



Numeric and mesh algorithms for the Coxeter spectral study of positive edge-bipartite graphs and their isotropy groups



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ABSTRACT

We develop algorithmic techniques for the Coxeter spectral analysis of the class $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$ of connected loop-free positive edge-bipartite graphs Δ with $n \geq 2$ vertices (i.e., signed graphs). In particular, we present numerical and graphical algorithms allowing us a computer search in the study of such graphs Δ by means of their Gram matrix $\check{G}_\Delta$, the (complex) spectrum $\text{specc}_\Delta \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ of the Coxeter matrix $\text{Cox}_\Delta := -\check{G}_\Delta \cdot \check{G}_\Delta^{-tr}$, and the geometry of Weyl orbits in the set $\text{Mor}_{D\Delta}$ of matrix morsifications $A \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ of a simply laced Dynkin diagram $D\Delta \in \{A_n, D_n, E_6, E_7, E_8\}$ associated with Δ and mesh root systems of type $D\Delta$. Our algorithms construct the Coxeter–Gram polynomials $\text{cox}_\Delta(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ and mesh geometries of root orbits of small connected loop-free positive edge-bipartite graphs Δ . We apply them to the study of the following Coxeter spectral analysis problem: Does the $\mathbb{Z}$ -congruence $\Delta \approx_{\mathbb{Z}} \Delta'$ hold (i.e., the matrices $\check{G}_\Delta$ and $\check{G}_{\Delta'}$ are $\mathbb{Z}$ -congruent), for any pair of connected positive loop-free edge-bipartite graphs Δ, Δ' in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$ such that $\text{specc}_\Delta = \text{specc}_{\Delta'}$? The problem if any square integer matrix $A \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ is $\mathbb{Z}$ -congruent with its transpose A^{tr} is also discussed. We present a solution for graphs in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$, with $n \leq 6$.

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1. Preliminaries and notation

One of the aims of the paper is to develop algorithmic techniques for the study of Coxeter spectral analysis problems formulated in [1–3] for loop-free edge-bipartite graphs $\Delta = (\Delta_0, \Delta_1)$, with $n \geq 2$ vertices. Here we keep the terminology and notation introduced in [3,4]. In particular, we denote by $\mathbb{N}$ the set of non-negative integers, by $\mathbb{Z}$ the ring of integers, and by $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ the rational, the real, and the complex number field, respectively. We view $\mathbb{Z}^n$, with $n \geq 1$, as a free abelian group, and we denote by $e_1, \dots, e_n$ the standard $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of $\mathbb{Z}^n$. We denote by $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ the $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra of all square n by n matrices, by $E \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ the identity matrix. We also use the right action $* : \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Q}) \times \text{Gl}(n, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Q})$, $(A, C) \mapsto A * C := C^{tr} \cdot A \cdot C$ of the general $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear group $\text{Gl}(n, \mathbb{Z}) := \{A \in \mathbb{M}_n(n, \mathbb{Z}), \det A \in \{-1, 1\}\}$ on $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Q})$.

Following [3,4], by an *edge-bipartite graph* (bigraph, for short), we mean a pair $\Delta = (\Delta_0, \Delta_1)$, where Δ_0 is a finite non-empty set of vertices and Δ_1 is a finite set of edges equipped with a *bipartition* $\Delta_1 = \Delta_1^- \cup \Delta_1^+$ such that the set $\Delta_1(i, j) = \Delta_1^-(i, j) \cup \Delta_1^+(i, j)$ of edges connecting the vertices i and j does not contain edges lying in $\Delta_1^-(i, j) \cap \Delta_1^+(i, j)$, for each pair of vertices $i, j \in \Delta_0$, and either $\Delta_1(i, j) = \Delta_1^-(i, j)$ or $\Delta_1(i, j) = \Delta_1^+(i, j)$. Obviously, edge-bipartite graphs can be viewed as signed multi-graphs satisfying a separation property, see [3,5]. We call $\Delta = (\Delta_0, \Delta_1)$ *loop-free* if it has no loops, that is, $\Delta_1(j, j) = \emptyset$, for all $j \in \Delta_0$. We denote by $\mathcal{Bigr}_n$ the category of finite edge-bipartite graphs, with $n \geq 2$ vertices, and the usual edge-bipartite graph maps as morphisms, see [3] for details. The full subcategory of $\mathcal{Bigr}_n$ consisting of all loop-free graphs is denoted by $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$.

