

More on L -Borderenergetic Graphs*

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Abstract

The energy $\mathcal{E}(G)$ of a graph G is defined as the sum of the absolute values of the eigenvalues of its adjacency matrix. If a graph G of order n has the same energy as the complete graph K_n does, i.e., if $\mathcal{E}(G) = 2(n - 1)$, then G is said to be borderenergetic. Similarly, for the Laplacian energy $\mathcal{LE}(G)$ of a graph G , F. Tura proposed the concept of L -borderenergetic graphs recently. That is, a graph G of order n is L -borderenergetic if it has the same Laplacian energy as the complete graph K_n does. In this paper, we first show that a kind of threshold graphs are L -borderenergetic. Then we use tensor product to construct regular L -borderenergetic graphs. At last, all the connected non-complete and pairwise non-isomorphic L -borderenergetic graphs of small order n are depicted for n with $4 \leq n \leq 9$. All these results are different from those in Tura's paper.

1 Introduction

All graphs considered in this paper are simple and undirected. Let G be a graph with its edge set $E(G)$ and vertex set $V(G)$, whose order is denoted by $|V(G)|$. Denote by $\bar{d}(G)$ the average degree of G . The complete graph and the cycle of order n are denoted by K_n and C_n , respectively. The union of two vertex-disjoint graphs G_1 and G_2 is denoted by $G_1 \cup G_2$.

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Let $A(G)$ be an adjacency matrix of G . The spectrum of G is the non-increasing sequence $Sp(G) = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$, which is composed of the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix $A(G)$. If $D(G)$ is the diagonal matrix of the vertex degrees of G , $L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$ is defined to be the Laplacian matrix of G . The spectrum of $L(G)$ is the sequence of its eigenvalues displayed in non-increasing order, denoted by $LSp(G) = \{\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n\}$. It is well known that $L(G)$ is a positive semidefinite and singular matrix. So, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, $\mu_i \geq 0$ and $\mu_n = 0$. Besides, when each Laplacian eigenvalue is an integer, G is said to be a Laplacian integral graph. For details on spectral graph theory, see [2].

The energy of a graph G , denoted by $\mathcal{E}(G)$, is defined as [6, 7]

$$\mathcal{E}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|.$$

For additional information on graph energy and its applications in chemistry, we refer to [7–9, 15].

Recently, Gong et al. [5] proposed the concept of *borderenergetic* graphs, namely graphs of order n satisfying $\mathcal{E}(G) = 2(n - 1)$. Some related results on borderenergetic graphs can be seen in [4, 13, 19–21]. In fact, analogous topics on energy of graphs have been researched [1, 10, 11, 14, 16–18].

For the Laplacian energy of a graph G [12], similarly, F. Tura [22] proposed the concept of *L-borderenergetic* graphs. That is, a graph G of order n is *L-borderenergetic* if $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G) = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(K_n)$, where $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i - \bar{d}|$ and μ_i and \bar{d} are the Laplacian eigenvalue and the average degree of G , respectively. Note that $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(K_n) = 2(n - 1)$. Several classes of *L-borderenergetic* graphs [22] are obtained including result that for each integer $r \geq 1$, there are $2r + 1$ graphs, of order $n = 4r + 4$, which are pairwise *L-noncospectral* and *L-borderenergetic* graphs.

It is of interest to find more *L-borderenergetic* graphs, especially, connected and to establish their structural differences. Of course, we can use some graph operations to construct them, such as tensor product of graphs. However, the problem of finding all *L-borderenergetic* graphs on n vertices becomes rather difficult when $n > 7$. Indeed, using a computer, it took several seconds for the case $n \leq 7$. But in other cases, it took dramatically long time, about 1 day for $n = 8$, and about 3 days for $n = 9$. Our final results are shown in Table 1.

n	4	5	6	7	8	9
$number$	2	1	11	5	33	23

Table 1. The numbers of connected non-complete and pairwise non-isomorphic L -borderenergetic graphs on n vertices for $4 \leq n \leq 9$.

In this paper, we first show that a kind of threshold graphs are L -borderenergetic. Then we use tensor product to construct regular L -borderenergetic graphs. At last, all the connected non-complete and pairwise non-isomorphic L -borderenergetic graphs of small order n are depicted for n with $4 \leq n \leq 9$.

