad (7)$$

Note that this spectrum is symmetric, in concordance with the fact that  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  is a bipartite (mixed) graph.

The result of the previous examples can be generalized to obtain some eigenvalues and their associated eigenvectors of the whole family of the pancake graphs  $P(n)$  and the new mixed graphs  $\Gamma(n, n, n-1)$ , as shown in the following results.

**Proposition 2.2.** The matrix  $B_n = \sum_{i=1}^n P(\pi_i)$  of the pancake graph  $P(n)$  is the sum  $B_n = D_n + T_n$ , where  $D_n = \text{diag}(n-2, n-1, \dots, 0, -1)$  and  $T_n$  is the ‘lower anti-triangular matrix’ with entries  $(T_n)_{ij} = 1$  if  $i + j \geq n + 1$ , and  $(T_n)_{ij} = 0$  otherwise, with spectrum

$$\text{sp } B_n = \{n-1, n-2, \dots, 0, -1\} \setminus \{[(n/2) - 1]\}$$

(all the eigenvalues with multiplicity one). Moreover, their associated eigenvectors are, respectively, the all-1 vector  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)^\top$ ,

$$\left( 0, \binom{n-1}{r-1}, 0, n-2r, -1, \binom{n-2r}{r}, -1, 0, \binom{n-1}{r}, 0 \right)^\top, \text{ for } \begin{cases} r = 1, \dots, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor & (n \text{ odd}), \\ r = 1, \dots, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1 & (n \text{ even}), \end{cases} \quad (8)$$



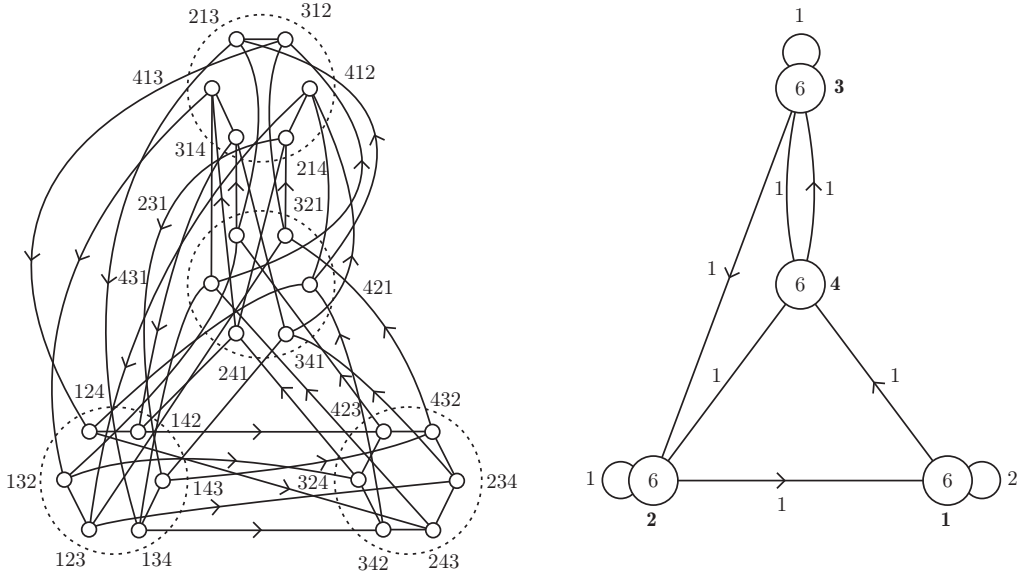


Figure 4: The new mixed graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  drawn as a regular partition and its quotient graph. In boldface there is the numbering of the vertices.

and

$$\left(0, \binom{r-1}{\dots}, 0, -1, \binom{n-2r+1}{\dots}, -1, n-2r+1, 0, \binom{r-1}{\dots}, 0\right)^\top, \text{ for } r = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor, \dots, 1. \quad (9)$$

*Proof.* First, it is straightforward to check that the matrix  $B_n$  is as claimed. We just have to compute the sum of the involved permutation matrices. For example, for  $n = 5$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} B_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = D_5 + T_5. \end{aligned}$$

