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Topological Indices of Cographs

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The Wiener index, the Harary index and edge-Wiener index are classic and well-known topological indices for the characterization of molecular graphs. Firstly, we give the formulae and algorithms for these topological indices of the complements of trees and cographs. Secondly, we present some sufficient conditions for a cograph to be Hamiltonian.

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1. Introduction

Let G be a simple graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$. The *order* of a graph G is the number of vertices in G ; it is denoted by $n(G) = |V(G)|$. The *size* of a graph G is the number of edges in G ; it is denoted by $m(G) = |E(G)|$. The complement of G is denoted by $\overline{G} = (V(\overline{G}), E(\overline{G}))$, where $V(\overline{G}) = V(G)$, $E(\overline{G}) = \{xy : x, y \in V(G), xy \notin E(G)\}$.

If $e = xy$ is an edge of a graph G , then x and y are adjacent, while x and e are incident, as are y and e . If $xy \in E$, we also use $x \sim y$, and $x \not\sim y$ whenever x, y are not adjacent in G . If $A, B \subseteq V$ are disjoint and $ab \in E$ for every $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, we say that A and B are *totally adjacent* and we denote them by $A \sim B$, while by $A \not\sim B$ we mean that no edge of G connects some vertex of A to a vertex from B and, in this case, we say A and B are *totally non-adjacent*.

The *neighborhood* of the vertex $v \in V$ is the set $N_G(v) = \{u \in V : uv \in E\}$, while $N_G[v] = \{v\} \cup N_G(v)$; or we just denote $N(v)$ and $N[v]$, when G appears clearly from the context. The *degree* of v in G is $deg_G(v) = |N_G(v)|$. The neighborhood of the vertex v in the complement \overline{G} of a graph G will be denoted by $\overline{N}(v)$. The neighborhood of $S \subseteq V$ is the set $N(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} N(v) - S$ and $N[S] = S \cup N(S)$.

If $U \subseteq V$, by $G[U]$ we denote the subgraph of G induced by U . By $G - X$ we mean the subgraph $G[V - X]$, whenever $X \subseteq V$, but we simply write $G - v$, when $X = \{v\}$.

A graph is complete if every pair of distinct vertices is adjacent. By P_n , C_n , K_n we mean a chordless path on $n \geq 3$ vertices, a chordless cycle on $n \geq 3$ vertices, and a complete graph on $n \geq 1$ vertices, respectively.

The *degree sequence* of an undirected graph is the non-decreasing sequence of its vertex degrees. Let (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) be the degree sequence of G , where $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$. Then $d_1 = \delta(G)$ is called the minimum degree of G . In other words, the *minimum degree* of G denoted by $\delta(G)$, is the degree of the vertex with the least number of edges incident to it.

The *union* of simple graphs G and H is the graph $G \cup H$ with the vertex set $V(G) \cup V(H)$ and the edge set $E(G) \cup E(H)$. If G and H are disjoint, we refer to their union as the disjoint

union, and denote it by $G \sqcup H$. The disjoint union of k graphs G is denoted by kG . By starting with a disjoint union of G and H and adding edges joining every vertex of G to every vertex of H , one can obtain the *join* of G and H , denoted by $G \vee H$. Formally,

$$G \vee H = (V(G) \cup V(H), E(G) \cup E(H) \cup \{xy \mid x \in V(G) \wedge y \in V(H)\}).$$

Note that $\overline{G_1 \vee G_2} = \overline{G_1} \cup \overline{G_2}$.

For any two vertices u and v in G , the distance between u and v , denoted by $d_G(u, v)$, is the number of edges in the shortest path joining u and v . The *eccentricity* $\varepsilon(v)$ of a vertex v is the maximum distance from v to any other vertex. The vertices of minimum eccentricity form the *center*. A tree has exactly one or two adjacent center vertices; in this latter case one speaks of a *bicenter*. The *diameter* $D(G)$ of a graph G is the maximum eccentricity over all vertices in a graph, while the *radius* $r(G)$ is the minimum eccentricity over all $v \in V(G)$. If any vertex $v \in V(G)$ is adjacent to all the other vertices of G then v is called a well-connected vertex. Thus, if $v \in V(G)$ is a well-connected vertex, then $\varepsilon_G(v) = 1$. For example, all the vertices of a complete graph are well-connected.

Let F denote a family of graphs. A graph G is called F -free if G contains no graph from F as an induced subgraph.

The first distance-based topological index was the Wiener index introduced in 1947 by H. Wiener [80]. Later, in 1988 H. Hosoya [40] introduced some counting polynomials in chemistry, among them the Wiener polynomial, which is strongly connected to the Wiener index. Nowadays, it is known as the *Hosoya polynomial*. Another distance-based topological index, the Harary index, was introduced in 1993 by Plavšić et al. [65] and by Ivanciuc et al. [47], independently. All these concepts found many applications in different fields, such as chemistry, biology, networks.

The *Wiener index* of a graph is defined as the sum of distances between all pairs of vertices of a connected graph G , i.e.,

$$W(G) = \sum_{u, v \in V(G)} d_G(u, v). \quad (1)$$

The *distance* $d_G(v)$ of a vertex v is the sum of all distances between v and all other vertices of G . Thus, one can define the Wiener index also in a slightly different way:

$$W(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in V(G)} d_G(v),$$

where $\frac{1}{2}$ compensates for the fact that each path between u and v is counted in $d_G(u)$ as well as in $d_G(v)$.

The distance matrix $D(G)$ is defined so that (i, j) -entry, d_{ij} , is equal to $d_G(v_i, v_j)$. Let $D_i(G)$ denote the row sum of $D(G)$ corresponding to vertex v_i . Then

$$W(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n D_i(G).$$

For disconnected graphs, we set

$$W(G) = \sum_{u, v \in V(G), u-v \text{ path exists in } G} d_G(u, v). \quad (2)$$

In other words, we ignore pairs of vertices u and v for which the distance $d(u, v)$ can be considered as “infinite”.