2 Threshold graphs

Including several classes of L -borderenergetic graphs have been constructed by Tura in [22], here we will find a class of threshold graphs which are also L -borderenergetic.

At first, let's recall the definitions of threshold graphs and Ferrers-Sylvester diagrams. A *threshold graph* is obtained through an iterative process which starts with an isolated vertex, and at each step, either a new isolated vertex is added, or a vertex adjacent to all previous vertices (dominating vertex) is added. A *Ferrers-Sylvester diagram* (see Figure 2) is a grid representing a degree sequence $(d) = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$ in which the i th row of the grid contains d_i boxes. The *conjugate of a degree sequence* (d) is the sequence $(d^*) = (d_1^*, d_2^*, \dots, d_k^*)$ where $d_i^* = |\{d_j \geq i\}|$. Visually speaking, the value for d_i^* is the number of boxes in the i th column of the Ferrers-Sylvester diagram.

Let S_n^1 be the graph with m edges obtained from an n -order star S_n by adding an edge. Obviously, S_n^1 is a unicyclic and threshold graph (see Figure 1).

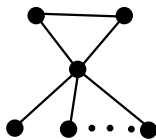


Figure 1. The graph S_n^1 .

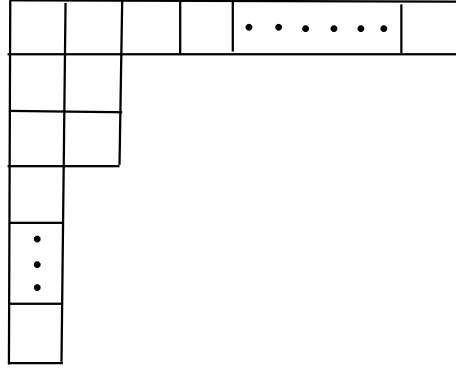


Figure 2. The Ferrers-Sylvester diagram of S_n^1 .

Lemma 1. [3] Let G be a connected graph of order n with m edges. In addition, let d_i^* be the i th conjugate degree of G . Then

$$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |d_i^* - 2m/n|$$

with equality holding if and only if G is a threshold graph.

Theorem 2. The graph S_n^1 is L -borderenergetic.

Proof. Since S_n^1 is a threshold graph, by the condition of the equality holding in Lemma 1, we have

$$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(S_n^1) = \sum_{i=1}^n |d_i^* - 2m/n| \tag{1}$$

As S_n^1 is a unicyclic graph, we get $m = n$. From the Ferrers-Sylvester diagram of S_n^1 (see Figure 2), it can be seen that

$$d_1^* = n, d_2^* = 3, d_3^* = d_4^* = \dots = d_{n-1}^* = 1, d_n^* = 0$$

So by (1), we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(S_n^1) = (n - 2) + 1 + (n - 3) + 2 = 2(n - 1).$$

□

Note that from [22] one can only get that for some even integers, there are L -borderenergetic graphs. Since the order n of the graph S_n^1 can be any integer (even or odd), we immediately get the following result, which is stronger than Tura's result.

Theorem 3. For any integer $n \geq 4$, there is an L -borderenergetic graph.

3 Regular graphs

In this section, we use tensor product to construct some regular L -borderenergetic graphs.

The tensor product of two graphs G_1 and G_2 , denoted by $G_1 \otimes G_2$, has vertex set $V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$, in which two vertices (u_1, u_2) and (v_1, v_2) are adjacent if and only if both the edges $u_1v_1 \in E(G_1)$ and $u_2v_2 \in E(G_2)$. Then, it is easy to see that the order of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ is $|V(G_1)||V(G_2)|$. A result in [5] on the energy of tensor product of two graphs is given below.

