



# Reciprocal leap indices of some wheel related graphs

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## Abstract

Recently, Ammar Alsinai *et al.*, [1], introduced Reciprocal leap Zagreb indices of a graph based on the inverse second degree of vertices. The first Reciprocal leap Zagreb index  $RL_1(G)$  is equal to the sum of squares of the inverse second degrees of the vertices, the second Reciprocal leap Zagreb index  $RL_2(G)$  is equal to the sum of the products of the inverse second degrees of pairs of adjacent vertices of  $G$  and the third Reciprocal leap Zagreb  $RL_3$  is equal to the sum of the products of the inverse first degrees with the inverse second degrees of the vertices. In this paper, exact expression for Reciprocal leap Zagreb indices of wheel  $w_n$ , and some related graphs as gear  $G_n$ , helm  $H_n$ , flower  $fl_n$  and sunflower  $sf_n$  graphs are commuted.

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## 1. Introduction

In last decade, graph theory has found a considerable use in the mathematical chemistry. In this area we can apply tools of graph theory to model the chemical phenomenon mathematically. This theory contributes a prominent in chemical science. A chemical structure of molecules can be represent by molecular graph, where vertices represent the atoms and edges represent the bonds between them. The graph theory based structure descriptors can be determined by considering graph vertices and edges. A simply arithmetic operators are carried out to get numerical indices. Topological indices are used in the development of Quantitative Structure Activity/Property Relations (QSAR/QSPR). A graph is a collection of points and lines connecting a subset of them. The points and lines of a graph are also called vertices and edges of the graph, respectively.

The vertex and edge sets of a graph  $G$  are denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$ , respectively. Let  $|V(G)| = n$  and  $|E(G)| = m$ , if two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of the graph  $G$  are adjacent, then the edge connecting them will

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be denoted by  $uv$ . If  $u, v \in V(G)$  then the distance  $d_G(u, v)$  between  $u$  and  $v$  is defined as the length of a shortest path in  $G$  connecting them. The diameter of a connected graph  $G$  is the length of any longest geodesic, denoted by  $diam(G)$ . In a graph  $G$ , the degree of a vertex  $v$ , denoted  $d(v)$ , is the number of first neighbors (the number of edges incident with  $v$ ) and the second degree of  $v$ , denoted  $d_2(v)$ , is the number of second neighbors. The maximum and minimum degrees among the vertices of  $G$ , are denoted by  $\Delta = \Delta(G)$  and  $\delta = \delta(G)$ , respectively. A wheel  $W_{1,n}$  defined as  $W_{1,n} = K_1 + C_n$ . In this paper, we only consider with a simple connected graphs. Any undefined term or notation in this paper can be found in [5, 6].

Some of the major classes of topological indices are distance based-topological indices, see [7], degree-based-topological indices, see [8, 2, 4, 3] and in [9, 10, 11] the authors introduced new topological indices based on minimal and minimum dominating sets, for more details and applications for those new indices, see [12, 13, 14].

One of the oldest and most commonly used to study the physico-chemical properties of molecules topological index are Zagreb indices introduced by Gutman and Trinajstić on based degree of vertices of  $G$ . The first and second Zagreb indices of a graph  $G$  are defined as:

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

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

The quantity  $M_1(G)$  was first time considered in 1972 [15], whereas  $M_2(G)$  in 1975 [16]. For more information on Zagreb and beyond topological indices, readers are referred to the survey [17], and the references therein.

In 2017, Naji *et al.*, [18] have introduced a new distance-degree-based topological indices conceived depending on the second degrees of vertices, and are called leap Zagreb indices of a graph  $G$  and are defined as:

$$LM_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d_2(v)^2,$$

$$LM_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d_2(u)d_2(v),$$

$$LM_3(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)d_2(v).$$

The leap Zagreb indices have several chemical applications. Surprisingly, the first leap Zagreb index has very good correlation with physical properties of chemical compound, like boiling point, entropy, DHVAP, HVAP and eccentric factor [19]. Consequently, the new class of graphs, that so called leap graphs was defined and studied in [20], and was defined as, A graph  $G$  is said to be a leap graph, if and only if for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $d(v) = d_2(v)$ .

