

# The energy of four graphs of some metacyclic 2-groups

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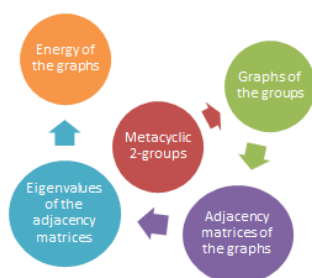
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## Abstract

Let  $G$  be a metacyclic 2-group and  $\Gamma_G$  is the graph of  $G$ . The adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma_G$  is a matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  consisting of 0's and 1's in which the entry  $a_{ij}$  is 1 if there is an edge between the  $i^{th}$  and  $j^{th}$  vertices and 0 otherwise. The energy of a graph is the sum of all absolute values of the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the graph. In this paper, the energy of commuting graph, non-commuting graph, conjugate graph and conjugacy class graph of some metacyclic 2-groups are presented. The results show that the energy of these graphs of the groups must be an even integer.

**Keywords:** Energy of graph, adjacency matrix, conjugacy class, metacyclic group.

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## INTRODUCTION

Ivan Gutman has first defined the energy of a graph in 1978 motivated by Hückel's theory in 1930's [1]. Hückel Molecular Orbital Theory has been used by chemists in approximating the energies related to  $p$ -electron orbitals in conjugated hydrocarbon [2]. In mathematics, the energy of a graph of a group is basically the sum of the absolute values of the eigenvalues. The eigenvalues are determined based on the adjacency matrix of the related graph.

This paper consists of three sections. The first section is the introduction section, followed by the second section, namely the preliminaries where some basic concepts, definitions and previous results on group and graph theory are stated. In the third section, the main results on computing the energies of four graphs of some metacyclic 2-groups are presented. These graphs are the commuting graph, non-commuting graph, conjugate graph, and conjugacy class graph.

## PRELIMINARIES

Group theory is widely used in many branches of physical sciences. It is also used in solving Rubik's cube and to study the shape of viruses. When an operation like multiplication or composition is applied to a set or system, then the group is formed [2]. The following are some definitions in group theory that are used in this research.

### Definition 1.1 [3] Metacyclic Group

A group is metacyclic if it has a cyclic normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H$  is cyclic.

The following is the definition of the conjugate between two elements of a group  $G$ .

### Definition 1.2 [4] Conjugate

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two elements in finite group  $G$ , then  $a$  and  $b$  are called conjugate if there exist an element  $g$  in  $G$  such that  $gag^{-1} = b$ .

### Definition 1.3 [5] Conjugacy Class

Let  $x \in G$ . The conjugacy class of  $g$  is the set  $cl(g) = \{aga^{-1} | a \in G\}$  for all  $a$  in  $G$ .

### Definition 1.4 [6] Center of a Group

The center,  $Z(G)$  of a group  $G$  is the subset of elements in  $G$  that commute with every element of  $G$ , written as  $Z(G) = \{a \in G | ax = xa, \forall x \in G\}$ .

Graph theory has a wide range of applications in numerous areas such as engineering, biological sciences and computer sciences [7]. A graph of a group,  $\Gamma(G)$  is a graph which consists of a finite set of vertices and edges where the vertices can consist of the elements of the group or based on the properties of group while  $K_n$  denotes a complete graph of  $n$  vertices in which all vertices are connected to each other. The following are some basic concepts on graph theory which will be frequently used in the later sections.

### Definition 1.5 [8] Commuting Graph

Let  $G$  be a finite group. The commuting graph of  $G$ , denoted by  $\Gamma_G^{comm}$ , is the graph whose vertex set is  $G - Z(G)$  and whose edges are pairs  $\{h, g\} \subseteq G - Z(G)$ , such that  $h \neq g$  and  $[h, g] \in Z(G)$ .

