

WIENER INDEX OF CHAIN GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT

The Wiener index $W(G)$ is a distance-based topological invariant much used in the study of the structure-property and the structure-activity relationships of various classes of biochemically interesting compounds introduced by Harold Wiener in 1947. It is defined by the sum of the distances between all (ordered) pairs of vertices of G . In this paper, we will give the Wiener index of edge composition of finite number of graphs. Using this formula, we can easily find out the Wiener Index of some molecular structure having cut edges

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1. INTRODUCTION

Molecular descriptor is a final result of a logic and mathematical procedure which transforms chemical information encoded with in a symbolic representation of a molecule into a useful number or the result of some standardized experiment.

The Wiener index $W(G)$ is a distance-based topological invariant is also a molecular descriptor, it much used in the study of the structure-property and the structure-activity relationships of various classes of biochemically interesting compounds introduced by Harold Wiener [10] in 1947 for predicting boiling points ($b.p$) of alkanes based on the formula

$$b.p = \alpha W + \beta w(3) + \gamma$$

where α, β, γ are empirical constants, and $w(3)$ is called path number [7][8][10][11][12].

It is defined as the half sum of the distances between all pairs of vertices of G .

$$W(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u,v} d(u,v)$$

Notation:

$$W(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u,v} d(u,v) = \sum_{u < v} d(u,v) = \sum_{i < j} d(u_i, u_j)$$

Definition

Our notation is standard and mainly taken from standard books of graph theory[9]. All graphs considered in this paper are simple and connected. The vertex and edge sets of a graph G are denoted by V(G) and E(G) respectively.

The **distance** d(u,v) between the vertices u and v of the graph G is equal to length of the shortest path that connects u and v.

Some Basic Results: [1], [2], [3], [15]

$$1. W(P_n) = \frac{n(n^2-1)}{6}$$

$$2. W(C_n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{8}n^3 \text{ for } n \text{ even} \\ \frac{1}{8}(n-1)n(n+1) \text{ for } n \text{ odd} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$3. W(K_n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

Discussions around computing the Wiener Index of a generic chain-like polygonal system began from the late 1980's [13, 14]. Computing the Wiener Index for such a chain was once considered a very hard problem. N. Prabhakara Rao and co-authors have computed the wiener index of pentachains and Ivan Gutman and et al, have discussed about the Generalized Wiener Indices of Zigzagging Pentachains. Sen-Peng Eu and et al, have determined about Generalized Wiener Indices in Hexagonal Chains.[4][5][6]

In this paper, we calculate the Wiener index of any graph, particularly having bridges. For our convenience, we modify the given graph into two or more graphs, which are connected by the cut edges. That is, if we modify the given graph G into G₁, G₂...G_k, which are connected by the cut edges, whose

$$|V(G)| = |V(G_1)| + |V(G_2)| + \dots + |V(G_k)|, |E(G)| = |E(G_1)| + |E(G_2)| + \dots + |E(G_k)| + k - 1$$

Hence we make a graph as a chain.

The following fig.1 illustrates above technique:

Let us consider graph G with 12 nodes, where G formed by G₁, G₂, G₃ with 3, 4, 5 vertices respectively and these are connected by the bridges

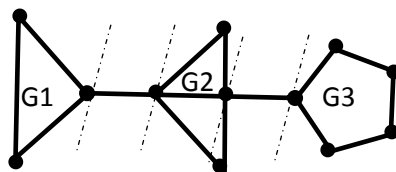


Fig:1

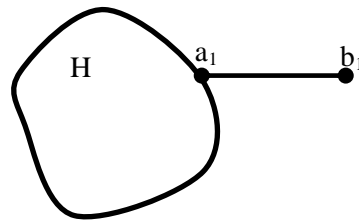
Main Result

Before proving our main results let us prove the following lemma

Lemma 1

Let G be a graph with n vertices. If it is formed by the graph H with $n-1$ vertices and it is connected to a vertex by an edge as shown in the fig. Where $|V(G)| = |V(H)| + 1$ then $W(G) = W(H) + d(a_1|H) + n-1$

Proof



G
Fig:2

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(G) &= \sum_{u,v \in H} d(u,v) + \sum_{u \in H} d(u,b_1) \\
 &= W(H) + \sum_{u \in H} (d(u,a_1) + d(a_1,b_1)) \\
 &= W(H) + \sum_{u \in H} d(u, a_1) + \sum_{u \in H} d(u,b_1) \\
 &= W(H) + d(a_1|H) + n-1
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the lemma

Lemma 2

Let G be a graph with n vertices. If it is formed by the graphs G_1 and G_2 with n_1 and n_2 vertices and G_1, G_2 are connected by an edge as shown in the following fig.

Where $|V(G)| = |V(G_1)| + |V(G_2)|$ and $|E(G)| = |E(G_1)| + |E(G_2)| + 1$ then

$$W(G) = W(G_1) + W(G_2) + n_1 d(b_1|G_2) + n_2 d(a_1|G_1) + n_1 n_2$$

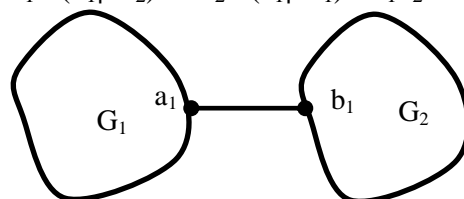


Fig:3

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(G) &= \sum_{u,v \in G_1} d(u,v) + \sum_{u \in G_2} d(u,v) + \sum_{\substack{u \in G_1 \\ v \in G_2}} d(u,v) \\
 &= W(G_1) + W(G_2) + \sum_{u \in H} (d(u,a_1) + d(a_1,b_1) + d(b_1,v)) \\
 &= W(G_1) + W(G_2) + n_1 d(b_1 | G_2) + n_2 d(a_1 | G_1) + n_1 n_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the lemma.

