

On the Degree Distance of Standard Graphs

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Abstract

In this paper, we have calculated the degree distance of Standard graphs.

1. Introduction:

Throughout this paper, by a graph, we mean a non- empty, finite, connected and simple one.

For standard notation, terminology and definitions, we refer Bondy and Murthy [1].

A graph invariant is a mapping on the concerned graph that does not depend on the labeling of its vertices. Such quantities are also known as topological indices. The Wiener Index [5] and the Zagreb index [4] are of that type.

Let G be a graph; $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ represent its vertex set and edge set respectively. For any $v \in V(G)$, $\deg_G(v)$ denotes the degree of v in G .

When there is only one graph under consideration, we omit the subscript 'G' and denote $V(G)$, $E(G)$ etc. by V, E etc.

§2. Preliminaries

Dobrynin and Kocdetova [2] introduced a new graph invariant namely, 'degree distance', defined as follows:

Definition 2.1: Let G be a graph with vertex set V .

(i) The degree distance of a vertex u of the graph G , denoted by $D'(u)$, is defined as

$$D'(u) = D(u) \deg(u), \text{ where}$$
$$D(u) = \sum_{v \in V} d(u, v).$$

(ii) The degree distance of G , denoted by $D'(G)$, is defined as

$$D'(G) = \sum_{u \in V} D'(u)$$
$$= \sum_{u \in V} D(u) \deg(u)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{u \in V(G)} \left\{ \sum_{v \in V} d(u, v) \right\} \{ \deg(u) \} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u, v \in V(G)} d(u, v) \{ \deg(u) + \deg(v) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

When we denote $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, then

$$D'(G) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j) \{ \deg(v_i) + \deg(v_j) \}.$$

In this paper, we mainly concentrate on the calculation of the degree distance of standard graphs.

For elegance, we use the following definition and result.

Definition 2.2 [5]: The Wiener index of a graph G , denoted by $W(G)$, with the vertex set

$V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is defined as

$$W(G) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j).$$

This number is widely used in computational chemistry to measure some topological concepts and in the study of quantitative structure property relations.

Result 2.3 [3]

- (a) For the complete graph K_n , $W(K_n) = n(n-1)/2$.
- (b) For the cycle C_n

$$W(C_n) = \begin{cases} n^3 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{1}{8}n(n^2 - 1) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

§3. Main Results

Theorem 3.1 For the complete graph K_n ,

- (a) $D'(v) = (n - 1)^2$ for any vertex v of K_n

and

- (b) $D'(K_n) = n(n - 1)^2$.

Proof. If $n = 1$, then the result is trivial, since K_1 is an empty graph.

Let n be any integer ≥ 2 and $V(K_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.

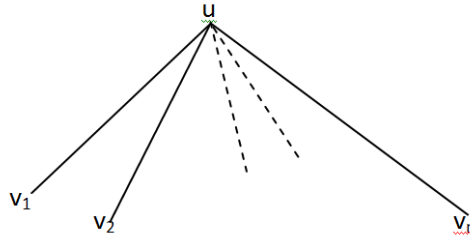
Clearly, $\deg(v_i) = (n - 1)$ for $i=1,2,\dots,n$ and $d(v_i, v_j) = 1$ ($1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$). For any vertex v_i of K_n ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(v_i) &= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n d(v_i, v_j) \right\} \deg(v_i) = \left\{ \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n 1 \right\} (n-1) \text{ (since } d(v_i, v_i)=0) \\
 &= (n-1)(n-1) = (n-1)^2. \\
 D'(K_n) &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j) \{ \deg(v_i) + \deg(v_j) \} \\
 &= 2(n-1) \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j) \\
 &= 2(n-1) W(K_n) \\
 &= 2(n-1) n(n-1)/2 \text{ (by Result (2.3)(a))} \\
 &= n(n-1)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.2: For the star graph $K_{1,n}$ ($n \geq 2$) with vertex set $\{u, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ where $\deg(u) = n, \deg(v_j) = 1, j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$

- (a) (i) $D'(u) = n^2;$
- (ii) $D'(v_j) = (2n-1) (j = 1, 2, \dots, n).$
- (b) $D'(K_{1,n}) = n(3n-1).$

Proof. The diagrammatic representation of $K_{1,n}$ is



Now $d(u, v_j) = 1$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $d(v_i, v_j) = 2$ for $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n.$

$$D'(u) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n 1 \right\} n = n.n = n^2.$$