### Definition 1.6 [9] Non-commuting Graph

Let  $G$  be a finite group. The non-commuting graph of  $G$ , denoted by  $\Gamma_G^{nc}$ , is the graph of vertex set  $G - Z(G)$  and two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are joined by an edge whenever  $xy \neq yx$ .

**Definition 1.7 [10] Conjugate Graph**

A nonabelian group  $G$  with vertex set  $G \setminus Z(G)$  such that two distinct vertices are joined by an edge if they are conjugate is said to be a conjugate graph, denoted by  $\Gamma_G^{conj}$ .

The conjugate graph, denoted by,  $\Gamma_G^{conj}$ , has been introduced by Erfanian and Toule [10] in 2012.

**Definition 1.8 [11] Conjugacy Class Graph**

Let  $G$  be a finite group. A conjugacy class graph, denoted as  $\Gamma_G^{CC}$ , is a graph with vertices  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  represented by the non-central conjugacy classes of  $G$ . Two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are connected if  $|v_1|$  and  $|v_2|$  have a common prime divisor.

The main idea to compute the energy of graph is by calculating the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix. Hence, the characteristic polynomial need to be obtained first in order to find the eigenvalues.

**Definition 1.9 [5] Adjacency Matrix**

The adjacency matrix is also called a connection matrix of a graph of group  $G$ ,  $\Gamma_G$  with  $n$  vertices and no parallel edges which is defined as the following :

$$A(\Gamma_G) = \begin{cases} x_{ij} = 1, & \text{if } V_i \rightarrow V_j, \\ x_{ij} = 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $V_i \rightarrow V_j$  represents the edge between  $i^{th}$  and  $j^{th}$  vertices.

**Definition 1.10 [12] The Characteristic Polynomial**

The equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  is called the characteristic equation of  $A$  where  $A$  is the adjacency matrix,  $\lambda$  is a scalar and  $I$  is the identity matrix. If  $f(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A)$ , then  $f$  is called a characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

**Definition 1.11 [1] Energy of Graph**

The energy of a graph of a group  $G$ ,  $\Gamma_G$ , denoted by  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\Gamma_G)$  is the sum of absolute values of all eigenvalues of a graph, written as

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$$

where  $\lambda_i$  are the eigenvalues of the graph which  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

In 2005, Beuerle [13] separated the classification of metacyclic  $p$ -groups into two parts, namely for the non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -groups of class two and class three. Based on [13], the metacyclic  $p$ -groups of nilpotency class two are then partitioned into two families of non-isomorphic  $p$ -groups stated as follows :

1.  $G \cong \langle a, b : a^{2^\alpha} = 1, b^{2^\beta} = 1, [a, b] = a^{2^{\alpha-\lambda}} \rangle$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha \geq 2\lambda, \beta \geq \lambda \geq 1$ .
2.  $G \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [a, b] = a^{-2} \rangle$ , a quaternion group of order 8,  $Q_8$ .

The research considers all groups in the above classification up to order 32 in which  $p = 2$ , which gives the following :

- $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ , the dihedral group of order 8.
- $G_2 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [b, a] = a^{-2} \rangle$ , the quaternion group of order 8.
- $G_3 \cong \langle a, b : a^8 = b^2 = [a, b] = a^4 \rangle$ , modular-16.
- $G_4 \cong \langle a, b : a^{16} = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^8 \rangle$ , modular-32.

Now, some works related to commuting graph, non-commuting graph, conjugate graph and conjugacy class graph are stated.

In 2016, the conjugacy classes, conjugate graph and conjugacy class graph of  $G_2, G_3$  and  $G_4$  have been determined by Bilhikmah et al. in [14]. Recently, Alimon et al. [15] have extended the findings by determining the adjacency matrices of the conjugate graph for some

metacyclic 2-groups in 2017. The following are some related theorems and the proofs can be found in [14].