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We visualize Δ as a graph in a Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^m$, $m \geq 2$, with the vertices $a_1, \dots, a_n$ numbered by the integers $1, \dots, n$; usually we simply write $\Delta_0 = \{1, \dots, n\}$. An edge in $\Delta_1^-(a_i, a_j)$ is visualized as a continuous one $a_i \text{---} a_j$, and an edge in $\Delta_1^+(a_i, a_j)$ is visualized as a dotted one $a_i \cdots a_j$.

We view any finite graph $\Delta = (\Delta_0, \Delta_1)$ as an edge-bipartite one by setting $\Delta_1^-(a_i, a_j) = \Delta_1(a_i, a_j)$ and $\Delta_1^+(a_i, a_j) = \emptyset$, for each pair of vertices $a_i, a_j \in \Delta_0$. We study the loop-free edge-bipartite graphs $\Delta \in \mathcal{UBigr}_n$ by means of the *non-symmetric Gram matrix*

$$\check{G}_\Delta = [d_{ij}^\Delta] \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Z}),$$

where $d_{ij}^\Delta = -|\Delta_1^-(a_i, a_j)|$, if there is an edge $a_i \text{---} a_j$ and $i \leq j$, $d_{ij}^\Delta = |\Delta_1^+(a_i, a_j)|$, if there is an edge $a_i \cdots a_j$ and $i \leq j$. We set $d_{ij}^\Delta = 0$, if $\Delta_1(a_i, a_j)$ is empty or $j < i$. The matrix $G_\Delta := \frac{1}{2}(\check{G}_\Delta + \check{G}_\Delta^{\text{tr}})$ is called the *symmetric Gram matrix*. We call $\Delta = (\Delta_0, \Delta_1)$ *positive* (resp. *non-negative*), if the rational symmetric Gram matrix $G_\Delta := \frac{1}{2}(\check{G}_\Delta + \check{G}_\Delta^{\text{tr}})$ of Δ is positive definite (resp. positive semi-definite). Two graphs $\Delta, \Delta' \in \mathcal{Bigr}_n$ are defined to be $\mathbb{Z}$ -equivalent (resp. $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear equivalent) if there exists $B \in \text{Gl}(n, \mathbb{Z})$ such that $G_{\Delta'} = B^{\text{tr}} \cdot G_\Delta \cdot B$ (resp. $\check{G}_{\Delta'} = B^{\text{tr}} \cdot \check{G}_\Delta \cdot B$). In this case, we write $\Delta \sim_{\mathbb{Z}} \Delta'$ (resp. $\Delta \approx_{\mathbb{Z}} \Delta'$) and we say that $B \in \text{Gl}(n, \mathbb{Z})$ defines the $\mathbb{Z}$ -equivalence $\Delta \sim_{\mathbb{Z}} \Delta'$ (resp. $\Delta \approx_{\mathbb{Z}} \Delta'$).

Following [3] (see also [6]), we associate with any edge-bipartite graph Δ in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$, with $n \geq 2$, the *Coxeter spectrum* $\text{spec}_{\Delta} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, i.e., the spectrum of the Coxeter(–Gram) matrix and of the Coxeter(–Gram) polynomial

$$\text{Cox}_\Delta := -\check{G}_\Delta \cdot \check{G}_\Delta^{\text{tr}} \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Z}), \quad \text{cox}_\Delta(t) := \det(t \cdot E - \text{Cox}_\Delta) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]. \quad (1.1)$$

The Coxeter transformation $\Phi_\Delta : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n$ of Δ is defined by $\Phi_\Delta(v) := v \cdot \text{Cox}_\Delta$ and the Coxeter number $\mathbf{c}_\Delta$ of Δ is a minimal integer $c \geq 2$ such that Φ_Δ^c is the identity map on $\mathbb{Z}^n$. By the *integral quadratic form* of Δ we mean

$$q_\Delta(x) := b_\Delta(x, x) = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 + \sum_{i < j} d_{ij}^\Delta x_i x_j = x \cdot G_\Delta \cdot x^{\text{tr}} = x \cdot \check{G}_\Delta \cdot x^{\text{tr}}. \quad (1.2)$$

We recall from [3, Lemma 2.1] that the Coxeter spectrum $\text{spec}_{\Delta} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ lies on the unit circle $\mathcal{S}^1 := \{z \in \mathbb{C}; |z| = 1\}$ and all points in spec_{Δ} are roots of unity, if Δ is non-negative. If, in addition, Δ is positive then $1 \notin \text{spec}_{\Delta}$ and the set $\mathcal{R}_\Delta := \{v \in \mathbb{Z}^n; v \cdot G_\Delta \cdot v^{\text{tr}} = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$ of roots of Δ is finite.