For $j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$ since $d(v_i, v_i) = 0,$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(v_j) &= \{ d(v_j, u) + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n d(v_j, v_i) \} \deg(v_j) \\
 &= \{ 1 + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n (2) \} (1) = \{ 1 + 2(n-1) \} = (2n-1).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(K_{1,n}) &= \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \{ d(u, v_j) \} \{ \deg(u) + \deg(v_j) \} \right] + \\
 &\left[\sum_{1 \leq j < j' \leq n} \{ d(v_j, v_{j'}) \} \{ \deg(v_j) + \deg(v_{j'}) \} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^n 1 \right) (n+1) \right] + \left[2 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} 1 \sum_{j'=j+1}^n 1 \right] (1+1) \\
 &= n(n+1) + 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (n-j) \\
 &= n(n+1) + 4 \left[n(n-1) - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j \right] \\
 &= n(n+1) + 4 \left[n(n-1) - \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \right] \\
 &= n(n+1) + 2n(n-1) \\
 &= n[(n+1) + 2(n-1)] \\
 &= n(3n-1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.3: For the complete Bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ ($m, n \geq 2$) with bipartition (X, Y) where $X = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$ and $Y = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$,

- (a) (i) $D'(u_i) = n(2m+n-2), i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$
 (ii) $D'(v_j) = m(2n+m-2), j = 1, 2, \dots, n;$
 and
 (b) $D'(K_{m,n}) = mn[3(m+n) - 4].$

Proof. Under the given hypotheses,

$$\deg(u_i) = n \quad (i=1, 2, \dots, m), \quad \deg(v_j) = m \quad (j=1, 2, \dots, n),$$

$$d(u_i, u_{i'}) = 2 = d(v_j, v_{j'}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \neq i' \leq m, 1 \leq j \neq j' \leq n,$$

$$d(u_i, v_j) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

For $i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(u_i) &= \left\{ \sum_{y \in V(K_{m,n})} d(u_i, y) \right\} \deg(u_i) \\
 &= n \left\{ \sum_{i'=1}^m d(u_i, u_{i'}) + \sum_{j=1}^n d(u_i, v_j) \right\} \\
 &= n \left\{ \sum_{\substack{i'=1 \\ i' \neq i}}^m 2 + \sum_{j=1}^n 1 \right\} \\
 &= n \{ 2(m-1) + n \} \\
 &= n(2m+n-2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$ we get that

$$D'(v_j) = m(2n+m-2). \quad (\text{interchanging } m \text{ and } n \text{ in the above equality}).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(K_{m,n}) &= \sum_{1 \leq i < i' \leq m} d(u_i, u_{i'}) \{ \deg(u_i) + \deg(u_{i'}) \} + \\
 &\quad \sum_{1 \leq j < j' \leq n} d(v_j, v_{j'}) \{ \deg(v_j) + \deg(v_{j'}) \} + \\
 &\quad \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n d(u_i, v_j) \{ \deg(u_i) + \deg(v_j) \} \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq i < i' \leq m} 2(n+n) + \sum_{1 \leq j < j' \leq n} 2(m+m) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n 1(n+m) \\
 &= 4n \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \sum_{i'=i+1}^m 1 + 4m \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j'=j+1}^n 1 + (n+m) \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n 1 \\
 &= 4n \frac{m(m-1)}{2} + 4m \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + (m+n)mn \\
 &= mn(2m-2 + 2n-2 + m+n) \\
 &= mn [3(m+n) - 4].
 \end{aligned}$$

Observation 3.4: With the convention that the summation taken over an empty set is zero, we can deduce **Th.(3.2)** from **Th.(3.3)** by taking $m = 1$.

Theorem 3.5: In the cycle C_n ($n \geq 3$), if v is any vertex of C_n ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } D'(v) &= \begin{cases} \frac{n^2}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - 1) \text{ if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \\
 \text{b) } D'(C_n) &= \begin{cases} 4n^3 \text{ if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - 1) \text{ if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: If $n = 3$, $C_3 = K_3$ and this is already discussed.

Let $n \geq 4$ and $V(C_n) = \{ v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \}$.

Clearly, $\deg(v_i) = 2$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Since the figure is the same for all rotations follows that $D'(v_i) = D'(v_1)$ for all i .

