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## F-uphill Index of Graphs

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#### **Abstract**

In this study, we introduce the F-uphill index and its corresponding polynomial of a graph. Furthermore, we compute this index for some standard graphs, wheel graphs, gear graphs and helm graphs.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, G denotes a finite, simple, connected graph, V(G) and E(G) denote the vertex set and edge set of G. The degree  $d_G(u)$  of a vertex u is the number of vertices adjacent to u. A topological index is a numerical parameter mathematically derived from the graph structure. Several topological indices were defined by using vertex degree concept [1]. The Zagreb, Nirmala, Gourava, Sombor, Revan, Sombor, delta indices are the most degree based graph indices in Chemical Graph Theory, see [2-37]. Topological indices have their applications in various disciplines in Science and Technology [38]. A u-v path P in G is a sequence of vertices in G, starting with u and ending at v, such that consecutive vertices in P are adjacent, and no vertex is repeated. A path  $\pi=v_1,v_2,\ldots,v_{k+1}$  in G is a downhill path if for every i,  $1 \le i \le k$ ,  $d_G(v_i) \ge d_G(v_{i+1})$ . A vertex v is downhill dominates a vertex u if there exists a downhill path originated from u to v. The downhill neighborhood of a vertex v is denoted by  $N_{dn}(v)$  and defined as:  $N_{dn}(v) = \{u: v \text{ downhill dominates u}\}$ . The downhill indices were studied in [40-44]. The uphill domination is introduced by Deering in [45].

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defined as:  $N_{up}(v) = \{u : v \text{ uphill dominates } u\}$ . The uphill degree  $d_{up}(v)$  of a vertex v is the number of uphill neighbors of v, see [46]. The F-index [47] of a graph G is defined as

$$F(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \left( d_G(u)^2 + d_G(v)^2 \right).$$

We introduce the F-uphill index of a graph and it is defined as

$$FU(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \left( d_{up} (u)^2 + d_{up} (v)^2 \right).$$

Considering the F-uphill index, we introduce the F-uphill polynomial of a graph G and it is defined as

$$FU(G,x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_{up}(u)^2 + d_{up}(v)^2}.$$

In this paper, the F-uphill index and its corresponding polynomial of certain graphs are computed.

## 2. Results for Some Standard Graphs

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let* G *be* r-regular with n vertices and  $r \geq 2$ . Then

$$FU(G) = nr(n-1)^{2}.$$

*Proof.* Let G be an r-regular graph with n vertices and  $r \ge 2$  and  $\frac{nr}{2}$  edges. Then  $d_{up}(v) = n - 1$  for every v in G.

$$FU(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \left( d_{up} (u)^2 + d_{up} (v)^2 \right)$$
$$= \frac{nr}{2} \left( (n-1)^2 + (n-1)^2 \right)$$
$$= nr (n-1)^2.$$

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $C_n$  be a cycle with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then  $FU(C_n) = 2n(n-1)^2$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $K_n$  be a complete graph with  $n \ge 3$  vertices. Then  $FU(K_n) = n(n-1)^3$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let* G *be* r-regular with n vertices and  $r \ge 2$ . Then

$$FU(G) = \frac{nr}{2(n-1)}.$$

*Proof.* Let G be an r-regular graph with n vertices and  $r \geq 2$  and  $\frac{nr}{2}$  edges. Then  $d_{up}(v) = n - 1$  for

every v in G.

$$FU(G,x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_{up}(u)^2 + d_{up}(v)^2}$$
$$= \frac{nr}{2} x^{(n-1)^2 + (n-1)^2}$$
$$= \frac{nr}{2} x^{2(n-1)^2}.$$

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $C_n$  be a cycle with  $n \ge 3$  vertices. Then  $FU(C_n, x) = nx^{2(n-1)^2}$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $K_n$  be a complete graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then  $FU(K_n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{2(n-1)^2}$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** Let P be a path with  $n \ge 3$  vertices. Then

$$FU(P_n) = 2(2n^2 - 10n + 13) + 2(n - 3)^3.$$

*Proof.* Let P be a path with  $n \ge 3$  vertices. We obtain two partitions of the edge set of P as follows:

$$E_{1} = \{uv \in E(P) | d_{up}(u) = n - 2, d_{up}(v) = n - 3\}, \quad |E_{1}| = 2.$$

$$E_{2} = \{uv \in E(P) | d_{up}(u) = d_{up}(v) = n - 3\}, \quad |E_{2}| = n - 3.$$

$$FU(P_{n}) = \sum_{uv \in E(P_{n})} \left( d_{up}(u)^{2} + d_{up}(v)^{2} \right)$$

$$= 2\left( (n - 2)^{2} + (n - 3)^{2} \right) + (n - 3)\left( (n - 3)^{2} + (n - 3)^{2} \right)$$

$$= 2\left( 2n^{2} - 10n + 13 \right) + 2\left( n - 3 \right)^{3}.$$

**Proposition 2.8.** Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$FU(P_n,x) = 2x^{2n^2-10n+13} + (n-3)x^{2(n-3)^2}.$$

Proof. We obtain

$$FU(P_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(P_n)} x^{d_{up}(u)^2 + d_{up}(v)^2}$$

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

$$= 2x^{2n^2 - 10n + 13} + (n-3)x^{2(n-3)^2}.$$

## 3. Results for Wheel Graphs

The wheel  $W_n$  is the join of  $C_n$  and  $K_1$ . Clearly  $W_n$  has n + 1 vertices and 2n edges. Then  $W_n$  has two types of edges based on the uphill degree of the vertices of each edge as follows:

$$E_1 = \{uv \in E(W_n) | d_{up}(u) = 0, d_{up}(v) = n\}, \quad |E_1| = n.$$

$$E_2 = \{uv \in E(W_n) | d_{up}(u) = d_{up}(v) = n\}, \quad |E_2| = n.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $W_n$  be a wheel graph with n + 1 vertices and 2n edges,  $n \ge 4$ . Then the F-uphill index of  $W_n$  is  $FU(W_n) = 3n^3$ .

