Computing PI and Hyper-Wiener Indices of Corona Product of some Graphs

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ABSTRACT

Let G and H be two graphs. The corona product G o H is obtained by taking one copy of G and |V(G)| copies of H; and by joining each vertex of the i-th copy of H to the i-th vertex of G, i = 1, 2, …, |V(G)|. In this paper, we compute PI and hyper-Wiener indices of the corona product of graphs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let *G b*e a connected graph with vertex and edge sets V(G) and E(G), respectively. As usual, the distance between the vertices u and v *o*f G is denoted by d(u,v) and it is defined as the number of edges in a minimal path connecting the vertices u and v. A topological index is a real number related to a graph. It must be a structural invariant, i.e., it preserves by every graph automorphisms. There are several topological indices have been defined and many of them have found applications as means to model chemical, pharmaceutical and other properties of molecules.

The Wiener index, W, is the first topological index to be used in chemistry. Usage of topological indices in chemistry began in 1947 when Harold Wiener developed the Wiener index and used it to determine physical properties of types of alkanes known as paraffin [17]. In a graph theoretical language, the Wiener index is equal to the count of all shortest distances in a graph. We encourage the reader to consult the special issues of MATCH Communication in Mathematics and in Computer Chemistry [2], Discrete Applied Mathematics [5] and [3,4], for more information on results on the Wiener index, the chemical meaning of the index and its history.

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The hyper-Wiener index of acyclic graphs was introduced by Milan Randić in 1993. Then Klein et al. [1], generalized Randić's definition for all connected graphs, as a generalization of the Wiener index. It is defined as

$$WW(G) = \frac{1}{2}W(G) + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\{u,v\}\subseteq V(G)} d^2(u,v).$$

Let G be a graph and e = uv an edge of G. $n_{eu}(e\,|\,G)$ denotes the number of edges lying closer to the vertex u than the vertex v, and $n_{ev}(e\,|\,G)$ is the number of edges lying closer to the vertex v than the vertex u. The Padmakar–Ivan (PI) index of G is defined as $PI(G) = \sum_{e\in E(G)}[n_{eu}(e|G)+n_{ev}(e|G)]$, see [6–10,11–13] for details. In this definition, edges equidistant from both ends of the edge e = uv are not counted. We call this index the edge PI index and denote it by $PI_e(G)$. We also define the vertex PI index of G, $PI_v(G)$, as the sum of $[m_{eu}(e|G)+m_{ev}(e|G)]$ over all edges of G, where $m_{eu}(e\,|\,G)$ is the number of vertices lying closer to the vertex u than the vertex v and $m_{ev}(e\,|\,G)$ is the number of vertices lying closer to the vertex v than the vertex u. The Wiener index of Corona of graphs was studied in [14]. In [15], Dragan Stevanović computed the Hosoya polynomial of this graph operation. Here we continue this progress to compute the PI and hyper-Wiener indices of this graph. The main result of this paper is as follows:

2. M<small>AIN</small> R<small>ESULTS</small>

In this section, some exact formulas for the PI and hyper-Wiener indices of the corona product of some graphs are presented. We begin with the following crucial lemma related to distance properties of corona of graphs.

Lemma 1. Let G and H be graphs and $N_G(e) = |E(G)| - (n_{eu}(e|G) + n_{ev}(e|G))$ where e = uv. Thus, we have

(a) $\forall e = uv \in E(GoH)$ such that $u \in V(G), v \in V(H_i)$, (i=1,…, $|V(G)|$), we have

$$N_{GoH}(e) = k(k-1).$$

(b) $\forall e \in H_i$, (i=1,…, $|V(G)|$), we have

$$N_{GoH}(e) = \frac{mnk}{2} - 2k(k-1) + (n-2) + |E(G)| + (m-1)n.$$

(c) $\forall e = uv \in E(GoH)$ such that $u,v \in V(G)$, we have

$$N_{GoH}(e) = \left(m - (m_{eu}(e|G) + m_{ev}(e|G))\right)\left(n + \frac{nk}{2}\right) + N_G(e).$$

(d) $\forall xu, yv \in E(GoH)$ such that $x \in V(H_i), y \in V(H_j), (i \neq j)$ and $u, v \in V(G)$

we have $d_{GoH}(x, y) = d_G(u, v) + 2$, $d_{GoH}(x, v) = d_G(u, v) + 1$ and

$d_{GoH}(y, u) = d_G(u, v) + 1$.