**Theorem 2.1 [14]** Let  $G_2$  be the quaternion group of order 8,  $G_2 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [b, a] = a^{-2} \rangle$ . Then, the conjugate graph of  $G_2$  is  $\Gamma_{G_2}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^3 K_2$ , i.e the union of three complete components  $K_2$  and the conjugacy class graph of  $G_2$  is  $\Gamma_{G_2}^{CC} = K_3$ .

**Theorem 2.2 [14]** Let  $G_3$  be a metacyclic 2-group of order 16,  $G_3 \cong \langle a, b : a^8 = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^4 \rangle$ . Then, the conjugate graph of  $G_3$  is  $\Gamma_{G_3}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^6 K_2$  while the conjugacy class graph of  $G_3$  is  $\Gamma_{G_3}^{CC} = K_6$ .

**Theorem 2.3 [14]** Let  $G_4$  be a metacyclic 2-group of order 32,  $G_4 \cong \langle a, b : a^{16} = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^8 \rangle$ . Then, the conjugate graph of  $G_4$  is  $\Gamma_{G_4}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^{12} K_2$  and the conjugacy class graph of  $G_4$  is  $\Gamma_{G_4}^{CC} = K_{12}$ .

In 2010, Bapat has shown that if the energy of a graph is a rational number, then it must be an even integer [16].

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

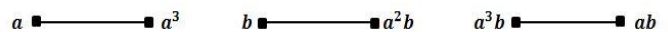
In this section, the adjacency matrices of the commuting graphs, non-commuting graphs, conjugate graphs and conjugacy class graphs of dihedral group of order 8,  $G_1$ , quaternion group of order 8,  $G_2$ , a metacyclic 2-group of order 16 and 32 i.e  $G_3$  and  $G_4$ , respectively, are given. Then, the energy of the commuting graphs, non-commuting graphs, conjugate graphs, and conjugacy class graphs of  $G_1, G_2, G_3$ , and  $G_4$ , respectively are determined.

The adjacency matrices of commuting graphs of four non-abelian metacyclic 2-groups are given in the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1** Let  $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the commuting graph of  $G_1$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_1}^{comm}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proof** The dihedral group of order eight,  $G_1$  has eight elements where it has two central elements. Thus, the number of vertices of  $G_1$  is 6 and by Definition 1.5, the commuting graph of  $G_1$ ,  $\Gamma_{G_1}^{comm}$  consists of three components of  $K_2$ , as represented in Figure 3.1.



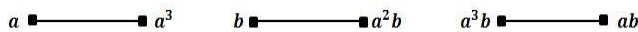
**Figure 3.1** The commuting graph of  $G_1$

In the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise. □

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $G_2 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [a, b] = a^{-2} \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the commuting graph of  $G_2$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_2}^{comm}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proof** The quaternion group of order eight,  $G_2$  has eight elements where it has two central elements. Thus, the number of vertices of  $G_2$  is 6 and by Definition 1.5, the commuting graph of  $G_2$ ,  $\Gamma_{G_2}^{comm}$  consists of three components of  $K_2$ , as represented in Figure 3.2.



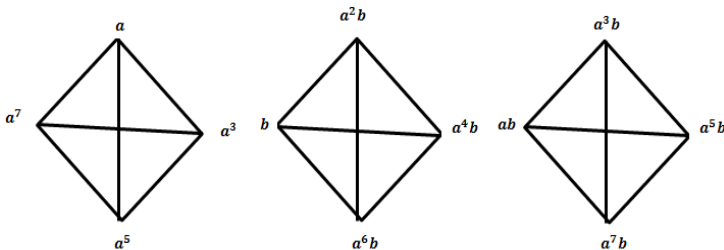
**Figure 3.2** The commuting graph of  $G_2$

In the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $G_3 \cong \langle a, b : a^8 = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^4 \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the commuting graph of  $G_3$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_3}^{comm}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proof** The metacyclic 2-group of order 16,  $G_3$  has 16 elements where it has four central elements. Thus, the number of vertices of  $G_3$  is 12 and by Definition 1.5, the commuting graph of  $G_3$ ,  $\Gamma_{G_3}^{comm}$  consists of three components of  $K_4$ , as represented in Figure 3.3.



