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Hamming Index of Class of Graphs

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Udyambag, Belgaum - 590008, India**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

¹Let $Z_2 = \{0, 1\}$ 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. :

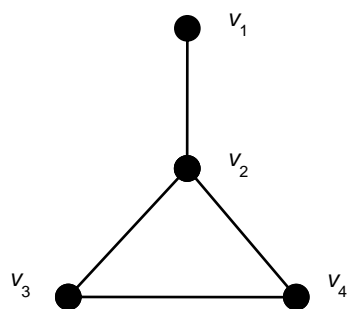


Fig. 1: Graph G

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,

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

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

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,

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

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

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),

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

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

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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