Case (i): Let n be even, $n = 2m$ (say).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } D'(v_i) &= D'(v_1) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{2m} d(v_1, v_j) \right\} \deg(v_1) \\
 &= 2 \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m d(v_1, v_j) + d(v_1, v_{m+1}) + \sum_{j=m+2}^{2m} d(v_1, v_j) \right\} \\
 &= 2 \left[(1+2+\dots+m-1) + m + \{ (m-1) + (m-2) + \dots + 1 \} \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[2(1+2+\dots+m-1) + m \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \left[2 \frac{(m-1)m}{2} + m \right] \\
 &= 2m^2 \\
 &= 2 \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{n^2}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Case (ii): Let n be odd and $n = 2m+1$.

Now $D'(v_i) = D'(v_1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{2m+1} d(v_1, v_j) \right\} \deg(v_1) \\
 &= 2 \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} d(v_1, v_j) + \sum_{j=m+2}^{2m+1} d(v_1, v_j) \right\} \\
 &= 2 \{ (1+2+\dots+m) + \{m+(m+1)+\dots+1\} \} \\
 &= 2 \left\{ 2 \cdot \frac{m(m+1)}{2} \right\} \\
 &= 2m(m+1) \\
 &= 2 \frac{(n-1)(n+1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(n^2-1).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also } D'(C_n) &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j) \{d(v_i) + d(v_j)\} \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j)(2+2) \\
 &= 4 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j) \\
 &= \begin{cases} 4n^3 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{1}{2} n(n^2-1) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \\
 &= 4 W(C_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

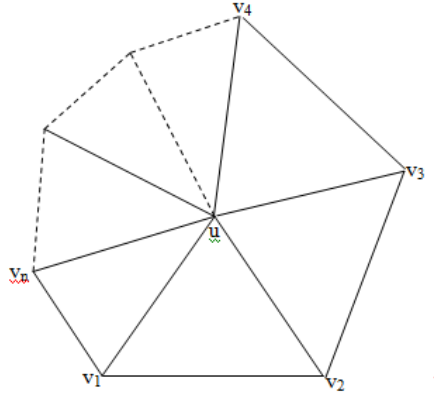
(by **Result 2.3 (b)**)

Theorem 3.6: For any wheel, $K_1 \vee C_n$, $n \geq 3$,

$$a) D'(v) = \begin{cases} n^2 & \text{if } v \text{ is the central vertex,} \\ 3(2n-3) & \text{if } v \text{ is any vertex of the cycle } C_n. \end{cases}$$

$$b) D'(K_1 \vee C_n) = n(n+3) + W(C_n).$$

Proof: Let $V(K_1 \vee C_n) = \{u, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, where u is the central vertex
The diagrammatic representation of $K_1 \vee C_n$ is



So $\deg(u) = n$, $\deg(v_i) = 3$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Now

$d(u, v_i) = 1$ for all i and

$$d(v_i, v_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \text{ is adjacent to } v_j \\ 2 & \text{if } v_i \text{ is not adjacent to } v_j \end{cases}$$

(with the convention $v_0 = v_n$ and $v_{n+1} = v_1$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } D'(u) &= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n d(u, v_j) \right\} \deg(u) \\ &= n \left[\sum_{j=1}^n 1 \right] \\ &= n^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D'(v_i) &= \left\{ d(u, v_i) + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n d(v_i, v_j) \right\} \deg(v_i) \\ &= 3 \left\{ 1 + d(v_i, v_{i-1})d(v_i, v_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=1, j \notin \{i-1, i, i+1\}}^n d(u, v_j) \right\} \\ &= 3 \{ 1 + 1 + 1 + 2(n-3) \} \\ &= 3(3+2n-6) \\ &= 3(2n-3). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D'(K_1 \vee C_n) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x, y \in V(K_1 \vee C_n)} [d(x, y) \cdot \{ \deg(x) + \deg(y) \}] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [d(u, v_i) \{ \deg(u) + \deg(v_i) \}] + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j) \cdot \{ d(v_i) + d(v_j) \} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \{ (n+3) \} + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j) (3+3) \\ &= n(n+3) + 6 W(C_n). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.7: For the path P_n ($n \geq 2$),

$$D'(v) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \text{ if } v \text{ is the end vertex of } P_n.$$

$D'(v_i) = n^2 + (1-2i)n + 2i(i-1)$, if v_i is the $(i+1)^{th}$ vertex from the starting vertex.

$$D'(P_n) = (3n^2 - 7n + 4) + 2 \sum_{i=4}^n (i-3)(i-2).$$

(with the convention $\sum_{i=r}^s \dots = 0$ if $s < r$, we get that $D'(P_3) = 10$)

Proof : If $n = 2$, $P_2 = K_2$ and this is already discussed.

