

## Research Article

# Hamming Index of Class of Graphs

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## Abstract

Let  $A(G)$  be the adjacency matrix of a graph  $G$ . The rows of  $A(G)$  corresponding to a vertex  $v$  of  $G$ , denoted by  $s(v)$  is the string which belongs to  $Z_2^n$ , a set of  $n$ -tuples. The Hamming distance between the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is the number of positions in which  $s(u)$  and  $s(v)$  differ. The Hamming index of a graph  $G$  is the sum of the Hamming distances between all pairs of vertices of  $G$ . In this paper we obtain the Hamming index of certain class of graphs.

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## 1. Introduction

<sup>1</sup>Let  $Z_2 = \{0, 1\}$  and  $(Z_2, +)$  be the additive group where  $+$  denotes addition modulo 2. For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $Z_2^n = Z_2 \times Z_2 \times \dots \times Z_2$  ( $n$  factors)

$$= \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \mid x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in Z_2)\}$$

Thus every element of  $Z_2^n$  is an  $n$ -tuple  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  written as  $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  where every  $x_i$  is either 0 or 1 and is called a string or word. The number of 1's in  $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is called the *weight* of  $x$  and is denoted by  $wt(x)$ .

Let  $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y = y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the elements of  $Z_2^n$ . Then the sum  $x + y$  is computed by adding the corresponding components of  $x$  and  $y$  under addition modulo 2. That is  $x_i + y_j = 0$  if  $x_i = y_j$  and  $x_i + y_j = 1$  if  $x_i \neq y_j$

The *Hamming distance*  $H_d(x, y)$  between the strings  $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y = y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  is the number of  $i$ 's such that  $x_i \neq y_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Thus  $H_d(x, y) =$  Number of positions in which  $x$  and  $y$  differ  $= wt(x+y)$

Example: Let  $x = 01001$  &  $y = 11010$  and  $x + y = 10011$ ,

$$\text{Therefore } H_d(x, y) = wt(x+y) = 3$$

A graph  $G$  is called a *Hamming graph* [3,6] if each vertex  $v \in V(G)$  can be labeled by a string of a fixed length  $s(v)$  such that  $H_d(s(v), s(u)) = d_G(u, v)$  for all  $u, v \in V(G)$  where  $d_G(u, v)$  is the length of shortest path joining  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ .

Hamming graphs are known as an interesting graph family in connection with the error-correcting codes and association schemes. For more details one can refer [S.

Bang et al, 2008, V. Chepoi, 1988, W. Imrich et al, 1997, S. Klavzar et al, 2005, H. S. Ramane et al, 2013, R. Squer et al, 2001].

Motivated by the work on Hamming graphs in this we introduce and study the Hamming Index of a graph in association with its adjacency.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $G$  be an undirected graph without loops and multiple edges. Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ,  $E(G) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  be the vertex set and edge set of  $G$  respectively. The vertices adjacent to the vertex  $v$  are called the *neighbours* of  $v$ . The *degree* of a vertex  $v$ , denoted by  $deg v$  is the number of neighbours of  $v$ .

The *adjacency matrix* of  $G$  is a square matrix  $A(G) = [a_{ij}]$  of order  $n$

where  $a_{ij} = 1$  if the vertex  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_j$

$= 0$  otherwise.

Rows of  $A(G)$  represents the strings which belongs to  $Z_2^n$ . The Row of  $A(G)$  corresponding to the vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is the string denoted by  $s(v)$ .

**Definition 2.1:** *Hamming distance* between the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$  denoted by  $H_d(u, v)$  is defined as  $H_d(u, v) = H_d(s(u), s(v))$

**Definition 2.2:** The *Hamming Index* [10] of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $H(G)$  is defined as,

$$H(G) = \sum H_d(v_i, v_j) \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq n$$

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Hamming index is a graph invariant.

Ex. :

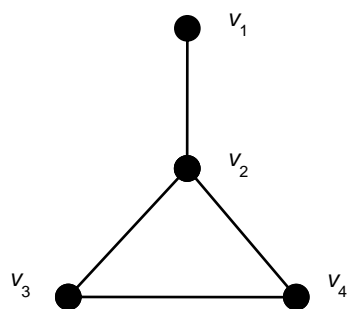


Fig. 1: Graph G

For a graph G of Fig. 1, the adjacency matrix is

$$A(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the strings are  $s(v_1) = 0100$ ,  
 $s(v_2) = 1011$      $s(v_3) = 0101$      $s(v_4) = 0110$

$$\begin{aligned} H_d(v_1, v_2) &= 4 & H_d(v_1, v_3) &= 1 & H_d(v_1, v_4) &= 1 \\ H_d(v_2, v_3) &= 3 & H_d(v_2, v_4) &= 3 & H_d(v_3, v_4) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $H(G) = 4+1+1+3+3+2 = 14$

### 3. Hamming Index of certain class of graphs

Definition: Consider two graphs  $G_1(n_1, m_1)$  and  $G_2(n_2, m_2)$ . Then the graph whose vertex set  $n_1 \cup n_2$  and the edge set  $m_1 \cup m_2$  is called the union of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and is denoted by  $G_1 \cup G_2$ .

