



A note on the paper “Best constants for the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator on finite graphs”

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Abstract

Let G_n^m be a simple, connected and finite graph. Suppose $\phi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a positive and increasing function. We consider the action of generalized maximal operator $M_{G_n^m}^\phi$ on ℓ^p spaces and find optimal bound for the quasi norm $\|M_{G_n^m}^\phi\|_p$ for the case $0 < p \leq 1$. In addition we find bounds for the norm $\|M_{G_n^m}^\phi\|_p$ for the case $1 < p < \infty$. We also prove some general results for $0 < p \leq 1$.

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1. Introduction

Let $G(V, E)$ be a connected, finite and simple graph where $V(G)$ is the set of vertices and $E(G)$ is the set of edges between the vertices of graph G . Let $d_G : V(G) \times V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the geodesic metric space defined for $u, v \in V(G)$ as the number of edges in shortest path between u and v written as $d_G(u, v)$. The set $N_G(u) = \{x \in V(G) \mid d_G(u, x) = 1\}$ is the neighborhood of u in graph G , cardinality of neighborhood set is called degree of u and is denoted as $d_G(u)$. For any function $f : V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we can consider the generalized maximal operator [1] $M_G^\phi : \ell^p \rightarrow \ell^p$, such as

$$M_G^\phi f(j) = \sup_{r \geq 0} \frac{1}{\phi(|B(j, r)|)} \sum_{s \in B(j, r)} |f(s)| \quad (1.1)$$

where $\phi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a positive, increasing function and $B(j, r) = \{x \in V(G) \mid d_G(j, x) \leq r\}$ is the ball of radius r with center at j . Note that M_G^t is the classical Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator and $M_G^{t-\frac{s}{r}}$, where $0 < s < r$, is the fractional maximal operator. As distance takes only natural numbers as values, the radius $r \geq 0$ considered in the definition

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of generalized maximal operator can be taken to be a natural number also the diameter of the graph of n vertices is at most $n - 1$, so we can write the equation (1.1) such as

$$M_G^\phi f(j) = \max_{r=0,1,\dots,n-1} \frac{1}{\phi(|B(j,r)|)} \sum_{s \in B(j,r)} |f(s)|. \tag{1.2}$$

For $0 < p < \infty$, the norm of M_G^ϕ is define as

$$\|M_G^\phi\|_p := \sup_{f \neq 0} \frac{\|M_G^\phi f\|_p}{\|f\|_p}$$

where $\|f\|_p = \left(\sum_{s \in V(G)} |f(s)|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$.

In the paper [2] authors proved that if $0 < p \leq 1$, then

$$\|M_{K_n}\|_p = \left(1 + \frac{n-1}{n^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

if $1 < p < \infty$, then

$$\left(1 + \frac{n-1}{n^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \|M_{K_n}\|_p \leq \left(1 + \frac{n-1}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \tag{1.3}$$

where K_n is a complete graph. In this paper we generalize the results given in [2].

2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. A family of graphs G_n^m as those simple graphs having n vertices with one vertex say k (central vertex) of degree $n - 1$ and all other vertices of degree m , where $1 \leq m \leq n - 1$.

G_n^m is a very large family of graphs as it contains both star graph $S_n \sim G_n^1$ as well as complete graph $K_n = G_n^{n-1}$ as end-points, it has also many more important graphs in it.

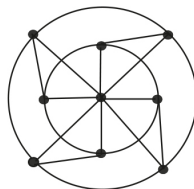


Figure 1. G_9^4 graph

For example if we take $m = 3$, then $G_n^3 \sim W_n$ (wheel graph). For $k \in V$ (central vertex) the $B(k,r)$ for G_n^m is

$$B(k,r) = \begin{cases} \{k\}, & \text{for } r = 0, \\ V, & \text{for } r \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

For $j \in V$ other than k , the $B(j,r)$ for G_n^m is

$$B(j,r) = \begin{cases} \{j\}, & \text{for } r = 0, \\ \{j\} \cup N_{G_n^m}(j), & \text{for } r = 1, \\ V, & \text{for } r \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Suppose $j \in V$, the generalized maximal operator for G_n^m is

$$M_{G_n^m}^\phi f(j) = \begin{cases} \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi(1)} |f(j)|, \frac{1}{\phi(n)} \sum_{x \in V} |f(x)| \right\}, & \text{if } j = k, \\ \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi(1)} |f(j)|, \frac{1}{\phi(m+1)} \sum_{v \in B(j,1)} |f(v)|, \frac{1}{\phi(n)} \sum_{x \in V} |f(x)| \right\}, & \text{if } j \neq k. \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

Let see a particular example for the norm of generalized maximal operator on G_7^2 .

