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### LEAP HYPER-ZAGREB INDICES AND THEIR POLYNOMIALS OF CERTAIN GRAPHS

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#### ABSTRACT

We introduce the leap hyper-Zagreb indices of a graph. In this paper, we compute the leap hyper-Zagreb indices and their polynomials of wheel, gear, helm, flower and sunflower graphs.

**Key words:** leap hyper Zagreb indices, leap hyper Zagreb polynomials, wheel graphs.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph with a vertex set  $V(G)$  and an edge set  $E(G)$ . The degree of a vertex  $v$  is the number of edges incident to  $v$  and is denoted by  $d(v)$ . The distance between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of a graph  $G$  is the number of edges in a shortest path connecting them and it is denoted by  $d(u, v)$ . For a vertex  $v$  in  $G$ , the open neighborhood of  $v$  is defined as  $N_k(v/G) = \{u \in V(G) : d(u, v) = k\}$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer. The  $k$ -distance degree, denoted by  $d_k(v)$ , of a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is the number of  $k$  neighbors of  $v$  in  $G$ , see (1). We refer to (2) for undefined terminology and notation not given here.

The second leap Zagreb index was introduced by Naji *et al.* in (1) and defined as

$$LM_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d_2(u)d_2(v)$$

Recently, some new leap indices were introduced and studied such as sum connectivity leap and geometric-arithmetic leap indices (3), F-leap indices (4), augmented leap index (5) and minus leap and square leap indices (6).

A new version of the first leap Zagreb index is defined as

$$LM_1^*(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u) + d_2(v)].$$

We now define the first and second leap hyper-Zagreb indices as

$$HLM_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u) + d_2(v)]^2$$

$$HLM_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u)d_2(v)]^2.$$

In (7), Shirdel *et al.* introduced the hyper-Zagreb index. In recent years, some new hyper-Zagreb type indices were introduced and studied such as hyper Revan indices (8), reverse hyper-Zagreb indices (9), multiplicative hyper-Zagreb indices (10),  $K$  hyper Bhanhatti indices (11).

We introduce the general first and second leap Zagreb indices defined as

$$LM_1^a(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u) + d_2(v)]^a \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$LM_2^a(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u)d_2(v)]^a \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

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Considering the leap Zagreb indices, we propose the first and second leap Zagreb polynomials and the first and second leap hyper-Zagreb polynomials of  $G$ , defined respectively as

$$LM_1^*(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$LM_2(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_2(u)d_2(v)} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

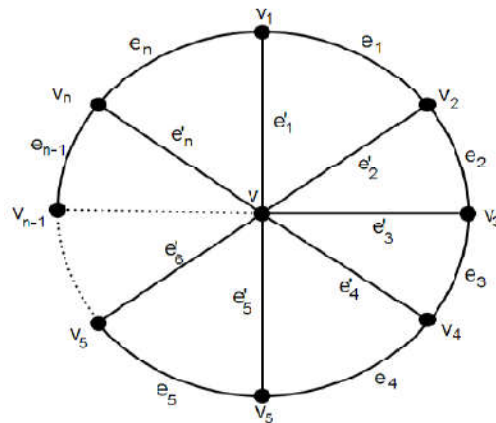
$$HLM_1(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]^2} \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

$$HLM_2(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)d_2(v)]^2} \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

We consider wheel graphs and wheel type graphs, see (12). In this paper, the leap hyper-Zagreb indices and their polynomials, and general first and second leap Zagreb indices of wheels, gear graphs, helm graphs flower graphs, sunflower graphs are determined.

**2. Wheels  $W_{n+1}$**

The wheel  $W_{n+1}$  is defined to be the join of cycle  $C_n$  and complete graph  $K_1$ . Let  $G = W_{n+1}$ . The graph  $G$  has  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges. The vertex of  $K_1$  is called apex and the vertices of  $C_n$  are called rim vertices.