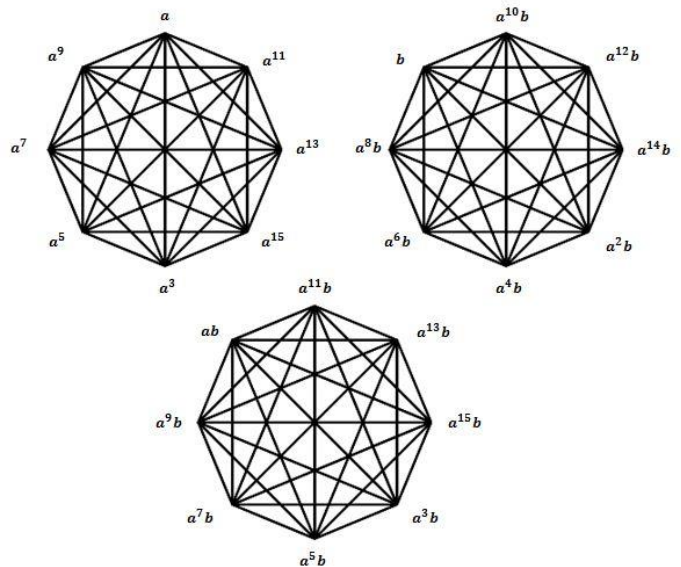
**Figure 3.3** The commuting graph of  $G_3$

In the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4** Let  $G_4 \cong \langle a, b : a^{16} = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^8 \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the commuting graph of  $G_4$ ,  $A(\Gamma_{G_4}^{comm})$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_4}^{comm}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proof** The metacyclic 2-group of order 32,  $G_4$  has 32 elements where it has eight central elements. Thus, the number of vertices of  $G_4$  is 24 and by Definition 1.5, the commuting graph of  $G_4$ ,  $\Gamma_{G_4}^{comm}$  consists of three components of  $K_8$ , as represented in Figure 3.4.



**Figure 3.4** The commuting graph of  $G_4$

In the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise.  $\square$

Next, the adjacency matrices of non-commuting graphs of  $G_1, G_2, G_3$ , and  $G_4$  are stated in the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.5** Let  $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the non-commuting graph of  $G_1$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_1}^{nc}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$



In the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise. □

Next, the adjacency matrices of the conjugate graph of  $G_1$  is given in the following lemma while the adjacency matrices of the conjugate graphs of  $G_2, G_3$  and  $G_4$  have been determined in [14].

**Lemma 3.9** Let  $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the conjugate graph of  $G_1$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_1}^{conj}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proof** In [17], Sarmin et al. determined the conjugacy classes of  $G_1$  which are  $cl(e) = \{e\}$ ,  $cl(a) = \{a, a^3\}$ ,  $cl(b) = \{b, a^2b\}$ ,  $cl(a^2) = \{a^2\}$  and  $cl(a^3b) = \{ab, a^3b\}$ . Then, by Definition 1.7, the vertex set of the conjugate graph of  $G_1$  is the set  $V(\Gamma_{G_1}^{conj}) = \{a, a^3, b, a^2b, ab, a^3b\}$ , while the edge set is the set of pairs of elements that conjugate to each other in  $G_1$  which is  $E(\Gamma_{G_1}^{conj}) = \{\{a, a^3\}, \{b, a^2b\}, \{ab, a^3b\}\}$ . Therefore,  $\Gamma_{G_1}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^3 K_2$ , as illustrated in Figure 3.9.