Concerning the eigenpairs, in the case that  $n$  is even, let us check that, for every  $r = 1, \dots, n/2$ ,

$$v_r = \left(0, \binom{r-1}{\dots}, 0, n-2r, -1, \binom{n-2r}{\dots}, -1, 0, \binom{r}{\dots}, 0\right)^\top$$

is an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $\lambda_r = n - r - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
B_n v_k &= D_n v_k + T_n v_k \\
&= \left( 0, \binom{r-1}{\dots}, 0, (n-2r)(n-r-1), -(n-r-2), -(n-r-3), \dots, -(r-1), 0, \binom{r}{\dots}, 0 \right)^\top \\
&\quad + \left( 0, \binom{r}{\dots}, 0, -1, -2, \dots, -(n-2r), 0, \binom{r}{\dots}, 0 \right)^\top \\
&= \left( 0, \binom{r-1}{\dots}, 0, (n-2r)\lambda_r, -\lambda_r + 1, -\lambda_r + 2, -\lambda_r + 3, \dots, -\lambda_r + (n-2r), 0, \binom{r}{\dots}, 0 \right)^\top \\
&\quad + \left( 0, \binom{r}{\dots}, 0, -1, -2, \dots, -(n-2r), 0, \binom{r}{\dots}, 0 \right)^\top \\
&= \lambda_r \left( 0, \binom{r-1}{\dots}, 0, n-2r, -1, \binom{n-2r}{\dots}, -1, 0, \binom{r}{\dots}, 0 \right)^\top = \lambda_r v_r.
\end{aligned}$$

The other eigenpairs and the case for odd  $n$  can be proved analogously.  $\square$

For example, for the case  $n = 5$ , we obtain  $\text{sp } B_5 = \{4, 3, 2, 0, -1\}$ , with corresponding matrix of (column) eigenvectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Looking at last column, Lemma 1.1(ii) implies that  $P(n)$  has the eigenvalue  $-1$  whose eigenvector has entries  $-1$  for the vertices of the classes  $1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , and entries  $n-1$  for the vertices of the class  $n$  (permutations with last symbol 1, as shown in Figure 3 for the case  $n = 4$ ). In this situation, it is known that the graph has a *perfect code* or *efficient dominating set*  $C$  (that is,  $C$  is an independent vertex set, and each vertex not in  $C$  is adjacent to exactly one vertex in  $C$ ). In other words, to each perfect code  $C$  corresponds a  $(-1)$ -eigenvector as described. See, for instance, Godsil [12]. Then, by using the result by Konstantinova [16, Thm. 1], who proved that the pancake graph  $P(n)$  contains exactly  $n$  perfect codes (the sets of vertices with the same last symbol), we get the following result. First, recall that a circulant matrix  $\text{circ}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  has first row  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and, for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ , its  $i$ -th row is obtained from the  $(i-1)$ -th row by cyclically shifting it to the right one position.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The pancake graph  $P(n)$  has eigenvalue  $-1$  with multiplicity  $m(-1) \geq n-1$ .*

*Proof.* Each of the  $n$  different perfect codes induces a regular partition with quotient matrix having a  $(-1)$ -eigenvector as above. Then, since  $\text{rank } \text{circ}(n-1, -1, \binom{n-1}{\dots}, -1) = n-1$ , we conclude that  $n-1$  of such eigenvectors are independent.  $\square$

In the case of the new mixed graph  $\Gamma(n, n, n-1)$ , we have the following result.

**Proposition 2.3.** *The matrix  $B'_n = \sum_{i=1}^n P(\pi_i)$  of the new mixed graph  $\Gamma(n, n, n-1)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , is the sum  $B'_n = D_n + C_n + T'_n$ , where  $D_n = \text{diag}(n-2, n-1, \dots, 0, -1)$ ,  $C_n$  is the circulant matrix  $\text{circ}(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , and  $T'_n$  is the ‘lower anti-triangular matrix’ with entries  $(T'_n)_{ij} = 1$  if  $i + j > n + 1$  and  $(T'_n)_{ij} = 0$  otherwise, with eigenvalues  $\{n-1, n-3, -1\} \subset \text{sp } B'_n$ .*