**Figure 1. Graph  $W_{n+1}$**

There are two types of the 2-distance degree of edges in  $W_{n+1}$  as given in Table 1.

**Table 1.**

$d_2(u), d_2(v), uv \in E(G)$	$(0, n-3)$	$(n-3, n-3)$
Number of edges	$n$	$n$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $G=W_{n+1}$  be a wheel with  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges,  $n \geq 3$ . Then

a)  $LM_1^a(G) = (1+2^a)n(n-3)^a$  .....(7)

b)  $LM_2^a(G) = n(n-3)^{2a}$  .....(8)

**Proof:** (a) By using equation (1) and Table 1, we have

$$LM_1^a(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u)+d_2(v)]^a$$

$$= n(0+n-3)^a + n(n-3+n-3)^a = (1+2^a)n(n-3)^a.$$

(b) By using equation (2) and Table 1, we have

$$LM_2^a(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u)d_2(v)]^a$$

$$= n(0 \cdot n-3)^a + n[(n-3)(n-3)]^a = n(n-3)^{2a}.$$

**Corollary 1.1.** Let  $W_{n+1}$  be a wheel,  $n \geq 3$ . Then

(a)  $LM_1^*(W_{n+1}) = 3n(n-3)$ .

(b)  $HLM_1(W_{n+1}) = 5n(n-3)^2$ .

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (7), we obtain the above results.

**Corollary 1.2.** Let  $W_{n+1}$  be a wheel,  $n \geq 3$ . Then

(a)  $LM_2(W_{n+1}) = n(n-3)^2$ , see (12).

(b)  $HLM_2(W_{n+1}) = n(n-3)^4$ .

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (8), we get the above results.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $G=W_{n+1}$  be a wheel,  $n \geq 3$ . Then

a)  $LM_1^*(W_{n+1}, x) = nx^{n-3} + nx^{2(n-3)}$ .

b)  $LM_2(W_{n+1}, x) = nx^0 + nx^{(n-3)^2}$

c)  $HLM_1(W_{n+1}, x) = nx^{(n-3)^2} + nx^{4(n-3)^2}$ .

d)  $HLM_2(W_{n+1}, x) = nx^0 + nx^{(n-3)^4}$ .

**Proof:** (a) From equation (3) and Table 1, we have

$$LM_1^*(W_{n+1}, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_2(u)+d_2(v)} = nx^{0+n-3} + nx^{n-3+n-3} = nx^{n-3} + nx^{2(n-3)}$$

(b) From equation (4) and Table 1, we get

$$LM_2(W_{n+1}, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_2(u)d_2(v)} = nx^{0(n-3)} + nx^{(n-3)(n-3)} = nx^0 + nx^{(n-3)^2}$$

(c) From equation (5) and Table 1, we obtain

$$HLM_1(W_{n+1}, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{\lceil d_2(u)+d_2(v) \rceil} = nx^{(0+n-3)^2} + nx^{(n-3+n-3)^2} = nx^{(n-3)^2} + nx^{4(n-3)^2}$$

(d) By using equation (6) and Table 1, we establish

$$HLM_2(W_{n+1}, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{\lceil d_2(u)d_2(v) \rceil} = nx^{\lceil 0 \times (n-3) \rceil} + nx^{\lceil (n-3)(n-3) \rceil} = nx^0 + nx^{(n-3)^4}$$

### 3. Gear Graphs $G_n$

The gear graph  $G_n$  is a graph obtained from wheel  $W_{n+1}$  by adding a vertex between each pair of adjacent rim vertices. Clearly  $G_n$  has  $2n+1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges.

