



Hyper Stress Index for Graphs

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ABSTRACT: Shimbel (1953) introduced the node centrality index, which is the stress of a vertex. The number of geodesics (shortest paths) that pass through a vertex in a graph is its stress. A number that links a chemical structure to physical characteristics or chemical reactivity is called a topological index of the chemical structure (graph). In this work, we present the Hyper stress index, a new topological index for graphs based on vertex stresses. Additionally, we compute the hyper stress index for a few standard graphs, prove a few results, and establish a few inequalities.

Key Words: Graph, geodesic, topological index, stress of a node.

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1. Introduction

For standard terminology and notion in graph theory, we follow the text-book of Harary [5]. The non-standard will be given in this paper as and when required.

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph (finite and undirected). The distance between two vertices u and v in G , denoted by $d(u, v)$ is the number of edges in a shortest path (also called a graph geodesic) connecting them. We say that a graph geodesic P is passing through a vertex v in G if v is an internal vertex of P (i.e., v is a vertex in P , but not an end vertex of P). The degree of a vertex v in G is denoted by $d(v)$.

The concept of stress of a node (vertex) in a network (graph) has been introduced by Shimbel as centrality measure in 1953 [18]. This centrality measure has applications in biology, sociology, psychology, etc., (See [17, 6]). The stress of a vertex v in a graph G , denoted by $\text{str}_G(v)$ or $\text{str}(v)$, is the number of geodesics passing through it. We denote the maximum stress among all the vertices of G by Θ_G and minimum stress among all the vertices of G by θ_G . Further, the concepts of stress number of a graph and stress regular graphs have been studied by K. Bhargava, N.N. Dattatreya, and R. Rajendra in their paper [2]. A graph G is k -stress regular if $\text{str}(v) = k$ for all $v \in V(G)$.

The Zagreb indices have been defined using degrees of vertices in a graph to explain some properties of chemical compounds at molecular level [3, 4]. The first Zagreb index $M_1(G)$ and the second Zagreb index $M_2(G)$ of a simple graph G are defined as:

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)^2 \quad (1.1)$$

$$M_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d(u)d(v). \quad (1.2)$$

By the motivation of these indices, Rajendra et al. [11] have introduced two topological indices of for graphs called first stress index and second stress index, using stresses of vertices. The first stress index

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$\mathcal{S}_1(G)$ and the second stress index $\mathcal{S}_2(G)$ of a simple graph G are defined as

$$\mathcal{S}_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \text{str}(v)^2 \quad (1.3)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \text{str}(u)\text{str}(v). \quad (1.4)$$

We note that the first Zagreb index $M_1(G)$ satisfies the identity

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d(u) + d(v) \quad (1.5)$$

but $\mathcal{S}_1(G)$ does not satisfy such identity. For instance, consider the path P_3 on 3 vertices.

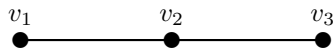


Figure 1: The path P_3 .

The stresses of the vertices of P_3 are as follows: $\text{str}(v_1) = \text{str}(v_3) = 0$ and $\text{str}(v_2) = 1$. The first stress index of P_3 is,

$$\mathcal{S}_1(P_3) = \text{str}(v_1)^2 + \text{str}(v_2)^2 + \text{str}(v_3)^2 = 0^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = 1.$$

But

$$\sum_{uv \in E(P_3)} \text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v) = \text{str}(v_1) + \text{str}(v_2) + \text{str}(v_2) + \text{str}(v_3) = 0 + 1 + 1 + 0 = 2.$$

Shirdel et al. [19] introduced a new version of the Zagreb index, named the *Hyper-Zagreb Index*, which is defined for a graph G as:

$$HM(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_u + d_v)^2 \quad (1.6)$$

where d_u and d_v denote the degrees of the vertices u and v in the graph G .

Therefore there is a scope for introducing a new topological index using stress on vertices which is motivated by the identity (1.6). In this paper we introduce such topological index for graphs using stress on vertices called hyper stress index. Further, we establish some inequalities and compute hyper stress index for some standard graphs. For the reader interested in new stress-based topological indices, we recommend reading the publications [1,7-16,20,21].