Lemma 4. [5] *If G_1 and G_2 are any two graphs, then $\mathcal{E}(G_1 \otimes G_2) = \mathcal{E}(G_1)\mathcal{E}(G_2)$.*

For regular graphs, we have

Theorem 5. *If G is a d -regular graph, then $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G) = \mathcal{E}(G)$.*

Proof. Obviously, the average degree of G is d and the Laplacian eigenvalue of G possessing the form of $d - \lambda_i$, where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then, we have

$$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i - d| = \sum_{i=1}^n |d - \lambda_i - d| = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| = \mathcal{E}(G)$$

□

Theorem 6. *Let G be an L -borderenergetic graph. Suppose that G is obtained from the tensor product of two L -integral graphs G_1 and G_2 , where G_1 and G_2 are r_1 -regular and r_2 -regular, respectively. Then both $|V(G_1)|$ and $|V(G_2)|$ are odd.*

Proof. Since G_1 and G_2 are all regular, by the definition of tensor product, G is also regular. Then from Theorem 6 we get $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G) = \mathcal{E}(G)$, $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G_1) = \mathcal{E}(G_1)$ and $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G_2) = \mathcal{E}(G_2)$. By Lemma 4, we see that

$$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G) = \mathcal{E}(G) = \mathcal{E}(G_1 \otimes G_2) = \mathcal{E}(G_1)\mathcal{E}(G_2) = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G_1)\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G_2) \quad (2)$$

Since the energy of a graph is never an odd integer, there exist two integers t_1 and t_2 satisfying $\mathcal{E}(G_i) = 2(|V(G_i)| - t_i)$, and then we have $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{E}(G_i) = 2(|V(G_i)| - t_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$. Thus, by (2) we can see that

$$2(|V(G_1)||V(G_2)| - 1) = 4(|V(G_1)| - t_1)(|V(G_2)| - t_2) \quad (3)$$

By (3), we obtain

$$|V(G_1)||V(G_2)| = 2t_1|V(G_2)| + 2t_2|V(G_1)| - 2t_1t_2 - 1 \quad (4)$$

From above equation, we note that its right hand is odd and its left hand is the product of $|V(G_1)|$ and $|V(G_2)|$. So, we know that both $|V(G_1)|$ and $|V(G_2)|$ are odd. \square

Using Theorem 6, we can construct some regular L -borderenergetic graphs with small orders. Assume that $G_1 = K_{|V(G_1)|}$ and $|V(G_1)| = |V(G_2)| > 1$. Then, $t_1 = 1$ and $t_2 = (|V(G_1)| - 1)/2$ by (4). From (2) and (3), we obtain $\mathcal{LE}(G_2) = |V(G_1)| + 1$.

For $|V(G_1)| = 3$ and $|V(G_1)| = 7$, we can verify that graphs $K_3 \otimes K_3$ and $K_7 \otimes \{K_3 \cup C_4\}$ are both L -borderenergetic.

4 L -borderenergetic graphs of small orders

In this section, we will depict all the connected non-complete and pairwise non-isomorphic L -borderenergetic graphs of small order n with $4 \leq n \leq 9$, and give their L -spectra and average degrees.

4.1. L -borderenergetic graphs of orders $n = 4$ and 5

There are exactly two such L -borderenergetic graphs for $n = 4$ and only one for $n = 5$. These graphs are shown in Figure 3. The corresponding L -spectra is given as follows.

$$LSp(G_4^1) = \{4, 3, 1, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_4^2) = \{4, 4, 2, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_5^1) = \{5, 3, 1, 1, 0\};$$

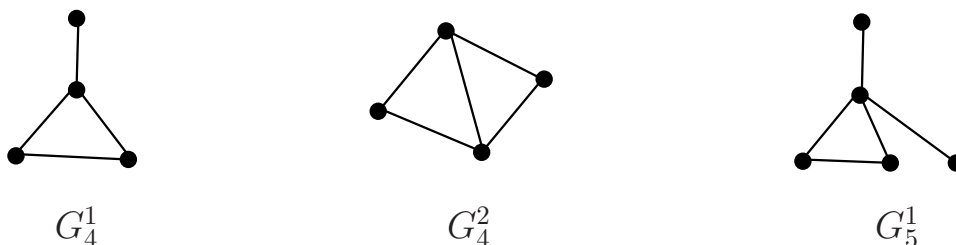


Figure 3. The L -borderenergetic graphs of $n = 4$ and 5.

