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# $(-1, 1)$ -incidence matrix of a graph

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**Abstract:** Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the vertex set and  $E(G) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  be the edge set of a graph  $G$ . The Seidel adjacency matrix of a graph  $G$  is defined as  $S(G) = [s_{ij}]$  of order  $n \times n$ , in which  $s_{ij} = -1$  if  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_j$ ,  $s_{ij} = 1$  if  $v_i$  is not adjacent to  $v_j$  and  $s_{ii} = 0$ . We introduce here the  $(-1, 1)$ -incidence matrix of  $G$  as  $B_S(G) = [c_{ij}]$  of order  $n \times m$ , in which  $c_{ij} = -1$  if  $v_i$  is incident to  $e_j$  and  $c_{ij} = 1$  if  $v_i$  is not incident to  $e_j$ . Further we explore properties of  $B_S(G)$  and of its transpose.

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## 1. Introduction

Graph theory is utilized to describe a variety of real world phenomena such as to study the properties of molecules [1–3], social networks [4], nano-networks [5,6], ladder networks [7] etc. The matrices of graphs are used to study the spectral and structural properties of graphs [8,9]. There are several matrices of graphs exists, such as adjacency matrix, incidence matrix, Seidel matrix, Laplacian matrix, distance matrix etc. The Seidel adjacency matrix of a graph has been studied in the literature [10]. The elements of the Seidel adjacency matrix are either  $-1$  or  $1$  or zero. In this paper we introduce a new matrix, which we call  $(-1, 1)$ -incidence matrix of a graph, whose elements are either  $-1$  or  $1$  and explore some of its properties.

Let  $G$  be a finite, simple graph with  $n \geq 2$  vertices and  $m \geq 1$  edges. Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the vertex set of  $G$  and  $E(G) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  be the edge set of  $G$ . The degree of a vertex  $v_i$  is the number of edges incident to it and is denoted by  $d(v_i)$ . The degree of an edge  $e_i$  whose end points are  $u$  and  $v$  is  $d(e_i) = d(u) + d(v) - 2$ . The line graph of  $G$  is a graph  $L(G)$ , whose vertex set has one-to-one correspondence with the edge set of  $G$  and two vertices in  $L(G)$  are adjacent if and only if the corresponding edges are adjacent in  $G$  [11]. Let  $I_n$  denotes the identity matrix of order  $n$ ,  $J_{p \times q}$  be the matrix of order  $p \times q$ , whose all elements are equal to 1 and  $M^T$  be the transpose of the matrix  $M$ .

The adjacency matrix [12] of a graph  $G$  is a matrix  $A(G) = [a_{ij}]$  of order  $n \times n$ , where

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \text{ is adjacent to } v_j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The incidence matrix [12] of a graph  $G$  is a matrix  $B(G) = [b_{ij}]$  of order  $n \times m$ , where

$$b_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if vertex } v_i \text{ is incident to an edge } e_j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The degree matrix of a graph  $G$  is a diagonal matrix  $D(G) = \text{diag}[d(v_1), d(v_2), \dots, d(v_n)]$ .

**Lemma 1.** [12] For any graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges,

(i)  $B(G)B(G)^T = A(G) + D(G)$  and

(ii)  $B(G)^T B(G) = A(L(G)) + 2I_m$ .

The Seidel adjacency matrix of a graph  $G$ , introduced by van Lint and Seidel [13], is a matrix  $S(G) = [s_{ij}]$  of order  $n \times n$ , where

$$s_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } v_i \text{ is adjacent to } v_j, \\ 1 & \text{if } v_i \text{ is not adjacent to } v_j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

Properties of Seidel adjacency matrix and its eigenvalues can be found in [14–17].

Recent studies on graph, including the fault-tolerant mixed metric dimension [18], Cycle-super magic labeling of polyomino linear and zig-zag chains [19], and mixed partition dimension [20], provide valuable insights into the structural properties of the structures.