2. Hyper Stress Index

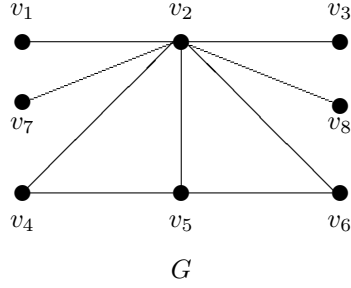
Definition 2.1 The hyper stress index $HSS(G)$ of a simple graph G is defined as

$$HSS(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [\text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v)]^2. \quad (2.1)$$

Observation: From the Definition 2.1, it follows that, for any graph G ,

$$2m\theta_G \leq HSS(G) \leq 2m\Theta_G,$$

where m is the number of edges in G .

Figure 2: A graph G

Example 2.1 Consider the graph G given in Figure 2. The stresses of the vertices of G are as follows:
 $str(v_1) = str(v_3) = str(v_7) = str(v_8) = 0$,
 $str(v_2) = 19$,
 $str(v_5) = 1$,
 $str(v_4) = str(v_6) = 0$.
The hyper stress index of G is:

$$\begin{aligned}
HSS(G) &= (str(v_2) + str(v_1))^2 + (str(v_2) + str(v_3))^2 + (str(v_2) + str(v_7))^2 \\
&\quad + (str(v_2) + str(v_8))^2 + (str(v_2) + str(v_4))^2 + (str(v_2) + str(v_5))^2 \\
&\quad + (str(v_2) + str(v_6))^2 + (str(v_4) + str(v_5))^2 + (str(v_5) + str(v_6))^2 \\
&= (19 + 0)^2 + (19 + 0)^2 + (19 + 0)^2 + (19 + 0)^2 + (19 + 0)^2 + (19 + 1)^2 \\
&\quad + (19 + 0)^2 + (0 + 1)^2 + (1 + 0)^2 \\
&= 2568.
\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2.1 Let N be the number of geodesics of length ≥ 2 in a graph G . Then

$$0 \leq HSS(G) \leq 4N^2(|E| - t), \quad (2.2)$$

where t is the number of edges with end vertices having zero stress in G .

Proof: If N is the number of all geodesics of length ≥ 2 in a graph G , then by the definition of stress of a vertex, for any vertex v in G , $0 \leq str(v) \leq N$. Hence by the Definition 2.1, we have

$$0 \leq HSS(G) \leq 4N^2(|E| - t), \quad (2.3)$$

where t is the number of edges with end vertices having zero stress in G . \square

Corollary 2.1 If there is no geodesic of length ≥ 2 in a graph G , then $HSS(G) = 0$. Moreover, for a complete graph K_n , $HSS(K_n) = 0$.

Proof: If there is no geodesic of length ≥ 2 in a graph G , then $N = 0$. Hence, by the Proposition 2.3., we have $HSS(G) = 0$.

In K_n , there is no geodesic of length ≥ 2 and so $HSS(K_n) = 0$. \square

Theorem 2.1 For a graph G , $HSS(G) = 0$ if and only if neighbours of every vertex induce a complete subgraph of G .

Proof: Suppose that $HSS(G) = 0$. Then by the Definition 2.1(Eq.(1.3)), $(str(u) + str(v))^2 = 0$, $\forall uv \in E(G)$. Hence $str(v) = 0$, $\forall v \in V(G)$. Let $v \in V(G)$. We need to show that neighbors of v induce a complete subgraph of G . If v is a pendant vertex, then there is nothing to prove. Suppose that v

is not a pendant vertex. We claim that any two neighbouring vertices are adjacent in G . If there are two neighbours u and w of v that are not adjacent in G , then uvw is a graph geodesic passing through v , which implies $\text{str}(v) \geq 1$, a contradiction. Hence our claim holds. Thus neighbours of v induce a complete subgraph of G . Since v is arbitrary in $V(G)$, the neighbours of every vertex induce a complete subgraph of G .