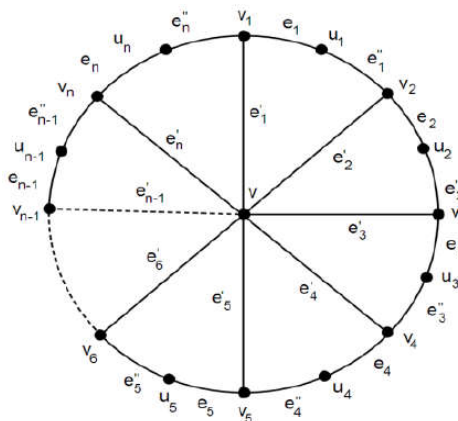


Figure 2. Graph  $G_n$

In  $G_n$ , there are two types of the 2-distance degree of edges as given in Table 2.

Table 2.

$d_2(u), d_2(v) \setminus uv \in E(G_n)$	$(n, n-1)$	$(3, n-1)$
Number of edges	$n$	$2n$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $3n$  edges. Then

$$a) LM_1^a(G_n) = n(2n-1)^a + 2n(n+2)^a \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

$$b) LM_2^a(G_n) = n[n(n-1)]^a + 2n[3(n-1)]^a \dots\dots\dots(10)$$

**Proof:** (a) By using equation (1) and Table 2, we obtain

$$LM_1^a(G_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} [d_2(u) + d_2(v)]^a$$

$$= n(n+n-1)^a + 2n(3+n-1)^a$$

$$= n(2n-1)^a + 2n(n+2)^a.$$

(b) By using equation (2) and Table 2, we obtain

$$LM_2^a(G_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} [d_2(u)d_2(v)]^a$$

$$= n[n(n-1)]^a + 2n[3(n-1)]^a.$$

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $3n$  edges. Then

- (a)  $LM_1^*(G_n) = 4n^2 + 3n.$
- (b)  $HLM_1(G_n) = 6n^2 + 4n^2 + 9n.$

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (9), we get the above desired results.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $3n$  edges. Then

- (a)  $LM_2(G_n) = n^3 + 5n^2 - 6n,$  see (12).
- (b)  $HLM_2(G_n) = n^5 - 2n^4 + 19n^3 - 36n^2 + 18n.$

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (10), we get the above desired results.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $3n$  edges. Then

- a)  $LM_1^*(G_n, x) = nx^{2n-1} + 2nx^{n+2}.$
- b)  $LM_2(G_n, x) = nx^{n(n-1)} + 2nx^{3(n-1)}.$
- c)  $HLM_1(G_n, x) = nx^{(2n-1)^2} + 2nx^{(n+2)^2}.$
- d)  $HLM_2(G_n, x) = nx^{n^2(n-1)^2} + 2nx^{9(n-1)^2}.$

**Proof:** (a) From equation (3) and Table 2, we derive

$$LM_1^*(G_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]} = nx^{n+n-1} + 2nx^{3+n-1} = nx^{2n-1} + 2nx^{n+2}.$$

(b) From equation (4) and Table 2, we establish

$$LM_2(G_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} x^{d_2(u)d_2(v)} = nx^{n(n-1)} + 2n^{3(n-1)}.$$

(c) From equation (5) and Table 2, we obtain

$$HLM_1(G_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]^2} = nx^{(n+n-1)^2} + 2nx^{(3+n-1)^2} = nx^{(2n-1)^2} + 2nx^{(n+2)^2}.$$

(d) By using equation (6) and Table 2, we have

$$HLM_2(G_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} x^{[d_2(u)d_2(v)]^2} = nx^{[n(n-1)]^2} + 2nx^{[3(n-1)]^2} = nx^{n^2(n-1)^2} + 2nx^{9(n-1)^2}.$$

**4. Helm Graphs  $H_n$**

A helm graph  $H_n$  is a graph which is obtained from  $W_{n+1}$  by attaching a pendant edge to each rim vertex. Clearly  $H_n$  has  $2n+1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges.

