

# Eigenvalues and forbidden subgraphs I

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## Abstract

Suppose a graph  $G$  have  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges, and  $t$  triangles. Letting  $\lambda_n(G)$  be the largest eigenvalue of the Laplacian of  $G$  and  $\mu_n(G)$  be the smallest eigenvalue of its adjacency matrix, we prove that

$$\lambda_n(G) \geq \frac{2m^2 - 3nt}{m(n^2 - 2m)},$$
$$\mu_n(G) \leq \frac{3n^3t - 4m^3}{nm(n^2 - 2m)},$$

with equality if and only if  $G$  is a regular complete multipartite graph.

Moreover, if  $G$  is  $K_{r+1}$ -free, then

$$\lambda_n(G) \geq \frac{2mn}{(r-1)(n^2 - 2m)}$$

with equality if and only if  $G$  is a regular complete  $r$ -partite graph.

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