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CHARACTERISTIC POLYNOMIALS, THE FIGURE EQUATION, AND ALGEBRA OF GRAPHS

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The figure equation is a geometric process for determining the characteristic polynomials of a graph. Combining the figure equation with the algebra of graphs we derive many interesting formulas for the characteristic polynomials of new graphs.