Wiener Index of Fuzzy Graph by Using Strong Domination

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Abstract

Aims/Objectives: This paper presents a new method to calculate the Wiener index of a fuzzy graph by using strong domination number \( \gamma_s \) of a fuzzy graph \( G \). This method is more useful than other methods because it saves time and efforts and doesn’t require more calculations, if the edges number is very large (\( n \)). The Wiener index of some standard fuzzy graphs are investigated. At last, we find the relationship between strong domination number \( \gamma_s \) and the average \( \mu(G) \) of a fuzzy graph \( G \) was studied with suitable examples.

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1 Introduction

Fuzzy graph is one of the application tools in the field of mathematics, which allow the users to describe the relationship between any notions easily, because the nature of fuzziness is favorable for environment. Harold Wiener suggested the first definition of the Wiener index $W(G)$ as "The sum of the distance between all the pairs vertices of a graph $G$" in (1947)[1, 2]. Fuzzy graphs are beneficial to give more accurate and flexible system as compared to the classical models. A topological index is a numerical quantity for the structural graph of a molecule. Generally the topological indices are familiar in chemistry but a graph structure is of the mathematical background and Harold, who developed it in his theory and constructed a huge branch of chemical graph theory. Wiener usage is a numerical quantity for the structural graph of a molecule. Generally the topological indices are to give more accurate and flexible system as compared to the classical models. A topological index

2 Preliminaries

This section is focus on the basic definitions results related to fuzzy graph, strong domination in fuzzy graph and Wiener index.

A fuzzy graph $G = (\mu, \rho)$ where $\mu$ is a fuzzy subset of $V$ and $\rho$ is a fuzzy relation on $\mu$ such that $\rho(u, v) \leq \mu(u) \land \mu(v); \forall u, v \in V$. We assume that $V$ is finite and non empty, $\rho$ is reflexive and symmetric. For all $u, v \in V$. The order $p$ and size $q$ of a fuzzy graph $G$ are defined as $p = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \mu(v)$ and $q = \sum_{u,v \in V(G)} \rho(uv)$.

The complement of a fuzzy graph $G$, denoted by $(G)$ is defined as $G = (\mu, \tilde{\rho})$ where $\tilde{\rho}(uv) = \mu(u) \land \mu(v) - \rho(uv)$, for all $u, v \in V$. A weakest edge of $G$ is an edge with least membership value. A path $P$ of length $n$ is a sequence of distinct vertices $u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_n$ such that $\mu(u_i, u_{i+1}) > 0, i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n$ and the degree of membership of a weakest edge in the Path is defined its strength, if $u_0 = u_n$ and $\geq 3$, then $P$ is called a cycle and a cycle $P$ is called a fuzzy cycle if it contains more than one weakest edge. A fuzzy graph $G = (\mu, \rho)$ is a complete fuzzy graph if $\rho(u, v) = \mu(u) \land \mu(v), \forall u, v \in \mu^*$.

The strength of connectedness between two vertices $u$ and $v$ is defined as the maximum of the strength of all paths between $u$ and $v$ and is denoted by $CONNG(u, v)$. A $u - v$ path $P$ is called a strongest $u - v$ path if its strength equals $CONNG(u, v)$. A fuzzy graph $G$ is connected if for every $u, v \in \mu^*, CONNG(u, v) > 0$ throughout this, we assume that $G$ is connected. An edge of a fuzzy graph is called strong if its weight is at least as great as the strength of connectedness of its end vertices when it is deleted, depending $CONNG(u, v)$ of an edge $uv$ in fuzzy graph $G$. Thus an edge $uv$ is a strong edge if it is either $\alpha$-strong or $\beta$-strong [4]. A path $u - v$ is called a strong path if it contains only strong edge [5]. If $\rho(u, v) > 0$, then $u$ and $v$ are called neighbors. Also $v$ is called a strong neighbor if edge $(u, v)$ is strong. The set of all neighbors of $u$ is denoted by $N(u)$ and the set of all strong neighbors of $u$ is denoted by $N_S(u)$. A vertex $u$ is a fuzzy end vertex of $G$ if it has exactly one strong neighbor in $G$. 

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A strong path $P$ from $u$ to $v$ is a $u - v$ geodesic if there is no shorter strong path from $u$ to $v$ and the length of $u - v$ geodesic is the geodesic distance from $u$ to $v$ denoted by $d_s(u,v)$ [6]. Thus for all edge $(u,v)$ which depending on the $CONNG(u,v)$ of an edge $(u,v)$ in a fuzzy graph $G$, strong edge are further classified as $\alpha$-strong and $\beta$-strong and the remaining edges are termed as $\delta$-edge [4] as follows.