The inverse degree index of a graph the first was introduced in 2005 [21], and was defined by

$$ID(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \frac{1}{d(v)}.$$

The inverse degree has attracted attention through a conjecture generating computer Graffiti [22]. The modified first Zagreb index  ${}^m M_1(G)$  was first introduced in [23], and defined as

$${}^m M_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \frac{1}{d(v)^2}.$$

Motivated by the inverse degree index, Alsinai *et al.*, [1], defined the inverse second degree index of a graph, as following

$$ID_2(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \frac{1}{d_2(v) + 1}.$$

For a connected graph  $G$ , the first, second and third reciprocal leap indices are defined in [1]:

$$RL_1 = RL_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v) + 1)^2},$$

$$RL_2 = RL_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{(d_2(u) + 1)(d_2(v) + 1)},$$

$$RL_3 = RL_3(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \frac{1}{d(v)(d_2(v) + 1)}.$$

In this paper, the explicit formulae for reciprocal leap Zagreb indices of wheel and some related graph are presented.

### 2. Main Result

**Definition 2.1.** The wheel graph  $W_n$  with  $n + 1$  vertices is defined to be the join of  $K_1$  and  $C_n$ , where  $K_1$  is the complete graph with one vertex and  $C_n$  is the cycle graph with  $n$  vertices. Clearly,  $|V(W_n)| = n + 1$  and  $|E(W_n)| = 2n$ . The vertex corresponding to  $K_1$  is known as apex while the vertices corresponding to  $C_n$  are  $K_1$  known as rim vertices.

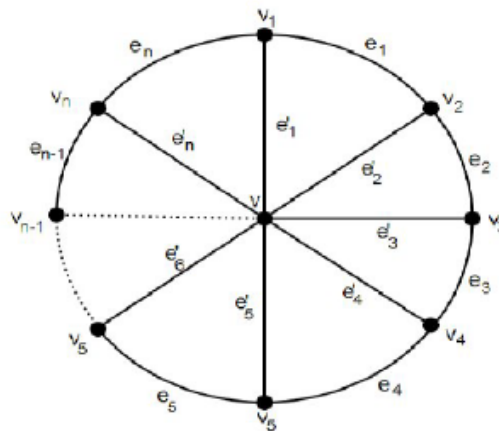


Figure 1: Wheel graph  $w_n$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $W_n$  be a wheel graph with  $n + 1$  vertices (as shown in Fig. 1). Then  $d^{-1}(v_0) = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $d_2^{-1}(v_0) = 1$ ,  $d^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{3}$ , and  $d_2^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{n-2}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $W_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$  be a wheel graph with  $n + 1$  vertices. Then

1.  $RL_1(W_n) = \frac{n^2 - 5n + 9}{n^2 - 6n + 9}$ .
2.  $RL_2(W_n) = \frac{2(n-1)}{n^2 - 4n + 4}$ .
3.  $RL_3(W_n) = \frac{n^2 + 3n - 6}{3n^2 - 6}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $W_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$  be a wheel graph with  $n + 1$  vertices, and Let  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a vertices set of  $W_n$  where  $v_0$  be the apex vertex and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the rim vertices of  $W_n$

1. By Lemma 2.2, and from definition of  $RL_1(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} RL_1(W_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(W_n)} \frac{1}{d_2(v) + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i) + 1)^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{n}{(n - 3)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_1(W_n) = \frac{n^2 - 5n + 9}{n^2 - 6n + 9}$ .

2. From Fig. 1, we have two types of edges  $v_0, v_i$  and  $v_i, v_{i+1}$ , for indices being taken modulu  $n$ , and from definition of  $RL_2(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} RL_2(W_n) &= \sum_{v_0 v \in V(W_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\ &= \sum_{v_0 v_i \in V(W_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} + \sum_{v_i v_{i+1} \in V(W_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i) + 1)(d_2(v_{i+1}) + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(n - 2)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(n - 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(n - 2)} + \frac{n}{(n - 2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_2(W_n) = \frac{2n - 2}{n^2 - 4n + 4}$ .

3. From definition of  $RL_3(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} RL_3(W_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(w_n)} \frac{1}{d(v)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{d(v_0)(d_2(v) + 1)} + \sum_{i=1}^n d(v_i) \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i + 1))}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_3(W_n) = \frac{n^2 + 3n - 6}{3n^2 - 6}$ .

