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*The conductivity of the connected sum of root graphs with a common nullspace*

Two connected root-graphs,  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , with isomorphic subgraphs  $H_1 - z_1$  and  $H_2 - z_2$ , are glued together to form their connected-sum  $Z$ . If their  $\mu$ -eigenspace is generated by vector  $\mathbf{y}$  for some eigenvalue  $\mu$  of their 0-1-adjacency matrix, then the  $\mu$ -multiplicity of  $Z$  is shown to depend on the  $\mu$ -type of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in the root-graphs. A sufficient condition for the uniqueness of  $H_1 (\simeq H_2)$ , for a given  $\mathbf{y}$ , when constructed from  $H_1 - z_1$ , is also established. The SSP model for ballistic conduction in a pi-molecule predicts that 5 out of the 11 feasible MEDs can be  $Z$ .