An edge $(u,v)$ in $G$ is called $\alpha$-strong if $\rho(u,v) > CONNG_{-uv}(u,v)$. An edge $(uv)$ in $G$ is called $\beta$-strong if $\rho(u,v) = CONNG_{-uv}(u,v)$, an edge $(uv)$ in $G$ is called $\delta$-edge if $\rho(u,v) < CONNG_{-uv}(u,v)$ [7, 6, 8, 9, 4]. A $\delta$-edge $(u,v)$ is called a $\delta^*$-edge if $\rho(u,v) > \rho(x,y)$ where $(x,y)$ is a weakest edge of $G$. In a fuzzy graph $G$, $d_s : V \times V \to [0,1]$ is a metric on $V$. i.e. $\forall u, v, w \in V$ (1), $d_s(u,v) \geq 0$; $\forall u, v \in V$; (2), $d_s(u,v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$, (3), $d_s(u,v) = d_s(v,u)$ and (4), $d_s(u,v) \leq d_s(u,w) + d_s(w,v)$ [10]

Note that, the fuzzy subgraph $H$ obtained by deleting the edge $(u,v)$ from a fuzzy graph $G$. Let $G$ be a graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$, the distance $d_s(u,v)$ between two vertices $u, v \in V(G)$ is the minimum number of edges on a path in $G$ between $u$ and $v$. Let $G$ be a connected fuzzy graph, for any path $P : u_0 - u_1 - u_2 - u_3 - ... - u_n$, the length of $P$ is denoted by $L(P)$, if $n = 0$, define $L(P) = 0$ and for $n \geq 1$, $L(P)$ is defined as the sum of the weights of the edges in $P$,

$$L(P) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \rho(u_i,u_{i+1}).$$

For any two vertices $u$ and $v$ in $G$, let $P = \{P_i : P_i$ is a $u - v$ path, $i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \}$. The sum distance between $u$ and $v$ is defined as $d_s(u,v) = \min\{L(P_i) : P_i \in P; i = 1, 2, \ldots \}$.

Let $G$ be a connected fuzzy graph, the Wiener index $W(G)$ of $G$ is defined by

$$W(G) = \sum_{u,v \in V(G)} d_s(u,v).$$

The average distance $\mu(G)$ between the vertices of $G$ is defined by

$$\mu(G) = \frac{W(G)}{C^m_2}.$$

The Wiener index of fuzzy path $P$ is defined by

$$W(P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i(n-i)\rho,$$

see [11, 8, 12] and [13]. Let $G = (\mu, \rho)$ be a fuzzy graph on $V$, let $u, v \in V$ we say that $u$ dominates $v$ in $G$ if there exists a strong edge between them. A set $D$ of vertices of $G$ is strong dominating set of $G$ if every vertices of $V(G)$ - $D$ is a strong neighbor of some vertex in $D$. The weight of a strong dominating set $D$ is defined as $w(G) = \sum_{u \in D} \rho(u,v)$, where $\rho(u,v)$ is the minimum of the membership values (weights) of the strong edges incident on $u$. The strong dominating number of a fuzzy graph $G$ defined as the minimum weight of strong dominating sets of $G$ and it is denoted by $\gamma_s(G)$ or simply $\gamma_s$.

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**Remark 3.1.** Let $G$ be fuzzy graph;

1. If $G$ is not strong fuzzy cycle. Then $\mu(G) \geq \gamma_s$.
2. If $G$ is a strong fuzzy cycle, Then $\mu(G) \leq \gamma_s$.
Theorem 3.2. for any fuzzy path

\[ W(P) \leq 2mq - (m + 1)\gamma_s(P) \]

Where \( m = |E^*| \).

Proof. Let \( G \) be a fuzzy path with length \( L \). Then the sum strong distance between \( u \) and \( w \) defined as \( d_s(u, w) = \min\{L(P_i); P_i \in P, i = 1, 2, \ldots\} \). So \( d_s(u, w) \leq L(P) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \rho(u, u_{i+1}) \leq q \).

Taken sum \( \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(u, w) \leq mq \).