4.2. L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 6$

There are exactly 11 such L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 6$. These graphs are presented in Figure 4. The L -spectra of them is shown below.

$$LSp(G_6^1) = \{6, 4, 4, 2, 2, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^2) = \{6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^3) = \{6, 6, 6, 4, 4, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^4) = \{6, 5, 5, 3, 3, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^5) = \{6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^6) = \{6, 6, 4, 3, 3, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^7) = \{6, 3, 1, 1, 1, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^8) = \{6, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^9) = \{6, 4, 4, 3, 1, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^{10}) = \{6, 3, 3, 1, 1, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_6^{11}) = \{6, 5, 3, 3, 1, 0\};$$

4.3. L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 7$

There are exactly 5 such L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 7$. These graphs are depicted in Figure 5. The following is their L -spectra.

$$LSp(G_7^1) = \{7, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_7^2) = \{7, 5, 5, 5, 4, 2, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_7^3) = \{7, 6, 5, 4, 4, 2, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_7^4) = \{7, 6, 5, 4, 4, 2, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_7^5) = \{7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 3, 0\};$$

4.4. L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 8$

There are exactly 33 such L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 8$. These graphs are shown in Figure 6. The corresponding L -spectra is given as follows.

$$LSp(G_8^1) = \{8, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0\}; \quad LSp(G_8^2) = \{8, 7, 4, 4, 4, 4, 1, 0\};$$

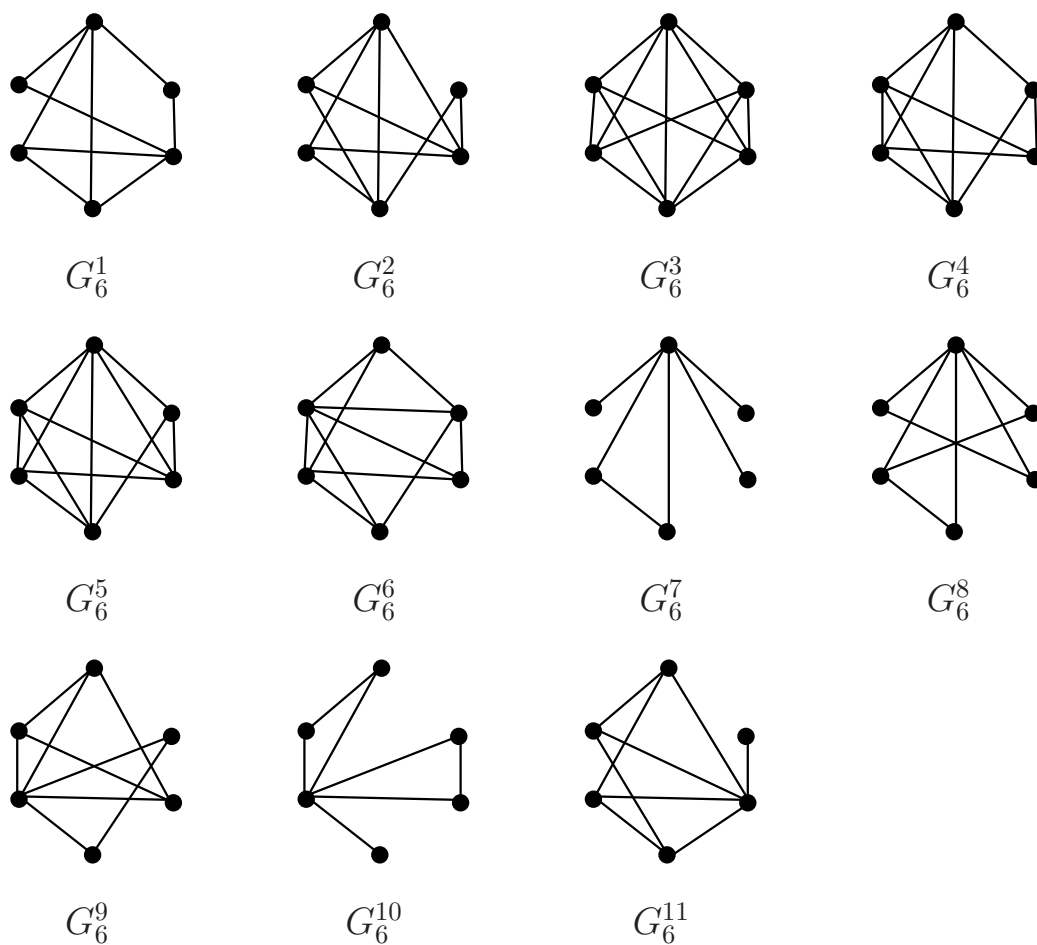


Figure 4. The L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 6$.