*Proof.* Again, by computing the sum of the involved permutation matrices, it is easy to check that the matrix  $B'_n$  is as claimed. For example, for  $n = 5$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} B'_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= D_5 + C_5 + T'_5. \end{aligned}$$

Concerning the eigenvalues, it is readily checked the vectors  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)^\top$  and  $(-1, \dots, -1, n-1)^\top$  are eigenvectors of  $B'_n$  with eigenvalues  $n-1$  and  $-1$  respectively. Alternatively, to prove that  $-1 \in \text{sp } B'_n$ , we can also check that  $\det(-I - B'_n) = (-1)^n \det(I + B'_n) = 0$ . Note that this holds since  $n$  times the last column of  $I + B'_n$  is the sum of the other columns. For instance, for  $n = 5$ , we get

$$B'_5 + I = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally,  $n-3$  is an eigenvalue of  $B'_n$  since the first two rows of  $(n-3)I - B'_n$  are equal. Namely,  $(-1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$ .  $\square$

In fact, the first statements of Propositions 2.1 and 2.3 are particular cases of the following result. Let  $\mathcal{PR} = PR_n^{n_1, \dots, n_r}$  denote the set of permutations with repetitions of  $r$  symbols  $a, b, \dots$ , where  $a$  is repeated  $n_1$  times,  $b$  is repeated  $n_2$  times, etc. Thus,  $|\mathcal{PR}| = \frac{n!}{n_1! \cdots n_r!}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  be a Cayley digraph, where  $G$  is a subgroup of the symmetric group  $\text{Sym}(n)$  and its generating set  $S$  is given by the permutations  $\{\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k\}$ . For any partition  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$ , there is a regular partition of  $\Gamma$  with quotient matrix  $B$  indexed by the elements of  $\mathcal{PR}$ , and for every  $\sigma, \tau \in \mathcal{PR}$  the entry  $(B)_{\sigma\tau}$  is the number (possibly zero) of permutations in  $S$  that, acting on the symbol positions, map  $\sigma$  into  $\tau$ .*

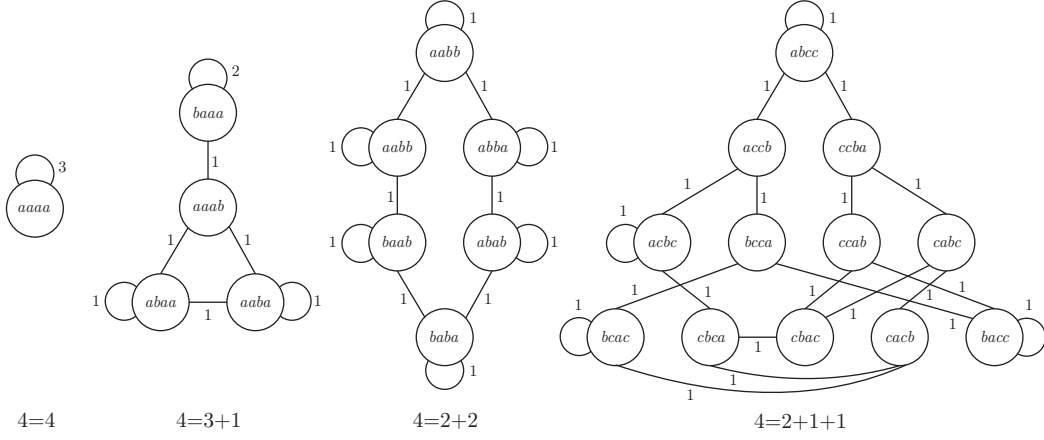


Figure 5: The regular partitions of  $P(4)$  corresponding to the number partitions of 4.