Let $n \geq 3$ and $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.

We observe that the end vertices of the path, namely v_1 and v_n have the same properties with respect to the distances from other vertices.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } D'(v_n) = D'(v_1) &= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n d(v_1, v_n) \right\} \cdot \text{deg}(v_1) \\ &= 1(1+2+\dots+(n-1)) \\ &= \frac{(n-1)n}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } 2 \leq i \leq (n-1), \quad D'(v_i) &= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n d(v_i, v_j) \right\} \cdot \text{deg}(v_i) \\ &= 2 \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} d(v_j, v_i) + \sum_{j=i+1}^n d(v_j, v_i) \right\} \\ &= 2 \left[\{(i-1) + (i-2) + \dots + 1\} + \{1 + 2 + \dots + (n-i)\} \right] \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{i(i-1)}{2} + \frac{(n-i)(n-i+1)}{2} \right] \\ &= [i^2 - i + (n-i)^2 + (n-i)] \\ &= [n^2 + (1-2i)n + 2i(i-1)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Clearly } D'(P_3) &= d(v_1, v_2) \{ \text{deg}(v_1) + \text{deg}(v_2) \} + d(v_1, v_3) \{ \text{deg}(v_1) + \text{deg}(v_3) \} + d(v_2, v_3) \{ \text{deg}(v_2) + \text{deg}(v_3) \} \\ &= 1(1+2)2(1+2) + 2(1+1)+1(2+1)=10. \end{aligned}$$

Let $n \geq 4$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(P_n) &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(v_i, v_j) \{ \deg(v_i) + \deg(v_j) \} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n d(v_i, v_j) \{ \deg(v_i) + \deg(v_j) \} \\
 &= \left[\sum_{j=2}^n d(v_1, v_j) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_j) \} \right] + \\
 &\quad \left[\sum_{j=3}^n d(v_2, v_j) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_j) \} \right] + \\
 &\quad \dots + \\
 &\quad \left[\sum_{j=n-1}^n d(v_{n-2}, v_j) \{ \deg(v_{n-2}) + \deg(v_j) \} \right] + \\
 &\quad \left[d(v_{n-1}, v_n) \{ \deg(v_{n-1}) + \deg(v_n) \} \right] \\
 &= \left[d(v_1, v_2) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_2) \} \right] + d(v_1, v_3) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_3) \} + \\
 &\quad \dots + d(v_1, v_{n-1}) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_{n-1}) \} + d(v_1, v_n) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_n) \} \\
 &\quad + \left[d(v_2, v_3) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_3) \} + d(v_2, v_4) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_4) \} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \dots + d(v_2, v_n) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_n) \} \right] + \dots + \\
 &\quad \left[d(v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}) \{ \deg(v_{n-2}) + \deg(v_{n-1}) \} \right] + d(v_{n-2}, v_n) \{ \deg(v_{n-2}) + \deg(v_n) \} + \\
 &\quad d(v_{n-1}, v_n) \{ \deg(v_{n-1}) + \deg(v_n) \} \\
 &= [1(1+2)+2(1+2)+\dots+(n-2)(1+2)+(n-1)(1+1)] + \\
 &\quad [1(2+2)+2(2+2)+\dots+(n-3)(2+2)+(n-2)(2+1)] + \\
 &\quad \dots + \\
 &\quad [1(2+2)+2(2+1)] + [1(2+1)]. \\
 &= 2(n-1) + 3\{1+2+3+\dots+(n-2)\} + \dots \\
 &\quad \dots + 3(n-2) \quad \quad \quad + 4\{1+2+\dots+(n-3)\} \\
 &\quad \dots + 3(n-2) \quad \quad \quad + 4\{1+2+\dots+(n-3)\} \\
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 &\quad \dots + 3(1) \quad \quad \quad \dots \quad \quad \quad \dots \quad \quad \quad \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2(n-1) + 3 [2(1+2+3+\dots+(n-2))] + 4 \sum_{i=4}^n (i-3)(i-2)/2$$

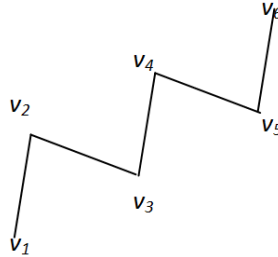
$$= 2(n-1) + 3 [2(1+2+3+\dots+(n-2))] + 4 \sum_{i=4}^n (i-3)(i-2)/2$$

$$= 2(n-1) + 3(n-2)(n-1) + 2 \sum_{i=4}^n (i-3)(i-2).$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Now, we calculate $D'(P_6)$ just by using the definition.

