

## THE $R$ - INDEX OF SOME GRAPHS

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**Abstract.** Topological indices, beginning with the classical Wiener index, play a very significant role in analysing the physio-chemical and biological properties of a chemical molecule under investigation through its graphical properties. The quantitative structure property relationship studies and quantitative structure activity studies are aided through the study of the mathematical properties of those topological indices. Avoluminous research have been done on those indices with respect to the classical degrees of vertices of a graph. In [3] one of the present authors generalises the concept of the degree of a vertex to the  $R$ -degree and defined the  $R$ -index of graphs and obtained them in cases of a complete graph, paths and cycles. In this paper we obtain the  $R$ - index of the subdivision graph of a regular graph, subdivision graph of a wheel, tadpole graph, Fan Graph, Gear Fan Graph and Gear Wheel Graph.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph on  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. The degree of a vertex  $v$ ,  $\deg(v)$  is the number of vertices adjacent to  $v$ . Chemical graph theory and mathematical chemistry deals with the study of chemical and mathematical properties of a chemical molecule. In pharmaceutical sciences, the design and prediction of the activity of a drug can be mathematically studied using some invariants associated with its graph structure. These invariants are generally called topological indices and the quantitative structure property relationship (QSPR) studies and quantitative structure activity relation (QSAR) studies are aided through the study of the mathematical properties of them. Generally, topological indices show a good correlation with different physio-chemical properties of corresponding chemical compounds, so that now a days topological indices are used as a

standard tool in studying several properties of chemical compounds. The first distance based topological index was proposed by Wiener in 1947 for modeling physical properties of alkanes, and after him, a very many topological indices were defined by chemists and mathematicians, which helped in studying properties of chemical structures in detail. In 1972 I. Gutman et.al proposed the first degree based topological indices namely the Zagreb indices. These topological indices were used to measure the branching of the carbon-atom skeletons. For a detailed information on degree based indices see [2, 3] and the references cited therein.

Ediz in [3] introduced the concept of  $R$ -degree of a vertex and defined some  $R$ -indices in tune with the existing degree based topological indices and computed them for complete graphs, paths and cycles and for some recent works see [3, 4, 5] and the references cited therein. In this paper we obtain the  $R$ - index of the subdivision graph of a regular graph, subdivision graph of a wheel, tadpole graph, Fan Graph, Gear Fan Graph and Gear Wheel Graph. For basic graph theoretic terminology, see [1].

## 2. R-degree and R-indices of graphs

Let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and  $u \in V(G)$ . Then the sum of the degrees of vertices adjacent to  $u$  is denoted by  $s(u)$  and the product of the degrees of vertices adjacent to  $u$  by  $m(u)$ .

**Definition 1.** [3] Let  $G$  be a graph and  $u \in V(G)$ . Then the  $r$ -degree of  $u$  denoted by  $r(u)$  is defined as

$$r(u) = s(u) + m(u).$$

**Definition 2.** [3] The first  $R$ - index  $R^1(G)$  is defined as

$$R^1(G) = \sum_{u \in V(G)} r(u)^2$$

**Definition 3.** [3] The second  $R$ - index  $R^2(G)$  is defined as

$$R^2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} r(u)r(v)$$

**Definition 4.** [3] The second  $R$ - index  $R^3(G)$  is defined as

$$R^3(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (r(u) + r(v))$$

## 3. R indices of the subdivision graph of a regular graph

**Theorem 1.** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$   $k$ -regular graph and  $S(G)$  be its subdivision graph. Then

$$1 \quad R^1(S(G)) = p(2^{2k} + 4k \times 2^k + 2k^4 + 2k^3 + 4k^2 + \frac{k^5}{2})$$

$$2 \quad R^2(S(G)) = pk(2^k + 2k)(k^2 + 2k)$$

$$3 \quad R^3(S(G)) = pk(2^k + k^2 + 4k)$$

**Proof.** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$  be the vertices of  $G$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_q$  be the vertices corresponding to the edges of  $G$ . Then each  $v_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$  is adjacent to  $k$  vertices of degree 2 corresponding to the  $k$  edges incident with  $v_i$ . Also each  $u_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, q$  is adjacent with two vertices of degree  $k$ . Thus in  $S(G)$  we have the following partition of vertices with respect to  $s(u)$  and  $m(u)$ . Recall that  $S(G)$  has  $p + q$  vertices and  $pk$  edges

vertex, u	$s(u)$	$m(u)$	$r(u)$	Number of vertices
$v_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$	$2k$	$2k$	$2^k + 2k$	$p$
$u_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, q$	$2k$	$k^2$	$k^2 + 2k$	$q$

