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Заметка о температурном индексе города Сомбор
Белешка о температурском сомборском индексу

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Abstract

Introduction/purpose: The temperature of a vertex of a graph of the order n is defined as $d/(n-d)$, where d is the vertex degree. The temperature variant of the Sombor index is investigated and several of its properties established.

Methods: Combinatorial graph theory is applied.

Results: Extremal values and bounds for the temperature Sombor index are obtained.

Conclusion: The paper contributes to the theory of Sombor-index-like graph invariants.

Keywords: temperature (of vertex), temperature vertex-degree-based graph invariant, Sombor index, temperature Sombor index.

Резюме

Введение/цель: Температура вершины графа порядка n определяется как $d/(n-d)$, в котором d представляет степень вершины. Исследован температурный вариант индекса Сомбора и доказаны некоторые его свойства.

Методы: В данной статье применяется комбинаторная теория графов.

Результаты: В результате исследования были получены предельные значения температурного индекса Сомбора и его верхние и нижние пределы.

Выводы: Данное исследование вносит вклад в теорию инвариантов графов сомборского типа.

Ключевые слова: температура (вершины), температурный инвариант графа, основанный на степени вершины, индекс Сомбора, температурный индекс Сомбор.

Abstract

Увод/циљ: Температура чвора у графу реда n дефинисана је као $d/(n-d)$, где је d степен чвора. Истраживана је температурска варијанта сомборског индекса и доказане су неке њене особине.

Методе: Примењена је комбинаторна теорија графова.

Резултати: Одређене су екстремне вредности за температурски сомборски индекс, и нађене доње и горње границе.

Закључак: Рад доприноси теорији графовских инваријанти сомборског типа.

Keywords: температура (чвора), графуска инваријанта зависна од степена чворова, сомборски индекс, температурски сомборски индекс.

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Introduction

In this paper, we examine a class of vertex-degree-based (VDB) graph invariants. Let G be a simple graph with n vertices and m edges. Let $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ be its vertex and edge sets, respectively. Then $|V(G)|=n$ and $|E(G)|=m$. The edge of the graph G , connecting the vertices u and v , will be denoted by uv . The degree d_u of the vertex u is the number of its first neighbors.

The graph in which any two vertices are adjacent is said to be complete and is denoted by K_n . It has $m=n(n-1)/2$ edges. Its complement, denoted by $\bar{K}_n$, is the edgeless graph, with $m=0$.

For additional details of graph theory, see (Harary, 1969; Bondy & Murty, 1976).

In the recent mathematical and chemical literature, a large number of graph invariants of the form

$$TI = TI(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} f(d_u, d_v) \quad (1)$$

are studied, where f is a pertinently chosen function with the property $f(x,y)=f(y,x)$; for details, see (Gutman, 2023) and the references cited therein. The quantities defined via Eq. (1) are usually referred to as vertex-degree-based (VDB) graph invariants. Of these, one of the oldest is the first Zagreb index (Gutman & Trinajstić, 1972; Gutman & Das, 2004):

$$M_1 = M_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_u + d_v)$$

whereas one of the most recent ones is the Sombor index (Gutman, 2021; Liu et al, 2022):

$$SO = SO(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{d_u^2 + d_v^2}.$$

According to Fajtlowicz (Fajtlowicz, 1988), the temperature of the vertex u of a graph with n vertices is defined as

$$t_u = \frac{d_u}{n - d_u} \quad (2)$$

where one should recall that in the case of n -vertex graphs, $0 \leq d_u \leq n-1$.

Directly from this definition, it follows that

$$\frac{2m}{n} \leq \sum_{u \in V(G)} t_u \leq 2m.$$

The equality on the left-hand side holds if $G \cong \bar{K}_n$, whereas the righthand side equality holds if either $G \cong K_n$ or $G \cong \bar{K}_n$.

In Eq. (1), by replacing the vertex degrees with vertex temperatures, one obtains the respective temperature VDB graph invariants, namely:

$$TTI = TTI(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} f(t_u, t_v).$$

Such are the temperature first Zagreb index

$$TM_1 = TM_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (t_u + t_v) \quad (3)$$

and the temperature Sombor index

$$TSO = TSO(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{t_u^2 + t_v^2}.$$

Several other temperature VDB graph invariants were studied in the literature (Narayankar et al, 2018; Kahsay et al, 2018; Kulli, 2019a; Kulli, 2019b; Kulli, 2021).