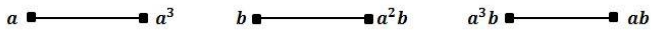


Figure 3.9 The conjugate graph of  $G_1$

In the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise. □

Then, the adjacency matrices of the conjugacy class graphs of all four metacyclic 2-groups are given in the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.10** Let  $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_1$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_1}^{CC}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proof** In [17], Sarmin et al. determined the conjugacy classes of  $G_1$  which are  $cl(e) = \{e\}$ ,  $cl(a) = \{a, a^3\}$ ,  $cl(b) = \{b, a^2b\}$ ,  $cl(a^2) = \{a^2\}$  and  $cl(a^3b) = \{ab, a^3b\}$ . By Definition 1.8, the two vertices are connected if they have a common prime divisor. Hence, the vertex set is  $V(\Gamma_{G_1}^{CC}) = \{cl(a), cl(b), cl(a^3b)\}$  and the edge set is  $E(\Gamma_{G_1}^{CC}) = \{\{cl(a), cl(b)\}, \{cl(a), cl(a^3b)\}, \{cl(b), cl(a^3b)\}\}$ . The conjugacy class graph of  $G_1$  is  $\Gamma_{G_1}^{CC} = K_3$ , as illustrated in Figure 3.10.

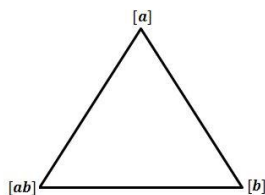


Figure 3.10 The conjugacy class graph of  $G_1$

In the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise. □

**Lemma 3.11** Let  $G_2 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [a, b] = a^{-2} \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_2$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_2}^{CC}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proof** In [14], Bilhikmah et al. determined the conjugacy class graph of  $G_2$  as stated in Theorem 2.1 which given in Figure 3.11.

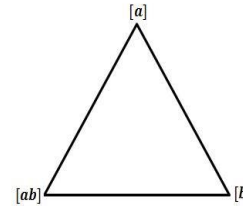


Figure 3.11 The conjugacy class graph of  $G_2$

By Definition 1.9, in the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise. □

**Lemma 3.12** Let  $G_3 \cong \langle a, b : a^8 = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^4 \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_3$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_3}^{CC}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proof** In [14], Bilhikmah et al. determined the conjugacy class graph of  $G_3$  as stated in Theorem 2.2 which given in Figure 3.12.

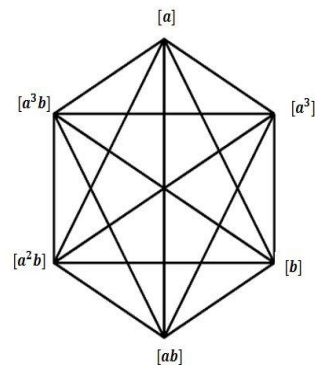


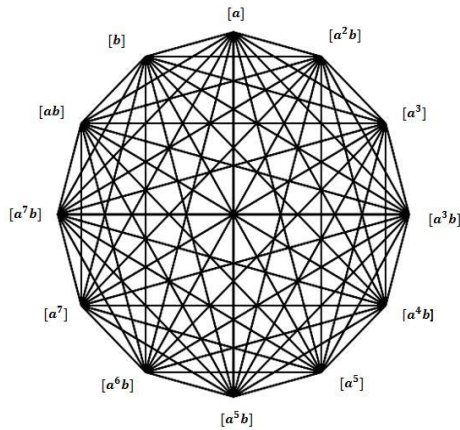
Figure 3.12 The conjugacy class graph of  $G_3$

By Definition 1.9, in the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise. □

**Lemma 3.13** Let  $G_4 \cong \langle a, b : a^{16} = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^8 \rangle$ . Then, the adjacency matrix of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_4$  is stated as follows:

$$A(\Gamma_{G_4}^{CC}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Proof** In [14], Bilihikmah *et al.* determine the conjugacy class graph of  $G_4$  as stated in Theorem 2.3 which given in Figure 3.13.