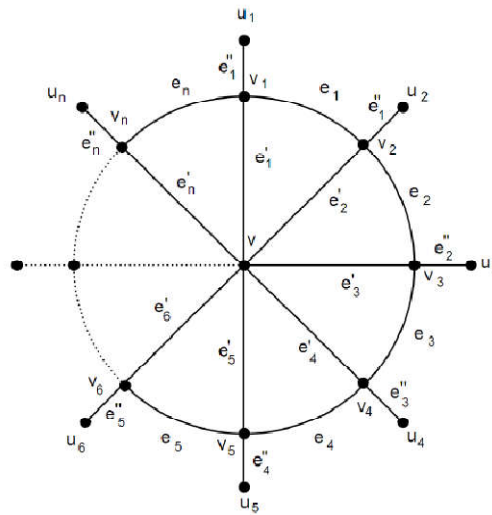


Figure 3. Graph  $H_n$

In  $H_n$ , there are three types of the 2-distance degree of edges as given in Table 3.

Table 3.

$d_2(u), d_2(v) \setminus uv \in E(H_n)$	$(n, n-1)$	$(3, n-1)$	$(n-1, n-1)$
Number of edges	$n$	$n$	$n$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $3n$  edges. Then

a)  $LM_1^a(H_n) = n(2n-1)^a + n(n+2)^a + n(2n-2)^a$  .....(11)

b)  $LM_2^a(H_n) = n[n(n-1)]^a + n[3(n-1)]^a + n(n-1)^{2a}$  .....(12)

**Proof:** (a) By using equation (1) and Table 3, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 LM_1^a(H_n) &= \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} [d_2(u) + d_2(v)]^a \\
 &= n(n+n-1)^a + n(3+n-1)^a + n(n-1+n-1)^a \\
 &= n(2n-1)^a + n(n+2)^a + n(2n-2)^a.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) By using equation (2) and Table 3, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 LM_2^a(H_n) &= \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} [d_2(u)d_2(v)]^a \\
 &= n[n(n-1)]^a + n[3(n-1)]^a + n[(n-1)(n-1)]^a \\
 &= n[n(n-1)]^a + n[3(n-1)]^a + n(n-1)^{2a}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 5.1.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $3n$  edges. Then

(a)  $LM_1^*(H_n) = 5n^2 - n$ .

(b)  $HLM_1(H_n) = 9n^3 - 8n^2 + 9n$ .

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (11), we get the above desired results.

**Corollary 5.2.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with,  $3n$  edges. Then

(a)  $LM_2(H_n) = 2n^3 - 2n$ , see (12).

(b)  $HLM_2(H_n) = (n-1)^2(2n^3 - 2n^2 + 10n)$ .

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (12), we obtain the above desired results.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $3n$  edges. Then

a)  $LM_1^*(H_n, x) = nx^{2n-1} + nx^{n+2} + nx^{2n-2}$ .

b)  $LM_2(H_n, x) = nx^{n(n-1)} + nx^{3(n-1)} + nx^{(n-1)^2}$ .

c)  $HLM_1(H_n, x) = nx^{(2n-1)^2} + nx^{(n+2)^2} + nx^{(2n-2)^2}$ .

d)  $HLM_2(H_n, x) = nx^{[n(n-1)]^2} + nx^{[3(n-1)]^2} + nx^{[(n-1)]^2}$ .

**Proof:** (a) From equation (3) and Table 3, we derive

$$LM_1^*(H_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} x^{d_2(u)+d_2(v)} = nx^{n+n-1} + nx^{3+n-1} + nx^{n-1+n-1}$$

$$= nx^{2n-1} + nx^{n+2} + nx^{2n-2}$$

(b) From equation (4) and Table 3, we deduce

$$LM_2(H_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} x^{d_2(u)d_2(v)} = nx^{n(n-1)} + nx^{3(n-1)} + nx^{(n-1)(n-1)}$$

$$= nx^{n(n-1)} + nx^{3(n-1)} + nx^{(n-1)^2}$$

(c) From equation (5) and Table 3, we obtain

$$HLM_1(H_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]^2} = nx^{[n+(n-1)]^2} + nx^{[3+(n-1)]^2} + nx^{[(n-1)+(n-1)]^2}$$