Let G be a disconnected graph with components G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k . By (2) we get

$$W(G) = \sum_{i=1}^k W(G_i).$$

Subsequently, several other topological indices were deeply studied. We consider here certain of them.

Wiener indices of trees [24] and Wiener indices of hexagonal systems [23] have been studied intensively. A list of some recent work: characterizations of trees with specified order and degree sequence that maximize the Wiener index [69], the maximum Wiener index of unicyclic graphs with fixed maximum degree [26], inverse Wiener index problems that search for trees with a given Wiener index [30], Wiener indices of iterated line graphs of trees [51, 52, 53], Wiener indices of random trees [78].

For most general classes of graphs, there is no closed formula to calculate their Wiener indices, not even a recursive formula. Finding bounds on Wiener indices of a general class of graphs has attracted many researchers' interest. Entringer et al. [28] showed that for any connected graph with a given order, the Wiener index is minimized by that of a complete graph and maximized by that of a path, and the Wiener index of a tree with a given order attains the minimum value when it is a star and the maximum value when it is a path. Walikar et al. [79] gave some bounds on the Wiener index of a graph in terms of the graph order together with one or two other graph parameters such as size, radius, diameter, connectivity, independent number, and chromatic number.

The Harary index of a graph G , denoted by $H(G)$, has been introduced independently by Ivanciuc et al. [47] and Plavšić et al. [65] in 1993 for the characterization of molecular graphs. The *Harary index* $H(G)$ is defined as the sum of reciprocals of distances between all pairs of vertices of a connected graph G , i.e.

$$H(G) = \sum_{u,v \in V(G), u \neq v} \frac{1}{d_G(u,v)}. \quad (3)$$

Note that in any disconnected graph G , the distance is infinite between any two vertices from two distinct components. Therefore its reciprocal can be viewed as zero. Thus we can define validly the Harary index of a disconnected graph G as follows:

$$H(G) = \sum_{i=1}^k H(G_i), \quad (4)$$

where G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k are the components of G .

For K_1 we set $W(K_1) = 0$ and $H(K_1) = 0$.

The edge versions of the Wiener index based on the distance between edges in a graph G were introduced in 2009 [17, 45, 48]. The edge-Wiener index of G is denoted by $W_e(G)$ and defined as

$$W_e(G) = \sum_{\{e,f\} \subseteq E(G)} d_e(e,f),$$

where for distinct pair of edges $e = uv$ and $f = zt$ of G , the distance $d_e(e, f)$ is defined as

$$d_e(e, f) = 1 + \min\{d(u, z), d(u, t), d(v, z), d(v, t)\}.$$

It is easy to see that, $d_e(e, f)$ equals to the distance between vertices e and f in the line graph of G . This implies that, $W_e(G) = W(L(G))$, where $L(G)$ is the line graph of G .

A *Hamiltonian cycle* of the graph G is a cycle which contains all vertex of G . A *Hamiltonian path* of the graph G is a path which contains all vertex of G . The graph G is said to be *Hamiltonian* if it contains a Hamiltonian cycle, and is said to be *traceable* if it contains a Hamiltonian path. If

every two vertices of G are connected by a Hamiltonian path, it is said to be *Hamilton-connected*. A graph G is *traceable from a vertex x* if it has a Hamiltonian x -path. A graph is *traceable from every vertex* if it contains a Hamilton path from every vertex. All these concepts belong to Hamiltonicity of graphs. The problem of deciding whether a graph has Hamiltonicity is one of the most difficult classical problems in graph theory. Recently, some topological indices have been applied to this problem. Up to now, there are some references on the Wiener index, hyper-wiener index and Harary index conditions for a graph to be traceable, Hamiltonian, Hamilton-connected, traceable from every vertex. We refer readers to see [16, 9, 42, 41, 50, 61, 60, 57, 58, 83].

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we present some preliminary results and explicit formulae for several important classes of graphs.

In Section 3, the formulae and algorithms for some topological indices of the complements of trees are given.

In Section 4, the formulae and algorithms for some topological indices of cographs are given.

In Section 5 we discuss the Hamiltonicity of graphs in terms of Harary index.

2. Preliminaries

Before giving the proof of our theorems, we introduce some fundamental statements and properties in this section.

When the underlying graph is a tree (as is true for instance for the alkanes originally studied by Wiener), the Wiener index may be calculated more efficiently. If the graph is partitioned into two subtrees by removing a single edge e , then its Wiener index is the sum of the Wiener indices of the two subtrees, together with a third term representing the paths that pass through e . This third term may be calculated in linear time by computing the sum of distances of all vertices from e within each subtree and multiplying the two sums [19]. This divide-and-conquer algorithm can be generalized from trees to graphs of a bounded treewidth, and leads to near-linear-time algorithms for such graphs [20].

An alternative method for calculating the Wiener index of a tree, by Bojan Mohar and Tomaz Pisanski, works by generalizing the problem to graphs with weighted vertices, where the weight of a path is the product of its length with the weights of its two endpoints. If v is a leaf vertex of the tree then the Wiener index of the tree may be calculated by merging v with its parent (adding their weights together), computing the index of the resulting smaller tree, and adding a simple correction term for the paths that pass through the edge from v to its parent. By repeatedly removing leaves in this way, the Wiener index may be calculated in a linear time [13].

A *tree* is a connected, acyclic graph.

A recursive definition of *rooted trees*: A graph with a single vertex r (and no edges) is a tree with root r (the sole base graph). Now, let (G, r) denote a tree with root r . Then $(G_1, r_1) \oplus (G_2, r_2)$ is a tree formed by taking the disjoint union of G_1 and G_2 and adding an edge (r_1, r_2) . The root of this new tree is $r = r_1$.

Theorem 1 [24]. *Let (T_1, r_1) and (T_2, r_2) be two rooted trees of orders n_1 and n_2 , respectively. If $T = (T_1, r_1) \oplus (T_2, r_2)$ then*

$$W(T) = W(T_1) + W(T_2) + n_1 d_{T_2}(r_2) + n_2 d_{T_1}(r_1) + n_1 n_2.$$

The correctness of the following algorithm is justified by Theorem 1.