**Figure 3.13** The conjugacy class graph of  $G_4$

By Definition 1.9, in the adjacency matrix, the connected vertices are represented as 1 and 0, otherwise.  $\square$

Now, the energy of commuting graphs of all four groups are presented in the following theorems.

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the commuting graph of  $G_1$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_1}^{comm}) = 6$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.1, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the commuting graph of  $G_1$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_5 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = \lambda_6 = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_1}^{comm}) = 3|1| + 3|-1| = 6. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $G_2 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [a, b] = a^{-2} \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the commuting graph of  $G_2$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_2}^{comm}) = 6$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.2, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the commuting graph of  $G_2$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_5 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = \lambda_6 = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_2}^{comm}) = 3|1| + 3|-1| = 6. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $G_3 \cong \langle a, b : a^8 = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^4 \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the commuting graph of  $G_3$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_3}^{comm}) = 6$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.3, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the commuting graph of  $G_3$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 3$  and  $\lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = \dots = \lambda_{12} = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_3}^{comm}) = 3|3| + 9|-1| = 18. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $G_4 \cong \langle a, b : a^{16} = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^8 \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the commuting graph of  $G_4$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_4}^{comm}) = 42$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.4, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the commuting graph of  $G_4$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 7$  and  $\lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = \dots = \lambda_{24} = -1$ . Then, using Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_4}^{comm}) = 3|7| + 21|-1| = 42. \quad \square$$

It is shown that the energies of the commuting graphs of the metacyclic 2-groups are even integer.

Next, the energy of non-commuting graphs of all four groups are presented in the following.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the non-commuting graph of  $G_1$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_1}^{nc}) = 8$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.5, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the non-commuting graph of  $G_1$  are  $\lambda_1 = 4$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -2$  and  $\lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = \lambda_6 = 0$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_1}^{nc}) = |4| + 2|-2| + 3|0| = 8. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $G_2 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [b, a] = a^{-2} \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the non-commuting graph of  $G_2$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_2}^{nc}) = 8$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.6, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the non-commuting graph of  $G_2$  are  $\lambda_1 = 4$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -2$  and  $\lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = \lambda_6 = 0$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_2}^{nc}) = |4| + 2|-2| + 3|0| = 8. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $G_3 \cong \langle a, b : a^8 = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^4 \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the non-commuting graph of  $G_3$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_3}^{nc}) = 16$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.7, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the non-commuting graph of  $G_3$  are  $\lambda_1 = 8$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -4$  and  $\lambda_4 = \dots = \lambda_{12} = 0$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_3}^{nc}) = |8| + 2|-4| = 16. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.8** Let  $G_4 \cong \langle a, b : a^{16} = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^8 \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the non-commuting graph of  $G_4$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_4}^{nc}) = 32$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.8, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the non-commuting graph of  $G_4$  are  $\lambda_1 = 16$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -8$ , and  $\lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = \dots = \lambda_{24} = 0$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_4}^{nc}) = |16| + 2|-8| + 0 = 32. \quad \square$$

It is found that the energies of non-commuting graphs of the metacyclic 2-groups are even integer.

In the following theorems, the energy of the conjugate graphs of all four groups considered in this paper are presented.

**Theorem 3.9** Let  $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the conjugate graph of  $G_1$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_1}^{conj}) = 6$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.9, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the conjugate graph of  $G_1$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_5 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = \lambda_6 = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_1}^{conj}) = 3|1| + 3|-1| = 6. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.10** Let  $G_2 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [b, a] = a^{-2} \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the conjugate graph of  $G_2$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_2}^{conj}) = 6$ .

**Proof** Based on Theorem 2.1,  $\Gamma_{G_2}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^3 K_2$ . Then, based on the adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma_{G_2}^{conj}$  found in [14], the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the conjugate graph of  $G_2$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_5 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = \lambda_6 = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_2}^{conj}) = 3|1| + 3|-1| = 6. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.11** Let  $G_3 \cong \langle a, b : a^8 = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^4 \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the conjugate graph of  $G_3$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_3}^{conj}) = 12$ .