Proof. We deduce

$$FU(W_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(W_n)} \left( d_{up} (u)^2 + d_{up} (v)^2 \right)$$
$$= n (0^2 + n^2) + n (n^2 + n^2)$$
$$= 3n^3.$$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $W_n$  be a wheel graph with n+1 vertices,  $n \ge 4$ . Then the F-uphill polynomial of  $W_n$  is  $FU(W_n, x) = nx^{n^2} + nx^{2n^2}$ .

Proof. We obtain

$$FU(W_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(W_n)} x^{d_{up}(u)^2 + d_{up}(v)^2}$$
$$= nx^{0^2 + n^2} + nx^{n^2 + n^2}$$
$$= nx^{n^2} + nx^{2n^2}.$$

## 4. Results for Gear Graphs

A bipartite wheel graph is a graph obtained from  $W_n$  with n + 1 vertices adding a vertex between each pair of adjacent rim vertices and this graph is denoted by  $G_n$  and also called as a gear graph. Clearly,  $|V(G_n)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(G_n)| = 3n$ . A gear graph  $G_n$  is depicted in Figure 1.

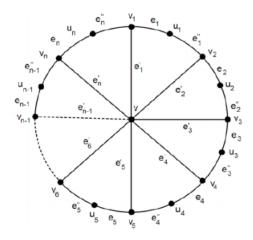


Figure 1: Gear graph  $G_n$ 

Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with 2n + 1 vertices, 3n edges,  $n \ge 4$ . Then  $G_n$  has two types of edges based on the uphill degree of the vertices of each edge as follows:

$$E_1 = \{u \in E(G_n) | d_{up}(u) = 1, d_{up}(v) = 0\}, \quad |E_1| = n$$
  
 $E_2 = \{u \in E(G_n) | d_{up}(u) = 1, d_{up}(v) = 3\}, \quad |E_2| = 2n.$ 

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with 2n + 1 vertices, 3n edges,  $n \ge 4$ . Then the F-uphill index of  $G_n$  is  $FU(G_n) = 21n$ .

Proof. We deduce

$$FU(G_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} \left( d_{up} (u)^2 + d_{up} (v)^2 \right)$$
$$= n (1^2 + 0^2) + 2n (1^2 + 3^2)$$
$$= 21n.$$

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with 2n + 1 vertices, 3n edges,  $n \ge 4$ . Then the F-uphill polynomial of  $G_n$  is  $FU(G_n, x) = nx^1 + 2nx^{10}$ .

Proof. We deduce

$$FU(G_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} x^{d_{up}(u)^2 + d_{up}(v)^2}$$
$$= nx^{1^2 + 0^2} + 2nx^{1^2 + 3^2}$$
$$= nx^1 + 2nx^{10}.$$

# 5. Results for Helm Graphs

The helm graph  $H_n$  is a graph obtained from  $W_n$  (with n + 1 vertices) by attaching an end edge to each rim vertex of  $W_n$ . Clearly,  $|V(H_n)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(H_n)| = 3n$ . A graph  $H_n$  is shown in Figure 2.

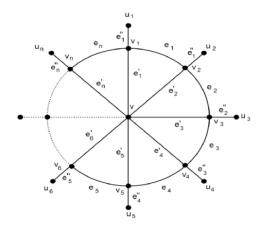


Figure 2: Helm graph  $H_n$ 

Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with 3n edges,  $n \ge 5$ . Then  $H_n$  has three types of edges based on the uphill degree of the vertices of each edge as follows:

$$E_1 = \{uv \in E(H_n) | d_{up}(u) = n + 1, d_{up}(v) = n\}, |E_1| = n$$

$$E_2 = \{uv \in E(H_n) | d_{up}(u) = d_{up}(v) = n\}, |E_2| = n$$

$$E_3 = \{uv \in E(H_n) | d_{up}(u) = n, d_{up}(v) = 0\}, |E_3| = n$$

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with 2n + 1 vertices,  $n \ge 5$ . Then the F-uphill index of  $H_n$  is  $FU(H_n) = 5n^3 + 2n^2 + n$ .

Proof. We obtain

$$FU(H_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} \left( d_{up} (u)^2 + d_{up} (v)^2 \right)$$
$$= n \left( (n+1)^2 + n^2 \right) + n (n^2 + n^2) + n (n^2 + 0^2)$$
$$= 5n^3 + 2n^2 + n.$$

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with 2n + 1 vertices, 3n edges,  $n \ge 5$ . Then the F-uphill polynomial of  $H_n$  is  $FU(H_n, x) = nx^{2n^2+2n+1} + nx^{2n^2} + nx^{n^2}$ .

Proof. We deduce

$$FU(H_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} x^{d_{up}(u)^2 + d_{up}(v)^2}$$

$$= nx^{(n+1)^2+n^2} + nx^{n^2+n^2} + nx^{n^2+0^2}$$
$$= nx^{2n^2+2n+1} + nx^{2n^2} + nx^{n^2}.$$

### 6. Conclusion

In this research work, the F-uphill index and its corresponding polynomial of a graph are defined. Also the F-uphill index and its corresponding polynomial of certain graphs are determined.

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