Then by definition

$$\begin{aligned} R^1(G) &= \sum_{u \in S(G)} r(u)^2 = \sum_{v_i} r(v_i)^2 + \sum_{u_j} r(u_j)^2 \\ &= p(2^k + 2k)^2 + q(k^2 + 2k)^2 \\ &= p(2^{2k} + 4k2^k + 2k^4 + 2k^3 + 4k^2 + \frac{k^5}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Since the edges of  $S(G)$  are of the form  $v_i u_j$ . We have the following

$$R^2(S(G)) = \sum_{v_i u_j \in E(S(G))} (r(v_i)r(u_j)) = pk(2^k + 2k)(k^2 + 2k)$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} R^3(S(G)) &= \sum_{v_i u_j \in E(S(G))} (r(v_i) + r(u_j)) = pk((2^k + 2k) + (k^2 + 2k)) \\ &= pk(2^k + k^2 + 4k) \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. R index of subdivision graph of wheel graph

**Theorem 2.** Let  $S(W_n)$  denote the subdivision graph of the Wheel  $W_n$ . Then

- 1  $R^1(S(W_n)) = (2(n-1) + 2^{n-1})^2 + (n-1)[(4n-1)^2 + 421]$
- 2  $R^2(S(W_n)) = (n-1)[(4n-1)\{2^{n-1} + 2(n-1) + 14\} + 420]$

$$3 \quad R^3(S(W_n)) = (n-1)(2^{n-1} + 10n + 68)$$

**Proof.** We label the vertices of  $S(W_n)$  as follows. Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$  denote the vertices of the cycle  $C_{n-1}$  and  $v_n$  denote that of  $K_1$  in  $W_n = C_{n-1} + K_1$ . Let  $w_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  be the vertices used to subdivide the edges  $v_i v_{i+1}$  and  $u_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  be the vertices used to subdivide the edges  $v_n v_j$  in order. We observe that each  $v_i$  is adjacent with three vertices of degree 2, each  $w_i$  is adjacent with two vertices of degree 3, each  $u_i$  is adjacent with one vertex of degree 3 and one vertex of degree  $n-1$  and  $v_n$  is adjacent with  $n-1$  vertices of degree 2 for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Then we have the following partition of vertices based on  $R$ -degree of vertices. Note that  $S(W_n)$  has  $3n-2$  vertices and  $4(n-1)$  edges.

vertex, u	$r(u)$	Number of vertices
$v_i$	14	$n-1$
$v_n$	$2^{n-1} + 2(n-1)$	1
$w_i$	15	$n-1$
$u_i$	$4n-1$	$n-1$

The result follows from a simple computation.

### 5. R index of the Tadpole graph $T_{n,k}$

The Tadpole graph  $T_{n,k}$  is obtained by joining an end vertex of a path  $P_k$  to a vertex of the cycle  $C_n$  by an edge. Suppose we label the vertices of  $C_n$  as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $P_k$  be the path  $u_1 u_2 \dots u_k$  and  $v_1$  is joined to  $u_1$  to get  $T_{n,k}$ . We observe that  $v_1$  is of degree 3 and is adjacent with three vertices of degree 2,  $v_2, v_n$  and  $u_1$  are adjacent with a vertex of degree 3 and one vertex of degree 2 each,  $u_k$  is adjacent with a vertex of degree 2 and all other vertices are adjacent with two vertices of degree 2. Also note that  $T_{n,k}$  has  $n+k$  vertices and  $n+k$  edges. Then we have the following partition of vertices based on  $r$ - degree of vertices.

vertex,u	$r(u)$	Number of vertices
$v_1$	14	1
$v_2, v_n, u_1$	11	3
$v_i, u_j, i = 3, 4, \dots, n-1; j = 2, 3, \dots, k-2$	8	$n+k-6$

$u_{k-1}$	5	1
$u_k$	4	1

Then from the above table we have the following theorem

**Theorem 3.** Let  $T_{n,k}$  be the tadpole graph on  $n+k$  vertices. Then

- 1  $R^1(T_{n,k}) = 64(n+k) - 216$
- 2  $R^2(T_{n,k}) = 64(n+k) - 274$
- 3  $R^3(T_{n,k}) = 16(n+k) - 26$

**6. R index of the Fan Graph  $F_n$**

Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n$  vertices, then the Fan Graph  $F_n = \{u\} \vee P_n$  where  $\vee$  denotes the join of graphs. We label the vertices of  $P_n$  as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . We observe that the vertex  $u$  of  $F_n$  is of degree  $n$  and the end vertices  $v_1, v_n$  of  $P_n$  is of degree 2 and all other vertices  $v_i, i \neq 1, n$  is of degree 3 in  $F_n$ . Also note that  $F_n$  has  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n-1$  edges. Then we have the following partition of vertices based on the  $r$ -degree of vertices.