Algorithm: finding the Wiener index of a tree

WT (T, r)

Input: a root tree (T, r) .

Output: the Wiener index of (T, r) ; distance $d_T(r)$ of the root; the order of T .

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begin
if  $|V(T)| = 1$  then
   $W \leftarrow 0;$ 
   $d \leftarrow 0;$ 
   $n \leftarrow 1;$ 
else
  if  $(T, r) = (T_1, r_1) \oplus (T_2, r_2)$  then
     $(W_1, d_1, n_1) \leftarrow \mathbf{WT}(T_1, r_1);$ 
     $(W_2, d_2, n_2) \leftarrow \mathbf{WT}(T_2, r_2);$ 
     $W \leftarrow W_1 + W_2 + n_1 d_2 + n_2 d_1 + n_1 n_2;$ 
     $d \leftarrow d_1 + d_2 + n_2;$ 
     $n \leftarrow n_1 + n_2;$ 
  end if
end if
return  $(W, d, n).$ 
end.

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3. Indexes of the complements of trees

For $a \geq 1$, $b \geq 1$, let $K_{1,a}$ and $K_{1,b}$ be stars on $a + 1$ and $b + 1$ vertices, respectively. Then the double star $DS_{a,b}$ is the tree obtained by connecting an edge between two centers of $K_{1,a}$ and $K_{1,b}$. For the double star $DS_{a,b}$ of order n $a + b = n - 2$.

Theorem 2 [68]. *Let T be a tree on n vertices, then*

$$W(\bar{T}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n < 3; \\ \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, & \text{if } T \text{ is a double star;} \\ \frac{(n-1)(n+2)}{2}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3. *Let T be a tree on n vertices, then*

$$W_e(\bar{T}) = \frac{1}{4}(n^2 - 3n + 2)(n^2 - 3n) - \sum_{v \in V} \binom{n - \deg_T(v)}{2}.$$

Proof. Let $x, y \in V$ then

$$d_{\bar{T}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } xy \notin E(T); \\ 3, & \text{if the diameter } d(T) = 3 \text{ and } \{x, y\} \text{ is the bicenter of } T; \\ 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us prove that for any two edges e, f of \bar{T} $d_e(e, f) \leq 2$. Consider two non-edges $\{a, b\}$ and $\{p, q\}$ of T . If the non-edges share an endpoint then they are adjacent in $L(T)$ and therefore $d_e(\{a, b\}, \{p, q\}) = 1$. Otherwise, since T is a tree, at least one pair of $\{a, p\}$, $\{a, q\}$, $\{b, p\}$ and $\{b, q\}$ is a non-edge in T , otherwise T has a 4-cycle. Therefore $d_e(\{a, b\}, \{p, q\}) \leq 2$. So all distinct edges of \bar{T} are either at distance 1 or 2.

Let Q be the set of all pairs of edges of \bar{T} . We partition Q into two disjoint sets as follows

$$Q_1 = \{\{e, f\} : e, f \in E(\bar{T}), d_e(e, f) = 1\},$$

$$Q_2 = \{\{e, f\} : e, f \in E(\bar{T}), d_e(e, f) = 2\}.$$

The edge-Wiener index of \bar{T} is obtained by summing the contributions of all pairs of edges over those two sets:

$$W_e(\bar{T}) = |Q_1| + 2|Q_2| = 2|Q| - |Q_1|.$$

A pair of edges of \bar{T} belong to Q_1 , if it shares an endpoint. Therefore

$$|Q_1| = \sum_{v \in V} \binom{n - \deg_T(v)}{2}.$$

The number of edges of \bar{T} is equal to $m = \binom{n}{2} - (n-1) = \frac{n^2-3n+2}{2}$. The total number of all pairs of edges of \bar{T} is equal to $\binom{m}{2}$. Hence

$$W_e(\bar{T}) = 2 \binom{m}{2} - |Q_1| = \frac{1}{4}(n^2 - 3n + 2)(n^2 - 3n) - \sum_{v \in V} \binom{n - \deg_T(v)}{2}.$$

This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4. Let (T_1, r_1) and (T_2, r_2) be two rooted trees of orders n_1 and n_2 , respectively. If $T = (T_1, r_1) \oplus (T_2, r_2)$ and $n = |V(T)|$, then

$$W_e(\bar{T}) = W_e(\bar{T}_1) + W_e(\bar{T}_2) + \frac{1}{4}((n^2 - 3n + 2)(n^2 - 3n) - (n_1^2 - 3n_1 + 2)(n_1^2 - 3n_1) - (n_2^2 - 3n_2 + 2)(n_2^2 - 3n_2)).$$

Proof. Let $Q_1 = \{\{xy, yz\} : xy, yz \in E(\bar{T})\}$ then

$$W_e(\bar{T}) = \frac{1}{4}(n^2 - 3n + 2)(n^2 - 3n) - |Q_1|$$

by Theorem 3. We partition Q_1 into four disjoint sets as follows

$$Q_{11} = \{\{xy, yz\} : xy, yz \in E(\bar{T}) | \{x, y, z\} \subseteq V(\bar{T}_1)\},$$

$$Q_{12} = \{\{xy, yz\} : xy, yz \in E(\bar{T}) | \{x, y, z\} \subseteq V(\bar{T}_2)\},$$

$$Q_{13} = \{\{xy, yz\} : xy, yz \in E(\bar{T}) | \{x, y\} \subseteq V(\bar{T}_1), z \in V(\bar{T}_2)\},$$

$$Q_{14} = \{\{xy, yz\} : xy, yz \in E(\bar{T}) | \{x, y\} \subseteq V(\bar{T}_2), z \in V(\bar{T}_1)\}.$$

We have

$$W_e(\bar{T}_1) = \frac{1}{4}(n_1^2 - 3n_1 + 2)(n_1^2 - 3n_1) - |Q_{11}|,$$

$$W_e(\bar{T}_2) = \frac{1}{4}(n_2^2 - 3n_2 + 2)(n_2^2 - 3n_2) - |Q_{12}|$$

by Theorem 3.