The temperature Sombor index was first considered by Kulli (Kulli, 2022). In this paper, we establish a few more of its properties.

Preparation: temperature first Zagreb index

Bearing in mind that for all vertices of any n -vertex graph, $d_u \leq n-1$, directly from Eq. (2), we obtain:

$$t_u = \frac{\frac{d_u}{n}}{1 - \frac{d_u}{n}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d_u}{n} \right)^k.$$

Substituting this into Eq. (3) yields

$$\frac{1}{n^3} TM_1 = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{k+3}} (d_u^k + d_v^k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^{k+3}} \sum_{u \in V(G)} d_u^{k+1} \right) \quad (4)$$

where we used the identity (Gutman, 2015)

$$\sum_{uv \in E(G)} [g(u) + g(v)] = \sum_{u \in V(G)} d_u g(u)$$

which holds for any quantity g determined by the vertex u . Note that TM_1 had to be divided by n^3 because the maximum possible value of $\sum_{uv \in E(G)} d_u^{k+1}$ is $n(n-1)^{k+1} \approx n^{k+2}$.

In connection with formula (4), one should note that for $k=1$ and $k=2$, the term $\sum_{uv \in E(G)} d_u^{k+1}$ is equal to the well-known and much studied VDB invariants – the first Zagreb index M_1 and the so-called forgotten index F (Furtula & Gutman, 2015), respectively. The same term for $k=3$ and $k=4$ coincides with the VBD invariants Y and S , recently introduced in (Alameri et al, 2020) and (Nagarajan et al, 2021), respectively.

Therefore, $TM_1 \approx \frac{1}{n} M_1 + \frac{1}{n^2} F$, which is an approximation that would satisfy all practical applications of the temperature first Zagreb index. A somewhat better, yet more perplexed approximation would be $TM_1 \approx \frac{1}{n} M_1 + \frac{1}{n^2} F + \frac{1}{n^3} Y + \frac{1}{n^4} S$.

On the temperature Sombor index

It is evident from Eq. (2) that the temperature of a vertex is a monotonously increasing function of the respective vertex degree. Therefore, by deleting an edge $e \in E(G)$ from the graph G , some of its vertex temperatures must decrease, and no vertex temperature will increase. This implies,

$$TSO(G - e) < TSO(G). \quad (5)$$

From relation (5), we immediately conclude the following:

(1) The complete graph and its complement have the maximum and minimum temperature Sombor indices, i.e.,

$$0 = TSO(\bar{K}_n) \leq TSO(G) \leq TSO(K_n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} n(n-1)^2.$$

(2) The connected graph with the minimum value of TSO must be a tree.

(3) Based on a general result for VDB graph invariants (Cruz & Rada, 2019), the trees with the maximum and minimum temperature Sombor indices are the star and the path, respectively.

In what follows, we use the well-known inequality

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a + b) \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \leq a + b$$

valid for $a, b \geq 0$, with the left-hand side equality if $a=b$, and the right-hand side inequality in the irrelevant case $a=b=0$. Applying it to TSO , we get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (t_u + t_v) \leq TSO(G) < \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (t_u + t_v)$$

i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} TM_1(G) \leq TSO(G) < TM_1(G)$$

With the left-hand side equality if and only if the graph G is regular, i.e., if all its vertices have mutually equal degrees.

Bearing in mind Eq. (4), we get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^{k+3}} \sum_{u \in V(G)} d_u^{k+1} \right) \leq \frac{1}{n^3} TSO(G) < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^{k+3}} \sum_{u \in V(G)} d_u^{k+1} \right).$$

(6)

From (6), we immediately obtain the following lower bounds for TSO .

$$TSO(G) \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{n} M_1(G) + \frac{1}{n^2} F(G) \right)$$

(7)

or, better, but more complicated,

$$TSO(G) \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{n} M_1(G) + \frac{1}{n^2} F(G) + \frac{1}{n^3} Y(G) + \frac{1}{n^4} S(G) \right).$$

(8)

The equality in (7) and (8) holds if $G \cong \bar{K}_n$.

In order to get an upper bound for TSO , we modify the right-hand side of (6) as

$$TSO(G) < \frac{1}{n} M_1(G) + \frac{1}{n^2} F(G) + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^k} (n-1)^{k+1}$$

from which it follows

$$TSO(G) < \frac{1}{n} M_1(G) + \frac{1}{n^2} F(G) + (n-1)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n-1}{n^2} \right).$$

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