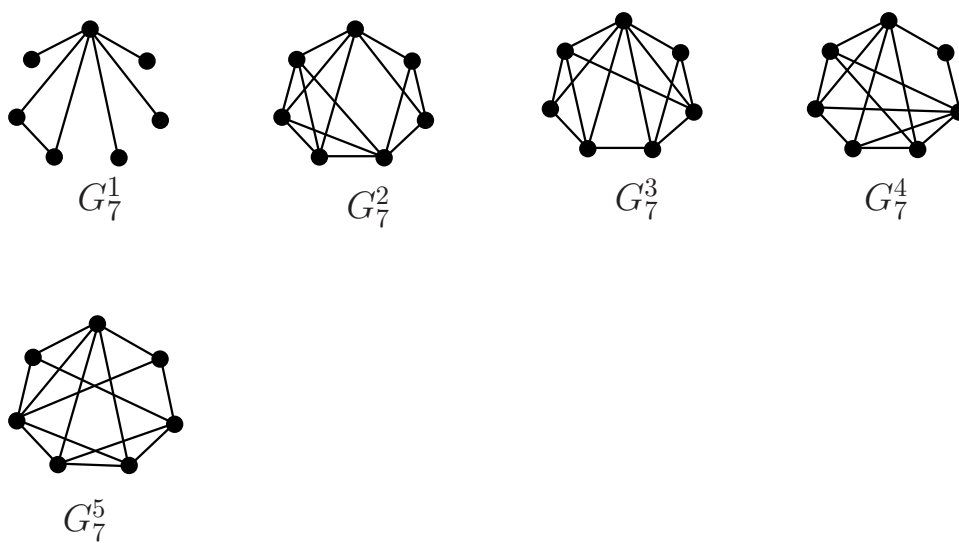


Figure 5. The L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 7$.

$$\begin{aligned}
LSp(G_8^3) &= \{8, 5, 5, 5, 3, 3, 3, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^4) &= \{8, 6, 5, 5, 4, 3, 3, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^5) &= \{8, 8, 7, 6, 5, 5, 5, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^6) &= \{8, 7, 7, 5, 5, 4, 4, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^7) &= \{8, 7, 6, 6, 5, 5, 3, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^8) &= \{7, 6, 5, 5, 4, 3, 2, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^9) &= \{8, 7, 7, 5, 5, 5, 3, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{10}) &= \{8, 7, 7, 5, 5, 5, 3, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{11}) &= \{8, 7, 6, 6, 5, 5, 3, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{12}) &= \{8, 8, 8, 7, 6, 6, 5, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{13}) &= \{8, 6, 5, 5, 5, 5, 2, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{14}) &= \{8, 7, 5, 5, 4, 4, 3, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{15}) &= \{8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 4, 4, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{16}) &= \{8, 8, 6, 5, 5, 4, 4, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{17}) &= \{8, 6, 6, 6, 4, 4, 4, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{18}) &= \{8, 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 4, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{19}) &= \{8, 8, 8, 8, 6, 6, 6, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{20}) &= \{8, 8, 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{21}) &= \{8, 8, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{22}) &= \{6 + \sqrt{2}, 6 - \sqrt{2}, 7, 6, 4, 4, 3, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{23}) &= \{8, 7, 6, 6, 5, 4, 4, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{24}) &= \{8, 8, 6, 6, 5, 5, 4, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{25}) &= \{8, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{26}) &= \{5 + \sqrt{3}, 5 - \sqrt{3}, 5, 4, 2, 2, 1, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{27}) &= \{8, 4, 4, 3, 3, 1, 1, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{28}) &= \{8, 5, 3, 3, 3, 1, 1, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{30}) &= \{8, 7, 7, 6, 5, 5, 4, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{29}) &= \{6 + \sqrt{2}, 6 - \sqrt{2}, 7, 5, 4, 4, 2, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{31}) &= \{8, 5, 4, 4, 3, 3, 1, 0\}; & LSp(G_8^{32}) &= \{8, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 1, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_8^{33}) &= \{8, 3, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 0\};
\end{aligned}$$

4.5. L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 9$

There are exactly 23 such L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 9$. These graphs are presented in Figure 7. The L -spectra of them is shown below.