$$\begin{aligned} |Q_{13}| &= \sum_{v \in V_1 \setminus \{r_1\}} (n_1 - \deg_{T_1} v)n_2 + (n_1 - \deg_{T_1} r_1)(n_2 - 1) = \\ &= \sum_{v \in V_1} (n_1 - \deg_{T_1} v)n_2 - (n_1 - \deg_{T_1} r_1) = \\ &= n_1^2 n_2 - 2(n_1 - 1)n_2. \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry,

$$|Q_{14}| = n_2^2 n_1 - 2(n_2 - 1)n_1.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} W_e(\overline{T}) &= \frac{1}{4}(n^2 - 3n + 2)(n^2 - 3n) - |Q_{11}| - |Q_{12}| - |Q_{13}| - |Q_{14}| = \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(n^2 - 3n + 2)(n^2 - 3n) + W_e(\overline{T_1}) - \frac{1}{4}(n_1^2 - 3n_1 + 2)(n_1^2 - 3n_1) + W_e(\overline{T_2}) - \frac{1}{4}(n_2^2 - 3n_2 + 2)(n_2^2 - 3n_2). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

The correctness of the following algorithm is justified by Theorem 4.

Algorithm: finding the edge-Wiener index of the complement of a tree

WE(T, r)

Input: a root tree (T, r).

Output: the edge-Wiener index of \overline{T} ; the number $A(n)$; the number of vertices of T .

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if $|V(T)| = 1$ **then**

$WE \leftarrow 0$;

$A \leftarrow 0$;

$n \leftarrow 1$;

else

if $(T, r) = (T_1, r_1) \oplus (T_2, r_2)$ **then**

$(WE_1, A_1, n_1) \leftarrow \mathbf{WE}(T_1, r_1)$;

$(WE_2, A_2, n_2) \leftarrow \mathbf{WE}(T_2, r_2)$;

$n \leftarrow n_1 + n_2$;

$A \leftarrow \frac{1}{4}(n^2 - 3n + 2)(n^2 - 3n)$;

$WE \leftarrow WE_1 + WE_2 + A - A_1 - A_2$;

end if

end if

return (WE, A, n) .

end.

Theorem 5. Let T be a tree on n vertices, then

$$H(\overline{T}) = \begin{cases} \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}, & \text{if } T \text{ is a star;} \\ \frac{(n+1)^2}{2} - \frac{1}{6}, & \text{if } T \text{ is a double star;} \\ \frac{(n+1)^2}{2}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $V = V(T) = V(\overline{T})$. If T is a star then $\overline{T} \cong K_1 \cup K_{n-1}$ and $H(\overline{T}) = H(K_1) + H(K_{n-1}) = 0 + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$.

Let $\gamma(G, k)$ be the number of vertex pairs of the graph G that are at distance k . Then

$$H(G) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} \gamma(G, k). \quad (5)$$

Let $x, y \in V$ then

$$d_{\overline{T}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } xy \notin E(T); \\ 3, & \text{if the diameter } d(T) = 3 \text{ and } \{x, y\} \text{ is the bicenter of } T; \\ 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If the diameter $d(T) > 3$ then

$$\begin{aligned} H(\bar{T}) &= \gamma(\bar{T}, 1) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\bar{T}, 2) = \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - (n-1) + \frac{1}{2}(n-1) = \frac{(n+1)^2}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

If the diameter $d(T) = 3$ then T is a double star $DS_{a,b}$ of order n . In this case

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(\bar{T}, 1) &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - (n-1), \\ \gamma(\bar{T}, 2) &= n-2, \\ \gamma(\bar{T}, 3) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} H(\bar{T}) &= \gamma(\bar{T}, 1) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\bar{T}, 2) + \frac{1}{3}\gamma(\bar{T}, 3) = \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - (n-1) + \frac{1}{2}(n-2) + \frac{1}{3} = \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2}{2} - \frac{1}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

4. Indexes of cographs

4.1. Join operation

The next fact is useful. Since its proof is simple, we omit it.

Fact 1. Let G_1 and G_2 be graphs, $G = G_1 \vee G_2$, $x, y \in V(G)$. Then

- (i) $|V(G_1 \vee G_2)| = |V(G_1)| + |V(G_2)|$;
- (ii) $|E(G_1 \vee G_2)| = |E(G_1)| + |E(G_2)| + |V(G_1)| \cdot |V(G_2)|$;
- (iii) $d_G(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = y; \\ 1, & \text{if } xy \in E(G_1) \text{ or } xy \in E(G_2) \text{ or } (x \in V(G_1) \wedge y \in V(G_2)); \\ 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Theorem 6. Let G_1 and G_2 be graphs. Let the graph $G = G_1 \vee G_2$ has n vertices and m edges. Then

$$W(G) = W(G_1 \vee G_2) = n^2 - n - m.$$

Proof. Let $n_i = |V(G_i)|$ and $m_i = |E(G_i)|$. By Fact 1, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} W(G_1 \vee G_2) &= m_1 + m_2 + n_1 n_2 + 2 \left(\frac{n_1(n_1-1)}{2} - m_1 \right) + 2 \left(\frac{n_2(n_2-1)}{2} - m_2 \right) \\ &= n^2 - n - m. \end{aligned}$$

□

Let G be a graph and $m = |E(G)|$. Let $p_1(G)$ be the number of the pairs of edges at distance 1 and $p_2(G)$ be the number of the pairs of edges at distance 2 in G . The number of all other pairs of edges we denote by $p_3(G)$. Then $p_3(G) = \binom{m}{2} - p_1 - p_2$.