$$= nx^{(2n-1)^2} + nx^{(n+2)^2} + nx^{(2n-2)^2}$$

(d) By using equation (6) and Table 3, we have

$$HLM_2(H_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} x^{[d_2(u)d_2(v)]^2} = nx^{[n(n-1)]^2} + nx^{[3(n-1)]^2} + nx^{[(n-1)(n-1)]^2}$$

$$= nx^{[n(n-1)]^2} + nx^{[3(n-1)]^2} + nx^{[(n-1)(n-1)]^2}$$

**5. Flower Graphs  $Fl_n$**

A graph  $Fl_n$  is a flower graph which is obtained from a helm graph by joining each pendant vertex to the apex of the helm graph. Clearly  $Fl_n$  has  $2n+1$  vertices and  $4n$  edges.

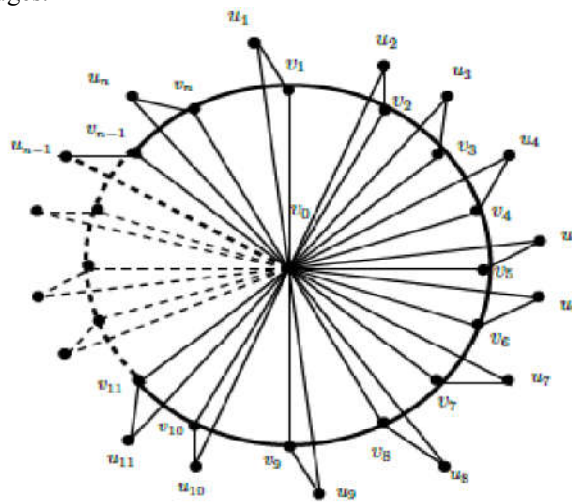


Figure 4. Graph  $Fl_n$

In  $Fl_n$ , there are 4 types of the 2-distance degree of edges as given in Table 4.

Table 4.

$d_2(u), d_2(v) \mid uv \in E(Fl_n)$	$(0, n-5)$	$(0, n-2)$	$(n-5, n-2)$	$(n-5, n-5)$
Number of edges	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $G = Fl_n$  be a flower graph with  $2n+1$  vertices and  $4n$  edges. Then

a)  $LM_1^a(Fl_n) = 3n(n-5)^a + n(n-2)^a + n(2n-7)^a + n(2n-10)^a$  .....(13)

$$b) LM_2^a(Fl_n) = n[(n-5)(n-2)]^a + n(n-5)^{2a} \dots\dots\dots(14)$$

**Proof:** (a) By using equation (1) and Table 4, we have

$$LM_1^a(Fl_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u) + d_2(v)]^a$$

$$= n(0 + n - 5)^a + n(0 + n - 2)^a + n(n - 5 + n - 2)^a + n(n - 5 + n - 5)^a$$

$$= 3n(n - 5)^a + n(n - 2)^a + n(2n - 7)^a + n(2n - 10)^a.$$

(b) By using equation (2) and Table 4, we obtain

$$LM_2^a(Fl_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u)d_2(v)]^a$$

$$= n[0 \cdot (n - 5)]^a + n[0 \cdot (n - 2)]^a + n[(n - 5)(n - 2)]^a + n[(n - 5)(n - 5)]^a$$

$$= n[(n - 5)(n - 2)]^a + n(n - 5)^{2a}.$$

**Corollary 7.1.** Let  $Fl_n$  be a flower graph with  $4n$  edges. Then

- (a)  $LM_1^*(Fl_n) = 8n^2 - 34n.$
- (b)  $LM_1(Fl_n) = 8n^3 - 62n^2 + 128n.$

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (13), we obtain the above desired results.