The diagrammatic representation of P_6 is the following:



$$D'(P_6) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 6}^n d(v_i, v_j) \{ \deg(v_i) + \deg(v_j) \}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^5 \sum_{j=i+1}^6 d(v_i, v_j) \{ \deg(v_i) + \deg(v_j) \}$$

$$= \sum_{j=2}^6 d(v_1, v_j) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_j) \} + \sum_{j=3}^6 d(v_2, v_j) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_j) \}$$

$$+ \sum_{j=4}^6 d(v_3, v_j) \{ \deg(v_3) + \deg(v_j) \} + \sum_{j=5}^6 d(v_4, v_j) \{ \deg(v_4) + \deg(v_j) \}$$

$$+ d(v_5, v_6) \{ \deg(v_5) + \deg(v_6) \}$$

$$= [d(v_1, v_2) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_2) \} + d(v_1, v_3) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_3) \} + d(v_1, v_4) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_4) \}] +$$

$$+ d(v_1, v_5) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_5) \} + d(v_1, v_6) \{ \deg(v_1) + \deg(v_6) \}] +$$

$$[d(v_2, v_3) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_3) \} + d(v_2, v_4) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_4) \} + d(v_2, v_5) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_5) \}] +$$

$$+ d(v_2, v_6) \{ \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_6) \} +$$

$$[d(v_3, v_4) \{ \deg(v_3) + \deg(v_4) \} + d(v_3, v_5) \{ \deg(v_3) + \deg(v_5) \} + d(v_3, v_6) \{ \deg(v_3) + \deg(v_6) \}] +$$

$$+ [d(v_4, v_5) \{ \deg(v_4) + \deg(v_5) \} + d(v_4, v_6) \{ \deg(v_4) + \deg(v_6) \} + d(v_5, v_6) \{ \deg(v_5) + \deg(v_6) \}]$$

$$= [1(1+2) + 2(1+2) + 3(1+2) + 4(1+2) + 5(1+1)] +$$

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$$[1(2+2) + 2(2+1)] +$$

$$[1(2+1)]$$

$$= [1\{2(1+2) + 3(2+2)\}] + [2\{2(1+2) + 2(2+2)\}] + [3\{2(1+2) + 1(2+2)\}] + [4\{2(1+2)\}] + [5\{(1+1)\}]$$

$$= 1(6 + 12) + 2(6+8) + 3(6+4) + 4(6) + 5(2)$$

$$= 18 + 28 + 30 + 24 + 10 = 110.$$

From, **Th.(3.7)**

$$D'(P_6) = 2(6-1) + 3(6-2) + 2 \sum_{i=4}^6 (i-3)(i-2)$$

$$= 10 + 60 + 2(2+6+12)$$

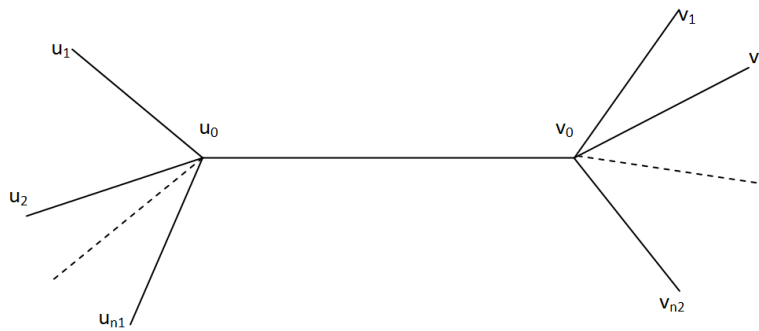
$$= 70+40 = 110$$

Definition 3.8: Let n_1, n_2 be integers, each ≥ 2 . Then, B_{n_1, n_2} is the (n_1, n_2) -bistar obtained from the two disjoint graphs K_{1, n_1} and K_{1, n_2} by joining the centre vertices by an edge (it has (n_1+n_2+2) vertices and (n_1+n_2+1) edges (Observe that $B_{1,1} = P_4$ and $B_{1,2} (B_{2,1})$ are bipartite graphs).

