

# Sets of Parter Vertices which are Parter Sets

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**Resumo:** Let  $G = (X, U)$  be a tree (connected graph without cycles), with  $n$  vertices  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Let  $A = [a_{i,j}]$  be a real symmetric matrix associated with  $G$ , that is,  $a_{ij} \neq 0$ , with  $i \neq j$ , if and only if there is an edge between  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ .

If  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then we denote the principal matrix of  $A$  resulting from deletion of row and column  $i$  by  $A(i)$ . Note that  $A(i)$  is a direct sum whose summands we call blocks and correspond to components of  $G - x_i$ . We denote the multiplicity of  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  as an eigenvalue of  $A$  by  $m_A(\lambda)$ .

If  $m_A(\lambda) \geq 1$ , then the generalization of Parter-Wiener theorem guarantees the existence of a vertex  $x_i$  of  $G$  for which  $m_{A(i)}(\lambda) = m_A(\lambda) + 1$ . The vertices of the tree whose removal give rise to these principal submatrices are called weak Parter vertices and with some additional conditions are called Parter vertices. A set of  $k$  Parter vertices whose removal increase the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  by  $k$  is called Parter set. As observed by several authors a set of Parter vertices is not necessarily a Parter set.

In this talk we show when a set of Parter vertices is a Parter set.

**palavras-chave:** Parter vertices; Parter set; eigenvalues.

## Referências

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