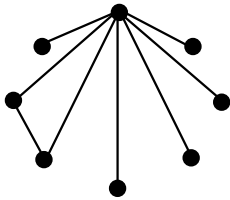
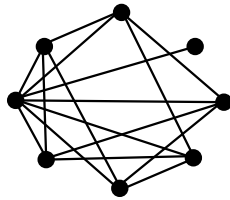
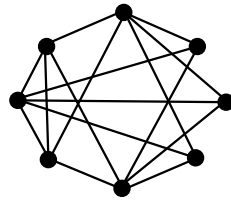
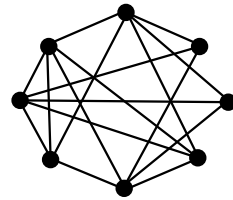
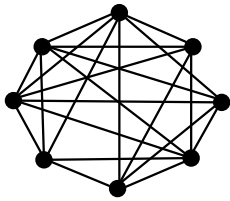
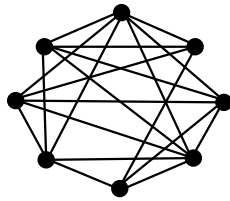
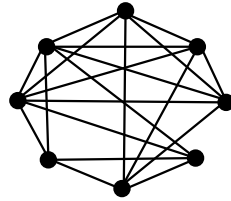
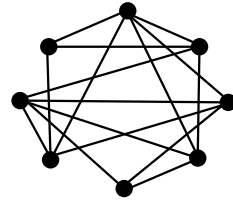
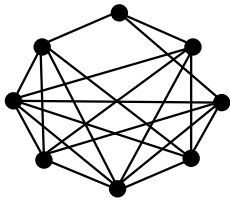
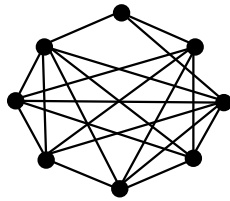
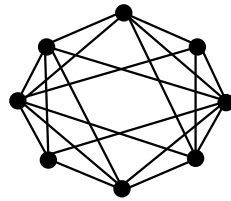
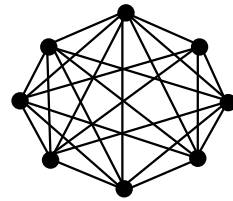
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LSp(G_9^3) &= \{7, 6, 6, 5, 4, 4, 3, 1, 0\}; & LSp(G_9^4) &= \{9, 6, 6, 5, 5, 5, 3, 3, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_9^5) &= \{7, 6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 0\}; & LSp(G_9^6) &= \{7, 6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_9^7) &= \{9, 7, 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 4, 0\}; & LSp(G_9^8) &= \{9, 8, 7, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_9^9) &= \{9, 9, 8, 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 0\}; & LSp(G_9^{10}) &= \{9, 8, 7, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_9^{11}) &= \{9, 9, 7, 7, 6, 6, 5, 5, 0\}; & LSp(G_9^{12}) &= \{9, 9, 7, 7, 6, 6, 6, 4, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_9^{13}) &= \{9, 8, 8, 7, 6, 6, 6, 4, 0\}; & LSp(G_9^{14}) &= \{9, 9, 9, 7, 7, 7, 6, 6, 0\}; \\
LSp(G_9^{16}) &= \{7, 6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 0\}; & LSp(G_9^{15}) &= \{6 + \sqrt{2}, 6 - \sqrt{2}, 6, 6, 4, 3, 3, 2, 0\};
\end{aligned}$$

$$LSp(G_9^{17}) = \{8, 6, 5, 5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 0\}; \quad LSp(G_9^{18}) = \{6, 6, 6, 6, 3, 3, 3, 3, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_9^{19}) = \{8, 6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 3, 3, 0\}; \quad LSp(G_9^{20}) = \{7, 6, 5, 5, 5, 3, 3, 2, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_9^{21}) = \{7, 6, 5, 5, 5, 4, 3, 1, 0\}; \quad LSp(G_9^{22}) = \{9, 6, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 1, 0\};$$

$$LSp(G_9^{23}) = \{9, 7, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 1, 0\};$$