Theorem 3.9: For the graph $B_{n_1, n_2} (n_1, n_2 \geq 2)$

$$D'(B_{n_1, n_2}) = 3(n_1^2 + n_2^2) + 10n_1n_2 + 5(n_1 + n_2) + 2.$$

Proof: The diagrammatic representation of B_{n_1, n_2} is the following:



Let $V(K_{1, n_1}) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$ and $V(K_{1, n_2}) = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$, where u_0, v_0 are the centre vertices.

$$V(B_{n_1, n_2}) = V(K_{1, n_1}) \cup V(K_{1, n_2})$$

So, $\deg(u_0) = (n_1+1)$, $\deg(v_0) = (n_2+1)$, $\deg(u_i) = 1 = \deg(v_j)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1$;

$j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2$. $d(u_0, v_j) = 2$ ($j=1, \dots, n_2$), $d(u_i, v_j) = 3$ ($i = 1, \dots, n_1; j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2$).

Now,

$$D'(u_0) = \left\{ \sum_{x \in V(B_{n_1, n_2})} d(u_0, x) \right\} \deg(u_0)$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} d(u_0, u_i) + d(u_0, v_0) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} d(u_0, v_j) \right\} (n_1 + 1)$$

$$= (n_1 + 1) \left\{ \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} 1 \right) + 1 + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} 2 \right) \right\}$$

$$= (n_1 + 1)(n_1 + 1 + 2n_2)$$

$$= (n_1 + 1)(n_1 + 2n_2 + 1)$$

Similarly, by interchanging n_1 and n_2 in $D'(u_0)$, we get that

$$D'(v_0) = (n_2 + 1)(n_2 + 2n_1 + 1).$$

For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(u_i) &= \left\{ \sum_{x \in V(B_{n_1, n_2})} d(u_i, x) \right\} \deg(u_i) \\
 &= (1) \left\{ d(u_i, u_0) + \sum_{i'=1}^{n_1} d(u_0, u_{i'}) + d(u_i, v_0) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} d(u_i, v_j) \right\} (n_1 + 1) \\
 &= \left\{ 1 + 2 \left(\sum_{\substack{i'=1 \\ i' \neq i}}^{n_1} 1 \right) + 2 + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} 3 \right) \right\} \\
 &= 1 + 2(n_1 - 1 + 1) + 3n_2 \\
 &= (1 + 2n_1 + 3n_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by interchanging n_1 and n_2 in $D^1(u_i)$, we get that

$$D'(v_j) = (1 + 2n_2 + 3n_1) \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(B_{n_1, n_2}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x, y \in V(B_{n_1, n_2})} (\deg x + \deg y) d(x, y) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} d(u_0, u_i) \{ \deg(u_0) + \deg(u_i) \} + d(u_0, v_0) \{ \deg(u_0) + \deg(v_0) \} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} d(u_0, v_j) \{ \deg(u_0) + \deg(v_j) \} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} d(u_i, v_0) \{ \deg(u_i) + \deg(v_0) \} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} d(v_0, v_j) \{ \deg(v_0) + \deg(v_j) \} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} d(u_i, v_j) \{ \deg(u_i) + \deg(v_j) \} \\
 &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} 1 \right) (n_1 + 1 + 1) + (1)(n_1 + 1 + n_2 + 1) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} 2 \right) (n_1 + 1 + 1) \\
 &\quad + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} 2 \right) (1 + n_2 + 1) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} 1 \right) (n_2 + 1 + 1) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} (3) \{ 1 + 1 \} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n_1-1} \sum_{i'+1}^{n_1} (1 + 1) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_2-1} \sum_{j'+1}^{n_2} (1 + 1) \\
 &= n_1(n_1 + 2) + (n_1 + n_2 + 2) + 2n_2(n_1 + 2) + 2n_1(n_2 + 2) \\
 &\quad + n_2(n_2 + 2) + 6n_1n_2 + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{n_1-1} \left(\sum_{i'=i+1}^{n_1} 1 \right) + 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n_2-1} \left(\sum_{j'=j+1}^{n_2} 1 \right) \\
 &= (n_1^2 + n_2^2 + 10n_1n_2 + 7n_1 + 7n_2 + 2) + 4 \frac{(n_1 - 1)n_1}{2} + 4 \frac{(n_2 - 1)n_2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (n_1^2 + n_2^2 + 10n_1n_2 + 7n_1 + 7n_2 + 2) + 2(n_1^2 - n_1 + n_2^2 - n_2) \\ &= 3(n_1^2 + n_2^2) + 10n_1n_2 + 5(n_1 + n_2) + 2. \end{aligned}$$

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