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INTEGRAL COMPLETE MULTIPARTITE GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. We give counterexamples to a result in F. Esser and F. Harary [2, Theorem 3] asserting that two nonisomorphic complete r-partite graphs with the same number of vertices have different spectral radii. We then derive some results on invariant factors and apply them to obtain relationship between the parameters of integral complete multipartite graphs and their integer eigenvalues. Necessary conditions for complete multipartite graphs to be integral are obtained.

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1. INTRODUCTION

We consider simple graphs, that is, graphs without loops or parallel edges. For basic notions in graph theory we refer to [12], whereas for preliminaries on graphs and matrices, see [1]. By the eigenvalues of a graph G, we mean the eigenvalues of its adjacency matrix. For a positive integer p, the complete graph of order p is denoted by K_p .

The disjoint union of G and H is denoted by $G \cup H$. The complement of G is denoted by \overline{G} . Thus $G \cup \overline{G}$ is a complete graph. The complete join of graphs G and H, denoted by $G \lor H$, is a graph with vertex set $V(G \lor H) := V(G) \cup V(H)$ and edge set

$$E(G \lor H) := E(G) \cup E(H) \cup \{uv \mid u \in V(G), v \in V(H)\}.$$

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