Wiener Index of Some Thorn Graphs

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Abstract: The Wiener index is one of the oldest molecular-graph-based structure-descriptors. The study of Wiener index is one of the current areas of research in mathematical chemistry. It also gives good correlations between Wiener index (of molecular graphs) and the physico chemical properties of the underlying organic compounds. That is, the Wiener index of a molecular graph provides a rough measure of the compactness of the underlying molecule. The Wiener index \( W(G) \) of a connected graph \( G \) is the sum of the distances between all pairs (ordered) of vertices of \( G \). 

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

Where \( d(u,v) \) is the number of edges in a shortest path connecting the vertices \( u \) & \( v \) in \( G \). 

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1. Introduction

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 for predicting boiling points \( b \) of alkanes based on the formula

\[ b = \alpha W + \beta w(3) + \gamma \]

Where \( \alpha, \beta, \gamma \) are empirical constants, and \( w(3) \) is called path number. It is defined as the half sum of the distances between all pairs of vertices of \( G \).

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Notation:

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2. Definitions and Preliminaries

Our notation is standard and mainly taken from standard books of graph theory [1]. In this paper, the researcher considers finite, nontrivial, simple and undirected graphs. For a graph \( G \), the researcher denotes \( V(G) \) and \( E(G) \), its vertex and edge sets, respectively. Gutman [4,5] introduced the concept of thorn graph for any graph \( G^* \) that can be obtained from a parent connected graph \( G \) by attaching \( p \) new vertices to each vertex of \( G \). The basic concepts of thorn graphs proposed by Gutman are extended to the wider concept of generalized thorny graphs. In this paper, Wiener Index of some classes of (generalized) thorn graphs like thorn paths, thorn cycle, thorn stars through MATLAB is presented.

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Definition 2.1:[3] \( P_n \) stands for a path with \( n \) vertices, while \( P_{n,p} \) denotes a tree obtained from \( P_n \) by adding \( p \) neighbors to each of its nonterminal vertices and \( k \) neighbors to each of its terminal vertices.

Theorem 2.2.1: The Wiener number of a caterpillar having \( b \) branched vertices of degree \( a \) is:

\[ W(P_{a,b}) = \frac{1}{6} (a-1)(b-1)(b+7) + 6(a+1) + 1 \]

Definition 2.3:[2] A thorn rod is a graph, \( P_{p,t} \), which includes a linear chain (termed as rod) of \( p \) vertices and degree-\( t \) terminal vertices at each of the two end vertices.

Theorem 2.3.1: The Wiener number of a thorn rod \( P_{p,t} \) is

\[ W(P_{p,t}) = \frac{1}{6} (p^3-p) + (t-1)^2(p+3) + (t-1)(p^2+p-2) \]

Definition 2.4:[2] Thorn stars are graphs obtained from a \( k \)-arm star by attaching-\( l \) terminal vertices to each of the star arms.

Theorem 2.4.1: The Wiener number of a thorn star \( S_{k,i} \) is:

\[ W(S_{k,i}) = kt(2k-t-1) \]

Definition 2.5:[2] A \( t \)-thorny ring has a simple cycle as the parent, and \( t \)-2 thorns at each cycle vertex.

Theorem 2.5.1: The Wiener number of a thorny ring having \( n \) ring-vertices is:

\[ W = \frac{1}{8} n(t-1)^2(n^2-a) + n(t-2)(nt-n-1) \] with \( a = 0 \) for \( n - even \), and \( a = 1 \) for \( n - odd \).
If G is a molecular graph with n nodes, then its adjacency matrix $A_{ij}$ is a square matrix of order n defined as $a_{ij} = 1$, if there is a link between $i^{th}$ and $j^{th}$ nodes, $a_{ij} = 0$, if there is no link between them. The Program for finding Wiener index of any graphs through Adjacency matrix given in [6,7]. The following program computes the Adjacency matrix of above generalized graphs through MATLAB.

### 3. Program for Finding Wiener Index and Energy level of Thorn Graphs

#### Program 3.1:

```matlab
%This MATLAB Program calculates the Wiener index and Energy level of Thornpath graphs

clear all
n = input('No. of vertices in a Path n=');
p = input('No. of thorns at the non terminal nodes p=');
k = input('No. of thorns at the terminal nodes k=');
s = n + ((n-2)*p)+(2*k);
A=[];
for i=1:n-1
    A(i,i+1)=1;A(i+1,i)=1;
end
for i=2:n-1
    u=(j*p)+1:(j+1)*p;
    for q = u
        A(i,n+q)=1;A(n+q,i)=1;
    end
    j=j+1;
end
```

#### Program 3.2:

```matlab
%This MATLAB Program calculates the Wiener index of thorn star

%Adjacency matrix of thorn star
m = input('No. of vertices in a star m=');
n = input('No. of thorns at the terminal vertex n=');
A=[];
for i=2:m
    A(1,i)=1;A(i,1)=1;
end
for i=2:m
    for k=(j*n)+1:((j+1)*n)
        A(i,m+k)=1;A(m+k,i)=1;
    end
    j=j+1;
end
```

#### Program 3.3:

```matlab
%This MATLAB Program calculates the Wiener index of thorn cycle

%Adjacency matrix of thorn cycle
m = input('No. of vertices in a cycle m=');
n = input('No. of thorns at each vertices n=');
A=[];
for i=1:m-1
    A(i,i+1)=1;A(i+1,i)=1;
end
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for k=(j*n)+1:((j+1)*n)
    A(i,m+k)=1;A(m+k,i)=1;
end
j=j+1;
end
A;

Example 1:
For instance, the following is the execution of simple MATLAB Program in the command window for the thorn path graph $P_{6,2,4}$ with Wiener index and Energy level.

Example 2:
The following is the execution of simple MATLAB Program in the command window for the thornstar graph $S_{4,4}$ with Wiener index and Energy level. Where $t=n+1$.

4. Conclusion
In this paper, MATLAB Program has been presented for computing the Wiener index, Energy level of some generalized thorn graphs. The researcher tested the above program to calculate the Wiener index and Energy level of above thorn graphs for arbitrary $m,n$.

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