**2. (-1, 1)-incidence matrix**

Analogous to the Seidel adjacency matrix of a graph, we define here the (-1, 1)-incidence matrix of  $G$  as  $n \times m$  matrix  $B_S(G) = [c_{ij}]$ , where

$$c_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if the vertex } v_i \text{ is incident to the edge } e_j, \\ 1 & \text{if the vertex } v_i \text{ is not incident to the edge } e_j. \end{cases}$$

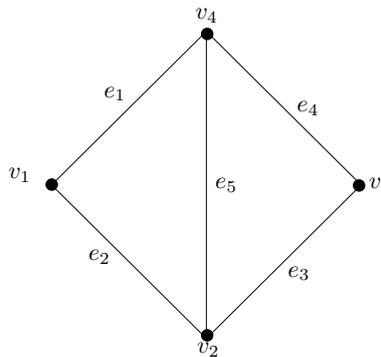


Figure 1. Graph G

The (-1, 1)-incidence matrix of a graph given in Figure 1 is

$$B_S(G) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let graph  $G$  has two components  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . If  $G_i$  has  $n_i$  vertices and  $m_i \geq 1$  edges,  $i = 1, 2$ . Then the vertices and edges of  $G$  can be labeled in such a way that its (-1, 1)-incidence matrix is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_S(G_1) & J_{n_1 \times m_2} \\ J_{n_2 \times m_1} & B_S(G_2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proposition 2.** *If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $m$  edges, then*

- (i) *-1 appears  $d(v_i)$  times and 1 appears  $m - d(v_i)$  times in the  $i$ -th row of  $B_S(G)$ .*
- (ii) *-1 appears 2 times and 1 appears  $n - 2$  times in each column of  $B_S(G)$ .*

**Proof.** (i) Vertex  $v_i$  is incident to  $d(v_i)$  edges. Hence -1 appears  $d(v_i)$  times and 1 appears  $m - d(v_i)$  times in the  $i$ -th row of  $B_S(G)$ .

(ii) Each edge is incident to its two end points. Hence -1 appears 2 times and 1 appears  $n - 2$  times in each column of  $B_S(G)$ . □

**Proposition 3.** *If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $m$  edges, then*

- (i)  $B_S(G) = J_{n \times m} - 2B(G)$ .
- (ii)  $B_S(G)^T = J_{m \times n} - 2B(G)^T$ .
- (iii) sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row in  $B_S(G)$  is  $m - 2d(v_i)$ .
- (iv) sum of the elements of each column in  $B_S(G)$  is  $n - 4$ .

**Proof.** (i) By the definition of  $(-1, 1)$ -incidence matrix, we have  $B_S(G) = -B(G) + J_{n \times m} - B(G) = J_{n \times m} - 2B(G)$ .  
 (ii) By above (i),  $B_S(G)^T = (J_{n \times m} - 2B(G))^T = J_{m \times n} - 2B(G)^T$ .  
 (iii) By the first result of Proposition 2, the sum of the elements of the  $i$ -th row in  $B_S(G)$  is  $-d(v_i) + m - d(v_i) = m - 2d(v_i)$ .  
 (iv) By the second result of Proposition 2, the sum of the elements of each column in  $B_S(G)$  is  $-2 + n - 2 = n - 4$ . □

**Corollary 4.** If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $m$  edges, then  
 (i) sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row in  $B_S(G)$  is zero if  $d(v_i) = m/2$ .  
 (ii) sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row in  $B_S(G)$  is positive if  $d(v_i) < m/2$ .  
 (iii) sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row in  $B_S(G)$  is negative if  $d(v_i) > m/2$ .

**Corollary 5.** For a graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges,  
 (i) the sum of the elements of any column in  $B_S(G)$  is zero if  $n = 4$ .  
 (ii) the sum of the elements of any column in  $B_S(G)$  is positive if  $n > 4$ .  
 (iii) the sum of the elements of any column in  $B_S(G)$  is negative if  $n < 4$ .

Since  $d(v_i)$  is a non-negative integer, by Corollary 4(i), we note that there is no graph with odd number of edges so that the sum of the elements of at least one row in  $B_S(G)$  is zero. Also by Corollary 5(i), there is no graph with  $n$  vertices ( $n \neq 4$ ) so that the sum of the elements of any column in  $B_S(G)$  is zero.