Theorem 7. Let G_1 and G_2 be graphs, $n_i = |V(G_i)|$ and $m_i = |E(G_i)|$, where $i \in \{1, 2\}$. Let the graph $G = G_1 \vee G_2$ have n vertices and m edges. Let P_3 be the set of all pairs of edges at distance 3 in G . Then

- (i) $p_i(G_1 \cup G_2) = p_i(G_1) + p_i(G_2)$, where $i \in \{1, 2\}$;
- (ii) $W_e(G_1 \cup G_2) = W_e(G_1) + W_e(G_2)$;
- (iii) $p_1(G) = p_1(G_1) + p_1(G_2) + 2(m_1n_2 + m_2n_1) + \frac{1}{2}n_1n_2(n_1 + n_2 - 2)$;
- (iv) $p_2(G) = \binom{m}{2} - p_1(G) - p_3(G)$;
- (v) $p_3(G) = |P_3(G)| = p_3(G_1) + p_3(G_2)$;
- (vi) $W_e(G) = p_1 + 2p_2 + 3p_3$.

Proof. The proofs of (i) and (ii) are obvious.

Let $G = G_1 \vee G_2$ and $S = \{\{x, y\} \mid x \in V(G_1) \wedge y \in V(G_2)\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} V(G) &= V(G_1) \cup V(G_2), \\ E(G) &= E(G_1) \cup E(G_2) \cup S. \end{aligned}$$

By fact 1 all distinct vertices of G are either at distance 1 or 2. The vertices at distance 2 are precisely those of G_1 that are not adjacent in G_1 , and those of G_2 that are not adjacent in G_2 . So all distinct edges of G are either at distance 1, 2 or 3. Therefore (iv) and (vi) are true.

Let F be the set of all pairs of edges of G . We partition F into six disjoint sets as follows

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \{\{g, f\} \mid g, f \in E(G_1)\}, \\ F_2 &= \{\{g, f\} \mid g, f \in E(G_2)\}, \\ F_3 &= \{\{g, f\} \mid g \in E(G_1), f \in E(G_2)\}, \\ F_4 &= \{\{g, f\} \mid g \in E(G_1), f \in S\}, \\ F_5 &= \{\{g, f\} \mid g \in E(G_2), f \in S\}, \\ F_6 &= \{\{g, f\} \mid g, f \in S\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let P_i be the set of all pairs of edges at distance i in G . Let $F_j^i = F_j \cap P_i$, where $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, 6\}$. Then $p_1(G) = \sum_{j=1}^6 |F_j^1|$.

Let $\{g, f\} \in F_1$, where $g = uv$, $f = zt$. Then

$$d_{e|G}(g, f) = \min\{d(u, z), d(u, t), d(v, z), d(v, t)\} + 1.$$

If the edges g and f share a vertex then exactly one of these four distances is equal to 0. So $d_{e|G}(g, f) = d_{e|G_1}(g, f) = 1$. Therefore $|F_1^1| = p_1(G_1)$. By symmetry, $|F_2^1| = p_1(G_2)$.

There are no edges sharing a vertex in F_3 . Therefore $|F_3^1| = 0$.

There are $2m_1n_2$ pairs from F_4 sharing a vertex. Therefore $|F_4^1| = 2m_1n_2$. By symmetry, $|F_5^1| = 2m_2n_1$.

There are $n_1\binom{n_2}{2} + n_2\binom{n_1}{2}$ pairs from F_6 sharing a vertex. Therefore $|F_6^1| = n_1\binom{n_2}{2} + n_2\binom{n_1}{2}$.

The total number of pairs of edges at distance 1 is

$$p_1(G) = \sum_{j=1}^6 |F_j^1| = p_1(G_1) + p_1(G_2) + 2m_1n_2 + 2m_2n_1 + \frac{n_1n_2(n_1 + n_2 - 2)}{2}.$$

Equality (iii) is proved. Let us prove (v).

The vertices at a distance of at least 2 are precisely those of G_1 that are not adjacent in G_1 , and those of G_2 that are not adjacent in G_2 . Only such vertices are at a distance 3 in the graph G . Therefore $p_3(G) = p_3(G_1) + p_3(G_2)$. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 8 [20]. Let G_1 and G_2 be graphs. Let the graph $G = G_1 \vee G_2$ have n vertices and m edges. Then

$$H(G_1 \vee G_2) = \frac{1}{2}(n_1 n_2 + m_1 + m_2) + \frac{1}{4}(n_1 + n_2)(n_1 + n_2 - 1) = \frac{1}{2}m + \frac{1}{4}(n^2 - n).$$

4.2. Cographs

A graph is a *cograph* if it can be constructed from one-vertex graphs by disjoint union and complement operations.

Cographs can be recursively defined as follows: a graph G is a cograph if and only if

- (i) G is an one-vertex graph, or
- (ii) G is the union of two cographs G_1 and G_2 , or
- (iii) G is the join of two cographs G_1 and G_2 .

Every cograph has a binary cotree representation which can be computed in a linear time [13]. A binary cotree is a rooted tree in which each leaf corresponds to a vertex in the cograph and each inner node either represents a disjoint union or a join of its children.

Algorithm: finding the edge-Wiener index of a connected cograph

Input: a connected cograph G and its binary cotree $T(G)$.

Output: the first edge-Wiener index of G

Let r be the root of $T(G)$.

begin

if $|V(G)| = 1$ **then**

$WE(r) \leftarrow 0$;

else

Mark all nodes of $T(G)$ as unfinished;

while exists an unfinished node x with all children finished **do**

if x is a leaf **then**

$n(x) \leftarrow 1$;

$m(x) \leftarrow 0$;

$p1 \leftarrow 0$; $p2 \leftarrow 0$; $p3 \leftarrow 0$;

else

Let y, z be the children of the node x in the cotree.

if x is a union node **then**

$n(x) \leftarrow n(y) + n(z)$;

$m(x) \leftarrow m(y) + m(z)$;

$p1 \leftarrow p1(y) + p1(z)$; $p2 \leftarrow p2(y) + p2(z)$;

$p3 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}m(x)(m(x) - 1) - p1(x) - p2(x)$;

$WE(x) \leftarrow WE(y) + WE(z)$;

end if

if x is a join node **then**

$n(x) \leftarrow n(y) + n(z)$;

$m(x) \leftarrow m(y) + m(z) + n(y) \cdot n(z)$;

$p1 \leftarrow p1(y) + p1(z) + 2(m(x)n(y) + m(y)n(x)) + \frac{1}{2}n(y)n(z)(n(y) + n(z) - 2)$;

$p3 \leftarrow p3(y) + p3(z)$;

$p2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}m(x)(m(x) - 1) - p1(x) - p3(x)$;

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        WE(x) ← p1(x) + 2p2(x) + 3p3(x);
    end if
end if
mark p as finished
end while
end if
return WE(r).
end.