Proof. The proof is straightforward and so omitted. ▼

A regular graph is a graph where each vertex has the same number of neighbors. A regular graph with vertices of degree k is called a k-regular graph or regular graph of degree k. A cycle is a circuit in which no vertex except the first (which is also the last) appears more than once. A square-free graph is a graph containing no graph cycles of length four. A triangle-free graph is a graph containing no graph cycles of length three.

Theorem 1. Let G be a m-vertex graph and H be a k–regular, square–free and triangle–free n-vertex graph. Then,

$$PI_e(GoH) = PI_e(G) + \frac{n}{2}(k+2)PI_v(G) + \frac{m^2 n^2}{2}(k+2) + mnk(k^2 - 2k + 2) + mn(|E(G)| - 1).$$

Proof. By Lemma 1, if A is the number of parallel edges to an edge of copies of H, then we

have $A = \frac{nk}{2} - 2k(k-1) + (n-2) + |E(G)| + n(m-1) + \frac{nk}{2}(m-1)$.

On the other hand, by Lemma 1, if B is the number of parallel edges to an edge of G, then

we have $B = |E(G)|^2 + mn\left(\frac{k}{2} + 1\right)|E(G)| - PI_e(G) - n\left(\frac{k}{2} + 1\right)PI_v(G)$. Let

$$C = \left| \bigcup_{\substack{uv \in E(GoH) \\ v \in V(H), u \in V(G)}} \{f \in E(GoH) \mid f \parallel uv\} \right|,$$

then C = mn(k(k − 1) + 1). By our calculations given above, the result can be proved. ▼

Theorem 2. Let G and H be graphs. Thus, we have

$$WW(GoH) = (|V(H)| + 1)^2 WW(G) + 2|V(H)|(|V(H)| + 1)W(G)$$

$$- \frac{|V(H)||V(G)|}{2}(3|V(H)||V(G)| + 2|V(G)| - 3) - 2|V(G)||E(H)|.$$

Proof. We partition the summation of the hyper-Wiener index of G o H into four parts, as follows:

1) Let H_i be the i-th copy of H, i = 1, 2, …, $|V(G)|$, and A is the summation of distances between vertices x and y in the same copy of H_i.
2) B is the summation of distances between vertices x and y in different copies of H_i and H_j, $i \neq j$.
3) C is the summation of distances between vertices of G.
4) D is the summation of distances between a vertex of G and another vertex in a copy of H_i.

It is clear that,

$$\forall a,b \in V(H_i), d(a,b) = \begin{cases} 1 & ab \in E(H) \\ 2 & ab \notin E(H) \end{cases}.$$

Hence,

$$A = 3|V(G)||V(H)|^2 - 4|V(G)||E(H)| - 3|V(G)||V(H)|$$

By Lemma 1, for calculation of B, we have:

$$B = 5|V(H)|^2 W(G) + 3|V(G)|^2 |V(H)|^2 - 3|V(G)||V(H)|^2 + |V(H)|^2 \sum_{\{u,v\} \subseteq V(G)} d^2(u,v).$$

Also, for calculation of C, we have the following equality:

$$C = W(G) + \sum_{\{u,v\} \subseteq V(G)} d^2(u,v)$$

and finally, by Lemma 1,

$$D = 2|V(H)| \sum_{\{u,v\} \subseteq V(G)} d^2(u,v) + 6|V(H)|W(G) + 2|V(G)|^2 |V(H)|.$$

Therefore, WW(G o H) = A + B + C + D and by substituting A, B, C and D in this equation, the theorem can be proved.   ▼

3. CONCLUSION

In this paper, exact formulas for the PI and hyper-Wiener indices of corona product of graphs are presented. For the PI index, we restrict our attention to the k-regular, square- and triangle-free graphs. We end the paper with the following open question:

Question: Compute an exact formula for the corona product of arbitrary graphs G and H under PI index.

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