vertex, u	$s(u)$	$m(u)$	$r(u)$	Number of vertices
$v_i, i = 1, n$	$n+3$	$3n$	$4n+3$	2
$v_i, i = 2, n-1$	$n+5$	$6n$	$7n+5$	2
$v_i, i \neq 1, 2, n-1, n \in P_n$	$n+6$	$9n$	$10n+6$	$n-4$
$u$	$3n-2$	$4 \times 3^{n-2}$	$3n-2 + 4 \times 3^{n-2}$	1

**Theorem 4.** Let  $F_n$  be the Fan graph with  $n+1$  vertices. Then

1.  $R^1(F_n) = 100n^3 - 141n^2 - 268n - 72 + (24n-16)3^{n-2} - 16 \times 3^{2n-4}$
2.  $R^2(F_n) = 100n^3 - 184n^2 - 298n - 90 + (3n-2 + 4 \times 3^{n-2})(10n^2 - 12n - 8)$
3.  $R^3(F_n) = 33n^2 - 58n - 30 + 4n \times 3^{n-2}$

**7. R index of the Gear Fan Graph  $\overline{F_n}$**

Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n$  vertices, then the Fan Graph is  $F_n = \{u\} \vee P_n$ . Subdividing every edge of the fan path  $P_n$  of fan graph  $F_n$ , results in the gear fan graph denoted by  $\overline{F_n}$ . We label the vertices of  $P_n$  as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and the new vertices obtained from subdividing the edges of  $P_n$  are denoted as  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}$ . We observe that the vertex  $u$  of  $\overline{F_n}$  is of degree  $n$  and the end vertices  $v_1, v_n$  of  $P_n$  is of degree 2 and all other vertices  $v_i, i \neq 1, n$  is of degree 3 in  $\overline{F_n}$ . Each new vertex  $u_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  obtained by subdivision of edges of  $P_n$  is of degree 2. Also note that  $\overline{F_n}$  has  $2n$  vertices and  $3n - 2$  edges. Then we have the following partition of vertices based on r-degree of vertices

vertex, u	$s(u)$	$m(u)$	$r(u)$	Number of vertices
$v_i, i = 1, n$	$n + 2$	$2n$	$3n + 2$	2
$v_i, i \neq 1, n$	$n + 4$	$4n$	$5n + 4$	$n - 2$
$u_i, i = 1, n - 1$	5	6	11	2
$u_i, i \neq 1, n - 1$	6	9	15	$n - 3$
$u$	$3n - 2$	$4 \times 3^{n-2}$	$3n - 2 + 4 \times 3^{n-2}$	1

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\overline{F_n}$  be the Gear Fan graph with  $2n$  vertices. Then

- 1  $R^1(\overline{F_n}) = 25n^3 + 17n^2 + 173n - 453 + (6n - 4)4 \times 3^{n-2} + 16 \times 3^{2n-4}$
- 2  $R^2(\overline{F_n}) = 15n^3 + 80n^2 - 72n - 64 + (4 \times 3^{n-2})(5n^2 - 6)$
- 3  $R^3(\overline{F_n}) = 14n^2 + 26n - 46 + 4n \times 3^{n-2}$

**8. R index of the Gear Wheel Graph  $\overline{W_n}$**

Let  $C_n$  be a cycle with  $n$  vertices, then the Wheel Graph is  $W_n = \{u\} \vee C_n$ . Subdividing every edge of the wheel cycle  $C_n$  of wheel graph  $W_n$ , results in the gear wheel graph denoted by  $\overline{W_n}$ . We label the vertices of  $C_n$  as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and the new vertices obtained from subdivision of edges of  $C_n$  as  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ . We observe that the vertex  $u$  of  $\overline{C_n}$  is of degree  $n$  and the vertices  $v_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  of  $C_n$  is of degree 3. Each new vertex  $u_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  obtained by subdivision of edges of  $C_n$  is of degree 2. Also note

that  $\overline{W}_n$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges. Then we have the following partition of vertices based on the  $r$ -degree of vertices.

vertex, u	$s(u)$	$m(u)$	$r(u)$	Number of vertices
$v_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$	$n + 4$	$4n$	$5n + 4$	$n$
$u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$	6	9	15	$n$
$u$	$3n$	$3n$	$3n + 3^n \times 3^{n-2}$	1

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\overline{W}_n$  be the Gear Wheel graph with  $2n+1$  vertices. Then

- 1  $R^1(\overline{W}_n) = 25n^3 + 49n^2 + 241n + 3^{2n} + 6n \times 3^n$
- 2  $R^2(\overline{W}_n) = 15n^3 + 162n^2 + 120n + 5n^2 \times 3^n + 4n \times 3^n$
- 3  $R^3(\overline{W}_n) = 18n^2 + 42n + n \times 3^n$

**Conclusion:** In this paper a recently introduced index is computed for certain classes of graphs. This study can be proceeded by analyzing the relation between the R index of graph operations, computing the index of various graph operations and studying the chemical relevance of this index in case of graphs related to chemical compounds.

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