*Proof.* Given the partition  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$ , we define the onto mapping  $\phi : [n] \rightarrow \{a_1, \dots, a_r\}$  such that  $|\phi^{-1}(a_i)| = n_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Given a permutation  $\pi \in \text{Sym}(n)$ , let  $\phi \cdot \pi$  be the permutation with repetition in  $\mathcal{PR}$  with  $i$ -th symbol  $(\phi \cdot \pi)(i) = \phi(\pi(i))$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . If we let  $\pi$  to act on the symbol positions (composition of permutations  $gh$  being read from left to right), then we can also define the permutation with repetition  $\pi \cdot \phi$  such that  $(\pi \cdot \phi)(i) = \pi(\phi(i)) = \phi(\pi(i))$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and, hence,  $\phi \cdot \pi = \pi \cdot \phi$ . Also, it is clear that, for any  $g, h \in G$ ,  $(gh) \cdot \phi = g \cdot (h \cdot \phi)$ . Let  $\phi(G)$  be the set of distinct permutations in  $\mathcal{PR}$  of the form  $\phi \cdot g$  for some  $g \in G$ . Now we claim that  $\Gamma$  has a regular partition  $\phi^*$ , where each class  $V_\sigma$  is represented by an element  $\sigma \in \phi(G)$ . More precisely,  $V_\sigma = \{g \in G : \phi \cdot g = \sigma\}$ . Indeed, if  $\phi \cdot g = \phi \cdot g'$  and  $g \rightarrow \pi g$  for some  $\pi \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi \cdot (\pi g) &= (\pi g) \cdot \phi = \pi \cdot (g \cdot \phi) = \pi \cdot (\phi \cdot g) \\ &= \pi \cdot (\phi \cdot g') = \pi \cdot (g' \cdot \phi) = (\pi g') \cdot \phi = \phi \cdot (\pi g'). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Thus,  $\phi$  can be interpreted as a homomorphism from  $\Gamma$  to its quotient digraph  $\phi^*(\Gamma)$  that preserves the ‘colors’ (generators) of the arcs. The corresponding quotient matrix  $B$  is then indexed by elements of  $\phi(G) \subset \mathcal{PR}$ , with entries  $(B)_{\sigma\tau}$  for every  $\sigma, \tau \in \mathcal{PR}$ , as claimed.  $\square$

**Example (Pancake graph  $P(4)$ ).** Consider the pancake graph  $P(4)$ . In this case, we have the following partitions:  $4$ ,  $3 + 1$ ,  $2 + 2$ ,  $2 + 1 + 1$ , and  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1$ . According to Theorem 2.1, these partitions yield the regular partitions of  $P(4)$  in Figure 5, with number of classes  $PR_4^4 = 1$ ,  $PR_4^{3,1} = 4$ ,  $PR_4^{2,2} = 6$ , and  $PR_4^{2,1,1} = 12$ , respectively. Note that the classes are identified with the corresponding permutations with repetition of the symbols  $a, b, c$ . Besides, observe that the case of the previous example of  $P(4)$  corresponds to the partition  $3 + 1$ . Note that the graph associated with the partition  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1$  is the whole graph  $P(4)$ , with number of classes (that is, number of vertices)  $PR_4^{1,1,1,1} = 24$  (see Figure 1(c)).

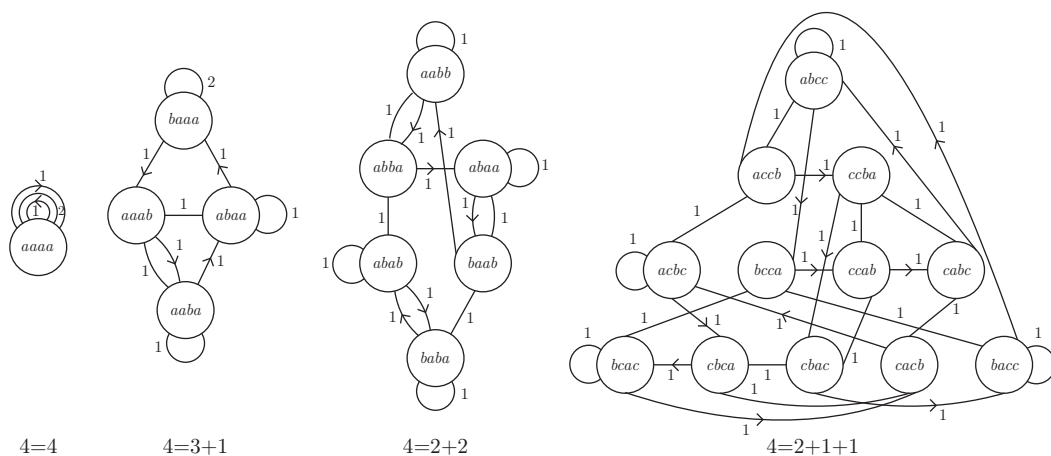


Figure 6: The regular partitions of  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  corresponding to the number partitions of 4.