Example 2.2. Let $G_7^2 \sim F_7$ (friendship graph of 7 vertices) with $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ be the vertex set, 1 is the central vertex. There are 9 edges in this graph 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 2-3, 4-5 and 6-7, now it is easy to draw this graph. Take Dirac delta as function, $\phi(t) = t^2$ and $p = \frac{1}{2}$, then we have

$$M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_1(j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } j = 1, \\ \frac{1}{9}, & \text{for } j = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \end{cases}$$

and

$$M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_2(j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } j = 2, \\ \frac{1}{9}, & \text{for } j = 3, \\ \frac{1}{49}, & \text{for } j = 1, 4, 5, 6, 7. \end{cases}$$

Hence $\|M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_1\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = 9$ and $\|M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_2\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = 4.1927$. By symmetry, we also have the estimates for the remaining vertices: $\|M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_3\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = \|M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_4\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = \|M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_5\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = \|M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_6\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = \|M_{G_7^2}^{t^2} \delta_7\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = 4.1927$, so $\|M_{G_7^2}^{t^2}\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = 9$. This calculation can be obtained directly from Proposition 3.1.

The operator $M_{G_n^{n-1}}^\phi$ ($G_n^{n-1} = K_n$) is the smallest, in the pointwise ordering, among all M_G^ϕ , with G a graph of n vertices. That is for each $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and every $j \in V$, we have that

$$M_{G_n^{n-1}}^\phi f(j) \leq M_G^\phi f(j). \tag{2.2}$$

Consequently for every $0 < p < \infty$,

$$\|M_{G_n^{n-1}}^\phi\|_p^p \leq \|M_G^\phi\|_p^p. \tag{2.3}$$

Lemma 2.3 ([2]). *Let G be the graph, and $\Omega : \ell^p(G) \rightarrow \ell^p(G)$ be a sublinear operator with $0 < p \leq 1$. Then,*

$$\|\Omega\|_p = \max_{j \in V} \|\Omega \delta_j\|_p.$$

3. Main results

Proposition 3.1. *If $0 < p \leq 1$, then*

$$\|M_{G_n^m}^\phi\|_p = \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-1}{\phi^p(m+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

and if $1 < p < \infty$, then

$$\left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-1}{\phi^p(m+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \|M_{G_n^m}^\phi\|_p \leq \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + (n-1) \max \left\{ \frac{(m+1)^{p-1}}{\phi^p(m+1)}, \frac{n^{p-1}}{\phi^p(n)} \right\} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Proof. Let $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function such that $\|f\|_p = 1$. Suppose that $k \in V(G_n^m)$ is the central vertex of the graph define δ_k , then for $0 < p < \infty$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{G_n^m}^\phi \delta_k\|_p &= \left((M_{G_n^m}^\phi \delta_k(k))^p + \sum_{i \in V \setminus \{k\}} (M_{G_n^m}^\phi \delta_k(i))^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-1}{\phi^p(m+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose $r \in V(G_n^m)$ such that $r \neq k$, we define δ_r , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{G_n^m}^\phi \delta_r\|_p &= \left((M_{G_n^m}^\phi \delta_r(r))^p + \sum_{i \in N_{G_n^m}(r) \setminus \{k\}} (M_{G_n^m}^\phi \delta_r(i))^p \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{b \in \{k\} \cup \{x : x \notin N_{G_n^m}(r)\}} (M_{G_n^m}^\phi \delta_r(b))^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{m-1}{\phi^p(m+1)} + \frac{n-m}{\phi^p(n)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

As $\|\delta_k\|_p = 1$ so we have for $0 < p < \infty$

$$\|M_{G_n^m}^\phi\|_p \geq \max \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-1}{\phi^p(m+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{m-1}{\phi^p(m+1)} + \frac{n-m}{\phi^p(n)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\}.$$

Due to the monotonicity of ϕ , the maximum is always attained at the first term, so

$$\|M_{G_n^m}^\phi\|_p \geq \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-1}{\phi^p(m+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