Conversely, suppose that neighbours of every vertex in G induce a complete subgraph of G . Let $v \in V(G)$. Since neighbors of v induce a complete subgraph of G , any two neighbouring vertices are adjacent and so there is no geodesic of length ≥ 2 passing through v . Since v is an arbitrary vertex in G , by the Corollary 2.4, it follows that $HSS(G) = 0$. \square

Proposition 2.2 *For the complete bipartite $K_{m,n}$,*

$$HSS(K_{m,n}) = \frac{mn}{4} [n^2(n-1)^2 + m^2(m-1)^2].$$

Proof: Let $V_1 = \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ and $V_2 = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ be the partite sets of $K_{m,n}$. We have,

$$\text{str}(v_i) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$\text{str}(u_j) = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n. \quad (2.5)$$

Using (2.4) and (2.5) in the Definition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} HSS(K_{m,n}) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [\text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n} [\text{str}(v_i) + \text{str}(u_j)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n} \left[\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + \frac{m(m-1)}{2} \right]^2 \\ &= mn \left[\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + \frac{m(m-1)}{2} \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{mn}{4} [n^2(n-1)^2 + m^2(m-1)^2]. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Proposition 2.3 *For the star graph $K_{1,n}$ on $n+1$ vertices ,*

$$HSS(K_{1,n}) = \frac{n^3(n-1)^2}{4}.$$

Proof: In a star graph $K_{1,n}$, the internal vertex has stress $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ and the remaining n vertices have stress 0. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} HSS(K_{1,n}) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [\text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v)]^2 \\ &= n \left[\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{n^3(n-1)^2}{4}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Proposition 2.4 *If $G = (V, E)$ is a k -stress regular graph, then*

$$HSS(G) = 4k^2|E|.$$

Proof: Suppose that G is a k -stress regular graph. Then

$$\text{str}(v) = k \text{ for all } v \in V(G).$$

By the Definition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} HSS(G) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [\text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} 4k^2 \\ &= 4k^2|E|. \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary 2.2 *For a cycle C_n ,*

$$HSS(C_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n(n-1)^2(n-3)^2}{16}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n^3(n-2)^2}{16}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Proof: For any vertex v in C_n , we have,

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

Hence C_n is

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

Since C_n has n vertices and n edges, by the Proposition 2.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} HSS(C_n) &= 4n \times \begin{cases} \frac{(n-1)^2(n-3)^2}{64}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n^2(n-2)^2}{64}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{n(n-1)^2(n-3)^2}{16}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n^3(n-2)^2}{16}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 2.5 *Let T be a tree on n vertices. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} HSS(T) &= \sum_{uv \in J} \left[\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m(u)} |C_i^u||C_j^u| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m(v)} |C_i^v||C_j^v| \right]^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{w \in Q} \left[\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m(w)} |C_i^w||C_j^w| \right]^2, \end{aligned}$$

where J is the set of internal(non-pendant) edges in T , Q denotes the set of all vertices adjacent to pendent vertices in T , and the sets C_1^v, \dots, C_m^v denotes the vertex sets of the components of $T - v$ for an internal vertex v of degree $m = m(v)$.

Proof: We know that a pendant vertex in T has zero stress. Let v be an internal vertex of T of degree $m = m(v)$. Let C_1^v, \dots, C_m^v be the components of $T - v$. Since there is only one path between any two vertices in a tree, it follows that,

$$\text{str}(v) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} |C_i^v| |C_j^v|. \quad (2.6)$$

Let J denotes the set of internal(non-pendant) edges, and P denotes pendant edges and Q denotes the set of all vertices adjacent to pendent vertices in T . Then using (2.6) in the Definition 2.1 (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} HSS(T) &= \sum_{uv \in J} [\text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v)]^2 + \sum_{uv \in P} [\text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{uv \in J} [\text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v)]^2 + \sum_{w \in Q} \text{str}(w)^2 \\ &= \sum_{uv \in J} \left[\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m(u)} |C_i^u| |C_j^u| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m(v)} |C_i^v| |C_j^v| \right]^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{w \in Q} \left[\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m(w)} |C_i^w| |C_j^w| \right]^2. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 2.3 For the path P_n on n vertices

$$HSS(P_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [(i-1)(n-i) + (i)(n-i-1)]^2.$$

Proof: The proof of this corollary follows by above Proposition 2.9. We follow the proof of the Proposition 2.9 to compute the index. Let P_n be the path with vertex sequence v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n (shown in Figure 3).