One of our aims of the paper is to present an algorithmic technique for a computer search of the following Coxeter spectral analysis problems stated in [3] and discussed in [2–4,7].

Problem 1.3. Given $n \geq 2$, compute the set $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{G}\text{pol}_n^+$ of all Coxeter(–Gram) polynomials $\text{cox}_\Delta(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$, with positive connected loop-free edge-bipartite graphs Δ in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$.

Problem 1.4. Show that, given a pair of connected positive loop-free edge-bipartite graphs Δ and Δ' in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$, the equality $\text{spec}_{\Delta} = \text{spec}_{\Delta'}$ is equivalent to the existence of a $\mathbb{Z}$ -invertible matrix $B \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ such that $\check{G}_{\Delta'} = B^{\text{tr}} \cdot \check{G}_\Delta \cdot B$. Construct an algorithm computing such a matrix $B \in \text{Gl}(n, \mathbb{Z})$.

Problem 1.5. For any matrix $A \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{Z})$, with $\det A = 1$, find a matrix $C \in \text{Gl}(n, \mathbb{Z})$ such that $A^{\text{tr}} = C^{\text{tr}} \cdot A \cdot C$ and $C^2 = E$, see [8].

Problem 1.6. Given a connected positive loop-free edge-bipartite graph Δ in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$, construct a minimal Φ_Δ -mesh geometry of roots of Δ (that is, a Φ_Δ -mesh translation quiver $\Gamma(\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_\Delta, \Phi_\Delta)$ satisfying the conditions of [2, Definition 1.11], see Section 2) such that, for any a pair of connected positive edge-bipartite graphs Δ and Δ' in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$, the equality $\text{spec}_{\Delta} = \text{spec}_{\Delta'}$ implies the existence of a group automorphism $\mathbb{Z}^n \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$ that restricts to a Φ_Δ -mesh translation quiver isomorphism $\Gamma(\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_\Delta, \Phi_\Delta) \cong \Gamma(\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_{\Delta'}, \Phi_{\Delta'})$.

The main results of the paper are the following two theorems (proved in Section 3) that contain a partial solution of Problems 1.3–1.6 for edge-bipartite graphs Δ, Δ' in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$, with $n \leq 6$.

Theorem 1.7. Assume that Δ, Δ' are positive connected loop-free edge-bipartite graphs in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$, with $2 \leq n \leq 6$ and $D\Delta, D\Delta'$ are the simply laced Dynkin diagrams associated in Theorem 2.1, with $\Delta \sim_{\mathbb{Z}} D\Delta$ and $\Delta' \sim_{\mathbb{Z}} D\Delta'$.

- (a) $(\text{cox}_\Delta(t), \mathbf{c}_\Delta)$ is one of the pairs $(F_{D\Delta}^{(j)}(t), \mathbf{c}_{D\Delta}^{(j)})$ listed in Table 1.8, see also [3, Figure 3].
- (b) $\text{spec}_{\Delta} = \text{spec}_{\Delta'}$ if and only if $\Delta \approx_{\mathbb{Z}} \Delta'$.
- (c) Given Δ , there exists a matrix $C \in \text{Gl}(n, \mathbb{Z})$ such that $\check{G}_\Delta^{\text{tr}} = C^{\text{tr}} \cdot \check{G}_\Delta \cdot C$ and $C^2 = E$.
- (d) Given Δ , there is a minimal Φ_Δ -mesh geometry of roots $\Gamma(\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_\Delta, \Phi_\Delta)$ of Δ satisfying the conditions listed in 1.6.

The following theorem contains a complete classification of positive connected loop-free edge-bipartite graphs with at most six vertices, up to the congruence $\Delta \approx_{\mathbb{Z}} \Delta'$.

Theorem 1.9. Assume that Δ is a positive connected loop-free edge-bipartite graph in $\mathcal{UBigr}_n$, with $2 \leq n \leq 6$. Under the notation in Theorem 1.7, we have

- (a) If $\text{cox}_\Delta(t) = F_{D\Delta}^{(1)}(t)$ then $\Delta \approx_{\mathbb{Z}} D\Delta$.

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