For $0 < p \leq 1$ using Lemma 2.3 we get

$$\|M_{G_n^m}^\phi\|_p = \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-1}{\phi^p(m+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Now we will prove the upper bound for $1 < p < \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{G_n^m}^\phi f\|_p &= \left((M_{G_n^m}^\phi f(k))^p + \sum_{i \in V \setminus \{k\}} (M_{G_n^m}^\phi f(i))^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\max \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} |f(k)|^p, \frac{1}{\phi^p(n)} \left(\sum_{w \in V} |f(w)| \right)^p \right\} + \sum_{i \in V \setminus \{k\}} \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} |f(i)|^p, \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \frac{1}{\phi^p(m+1)} \left(\sum_{x \in B(j,1)} |f(x)| \right)^p, \frac{1}{\phi^p(n)} \left(\sum_{w \in V} |f(w)| \right)^p \right\} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

after applying Hölder's inequality we get

$$\|M_{G_n^m}^\phi\|_p \leq \sup \left(\max \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} |f(k)|^p, \frac{1}{\phi^p(n)} n^{p-1} \right\} + \sum_{i \in V \setminus \{k\}} \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} |f(i)|^p, \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)} j^{p-1} \right\} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

where $\frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1} = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi^p(m+1)}(m+1)^{p-1}, \frac{1}{\phi^p(n)}n^{p-1} \right\}$. If $\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(k)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(n)}n^{p-1}$ and $\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}$ for all vertices then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{G_n^\phi}^\phi\|_p &\leq \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(n)}n^{p-1} + \sum_{i \in V \setminus \{k\}} \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\frac{n^{p-1}}{\phi^p(n)} + \frac{(n-1)j^{p-1}}{\phi^p(j)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(k)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(n)}n^{p-1}$ and $\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i_o)|^p > \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}$ for some i_o then

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{G_n^\phi}^\phi\|_p &\leq \sup \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(n)}n^{p-1} + \sum_{i_o \in \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i_o)|^p > \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}} \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i_o)|^p \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i \in \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}} \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{n^{p-1}}{\phi^p(n)} + \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{(n-2)j^{p-1}}{\phi^p(j)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(k)|^p \geq \frac{1}{\phi^p(n)}n^{p-1}$ and $\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i_o)|^p > \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}$ for some i_o then

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{G_n^\phi}^\phi\|_p &\leq \sup \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(k)|^p + \sum_{i_o \in \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i_o)|^p > \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}} \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i_o)|^p \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i \in \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}} \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \sup \left(\sum_{y \in \{k\} \cup \{i_o\}} \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(y)|^p + \sum_{i \in \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}} \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{(n-2)j^{p-1}}{\phi^p(j)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(k)|^p \geq \frac{1}{\phi^p(n)}n^{p-1}$ and $\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}$ then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{G_n^\phi}^\phi\|_p &\leq \sup \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(k)|^p + \sum_{i \in \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)}|f(i)|^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1}} \frac{1}{\phi^p(j)}j^{p-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{(n-1)j^{p-1}}{\phi^p(j)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we will prove some general results. For rest of the paper we assume $0 < p \leq 1$.

Theorem 3.2. *For the general graph G with n vertices we have*

$$\|M_{G_n^{n-1}}^\phi\|_p^p \leq \|M_G^\phi\|_p^p \leq \|M_{G_n^1}^\phi\|_p^p.$$

Proof. Lower bound of this theorem is trivial. We have to prove only the upper bound. Let $j \in V$ and define δ_j , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_G^\phi \delta_j\|_p^p &= \left(M_G^\phi \delta_j(j)\right)^p + \sum_{x \in V \setminus \{j\}} \left(M_G^\phi \delta_j(x)\right)^p \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \sum_{x \in V \setminus \{j\}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi(|B(j,r)|)} \sum_{w \in B(j,r)} \delta_j(w) \right\}^p \end{aligned}$$

clearly $2 \leq |B(j,r)|$ for the radius $r \geq 1$, so we get

$$\|M_G^\phi \delta_j\|_p^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-1}{\phi^p(2)}$$

by using Lemma 2.3, we get

$$\|M_G^\phi\|_p^p \leq \|M_{G_n^1}^\phi\|_p^p.$$

□

Theorem 3.3. $G = G_n^{n-1}$ if and only if $\|M_G^\phi\|_p^p = \|M_{G_n^{n-1}}^\phi\|_p^p$.

Proof. If $G = G_n^{n-1}$ then $\|M_G^\phi\|_p = \|M_{G_n^{n-1}}^\phi\|_p$ is a trivial case. We have only to prove the converse part, for that let $G \neq G_n^{n-1}$ then there exist two different vertices x and y in V such that $d_G(x,y) > 1$. Let consider two sets $X = B(x,1) = \{j \in V : d_G(x,j) \leq 1\}$ and $Y = B(y,1) = \{j \in V : d_G(y,j) \leq 1\}$. It is clear that $|X|, |Y| \geq 2$. Thus, we consider two cases.