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Theorem 9. *Algorithm finds correctly the edge-Wiener index for cographs and can be implemented in $O(m + n)$ time.*

Proof. We can prove the correctness of the Algorithm by using induction on n , the number of vertices. The Algorithm is obviously correct for $n = 1$. Let the Algorithm be correct for all cographs with fewer than n vertices. The correctness of Algorithm for cographs with n vertices follows from Theorem 7.

This completes the proof. \square

4.3. The weak decomposition of a graph.

We remind the characterization of the weak decomposition of a graph.

Definition 1 [73, 74]. *A set $A \subseteq V(G)$ is called a weak set of the graph G if $N_G(A) \neq V(G) - A$ and $G(A)$ is connected. If A is a weak set, maximal with respect to set inclusion, then $G(A)$ is called a weak component. For simplicity, the weak component $G(A)$ will be denoted with A .*

Definition 2 [73, 74]. *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected and non-complete graph. If A is a weak set, then the partition $\{A, N(A), V - (A \cup N(A))\}$ is called a weak decomposition of G with respect to A .*

The name of a weak component is justified by the following result.

Theorem 10 [73, 74]. *Every connected and non-complete graph $G = (V, E)$ admits a weak component A such that $G(V - A) = G(N(A)) + G(\overline{N}(A))$.*

Theorem 11 [14, 15]. *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected and non-complete graph and $A \subseteq V$. Then A is a weak component of G if and only if $G(A)$ is connected and $N(A) \sim \overline{N}(A)$.*

The next result, that follows from Theorem 11, ensures the existence of a weak decomposition in a connected and non-complete graph.

Corollary 1. *If $G = (V, E)$ is a connected and non-complete graph, then V admits a weak decomposition (A, B, C) , such that $G(A)$ is a weak component and $G(V - A) = G(B) + G(C)$. Theorem 11 provides an $O(n + m)$ algorithm for building a weak decomposition for a non-complete and connected graph.*

Algorithm: finding the weak decomposition of a graph ([73])

Input: a connected graph with at least two nonadjacent vertices, $G = (V, E)$.

Output: a partition $V = (A, N, R)$ such that $G(A)$ is connected, $N = N(A)$, $A \approx R = \overline{N}(A)$.

begin

$A :=$ any set of vertices such that $A \cup N(A) \neq V$,

$N := N(A)$,

$R := V - (A \cup N(A))$.

while $(\exists n \in N, \exists r \in R$ such that $nr \notin E)$ **do**

$A := A \cup \{n\}$,

$N := (N - \{n\}) \cup (N(n) \cap R)$,

$R := R - (N(n) \cap R)$

end while

return (A, N, R)

end.

4.4. Wiener polynomial of a cograph

A polynomial of distances has been introduced in [40] as: $H(G, x) = \sum_k d(G, k)x^k$, where $d(G, 0) = |V(G)|$, $d(G, 1) = |E(G)|$ and $d(G, k)$ is the number of vertex pairs of G , the distance of which is equal to k . This polynomial was named Wiener, by its author Hosoya in many articles [37, 71]

The Wiener polynomial $H(G, x)$ has the property that its first derivative evaluated at point $x = 1$ equals the Wiener index, i.e. $H'(G, 1) = W(G)$.

More information about the calculation of the Wiener polynomial for different types of graphs can be found in [32, 40, 56, 71]

For a given integer k the inverse Wiener index problem is a problem of finding a graph G , such that $W(G) = k$. The problem was proposed in 1995 by Gutman and Yeh [39], where they posed the following conjecture:

For all but finitely many integers w , there exist trees with Wiener index w .

Li and Wang [59] give solutions to the two conjectures on the inverse problem of the Wiener index of peptoids. Wagner et. al [77]: every sufficiently large even integer is the Wiener index of some hexagon type graph. Wagner [76]: prove that every positive integer which is the Wiener index of some graph (every positive integer other than 2 and 5) is Wiener index of a graph whose cyclomatic number is at most 6.

Conjecture 1. *With the exception of a finite set, each positive integer is the Wiener index of a binary tree.*

In [55] the so-called Wiener inverse problem interval has been considered.

Problem 1. *For given n , find all values w that are Wiener indices of graphs with n nodes.*

Regarding the above problem, let $WG(n)$ be the corresponding set of values w for graphs on n vertices.

Conjecture 2. *The cardinality of $WG(n)$ is of order $\frac{1}{6}n^3 - \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \Theta(n)$.*

Next, we determine the Wiener index and Wiener polynomial and find all values w which are Wiener indices of cographs on n vertices.

Theorem 12. *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected non-complete cograph. Then its Wiener polynomial is:*

$$H(G, x) = \left[\frac{1}{2}|V|^2 - \frac{1}{2}|V| - |E| \right] x^2 + |E|x + |V|,$$

its Wiener index is equal to

$$W(G) = |V|^2 - |V| - |E|,$$

moreover for any $w \in WG(n)$

$$\frac{|V|^2 + 3|V|}{2} \leq w \leq |V|^2 + 1$$

and its Harari index is equal to

$$H(G) = \frac{|V|^2 - |V|}{4} + \frac{|E|}{2}.$$

Proof. Let us denote the order and the size of the graph G by n and m , respectively, and let us consider a weak decomposition $V(G) = A \cup N \cup R$ where induced graph $G(A)$ is a connected weakly component, $N = N(A)$ is the neighborhood of set A , $\bar{N}(A)$ is the neighborhood of set A in the complement \bar{G} of graph G and $G(V - A) = G(N) \vee G(R)$. Hence $N \sim R$ and $G(A), G(N)$ and $G(R)$ are cographs as subgraphs of cograph G .