Let \( D \) be strong dominating set of \( P \). Then \( \gamma_s(P) \leq \frac{q}{2} \)

\[ \Rightarrow (m + 2) \leq \frac{(m + 2)q}{2} \leq mq \]

From (1) and (2), we get

\[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(u, w) \leq 2mq - (m + 2)\gamma_s \]

By triangle inequality \( d_s(u, v) \leq d_s(u, w) + d_s(w, v) \) we have

\[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(u, u) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(u, w) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(w, v) \]

Now we assume \( uv \) be a strong edge with minimum weight adjacent to all vertices in strong dominating set of \( G \). Then \( d_s(w, v) = \rho(w, v) \).

Therefor,

\[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(w, v) = \gamma_s \]

Substitute from (3) and (5) in (4), we obtain

\[ W(P) \leq 2mq - (m + 1)\gamma_s \]

Example 3.3. consider the \( G = (V, E) \) be path fuzzy graph, with \( \mu(v) = 0.5 \) for all \( v \in V(G) \) given in the Fig. 1.

\[ (G) : \quad a \quad 0.2 \quad b \quad 0.3 \quad c \quad 0.1 \quad d \]

Fig. 1.

In figure 1, the vertex subsets \( D_{s1} = \{b, d\}, D_{s2} = \{a, d\}, D_{s3} = \{a, c\}, D_{s4} = \{b, c\} \) are strong dominating set of \( G \). Hence \( \gamma_s = \min\{\gamma_{s1}, \gamma_{s2}, \gamma_{s3}\} \) so \( \gamma_s(G) = 0.3 \) and \( m = |E^*| = 3. \) Then the Wiener index of \( G \)

\[ W(P) \leq 2mq - (m + 1)\gamma_s = 2 \times 3 \times 0.8 - (3 + 1) \times 0.3 = 3.6 \]
Also, the average of a path $P$ is

$$
\mu(P) \leq \frac{W(G)}{C_2} = \frac{2W(G)}{n(n-1)} = \frac{2 \times 3.6}{4 \times 3} = 0.6
$$

**Theorem 3.4.** For any strong cycle fuzzy graph,

$$
W(C_n) = \frac{m(mq - \gamma_s)}{8} + \frac{\gamma_s}{2}; \ m = |E^*|.
$$

**Proof.** Let $G$ be a strong cycle fuzzy graph, the maximum length of geodesic in $C_n = \frac{m}{2}$.

So $d_s(u, w) = \frac{mq}{2}$, for $u, w \in P_{\frac{m}{2}}$.

Therefore, $q_1 = \frac{3}{2}$.

Taken the sum, we have

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(u, w) \leq \frac{m^2q}{16} \quad \text{(1)}
$$

Since $\gamma_s \leq \frac{3}{2}$, then

$$
\frac{m}{8} \gamma_s \leq \frac{mq}{16} \leq \frac{m^2q}{16} \quad \text{(2)}
$$

From (1) and (2), we obtain,

$$
\sum_{(u, w) \in P_{\frac{m}{2}}} d_s(u, w) \leq \frac{m(mq - \gamma_s)}{8} \quad \text{(3)}
$$

Since $d_s(u, v) \leq d_s(u, w) + d_s(w, v)$, we have

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(u, v) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(u, w) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(w, v)
$$

We assume $uv$ be strong edge with minimum wight adjacent to at all vertices in dominating set $D_s$ of $P_{\frac{m}{2}}$. Then $d_s(w, v) = \mu(u, v)$ which implies

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} d_s(w, v) = \frac{\gamma_s}{2} \quad \text{(5)}
$$

Substitute from (5) and (3) in (4), we obtain

$$
W(C_n) \leq \frac{m(mq - \gamma_s)}{8} + \frac{\gamma_s}{2}
$$

Example 3.5. Consider the strong cycle fuzzy graph $G = (V, E)$, with $\mu(v) = 1$ for all $v \in V(G)$ and all edges are $\alpha$-strong gevin in the Fig. 2.
In Fig. 2, we have the strong dominating set \( D = \{a, b\} \), \( q = 1.4 \), \( \gamma_s(G) = 0.6 \) and \( m = |E^*| = 4 \). Then the Wiener index of \( G \)

\[
W(C_n) \leq \frac{m(mq - \gamma_s)}{8} + \frac{\gamma_s}{2} = \frac{4(4 \times 1.4 - 0.6)}{8} + \frac{0.6}{2} = 2.8.
\]

Also, the average of a strong fuzzy cycle \( C \) is

\[
\mu(C) \leq \frac{W(C)}{C_n^2} = \frac{2W(C)}{n(n-1)} = \frac{2 \times 2.8}{4 \times 3} = 0.5
\]