**Corollary 7.2.** Let  $Fl_n$  be a flower graph with  $4n$  edges. Then

- (a)  $LM_2(Fl_n) = 2n^3 - 17n^2 + 35n,$  see (12).
- (b)  $HLM_2(Fl_n) = 2n^5 - 34n^4 + 219n^3 - 415n^2 + 725n.$

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (14), we get the above desired results.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $G=Fl_n$  be a flower graph with  $4n$  edges. Then

- a)  $LM_1^*(Fl_n, x) = nx^{n-5} + nx^{n-2} + nx^{2n-7} + nx^{2n-10}.$
- b)  $LM_2(Fl_n, x) = 2nx^0 + nx^{(n-5)(n-2)} + nx^{(n-5)^2}.$
- c)  $HLM_1(Fl_n, x) = nx^{(n-5)^2} + nx^{(n-2)^2} + nx^{(2n-7)^2} + nx^{(2n-10)^2}.$
- d)  $HLM_2(Fl_n, x) = 2nx^0 + nx^{[(n-5)(n-2)]^2} + nx^{[(n-5)]^4}.$

**Proof:** (a) From equation (3) and Table 4, we obtain

$$LM_1^*(Fl_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]} = nx^{0+n-5} + nx^{0+n-2} + nx^{n-5+n-2} + nx^{n-5+n-5}$$

$$= nx^{n-5} + nx^{n-2} + nx^{2n-7} + nx^{2n-10}.$$

(b) From equation (4) and Table 4, we have

$$LM_2(Fl_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_2(u)d_2(v)} = nx^{0(n-5)} + nx^{0(n-2)} + nx^{(n-5)(n-2)} + nx^{(n-5)(n-5)}$$

$$= 2nx^0 + nx^{(n-5)(n-2)} + nx^{(n-5)^2}.$$

(c) From equation (5) and Table 4, we deduce

$$HLM_1(Fl_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]^2} = nx^{(n-5)^2} + nx^{(n-2)^2} + nx^{(2n-7)^2} + nx^{(2n-10)^2}$$

(d) By using equation (6) and Table 4, we derive

$$HLM_2(Fl_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)d_2(v)]^2} = 2nx^0 + nx^{[(n-5)(n-2)]^2} + nx^{(n-5)^4}.$$

**6. Sunflower Graphs  $Sf_n$**

A graph  $Sf_n$  is a sunflower graph which is obtained from the flower graph  $Fl_n$  by attaching  $n$  pendant edges to the apex vertex. Clearly  $Sf_n$  has  $3n+1$  vertices and  $5n$  edges.

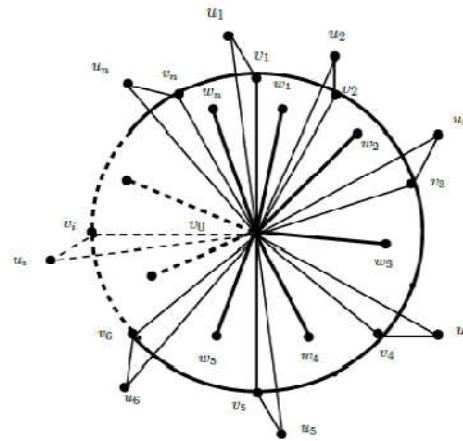


Figure 5. Graph  $Sf_n$

In  $Sf_n$ , there are 5 types of the 2-distance degree of edges as given in Table 5.

Table 5.

$d_2(u), d_2(v) \setminus uv \in E(Sf_n)$	$(0, 3n-4)$	$(0, 3n-2)$	$(0, 3n-1)$	$(3n-4, 3n-4)$	$(3n-4, 3n-2)$
Number of edges	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$

**Theorem 9.** Let  $G = Sf_n$  be a sunflower graph with  $3n + 1$  vertices and  $5n$  edges. Then

a)  $LM_1^a(G) = n(3n-4)^a + n(3n-2)^a + n(3n-1)^a + n(6n-8)^a + n(6n-6)^a$  .....(15)

b)  $LM_2^a(G) = n(3n-4)^{2a} + n[(3n-4)(3n-2)]^a$  .....(16)