Analogous to Lemma 1, we give Proposition 6.  
 For this we define the matrix  $D_S(G) = [d_{ij}]$  of order  $n \times n$ , where

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} d(v_i) + d(v_j) & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 6.** For a graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges,  
 (i)  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T = mJ_{n \times n} + 4A(G) - 2D_S(G)$ .  
 (ii)  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G) = (n - 8)J_{m \times m} + 4A(L(G)) + 8I_m$ .

**Proof.** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $G$ . By Proposition 3 we have,

$$B_S(G) = J_{n \times m} - 2B(G) \quad \text{and} \quad B_S(G)^T = J_{m \times n} - 2B(G)^T.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad B_S(G)B_S(G)^T &= (J_{n \times m} - 2B(G))(J_{m \times n} - 2B(G)^T) \\ &= J_{n \times m}J_{m \times n} - 2B(G)J_{m \times n} - 2J_{n \times m}B(G)^T + 4B(G)B(G)^T \\ &= mJ_{n \times n} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} d(v_1) & d(v_1) & \cdots & d(v_1) \\ d(v_2) & d(v_2) & \cdots & d(v_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d(v_n) & d(v_n) & \cdots & d(v_n) \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad - 2 \begin{bmatrix} d(v_1) & d(v_2) & \cdots & d(v_n) \\ d(v_1) & d(v_2) & \cdots & d(v_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d(v_1) & d(v_2) & \cdots & d(v_n) \end{bmatrix} + 4(A(G) + D(G)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= mJ_{n \times n} + 4A(G) - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & d(v_1) + d(v_2) & \cdots & d(v_1) + d(v_n) \\ d(v_2) + d(v_1) & 0 & \cdots & d(v_2) + d(v_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d(v_n) + d(v_1) & d(v_n) + d(v_2) & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= mJ_{n \times n} + 4A(G) - 2D_S(G).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad B_S(G)^T B_S(G) &= (J_{m \times n} - 2B(G)^T)(J_{n \times m} - 2B(G)) \\
 &= J_{m \times n} J_{n \times m} - 2B(G)^T J_{n \times m} - 2J_{m \times n} B(G) + 4B(G)^T B(G) \\
 &= nJ_{m \times m} - 4J_{m \times m} - 4J_{m \times m} + 4(A(L(G)) + 2I_m) \\
 &= (n - 8)J_{m \times m} + 4A(L(G)) + 8I_m.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 7.** If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $m$  edges, then

- (i)  $(ij)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m + 4 - 2(d(v_i) + d(v_j))$  if  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_j$ .
- (ii)  $(ij)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m - 2(d(v_i) + d(v_j))$  if  $v_i$  is not adjacent to  $v_j$ .
- (iii)  $(ii)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $v_i$  be adjacent to  $v_j$ . Then the  $(ij)$ -th element of  $A(G)$  is 1 and  $(ij)$ -th element of  $D_S(G)$  is  $d(v_i) + d(v_j)$ . Therefore by the first result of Proposition 6, the  $(ij)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m + 4 - 2(d(v_i) + d(v_j))$ .

(ii) Let  $v_i$  be not adjacent to  $v_j$ . Then the  $(ij)$ -th element of  $A(G)$  is 0 and  $(ij)$ -th element of  $D_S(G)$  is  $d(v_i) + d(v_j)$ . Therefore by the first result of Proposition 6, the  $(ij)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m + 0 - 2(d(v_i) + d(v_j)) = m - 2(d(v_i) + d(v_j))$ .

(iii) Diagonal elements of  $A(G)$  and  $D_S(G)$  are zeros. Therefore by the first result of Proposition 6, the  $(ii)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m$ . □

**Proposition 8.** If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$ , then

- (i)  $(ij)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is  $n - 4$  if  $e_i$  is adjacent to  $e_j$ .
- (ii)  $(ij)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is  $n - 8$  if  $e_i$  is not adjacent to  $e_j$ .
- (iii)  $(ii)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is  $n$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $e_i$  be adjacent to  $e_j$ . Then the  $(ij)$ -th element of  $A(L(G))$  is 1 and  $(ij)$ -th element of  $I_m$  is zero ( $i \neq j$ ). Therefore by the second result of Proposition 6, the  $(ij)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is  $n - 8 + 4 + 0 = n - 4$ .