**Example (New mixed graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$ ).** Consider the new mixed graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$ . We have the partitions  $4, 3 + 1, 2 + 2, 2 + 1 + 1$ , and  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1$  again. These partitions give the regular partitions of  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  in Figure 6, with the same number of classes that in the previous example of  $P(4)$ . The classes are again identified with the corresponding permutations with repetition of the symbols  $a, b, c$ . Note that the case of the previous example of  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  corresponds to the partition  $3 + 1$ . The graph associated with the partition  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1$  is the whole graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  on 24 vertices (see Figure 2(b)).

### 3 The spectra of quotient digraphs

In the previous section, we found some eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and regular partitions for whole families of digraphs. In this section, we give a method to find the whole spectrum of a Cayley digraph (on a permutation group) and their quotient digraphs associated with the corresponding partitions. We again illustrate the obtained results by using the previous examples: the pancake graph  $P(4)$  and the new mixed graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$ .

Our results are based on the following lemma, which allows us to apply Theorem 1.2.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  be a Cayley digraph, where  $G$  is a subgroup of the symmetric group  $\text{Sym}(n)$  with generating set  $S = \{\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k\}$ . For a given partition  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$  induced by the mapping  $\phi$ , the quotient digraph  $\phi^*(\Gamma)$  is isomorphic to the relative lift  $\Gamma^\beta$  with base digraph a singleton with arcs  $a_1, \dots, a_k$ , group  $G$ , relative voltage assignment  $\beta$  defined by  $\beta(a_i) = \pi_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , and stabilizer subgroup

$$H = \text{Stab}_G(V_1) \cap \dots \cap \text{Stab}_G(V_r),$$

where  $V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_r$  is a partition of  $[n]$  with  $|V_i| = n_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\phi$  be the mapping defined in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Let  $e$  be the identity element of  $G$ , and assume that  $\phi \cdot e$  is the permutation with repetition  $\varepsilon = a_1 \overset{(n_1)}{\dots} a_r \overset{(n_r)}{\dots} a_r$ . Then,  $H$  is constituted by all the elements  $h \in G$  such that  $\phi \cdot h = \varepsilon$  and, in general, each left coset of  $H$  is of the form

$$gH = \{h \in G : \phi \cdot h = \sigma\} \quad \text{if} \quad \phi \cdot g = \sigma.$$

Thus,  $gH$  corresponds to the class, or vertex of  $\phi^*(\Gamma)$ ,  $V_\sigma = \{g \in G : \phi \cdot g = \sigma\}$  with  $\sigma \in \phi(G)$ . Moreover,  $V_\sigma$  is adjacent to  $V_\tau$  through an arc with ‘color’  $\pi \in S$  if  $\tau = \phi \cdot (\pi g) = \pi \cdot \sigma$  (where the second equality comes from (10)). Consequently, in the relative lift  $\Gamma^\beta$ , the vertex  $gH$  is adjacent, through the arc with ‘color’  $\pi$ , to  $\pi gH$ . This proves the claimed isomorphism.  $\square$

**Example (Pancake graph  $P(4)$ ).** Consider the case of the pancake graph  $P(4)$  again. We begin computing the spectrum of the whole graph by using Theorem 1.1. We obtained from SageMath the matrices of the irreducible representations of  $S_4$ , that is,  $\rho_1$  (partition  $4 = 4$ ),  $\rho_2$  (partition  $4 = 3 + 1$ ),  $\rho_3$  (partition  $4 = 2 + 2$ ),  $\rho_4$  (partition  $4 = 2 + 1 + 1$ ), and  $\rho_5$  (partition  $4 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$ ) shown in Table 2, related to the permutations  $a = 1243$ ,  $b = 1432$ , and  $c = 4321$ . Then, from Theorem 1.1, the spectrum of  $P(4)$  is the union of the following spectra (Note that the dimension of the matrices gives the multiplicities of the corresponding eigenvalues).