**Theorem 3.6.** For any fuzzy graph \( G \) has not strong cycle fuzzy graph,

\[
W(G) \leq 2m_s q_s - (m_s + 1)\gamma_s.
\]

Where \( m_s \) is the number of strong edge in \( G \), and \( q_s \) is the sum of strong edge

**Proof.** Let \( G \) be a fuzzy graph, with \( n \) vertices and \( m \) edges has not strong cycle and has at least one \( \delta \)-edge. Then \( G \) has a path joining \( v_1 \) and \( v_n \) we obtained it after delete \( \delta \)-edge. So the path in \( G \) is strong path has not \( \delta \)-edge and has \( m_s \) strong edge. Therefore, by Theorem (3.2),

\[
W(G) \leq 2m_s q_s - (m_s + 1)\gamma_s.
\]

**Example 3.7.** Consider the fuzzy graph \( G = (V, E) \), with \( \mu(v) = 1 \) for all \( v \in V(G) \) and all edges are \( \alpha \)-strong except \( (cd) \) is \( \delta \)-edge gevin in the Fig. 3.
In Fig. 3, we have, $q = 1.4$, $q_s = 1.2$, $\gamma_s(G) = 0.7$ and $m = |E^*| = 4$, $m_s = 3$. Then the Wiener index of $G$

$$W(G) \leq 2m_s q_s - (m_s + 1)\gamma_s = 2 \times 3 \times 1.2 - (3 + 1) \times 0.7 = 4.4$$

Also, the average of $G$ is

$$\mu(G) \leq \frac{W(G)}{C^*_2} = \frac{2W(G)}{n(n-1)} = \frac{2 \times 4.4}{4 \times 3} = 0.73.$$ 

**Theorem 3.8.** For any fuzzy graph $G$ without $\delta$-edge and contain $k$ strong cycle fuzzy graph, such that $k \geq 2$.

$$W(G) \leq \frac{m(q - \gamma_s)}{8K}.$$ 

Where $m = |E^*|$

**Proof.** Let $G$ be a fuzzy graph without $\delta$-edge and contain $K \geq 2$ strong cycle. Then $G = \bigcup_{i=2}^k C_i$. By Theorem (3.4),

$$W(G) \leq \frac{m(q - \gamma_s)}{8}.$$ 

We have, $m = \sum_{i=2}^k \mu_i$. Hence

$$W(G) \leq \frac{m(q - \gamma_s)}{8K} + \frac{\gamma_s}{2K}.$$ 

Since $\frac{\gamma_s}{2K}$ is very small. Then

$$W(G) \leq \frac{m(q - \gamma_s)}{8K}.$$ 

**Example 3.9.** Consider the fuzzy graph $G$ with $\mu(v) = 1$ for all $v \in V(G)$ given in the Fig. 4.
Fig. 4.

From Fig. 4, we have, \( q = 1.8 \), \( \gamma_s(G) = 0.3 \) and \( m = |E^*| = 5, K = 2 \). Then

\[
W(G) \leq \frac{m (mq - \gamma_s)}{8K} = \frac{5(5 \times 1.8 - 0.3)}{8 \times 2} = 2.72
\]

Also, the average of a fuzzy graph \( G \) is

\[
\mu(G) \leq \frac{W(G)}{C^2} = \frac{2W(G)}{n(n-1)} = \frac{2 \times 2.72}{4 \times 3} = 0.45
\]

**Theorem 3.10.** Let \( G \) be a fuzzy graph without \( \delta \)-edge, contains strong cycle fuzzy graph and strong fuzzy path. Then

\[
W(G) \leq \frac{m (mq - \gamma_s)}{8} + \frac{q}{2}
\]

**Proof.** By Theorem (3.4) and Theorem (3.2), we have

\[
W(G) \leq \frac{m (mq - \gamma_s)}{8} + \frac{q}{2} + (2mq - (m + 1)\gamma_s).
\]

There exists a vertex \( u \) which is a common strong cycle and strong path. Let \( u \) belong to a strong cycle. Therefore the path contain \((V(P) - \{u\})\), also the path \( P \) contains \( m \) edge such \( m = m_r + m_p, q = q_c + q_R \).

Then \( 2m_rq_R - (m_R + 1)\gamma_s(P) \leq \frac{q}{2} \).