Note, that $A \sim N$ as well. Indeed, let there exist $a \in A$ and $b \in N$, such that $ab \notin E(G)$. Since $N = N(A)$ then there exists $c \in A$, such that $cb \in E(G)$. Since $G(A)$ is connected, then there exists a path $P_k = (a = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k = c) \in G(A)$. Obviously, there exists $i, 1 \leq i < k$, such that $a_i b \notin E(G)$, but $a_{i+1} b \in E(G)$. Then the path $P_4 = (a_i, a_{i+1}, b, r), \forall r \in R$ is an induced 4-path in G , contradiction, because G is a P_4 -free graph.

Thus, for any $a, a' \in A, b, b' \in N, r, r' \in R$ we have $d(a, b) = d(b, r) = 1, d(a, r) = 2$ and $d(a, a') \leq 2, d(b, b') \leq 2, d(r, r') \leq 2$.

Hence, since the number of pairs of vertices at distance 1 is equal to m , then the number of the remaining pairs of different vertices at distance 2 and is equal to

$$\binom{n}{2} - m = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - m.$$

So, the Wiener polynomial is:

$$H(G, x) = \left[\frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n - m \right] x^2 + mx + n$$

and the Wiener index is:

$$W(G) = \frac{d}{dx} H(G, x) |_{x=1} = n^2 - n - m.$$

Since the maximum number of edges of an undirected connected graph G with n vertices is $(n-1)n/2$ and the minimum number of its edges is $n-1$, then for any $w \in WG(n)$

$$n^2 - n - \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \leq w \leq n^2 - n - (n-1),$$

i.e.

$$\frac{n^2 + 3n}{2} \leq w \leq n^2 + 1.$$

Finally,

$$H(G) = m + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - m \right) = \frac{n(n-1)}{4} + \frac{m}{2}.$$

This completes the proof. □

Corollary 12.1. *For any connected non-complete cograph G of the order n and the size m we have*

$$\frac{m(2m+2-n)}{2} - \frac{m^2}{n-1} \leq W_e(G)$$

and equality holds only when G is a star graph.

Proof. For any edges $e = (v, u), f = (s, t)$ we define the distance between them by

$$\widehat{d}(e, f) = \min\{d(v, s), d(v, t), d(u, s), d(u, t)\}.$$

Let

$$\widehat{W}_e(G) = \sum_{\{e, f\} \subseteq E(G)} \widehat{d}(e, f).$$

Let $|E(G(A))| = a, |E(G(R))| = r$ and the induced graphs $G(A)$ and $G(R)$ have k and l pairs of edges at distance 2 respectively. Since the number of pairs of adjacent edges in graph G is equal to $\sum_{v \in G} \frac{\deg(v)(\deg(v)-1)}{2}$ and the number of pairs of edges (e, f) at distance 2

($\widehat{d}(e, f) = 2$) is equal $ar + k + l$, then the number of pairs of edges (e, f) at distance 1 ($\widehat{d}(e, f) = 1$) is equal to

$$\frac{m(m-1)}{2} - \sum_{v \in G} \frac{\deg(v)(\deg(v)-1)}{2} - ar - k - l,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{W}_e(G) &= \left(\frac{m(m-1)}{2} - \sum_{v \in G} \frac{\deg(v)(\deg(v)-1)}{2} - ar - k - l \right) + 2(ar + k + l) = \\ &= \frac{m(m-1)}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in G} \deg(v)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in G} \deg(v) + ar + k + l = \frac{m(m+1)}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in G} \deg(v)^2 + ar + k + l. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to note that for the first Zagreb index $\sum_{v \in G} \deg(v)^2 \leq m \left(\frac{2m}{n-1} + n - 2 \right)$ and equality holds only when G is a star graph or a complete graph [19] and $W_e(G) = \widehat{W}_e(G) + \binom{m}{2}$ as well. This completes the proof. \square

5. Index Harary and Hamiltonicity of graph

In 1976 Bondy and Chvatal introduced the closure concept, which plays an important role in the cycle theory. For a graph G of order n and integer $k = k(n) > 0$, the k -closure of G , denoted by $cl_k(G)$ is obtained from G by sequentially joining pairs of non-adjacent vertices whose degree sum is at least k , until no such vertex pairs exist. They proved the following statements as well:

Theorem 13 [7]. A graph G is Hamiltonian if and only if n -closure $cl_n(G)$ is Hamiltonian.

Theorem 14 [7]. A graph G is Hamiltonian connected if and only if $(n+1)$ -closure $cl_{n+1}(G)$ is Hamiltonian connected.

The following Lemmas are well-known.

Lemma 4.1 [12]. Let G be a graph of order $n \geq 3$ with degree sequence (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) , where $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$. If there is no integer $k < n/2$ such that $d_k \leq k$ and $d_{n-k} \leq n - k - 1$, then G is Hamiltonian.

Lemma 4.2 [6]. Let G be a graph of order $n \geq 3$ with degree sequence (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) , where $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$. If there is no integer $k < n/2$ such that $d_{k-1} \leq k$ and $d_{n-k} \leq n - k$, then G is Hamiltonian connected.

We have obtained sufficient conditions for Hamiltonicity and Hamiltonian connectivity of a graph depending on the law bound of Harary index of a graph G .

We use the following recently established facts.

Theorem 15 [84]. Let G be a graph of order $n \geq 6k^2 + 4k + 2$ with minimal degree $\delta(G) \geq k \geq$

1. If its size $e(G) \geq \frac{n^2 - (2k+1)n}{2}$, then G is Hamiltonian unless $cl_n(G) = K_1 \vee (K_k + K_{n-k-1})$ or $cl_n(G) = K_k \vee (K_{n-2k} + kK_1)$.