Theorem 3.1: Let  $G_1(n_1, m_1)$  and  $G_2(n_2, m_2)$  be two graphs then Hamming index of union of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is,

$$H(G_1 \cup G_2) = H(G_1) + H(G_2) + 2(n_1 m_2 + n_2 m_1)$$

Proof:

Let  $G_1(n_1, m_1)$  and  $G_2(n_2, m_2)$  be two graphs then the adjacency matrix of union of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is,

$$A(G_1 \cup G_2) = \begin{bmatrix} A(G_1) & O \\ O & A(G_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A(G_1)$  and  $A(G_2)$  are adjacency matrices of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively,  $O$  is the null matrix.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} H(G_1 \cup G_2) &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n_1} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{n_1 \leq i < j \leq n_1+n_2} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=n_1+1}^{n_1+n_2} H_d(u_i, v_j) \\ &= H(G_1) + H(G_2) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=n_1+1}^{n_1+n_2} \text{deg}(u_i) + \text{deg}(u_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$H(G_1 \cup G_2) = H(G_1) + H(G_2) + 2(n_1 m_2 + n_2 m_1)$$

Definition: Consider two graphs  $G_1(n_1, m_1)$  and  $G_2(n_2, m_2)$ . The join of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 + G_2$ , is  $G_1 \cup G_2$  along with each vertex of  $G_1$  joined to every vertex of  $G_2$  by an edge.

Theorem 3.2: Let  $G_1(n_1, m_1)$  and  $G_2(n_2, m_2)$  be two graphs then Hamming index of  $G_1 + G_2$  is,

$$H(G_1 + G_2) = H(G_1) + H(G_2) + n_1 n_2 (n_1 + n_2) - 2n_1 m_2 - 2n_2 m_1$$

Proof:

Let  $G_1(n_1, m_1)$  and  $G_2(n_2, m_2)$  be two graphs then the adjacency matrix of join of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is,

$$A(G_1 + G_2) = \begin{bmatrix} A(G_1) & J \\ J & A(G_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A(G_1)$  and  $A(G_2)$  are adjacency matrices of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively and

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} H(G_1 + G_2) &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n_1+n_2} H_d(u_i, v_j) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n_1} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{n_1 \leq i < j \leq n_1+n_2} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=n_1+1}^{n_1+n_2} H_d(u_i, v_j) \\ &= H(G_1) + H(G_2) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=n_1+1}^{n_1+n_2} \{n_1 + n_2 - [\text{deg}(u_i) + \text{deg}(u_j)]\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore H(G_1 + G_2) = H(G_1) + H(G_2) + n_1 n_2 (n_1 + n_2) - 2n_1 m_2 - 2n_2 m_1$$

Definition: Let  $G$  be a graph with vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . A graph  $G^+$  is obtained from  $G$  by inserting new vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ , and joining  $u_i$  to  $v_i$  by an edge,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$

Theorem 3.3: Let  $C_n$  be cycle on  $n$  vertices then Hamming index of  $C_n^+$  is,

$$H(C_n^+) = \left[ \frac{4n-5}{n-2} \right] H(C_n)$$

Proof:

Let  $C_n$  be cycle on  $n$  vertices then the adjacency matrix of  $C_n^+$  is

$$A(C_n^+) = \begin{bmatrix} A(C_n) & I \\ I & O \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A(C_n)$  is the adjacency matrix of  $C_n$ ,  $I$  is the Identity matrix of order  $n$  and  $O$  is the null matrix. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} H(C_n^+) &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{n+1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \\ &= \sum_{u, v \in C_n} 2 + H_d(u, v) + \sum_{n+1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \end{aligned}$$

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Where,

i)

$$\sum_{n+1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) = 2^n C_2$$

ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \text{ for pair of } (u_i, v_j) \text{ adjacent pairs} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \text{ for pair of } (u_i, v_j) \text{ non-adjacent pairs} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) &= \text{hamming distances between } n \text{ - adjacent pairs} = 4(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) = \text{hamming distance between } (n^2 - n) \text{ non-adjacent pairs}$$

= Hamming distance between  $2n$  pairs with common neighbour

+Hamming distance between  $[(n^2-n)-2n]$ -pairs with non common neighbor =  $2(2n) + 4(n^2-3n)$

Substituting in eqn(1),

$$\begin{aligned} H(C_n^+) &= [H(C_n) + 2^n C_2] + 2^n C_2 + [4n + 2(2n) + 4(n^2 - 3n)] \\ &= H(C_n) + 6n^2 - 6n \\ &= 2n(n - 2) + 6n^2 - 6n \\ &= 2n(4n - 5) \\ &= \left[ \frac{4n - 5}{n - 2} \right] H(C_n) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.4: Let  $K_n$  be complete graph on  $n$  vertices then Hamming index of  $K_n^+$  is,

$$H(K_n^+) = H(K_n) + n^3 + n^2$$

Proof:

Let  $K_n$  be complete graph on  $n$  vertices then the adjacency matrix of  $K_n^+$  is

$$A(K_n^+) = \begin{bmatrix} A(K_n) & I \\ I & O \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A(K_n)$  is the adjacency matrix of  $K_n$ ,  $I$  is the Identity matrix of order  $n$  and  $O$  is the null matrix

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} H(K_n^+) &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{n+1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \\ &= \sum_{u, v \in C_n} 2 + H_d(u, v) + \sum_{n+1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \text{ for pair of } (u_i, v_j) \text{ adjacent pairs} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) \text{ for pair of } (u_i, v_j) \text{ non-adjacent pairs} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) &= \text{hamming distances between } n \text{ - adjacent pairs} = (n+1)(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=n+1}^{2n} H_d(u_i, v_j) = \text{hamming distance between } (n^2 - n) \text{ non-adjacent pairs} = (n-1)(n^2 - n)$$

Substituting in eqn(1),

$$\begin{aligned} H(K_n^+) &= \\ [H(K_n) + 2^n C_2] + 2^n C_2 + [n(n+1) + (n-1)(n^2 - n)] \\ &= H(K_n) + n^3 + n^2 \end{aligned}$$

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