Hence

\[
W(G) \leq \frac{m (mq - \gamma_s)}{8} + \frac{q}{2}
\]

\[\square\]

**Example 3.11.** Consider the fuzzy graph \( G \) with \( \mu(v) = 1 \) for all \( v \in V(G) \) giving in the Fig. 5.
From Fig. 5, we have, $q = 1.4$, $\gamma_s(G) = 0.4$ and $m = |E^s| = 5$. Then
\[ W(G) \leq \frac{m(q - \gamma_s)}{8} = \frac{5(5 \cdot 1.4 - 0.4)}{8} + \frac{1.4}{2} = 4.8 \]

Also, the average of a strong fuzzy cycle $C$ is
\[ \mu(G) \leq \frac{W(G)}{C^2} = \frac{2W(G)}{n(n-1)} = \frac{2 \cdot 4.8}{5 \cdot 4} = 0.48 \]

**Theorem 3.12.** For any fuzzy graph $G$, with at least one $\delta$-edge and has strong fuzzy cycle. Then
\[ W(G) \leq \frac{m_s(q_s - \gamma_s)}{8}. \]

Where $m_s$ is the number of strong edge of $G$.

**Proof.** Let $G$ be a fuzzy graph with $\delta$-edge and $G$ has strong cycle. Then $G$ contains strong fuzzy cycle and fuzzy subgraph obtained by deleting $\delta$-edge. So by Theorems (3.4), (3.2) and Theorem (3.10), we have
\[ W(G) \leq \frac{m_s(q_s - \gamma_s)}{8} + (2m_Hq - (m_H + 1)\gamma_s). \]

Hence
\[ W(G) \leq \frac{m_s(q_s - \gamma_s)}{8} \]

**Example 3.13.** Consider the fuzzy graph $G$, with $\mu(v) = 1$ for all $v \in V(G)$ given in Fig.6.
From Fig. 6, we have, \( q = 2.6, \ q_s = 2.5, \ \gamma_s(G) = 0.5 \) and \( m = |E^*| = 7, \ m_s = 6. \) Then
\[
W(G) \leq \frac{6(6 \times 2.5 - 0.5)}{8} = 10.9. \]

Also, the average of a fuzzy graph \( G \) is,
\[
\mu(G) \leq \frac{W(G)}{C_n^2} = \frac{2W(G)}{n(n - 1)} = \frac{2 \times 10.9}{6 \times 5} = 0.73. \]

4 Application

In this section, we will present a practical example about the above-mentioned results and how they save time and efforts in calculating the Wiener index. The first value will be considered as the membership edge that we will use in our solutions.
In Fig. 7, the membership edges of the path from China → Columbia → Guatemala → Mexico → United States route is \{0.19, 0.3, 0.32, 0.47\}, and we have the strong dominating set \(D = \{\text{colombia}, \text{Mexico}\}\) and \(m = 4, q = 1.28, \gamma_s = 0.51\). Therefore, the Wiener index \(W(G) \leq 7.69\) and average \(\mu(G) \leq 0.77\). Similar calculations in India → Guatemala → Mexico → United States route, we can see that \(D = \{\text{Guatemala}, \text{Mexico}\}\), \(m = 3, q = 1.05, \gamma_s = 0.58\). Hence \(W(G) \leq 3.98, \mu(G) \leq 0.66\). Along Ethiopia → S. Africa → Brazil → Ecuador → Mexico → United States route, \(D = \{\text{S.Africa, Mexico}\}\), \(m = 5, q = 1.63, \gamma_s = 0.5\). So, \(W(G) \leq 13.3, \mu(G) \leq 0.89\). Along Somalia → EAU → Russia → Cuba → Columbia → Mexico → United States route, \(D = \{\text{Somalia, Cuba, Mexico}\}\), \(m = 6, q = 1.53, \gamma_s = 0.69\). Hence \(W(G) \leq 13.53, \mu(G) \leq 0.64\). Along Nigeria → Spain → Cuba → Columbia → Mexico → United States route, \(D = \{\text{Spain, Mexico}\}\), \(m = 5, q = 1.6, \gamma_s = 0.62\). Then \(W(G) \leq 12.28, \mu(G) \leq 0.82\). The method in [14] and the method in this paper all agree that Somalia is the source country of the path to the United States of strongest susceptibility.

5 Conclusions

This paper has focused on calculating the Wiener index of a fuzzy graph \(G\) by using the strong domination number \(\gamma_s\), if the number of edges of the fuzzy graph are very large. It’s an easy way to save time an efforts by reducing a lot of procedure to calculate the Wiener index. So we use a new method that is strong domination to find and calculate the Wiener index. The Wiener index for some standard fuzzy graphs such as a fuzzy path and fuzzy cycle are given. The relationship of \(\mu(G)\) and \(\gamma_s\) was investigated.

Competing Interests

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