**Proof:** (a) By using equation (1) and Table 5, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 LM_1^a(G) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u) + d_2(v)]^a \\
 &= n(0 + 3n-4)^a + n(0 + 3n-2)^a + n(0 + 3n-1)^a + n(3n-4 + 3n-4)^a + n(3n-4 + 3n-2)^a \\
 &= n(3n-4)^a + n(3n-2)^a + n(3n-1)^a + n(6n-8)^a + n(6n-6)^a.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) By using equation (2) and Table 5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 LM_2^a(G) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_2(u)d_2(v)]^a \\
 &= n[0 \cdot (3n-4)]^a + n[0 \cdot (3n-2)]^a + n[0 \cdot (3n-1)]^a + n[(3n-4)(3n-4)]^a + n[(3n-4)(3n-2)]^a \\
 &= n(3n-4)^{2a} + n[(3n-4)(3n-2)]^a.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 9.1.** Let  $Sf_n$  be a sunflower graph with  $5n$  edges. Then

(a)  $LM_1^*(Sf_n) = 21n^2 - 21n$ .

(b)  $HLM_1(Sf_n) = 99n^3 - 210n^2 + 121n$ .

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (15), we get the above desired results.

**Corollary 9.2.** Let  $Sf_n$  be a sunflower graph with  $5n$  edges. Then

(a)  $LM_2(Sf_n) = 18n^3 - 42n^2 + 24n$ , see (12).

(b)  $HLM_2(Sf_n) = n(3n-4)^2(18n^2 - 36n + 20)$ .

**Proof:** Put  $a = 1, 2$  in equation (16), we obtain the above desired results.

**Theorem 10.** Let  $G = Sf_n$  be a sunflower graph with  $5n$  edges. Then



- a)  $LM_1^*(Sf_n, x) = nx^{3n-4} + nx^{3n-2} + nx^{3n-1} + nx^{6n-8} + nx^{6n-6}$ .
- b)  $LM_2(Sf_n, x) = 3nx^0 + nx^{(3n-4)^2} + nx^{(3n-4)(3n-2)}$ .
- c)  $HLM_1(Sf_n, x) = nx^{(3n-4)^2} + nx^{(3n-2)^2} + nx^{(3n-1)^2} + nx^{(6n-8)^2} + nx^{(6n-6)^2}$ .
- d)  $HLM_2(Sf_n, x) = 3nx^0 + nx^{(3n-4)^4} + nx^{[(3n-4)(3n-2)]^2}$ .

**Proof:** (a) From equation (3) and Table 5, we have

$$LM_1^*(Sf_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]} = nx^{0+3n-4} + nx^{0+3n-2} + nx^{0+3n-1} + nx^{3n-4+3n-4} + nx^{3n-4+3n-2}$$

$$= nx^{3n-4} + nx^{3n-2} + nx^{3n-1} + nx^{6n-8} + nx^{6n-6}$$

(b) By using equation (4) and Table 5, we derive

$$LM_2(Sf_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_2(u)d_2(v)} = nx^{0(3n-4)} + nx^{0(3n-2)} + nx^{0(3n-1)} + nx^{(3n-4)(3n-4)} + nx^{(3n-4)(3n-2)}$$

$$= 3nx^0 + nx^{(3n-4)^2} + nx^{(3n-4)(3n-2)}$$

(c) From equation (5) and Table 5, we obtain

$$HLM_1(Sf_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)+d_2(v)]^2} = nx^{(3n-4)^2} + nx^{(3n-2)^2} + nx^{(3n-1)^2} + nx^{(6n-8)^2} + nx^{(6n-6)^2}$$

(d) By using equation (6) and Table 6, we deduce

$$HLM_2(Sf_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{[d_2(u)d_2(v)]^2} = 3nx^0 + nx^{(3n-4)^4} + nx^{[(3n-4)(3n-2)]^2}$$

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