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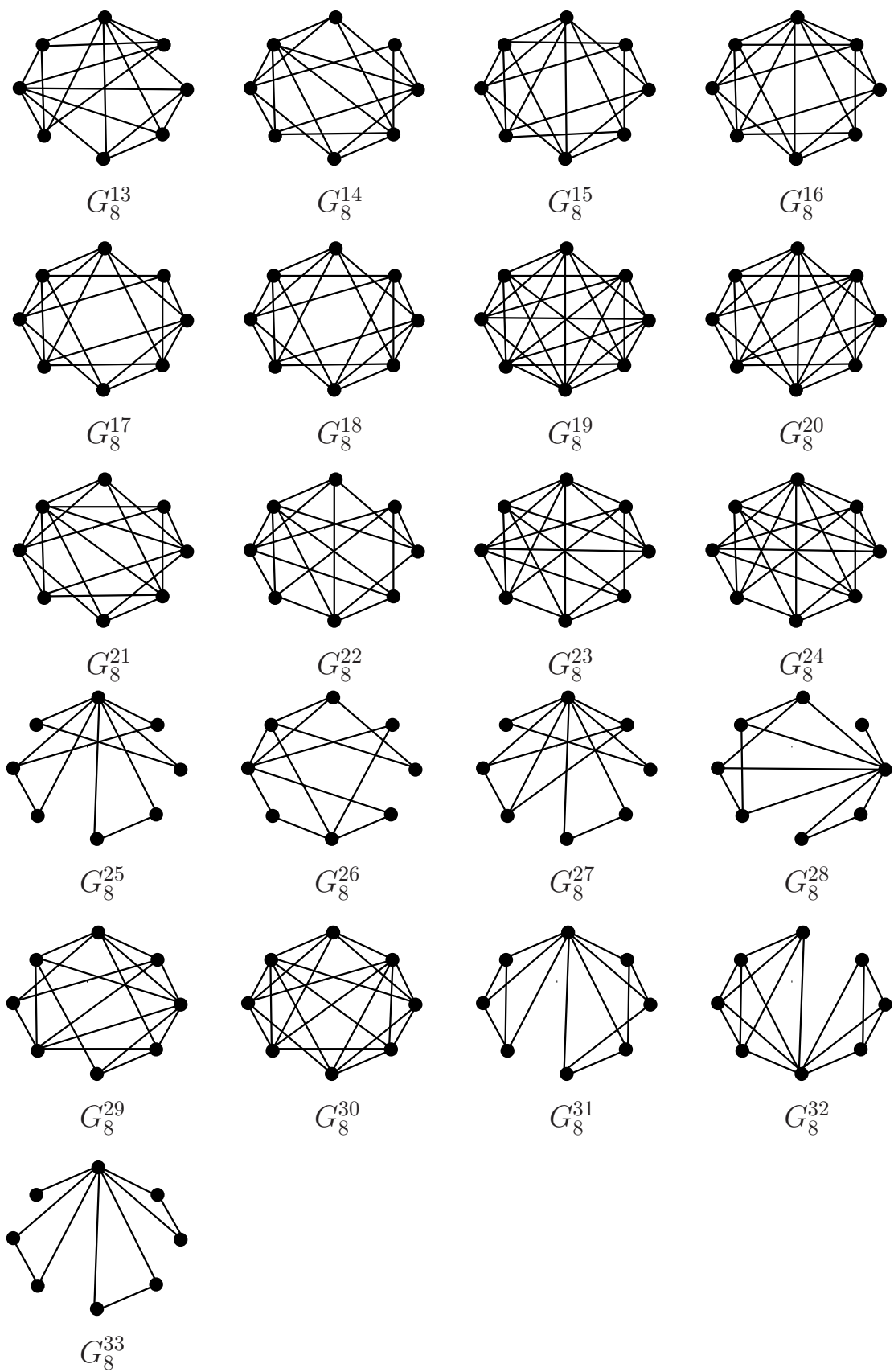


Figure 6. The L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 8$.