Theorem 16 [11]. Let G be a graph of order $n \geq 6k^2 - 8k + 5$ with minimal degree $\delta(G) \geq k \geq 2$. If its size $e(G) \geq \frac{n^2 - (2k-1)n + 2k - 2}{2}$, then G is Hamiltonian connected unless $cl_{n+1}(G) = K_2 \vee (K_{n-k-1} + K_{k-1})$ or $cl_{n+1}(G) = K_k \vee (K_{n-2k+1} + (k-1)K_1)$.

We establish the following statements.

Theorem 17. Let G be a graph of order $n \geq 6k^2 + 4k + 2$ with minimal degree $\delta(G) \geq k \geq 1$. If its Harary index $H(G) \geq \frac{n(n-k-1)}{2}$, then G is Hamiltonian unless $cl_n(G) = K_1 \vee (K_k + K_{n-k-1})$ or $cl_n(G) = K_k \vee (K_{n-2k} + kK_1)$.

Proof. Let G not be Hamiltonian. Then by Theorem 1 $\Gamma = cl_n(G)$ is not Hamiltonian as well. Note that $e(G) \leq e(\Gamma)$ and for any vertices v, u $d_G(v, u) \geq d_\Gamma(v, u)$ and hence $H(G) \leq H(\Gamma)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\Gamma) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in V(\Gamma)} D_v(\Gamma) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{v \in V(\Gamma)} d_\Gamma(v) + \frac{1}{2}(n-1-d_\Gamma(v)) \right) = \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{v \in V(\Gamma)} d_H(v) = \frac{n(n-1)}{4} + \frac{1}{2}e(\Gamma).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\frac{n(n-k-1)}{2} \leq H(G) \leq H(\Gamma) \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{4} + \frac{1}{2}e(\Gamma).$$

It follows $e(\Gamma) \geq \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - (2k+1)n)$. Then by Theorem 3 $\Gamma = K_1 \vee (K_k + K_{n-k-1})$ or $\Gamma = K_k \vee (K_{n-2k} + kK_1)$.

By a direct computation, for $\Gamma = K_1 \vee (K_k + K_{n-k-1})$ we obtain $H(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{2}n(n-k-1) + \frac{1}{2}k(k+1) > \frac{1}{2}n(n-k-1)$ and for $\Gamma = K_k \vee (K_{n-2k} + kK_1)$ we obtain $H(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{2}n(n-k-1) + \frac{1}{4}k(3k+1) > \frac{1}{2}n(n-k-1)$.

This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 18. Let G be a graph of order $n \geq 6k^2 - 8k + 5$ with minimal degree $\delta(G) \geq k \geq 2$. If its Harary index $H(G) \geq \frac{n^2 - kn + k - 1}{2}$, then G is Hamiltonian connected unless $cl_{n+1}(G) = K_2 \vee (K_{n-k-1} + K_{k-1})$ or $cl_{n+1}(G) = K_k \vee (K_{n-2k+1} + (k-1)K_1)$.

Proof. Let G not be Hamiltonian connected. Then by Theorem 1 $\Gamma = cl_{n+1}(G)$ is not Hamiltonian connected as well. Note that $e(G) \leq e(\Gamma)$ and for any vertices v, u $d_G(v, u) \geq d_\Gamma(v, u)$ and hence $H(G) \leq H(\Gamma)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\Gamma) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in V(\Gamma)} D_v(\Gamma) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{v \in V(\Gamma)} d_\Gamma(v) + \frac{1}{2}(n-1-d_\Gamma(v)) \right) = \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{v \in V(\Gamma)} d_H(v) = \frac{n(n-1)}{4} + \frac{1}{2}e(\Gamma).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\frac{n^2 - kn + k - 1}{2} \leq H(G) \leq H(\Gamma) \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{4} + \frac{1}{2}e(\Gamma).$$

It follows $e(\Gamma) \geq \frac{n^2 - (2k-1)n + 2k - 2}{2}$. Then by Theorem 4 $\Gamma = K_2 \vee (K_{n-k-1} + K_{k-1})$ or $\Gamma = K_k \vee (K_{n-2k+1} + (k-1)K_1)$.

By a direct computation, for $\Gamma = K_1 \vee (K_k + K_{n-k-1})$ we obtain $H(\Gamma) = \frac{n^2 - kn + k^2 - 2}{2} > \frac{n^2 - kn + k - 1}{2}$ when $k \geq 2$ and for $\Gamma = K_k \vee (K_{n-2k} + kK_1)$ we obtain $H(\Gamma) = \frac{n^2 - kn}{2} + \frac{k(3k-1)}{4} > \frac{n^2 - kn + k - 1}{2}$ when $k \geq 1$.

This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 19. Let G be a cograph of order $n > 8$ with minimal degree $\delta(G) \geq 2$. If $\rho^*(G) \geq \frac{7}{6}n - 2$, then G is Hamiltonian unless $G \in \{5K_1 \vee K_4, K_3 \vee (K_{1,4} + K_1), K_2 \vee (K_{n-4} + 2K_1), K_1 \vee (K_{n-3} + K_2)\}$.

Proof. Note that $RD(G) = A(G) + \frac{1}{2}A(\overline{G})$. Then by Weil inequality [8] we have $\rho^*(G) \leq \rho(G) + \rho(\frac{1}{2}\overline{G}) = \rho(G) + \frac{1}{2}\rho(\overline{G}) = \frac{1}{2}\rho(G) + \frac{1}{2}(\rho(G) + \rho(\overline{G}))$. By Theorem of Teprai [75] $\rho(G) + \rho(\overline{G}) \leq \frac{4}{3}n - 1$. Hence, $\rho(G) \geq 2\rho^*(G) - (\frac{4}{3}n - 1) \geq n - 3$. Then by Theorem 3 [5] G is Hamiltonian.

This completes the proof. \square

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Summary

The Wiener index, the Harary index and edge-Wiener index are classic and well-known topological indices for the characterization of molecular graphs. Firstly, we give the formulae and algorithms for these topological indices of the complements of trees and cographs. Secondly, we present some sufficient conditions for a cograph to be Hamiltonian.

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