Lemma 3

Let G be a chain graph with n vertices. If it is formed by the graphs G_1, G_2 and G_3 with n_1, n_2 and n_3 vertices, that are connected by the edges $a_1 b_1, a_2 b_2$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(G) &= W(G_1) + W(G_2) + W(G_3) + n_1 [d(b_1 | G_2) + d(b_1 | G_3)] + n_2 [d(a_1 | G_1) + d(b_2 | G_3)] + \\
 &\quad n_3 [d(a_1 | G_1) + d(a_2 | G_2)] + n_1 (n_2 + n_3) + n_3 (n_1 + n_2) + d(b_1, a_2) n_1 n_3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

This lemma follows immediately from the previous lemma.

For example $W(G) = 186$ (see Fig.1)

Now we generalize the lemma 3,

Theorem 1

Let G be a chain graph with n vertices. If it is formed by the graphs G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k with order n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k respectively, that are connected by the edges $a_1 b_1, a_2 b_2, \dots, a_{k-1} b_{k-1}$ as shown in the following fig.

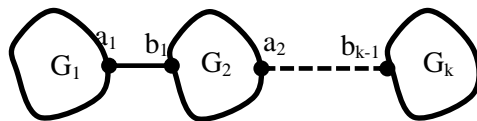


Fig.4

Where

$|V(G)| = |V(G_1)| + |V(G_2)| + \dots + |V(G_k)|$, $|E(G)| = |E(G_1)| + |E(G_2)| + \dots + |E(G_k)| + k - 1$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(G) &= \sum_{i=1}^k W(G_i) + n_1 \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d(b_i | G_{i+1}) \right] + n_2 [d(a_1 | G_1) + \sum_{i=2}^{k-1} d(b_i | G_{i+1})] + \\
 &+ \dots + n_k \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d(a_i | G_i) \right] + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} [n_{j-1} + (2 + d(b_{j-2}, a_{j-1})) n_{j-2} + \dots + \\
 &[(j-1) + d(b_1, a_2) + \dots + d(b_{j-2}, a_{j-1})] n_j
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(G) &= \sum_{i=1}^k W(G_i) + n_1 \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d(b_i|G_{i+1}) \right] + n_2 [d(a_1|G_1) + \sum_{i=2}^{k-1} d(b_i|G_{i+1})] + \\
 &+ \dots + n_k \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d(a_i|G_i) \right] + \\
 &+ d(a_1, b_1) m_1 m_2 + \dots + d(a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}) m_{n-1} m_n + \\
 &+ d(a_i, b_2) m_1 m_3 + \dots + d(a_{n-2}, b_{n-1}) m_{n-2} m_n + \\
 &+ \dots + \\
 &+ d(a_1, b_{n-2}) m_1 m_{n-1} + d(a_2, b_{n-1}) m_2 m_n + \\
 &+ d(a_1, b_{n-1}) m_1 m_n \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k W(G_i) + n_1 \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d(b_i|G_{i+1}) \right] + n_2 [d(a_1|G_1) + \sum_{i=2}^{k-1} d(b_i|G_{i+1})] + \dots \\
 &+ n_k \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d(a_i|G_i) \right] + n_1 n_2 + [n_2 + (2 + d(b_1, a_2)) n_1] n_3 + \dots + \\
 &+ [n_{k-1} + n_{k-2} [2 + d(b_{k-2}, a_{k-1})] + \dots + [(n-1) + d(b_1, a_2) + \dots + d(b_{k-2}, a_{k-1})] n_1] n_j \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k W(G_i) + n_1 \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d(b_i|G_{i+1}) \right] + n_2 [d(a_1|G_1) + \sum_{i=2}^{k-1} d(b_i|G_{i+1})] + \\
 &+ \dots + n_k \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d(a_i|G_i) \right] + \\
 &+ \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} [n_{j-1} + (2 + d(b_{j-2}, a_{j-1})) n_{j-2} + \dots + [(j-1) + d(b_1, a_2) + \dots + d(b_{j-2}, a_{j-1})] n_1] n_j
 \end{aligned}$$

REMARK:

If we take k copies of the graph G then $G_1 = G_2 \dots = G_k$ with order $n_1 = n_2 \dots = n_k = t$ (say) respectively, that are connected by the edges $a_1 b_1, a_2 b_2, \dots, a_{k-1} b_{k-1}$, where

$$|V(G)| = k, \quad |V(G_i)| = kt \text{ for } i=1 \text{ to } k$$

$$|E(G)| = k |E(G_i)| + k - 1, \quad d(b_i|G_{i+1}) = p$$

$d(b_i, a_{i+1}) = q$ then theorem 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(G) &= kW(G_i) + tk(k-1)p + t^2 [(k-1) + (k-2)(2+q) + (k-3)(3+2q) + \dots + \\
 &[(k-1) + (k-2)q]
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

Similar to theorem 1

The following Figure will provide better understanding of the above theorem.

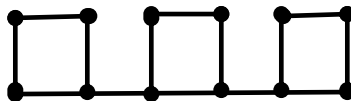


Fig.5

Here $n=3$, $m=4$, $p=4$, $q=1$

$W(G) = 200$

CONCLUSION

In this paper, Wiener Index of chain graph is formulated. Using the above method, we can find the Wiener index of any graphs connected by means of edges one by one.

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