Case 1. $\min\{|X|, |Y|\} \leq \frac{n}{2}$.

We assume that $|X| \leq \frac{n}{2}$. Let $k \in X$ such that it is different from x and we define δ_k , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_G^\phi \delta_k\|_p^p &= \sum_{v \in V} \left(M_G^\phi \delta_k(v)\right)^p \\ &= \left(M_G^\phi \delta_k(k)\right)^p + \left(M_G^\phi \delta_k(x)\right)^p + \sum_{v \in V \setminus \{x,k\}} \left(M_G^\phi \delta_k(v)\right)^p \end{aligned}$$

since $M_G^\phi \delta_k(v) \geq \frac{1}{\phi(n)}$ for each $v \in V$, so we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_G^\phi\|_p^p &\geq \|M_G^\phi \delta_k\|_p^p \geq \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{1}{\phi^p(|X|)} + \frac{n-2}{\phi^p(n)} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{1}{\phi^p(\frac{n}{2})} + \frac{n-2}{\phi^p(n)} \\ &> \|M_{G_n^{n-1}}^\phi\|_p^p, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of case 1.

Case 2. $\min\{|X|, |Y|\} > \frac{n}{2}$.

It is easy to see that $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$. Let $k \in X \cap Y$ and define δ_k , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_G^\phi \delta_k\|_p^p &= \left(M_G^\phi \delta_k(k)\right)^p + \left(M_G^\phi \delta_k(x)\right)^p + \left(M_G^\phi \delta_k(y)\right)^p + \sum_{v \in V \setminus \{x,y,k\}} \left(M_G^\phi \delta_k(v)\right)^p \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{1}{\phi^p(|X|)} + \frac{1}{\phi^p(|Y|)} + \frac{n-3}{\phi^p(n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly $|X|, |Y| \leq n - 1$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_G^\phi\|_p^p &\geq \|M_G^\phi \delta_k\|_p^p \geq \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{2}{\phi^p(n-1)} + \frac{n-3}{\phi^p(n)} \\ &> \|M_{G_n^{n-1}}^\phi\|_p^p. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 3.4. $G \sim G_n^1$ if and only if $\|M_G^\phi\|_p^p = \|M_{G_n^1}^\phi\|_p^p$.

Proof. $G \sim G_n^1 \Rightarrow \|M_G^\phi\|_p = \|M_{G_n^1}^\phi\|_p$ is trivial. Now suppose that $G \approx G_n^1$ and hence $n \geq 3$ then $\exists x \neq y$ in V such that $d_G(x), d_G(y) > 1$. Suppose that $\|f\|_1 \leq 1$, for every function $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ then, either $M_G^\phi f(j) = \frac{|f(j)|}{\phi(1)}$ or $M_G^\phi f(j) \leq \frac{1}{\phi(d_G(j)+1)}$. Take the set $X = \left\{ j \in V : M_G^\phi f(j) = \frac{f(j)}{\phi(1)} \right\}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_G^\phi f\|_p^p &= \sum_{j \in X} \left(M_G^\phi f(j) \right)^p + \sum_{j \notin X} \left(M_G^\phi f(j) \right)^p \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in X} \left(M_G^\phi f(j) \right)^p + \sum_{j \notin X} \frac{1}{\phi^p(d_G(j)+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

If $x, y \in X$, then

$$\|M_G^\phi f\|_p^p \leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-2}{\phi^p(2)}.$$

If $x \notin X$, then since $X \neq \emptyset$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_G^\phi f\|_p^p &\leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{1}{\phi^p(d_G(j)+1)} + \frac{n-2}{\phi^p(2)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{1}{\phi^p(3)} + \frac{n-2}{\phi^p(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly case when $y \notin X$. So

$$\|M_G^\phi\|_p^p \leq \sup \left\{ \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{n-2}{\phi^p(2)}, \frac{1}{\phi^p(1)} + \frac{1}{\phi^p(3)} + \frac{n-2}{\phi^p(2)} \right\} < \|M_{G_n^1}^\phi\|_p^p,$$

which completes our arguments. □

If we put $\phi(t) = t$ and $m = n - 1$ in the result of Proposition 3.1, then we get the expression (1.3). Moreover, if we put $\phi(t) = t$ in the results of Theorems 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 then we get the same results as proved in [2], which shows that this work is a generalization of [2].

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