**Proof** Based on Theorem 2.2, the conjugate graph of  $G_3$  is  $\Gamma_{G_3}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^6 K_2$ . Then, based on the adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma_{G_3}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^6 K_2$  found in [14], the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the conjugate graph of  $G_3$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = \dots = \lambda_9 = \lambda_{11} = 1$ , and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = \dots = \lambda_{12} = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_3}^{conj}) = 6|1| + 6|-1| = 12. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $G_4 \cong \langle a, b : a^{16} = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^8 \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the conjugate graph of  $G_4$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_4}^{conj}) = 24$ .

**Proof** Based on Theorem 2.3, the conjugate graph of  $G_4$  is  $\Gamma_{G_4}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^{12} K_2$ . Then, based on the adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma_{G_4}^{conj} = \cup_{i=1}^{12} K_2$  found in [14], the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the conjugate graph of  $G_4$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = \dots = \lambda_{21} = \lambda_{23} = 1$ , and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = \dots = \lambda_{24} = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_4}^{conj}) = 12|1| + 12|-1| = 24. \quad \square$$

We can see that the energies of the conjugate graphs of the non-abelian metacyclic 2-groups are even integer.

The energy of conjugacy class graphs of all four groups are presented in theorems below.

**Theorem 3.13** Let  $G_1 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_1$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_1}^{CC}) = 4$ .

**Proof** Based on Lemma 3.10, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_1$  are  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_1}^{CC}) = |2| + 2|-1| = 4. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.14** Let  $G_2 \cong \langle a, b : a^4 = 1, b^2 = [b, a] = a^{-2} \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_2$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_2}^{CC}) = 4$ .

**Proof** Based on Theorem 2.1, the conjugacy class graph of  $G_2$  is  $\Gamma_{G_2}^{CC} = K_3$ . Then, based on the adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma_{G_2}^{CC}$  in Lemma 3.11, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_2$  are  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_2}^{CC}) = |2| + 2|-1| = 4. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.15** Let  $G_3 \cong \langle a, b : a^8 = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^4 \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_3$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_3}^{CC}) = 10$ .

**Proof** Based on Theorem 2.2, the conjugacy class graph of  $G_3$  is  $\Gamma_{G_3}^{CC} = K_6$ . Based on the adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma_{G_3}^{CC}$  in Lemma 3.12, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_3$  are  $\lambda_1 = 5$ , and  $\lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_6 = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_3}^{CC}) = |5| + 5|-1| = 10. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.16** Let  $G_4 \cong \langle a, b : a^{16} = b^2 = 1, [a, b] = a^8 \rangle$ . Then, the energy of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_4$ ,  $\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_4}^{CC}) = 22$ .

**Proof** Based on Theorem 2.3, the conjugacy class graph of  $G_4$  is  $\Gamma_{G_4}^{CC} = K_{12}$ . Then, based on the adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma_{G_4}^{CC}$  in Lemma 3.13, the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the conjugacy class graph of  $G_4$  are  $\lambda_1 = 11$ , and  $\lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_{12} = -1$ . Then, by Definition 1.11,

$$\varepsilon(\Gamma_{G_4}^{CC}) = |11| + 11|-1| = 22. \quad \square$$

It is shown that the energies of the conjugacy class graphs of the non-abelian metacyclic 2-groups are even integer.

## CONCLUSION

In this paper, the commuting and non-commuting graphs of four metacyclic 2-groups are determined by using their definitions. Then, the adjacency matrices of all four types of graphs including the conjugate graph and conjugacy class graph of four metacyclic 2-groups are formed and their eigenvalues are found. Next, the energies of the graphs are computed based on the eigenvalues. It has been shown in this paper that the energies of these graphs of the groups must be even integer.

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