(ii) Let  $e_i$  be not adjacent to  $e_j$ . Then the  $(ij)$ -th element of  $A(L(G))$  and of  $I_m$  is zero ( $i \neq j$ ). Therefore by the second result of Proposition 6, the  $(ij)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is  $n - 8 + 0 + 0 = n - 8$ .

(iii) Diagonal elements of  $A(L(G))$  are zeros. Therefore by the second result of Proposition 6, the  $(ii)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is  $n - 8 + 0 + 8 = n$ . □

**Proposition 9.** For any graph  $G$ , the matrices  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  and  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  are symmetric.

**Proof.** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $G$  and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  be the edges of  $G$ .

By Proposition 7, if  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_j$ , then the  $(ij)$ -th element and  $(ji)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m + 4 - 2(d(v_i) + d(v_j))$ . Also if  $v_i$  is not adjacent to  $v_j$ , then the  $(ij)$ -th element and  $(ji)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m - 2(d(v_i) + d(v_j))$ . Further  $(ii)$ -th element of  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $m$ . Hence  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is a symmetric matrix.

Similarly by Proposition 8 we can show that  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is also symmetric matrix. □

**Proposition 10.** If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $m$  edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$ , then

- (i) the sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is  $(n - 4)(m - 2d(v_i))$ .
- (ii) the sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is  $(n - 8)m + 4d(e_i) + 8$ .

**Proof.** (i) By Proposition 6,  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T = mJ_{n \times n} + 4A(G) - 2D_S(G)$  and it is symmetric by the Proposition 9. Therefore sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is

$$\begin{aligned} mn + 4d(v_i) - 2 \sum_{j=1; i \neq j}^n [d(v_i) + d(v_j)] &= mn + 4d(v_i) - 2[(n-1)d(v_i) + 2m - d(v_i)] \quad \left( \text{since } \sum_{j=1}^n d(v_j) = 2m \right) \\ &= (n-4)(m - 2d(v_i)). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) By Proposition 6,  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G) = (n-8)J_{m \times m} + 4A(L(G)) + 8I_m$  and it is symmetric by the Proposition 9. Therefore sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is  $(n-8)m + 4d(e_i) + 8$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 11.** If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $m$  edges, then

- (i) the sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is zero if  $n = 4$  or  $d(v_i) = m/2$ .
- (ii) the sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is positive if  $n > 4$  and  $d(v_i) < m/2$ .
- (iii) the sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T$  is negative if  $n < 4$  and  $d(v_i) > m/2$ .

**Corollary 12.** If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$ , then

- (i) the sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is zero if  $d(e_i) = (8m - mn - 8)/4$ .
- (ii) the sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is positive if  $d(e_i) > (8m - mn - 8)/4$ .
- (iii) the sum of the elements of  $i$ -th row (or  $i$ -th column) in  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is negative if  $d(e_i) < (8m - mn - 8)/4$ .

**Example 1.** For a graph given in Figure 1,

$$B_S(G)B_S(G)^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 & -3 \\ -3 & -1 & 5 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$5J + 4A(G) - 2D_S(G) = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 & -3 \\ -3 & -1 & 5 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore  $B_S(G)B_S(G)^T = 5J + 4A(G) - 2D_S(G)$ .

Also

$$B_S(G)^T B_S(G) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$(4-8)J + 4A(L(G)) + 8I = -4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 8 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G) = -4J + 4A(G) + 8I$ .

**Corollary 13.** For all graphs  $G$  with  $n \geq 8$  vertices, the sum of the elements of any row (or column) in  $B_S(G)^T B_S(G)$  is positive.

### 3. Conclusion

In this article we have introduced the  $(-1, 1)$ -incidence matrix  $B_S(G)$  of a graph  $G$  and explored some properties of it and its transpose. This matrix further may be studied to explore the spectral and structural properties of a graph. Particularly, the study of singular values of  $B_S(G)$ .

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