- (i)  $1 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_1(B) = \{[3]^1\}$ ,
- (ii)  $3 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_2(B) = \{[2]^3, [0]^3, [-1]^3\}$ ,
- (iii)  $2 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_3(B) = \{[2]^2, [0]^2\}$ ,
- (iv)  $3 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_4(B) = \{[\frac{-1+\sqrt{17}}{2}]^3, [-2]^3, [\frac{-1-\sqrt{17}}{2}]^3\}$ ,
- (v)  $1 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_5(B) = \{[-1]^1\}$ ,

giving  $\text{sp}(P_4)$  as claimed in (6).

Now to find the spectra of the different quotient graphs, induced from each partition, from Theorem 1.2 and Lemma 3.1, we need to know the ranks of  $\rho_i(H_j)$  for all group stabilizers  $H_j$ . With this aim, we use the matrices of all irreducible representation shown in Table 3. This gives:

- (i)  $(4 = 4)$ :  
 $H_1 = \text{Stab}_{S_4}(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}) = S_4$  and so  $\rho_i(H_1) = \sum_{g \in S_4} \rho_i(g)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ .
- (ii)  $(4 = 3 + 1)$ :  
 $H_2 = \text{Stab}_{S_4}(\{1, 2, 3\}) \cap \text{Stab}_{S_4}(4) = S_3$  and so  $\rho_i(H_2) = \sum_{g \in S_3} \rho_i(g)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ .
- (iii)  $(4 = 2 + 2)$ :  
 $H_3 = \text{Stab}_{S_4}(\{1, 2\}) \cap \text{Stab}_{S_4}(\{3, 4\}) = \{e, (12), (34), (12)(34)\}$  and so  $\rho_i(H_3) = \sum_{g \in H_3} \rho_i(g)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ .

Partition: 4=4	$a:$ (1)	$b:$ (1)	$c:$ (1)
$a + b + c:$ (3)	Dimension: 1	Eigenvalues: 3	Spectrum: [3] <sup>1</sup>
Partition: 4=3+1	$a:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$b:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$c:$ $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$a + b + c:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Dimension: 3	Eigenvalues: 2, 0, -1	Spectrum: [2] <sup>3</sup> , [0] <sup>3</sup> , [-1] <sup>3</sup>
Partition: 4=2+2	$a:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$b:$ $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$c:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
$a + b + c:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	Dimension: 2	Eigenvalues: 2, 0	Spectrum: [2] <sup>2</sup> , [0] <sup>2</sup>
Partition: 4=2+1+1	$a:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$b:$ $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$c:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
$a + b + c:$ $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$	Dimension: 3	Eigenvalues: $\frac{-1+\sqrt{17}}{2}, -2, \frac{-1-\sqrt{17}}{2}$	Spectrum: $[\frac{-1+\sqrt{17}}{2}]^3, [-2]^3, [\frac{-1-\sqrt{17}}{2}]^3$
Partition: 4=1+1+1+1	$a:$ (-1)	$b:$ (-1)	$c:$ (1)
Sum: (-1)	Dimension: 1	Eigenvalues: -1	Spectrum: [-1] <sup>1</sup>

Table 2: The irreducible matrices of  $P(4)$ , their sum, and their corresponding eigenvalues.

(iv)  $(4 = 2 + 1 + 1):$

$H_4 = \text{Stab}_{S_4}(\{1, 2\}) \cap \text{Stab}_{S_4}(3) \cap \text{Stab}_{S_4}(4) = \{e, (12)\}$  and so  $\rho_i(H_4) = \rho_i(e) + \rho_i((12))$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ .

(v)  $(4 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1):$

$H_5 = \text{Stab}_{S_4}(1) \cap \text{Stab}_{S_4}(2) \cap \text{Stab}_{S_4}(3) \cap \text{Stab}_{S_4}(4) = \{e\}$  and so  $\rho_i(H_5) = \rho_i(e) = d_{\rho_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ .

The ranks for the cases (i)-(v), together with the corresponding spectra, are shown in Table

4. Notice that, in the last but one row of the same table, we have the spectrum of the whole graph  $P(4)$  again.

**Example (New mixed graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$ ).** Consider the mixed graph  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$  again. Now, by using Theorem 1.1, the spectrum of the whole graph is the union of the following spectra:

$$(i) \quad 1 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_1(B) = \{[3]^1\},$$

$$(ii) \quad 3 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_2(B) = \{[1]^1, [-1]^1\},$$

$$(iii) \quad 2 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_3(B) = \{[\pm\sqrt{3}]^1\},$$

$$(iv) \quad 3 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_4(B) = \{[1]^2, [-1]^1\},$$

$$(v) \quad 1 \cdot \text{sp } \rho_5(B) = \{[-3]^1\},$$

which gives (7). Then, the spectra of the different quotient graphs, induced from each partition, are again computed by using the ranks of  $\rho_i(H_j)$  for the group stabilizers  $H_j$ , as in the previous example for  $P(4)$ . The obtained results are shown in Table 5, where we indicate the spectrum of the whole new mixed graph in the last but one row.

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Permutation	Cyclic Notation	4 $\rho_1$	3 + 1 $\rho_2$	2 + 2 $\rho_3$	2 + 1 + 1 $\rho_4$	1 + $\dots$ + 1 $\rho_5$
1234	$e$	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	1
2134	(12)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
3124	(132)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1
1324	(23)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
2314	(123)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1
3214	(13)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
3241	(134)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1
2341	(1234)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
4321	(14)(23)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	1
3421	(1324)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
2431	(124)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1
4231	(14)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
4132	(142)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	1
1432	(24)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
3412	(13)(24)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1
4312	(1423)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
1342	(234)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	1
3142	(1342)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
2143	(12)(34)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1
1243	(34)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
4213	(143)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	1
2413	(1243)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1
1423	(243)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	1
4123	(1432)	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	-1

Table 3: The irreducible representations of the symmetric group  $S_4$ .

	4 $\rho_1$	3 + 1 $\rho_2$	2 + 2 $\rho_3$	2 + 1 + 1 $\rho_4$	1 + 1 + 1 + 1 $\rho_5$	Spectrum
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_1))$	1	0	0	0	0	$\{[3]^1\}$
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_2))$	1	1	0	0	0	$\{[3]^1, [2]^1, [0]^1, [-1]^1\}$
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_3))$	1	1	1	0	0	$\{[3]^1, [2]^2, [0]^2, [-1]^1\}$
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_4))$	1	2	1	1	0	$\{[3]^1, [2]^3, [0]^3, [-1 \pm \sqrt{17}]^1, [-1]^2, [-2]^1\}$
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_5))$	1	3	2	3	1	$\{[3]^1, [2]^5, [0]^5, [-1 \pm \sqrt{17}]^3, [0]^5, [-1]^4, [-2]^3\}$
$\text{sp } \rho(B)$	$\{[3]^1\}$	$\{[2]^1, [0]^1, [-1]^1\}$	$\{[2]^1, [0]^1\}$	$\{[-1 \pm \sqrt{17}]^1, [-2]^1\}$	$\{[-1]^1\}$	

Table 4: Spectra of the quotient graphs of  $P(4)$ .

	4 $\rho_1$	3 + 1 $\rho_2$	2 + 2 $\rho_3$	2 + 1 + 1 $\rho_4$	1 + 1 + 1 + 1 $\rho_5$	Spectrum
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_1))$	1	0	0	0	0	$\{[3]^1\}$
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_2))$	1	1	0	0	0	$\{[3]^1, [1]^2, [-1]^1\}$
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_3))$	1	1	1	0	0	$\{[3]^1, [\pm\sqrt{3}]^1, [1]^2, [-1]^1\}$
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_4))$	1	2	1	1	0	$\{[3]^1, [\pm\sqrt{3}]^1, [1]^5, [-1]^4\}$
$\text{rank}(\rho(H_5))$	1	3	2	3	1	$\{[3]^1, [\pm\sqrt{3}]^2, [1]^9, [-1]^9, [-3]^1\}$
$\text{sp } \rho(B)$	$\{[3]^1\}$	$\{[1]^1, [-1]^2\}$	$\{[\pm\sqrt{3}]^1\}$	$\{[1]^2, [-1]^1\}$	$\{[-3]^1\}$	

Table 5: Spectra of the quotient graphs of  $\Gamma(3, 3, 2)$ .