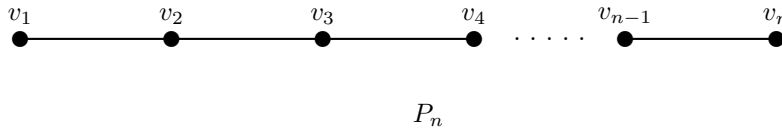


Figure 3: The path P_n on n vertices.

We have,

$$\text{str}(v_i) = (i-1)(n-i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} SS(P_n) &= \sum_{uv \in E(P_n)} [\text{str}(u) + \text{str}(v)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [\text{str}(v_i) + \text{str}(v_{i+1})]^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [(i-1)(n-i) + (i)(n-i-1)]^2. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2.6 Let $Wd(n, m)$ denotes the windmill graph constructed for $n \geq 2$ and $m \geq 2$ by joining m copies of the complete graph K_n at a shared universal vertex v . Then

$$HSS(Wd(n, m)) = \frac{m^3(m-1)^2(n-1)^5}{4}.$$

Hence, for the friendship graph F_k on $2k + 1$ vertices,

$$HSS(F_k) = 8k^3(k-1)^2.$$

Proof: Clearly the stress of any vertex other than universal vertex is zero in $Wd(n, m)$, because neighbors of that vertex induces a complete subgraph of $Wd(n, m)$. Also, since there are m copies of K_n in $Wd(n, m)$ and their vertices are adjacent to v , it follows that, the only geodesics passing through v are of length 2 only. So, $\text{str}(v) = \frac{m(m-1)(n-1)^2}{2}$. Note that there are $m(n-1)$ edges incident on v and the edges that are not incident on v have end vertices of stress zero. Hence by the Definition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} HSS(Wd(n, m)) &= m(n-1)\text{str}(v)^2 \\ &= m(n-1) \frac{m^2(m-1)^2(n-1)^4}{4} \\ &= \frac{m^3(m-1)^2(n-1)^5}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the friendship graph F_k on $2k + 1$ vertices is nothing but $Wd(3, k)$, it follows that

$$HSS(F_k) = \frac{2^5 k^3 (k-1)^2}{4} = 8k^3(k-1)^2. \quad \square$$

Proposition 2.7 Let W_n denotes the wheel graph constructed on $n \geq 4$ vertices. Then

$$HSS(W_n) = \frac{n^5 - 11n^4 + 45n^3 - 95n^2 + 112n - 52}{4}.$$

Proof: In W_n with $n \geq 4$, there are $(n-1)$ peripheral vertices and one central vertex, say v . It is easy to see that

$$\text{str}(v) = \frac{(n-1)(n-4)}{2}. \quad (2.7)$$

Let p be a peripheral vertex. Since v is adjacent to all the peripheral vertices in W_n , there is no geodesic passing through p and containing v . Hence contributing vertices for $\text{str}(p)$ are the rest peripheral vertices. So, by denoting the cycle $W_n - p$ (on $n-1$ vertices) by C_{n-1} , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{str}_{W_n}(p) &= \text{str}_{W_n-v}(p) \\ &= \text{str}_{C_{n-1}}(p) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Let us denote the set of all radial edges in W_n by R , and the set of all peripheral edges by Q . Note that there are $(n-1)$ radial edges and $(n-1)$ peripheral edges in W_n . Using (2.7) and (2.8) in the Definition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} SS(W_n) &= \sum_{xy \in R} [\text{str}(x) + \text{str}(y)]^2 + \sum_{xy \in Q} [\text{str}(x) + \text{str}(y)]^2 \\ &= (n-1)[\text{str}(v) + \text{str}(p)]^2 + (n-1) \cdot 4 \cdot \text{str}(p) \\ &= (n-1) \left[\frac{(n-1)(n-4)}{2} + 1 \right]^2 + 4(n-1) \\ &= \frac{n^5 - 11n^4 + 45n^3 - 95n^2 + 112n - 52}{4}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Conclusion

Using the stresses of vertices, we have developed a new topological index for graphs called the hyper stress index. Additionally, we calculated the hyper stress index for a few standard graphs, established some inequalities, and proved some results. Numerous topological indices, or structure descriptors, based on vertex degrees have been defined for molecular graphs. However, we have defined a new topological index for graphs in this paper that does not rely on vertex degrees. For other classes of graphs, $HSS(G)$ can be found using this index; results in this regard will be presented in a later paper.

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