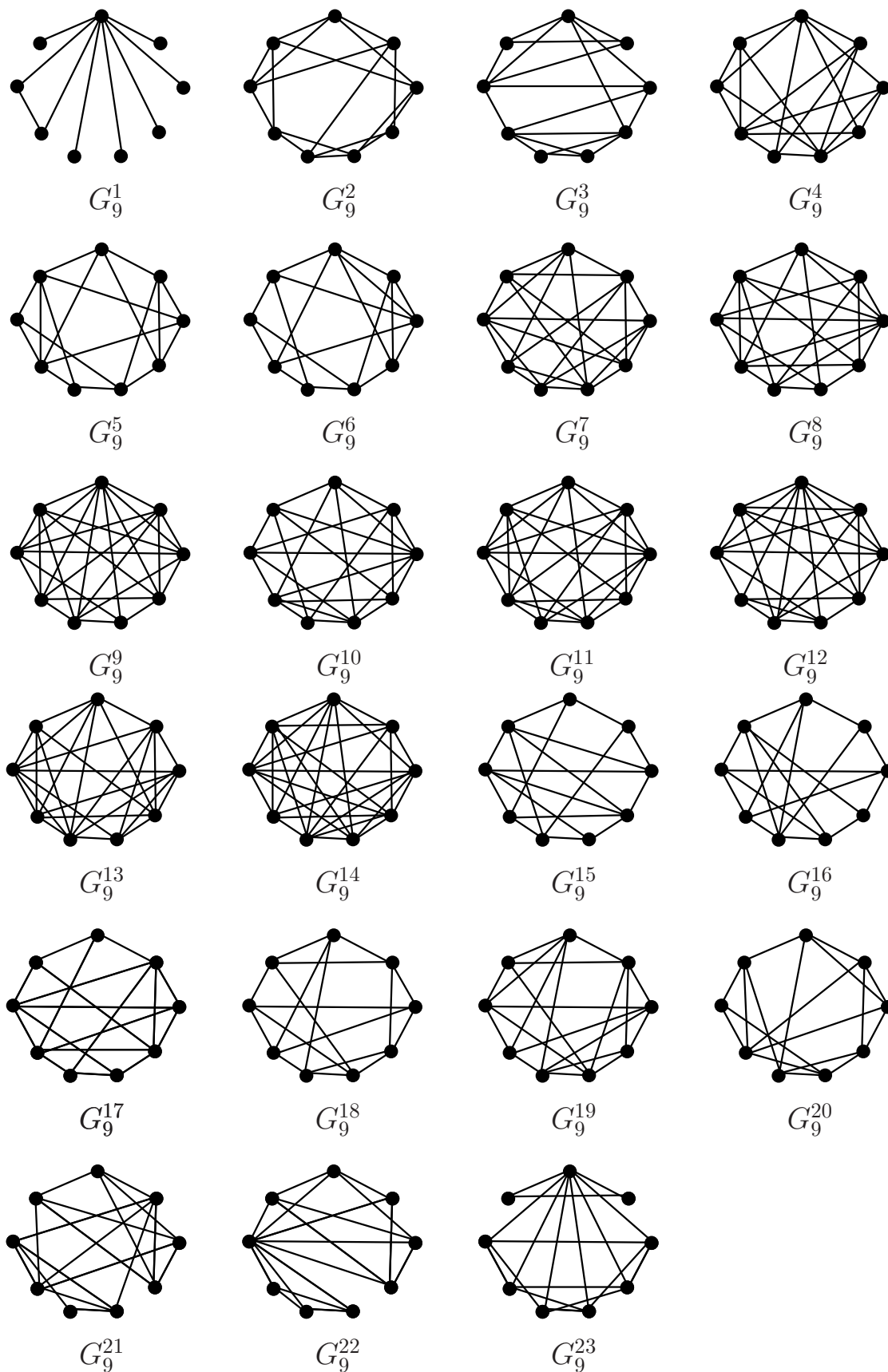


Figure 7. The L -borderenergetic graphs of order $n = 9$.

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