□

**Definition 2.4.** The gear graph  $G_n$ , also sometimes known as a bipartite wheel graph, is a graph obtained from wheel graph  $W_n$  by added a vertex between each pair of adjacent rim vertices. It contains three type of vertices, the vertex of degree  $n$  called apex,  $n$  vertices of degree three and  $n$  vertices of degree two. The gear graph  $G_n$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices (as shown in Fig. 2). Then

$$d^{-1}(v_0) = \frac{1}{n}, \quad d_2^{-1}(v_0) = \frac{1}{n+1}, \quad d^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad d_2^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{n}, \quad d^{-1}(u_i) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad d_2^{-1}(u_i) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices. Then

1.  $RL_1(G_n) = \frac{n^2 + 33n + 16}{6n(n+1)}$ .
2.  $RL_2(G_n) = \frac{(n+5)}{4(n+1)}$ .
3.  $RL_3(G_n) = \frac{11n^2 + 8n + 27}{24n(n+1)}$ .

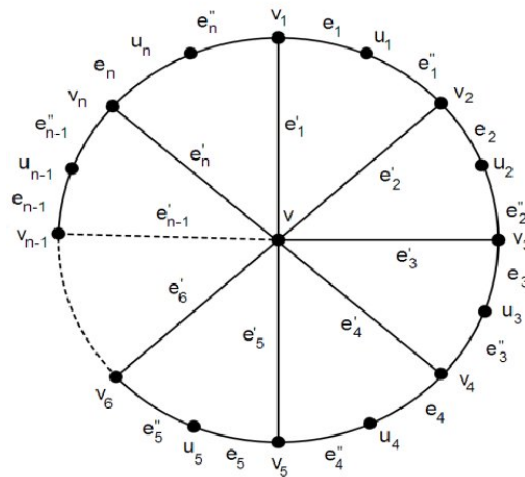


Figure 2: Gear graph  $G_n$

*Proof.* Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph and let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $G_n$  with three degree and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of  $G_n$  with two degree

1. By Lemma 2.5, and from definition of  $RL_1(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL_1(G_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(G_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v) + 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i) + 1)^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(u_i) + 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(n + 1)} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n}{16}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_1(W_n) = \frac{n^2 + 33n + 16}{6n(n + 1)}$ .

2. From definition of  $RL_2(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL_2(G_n) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(u) + 1)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\
 &= \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(u_i) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(n + 1)} + \frac{1}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_2(G_n) = \frac{n + 5}{4(n + 1)}$ .

3. Form definition of  $RL_3(G_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL_3(G_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(G_n)} \frac{1}{d(v)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{d(v_0)(d_2(v_0) + 1)} + \sum_n^{i=1} d(v_i) \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i) + 1)} + \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{d(u_i)(d_2(u_i) + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n(n + 1)} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{n}{8}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_3(G_n) = \frac{11n^2 + 8n + 27}{24n(n + 1)}$ .

□

**Definition 2.7.** The helm graph  $H_n$  is a graph obtained from wheel graph  $W_n$  by attaching a pendant edge to each rim vertex. The helm graph contains three types of vertices, the vertex of degree  $n$  called apex,  $n$  pendant vertices and  $n$  rim vertices of degree four. The helm graph  $H_n$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges.

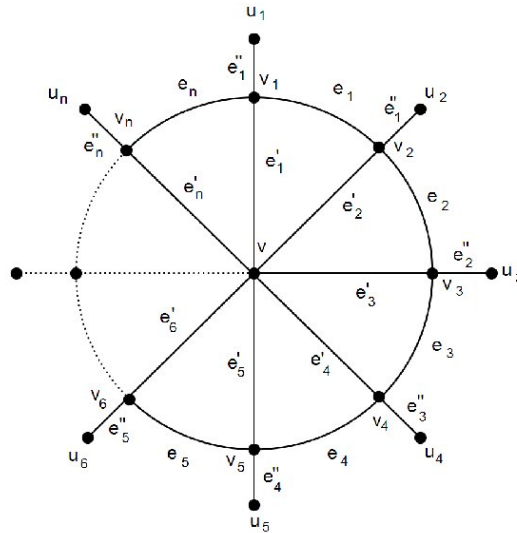


Figure 3: Helm graph  $H_n$

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices (as show in Fig. 3). Then we have  $d^{-1}(v_0) = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $d_2^{-1}(v_0) = \frac{1}{n+1}$ ,  $d^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $d_2^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $d^{-1}(u_i) = 1$  and  $d_2^{-1}(u_i) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices. Then

1.  $RL_1(H_n) = \frac{n^3+6n^2+13n+4}{4n(n+1)^2}$ .
2.  $RL_2(H_n) = \frac{(n^2+9n+4)}{4n(n+1)}$ .
3.  $RL_3(H_n) = \frac{n^3+2n^2+n+4}{4n(n+1)}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices and let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the rim vertices with four degree and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the pendant vertices. Then

1. By Lemma 2.8, and from definition of  $RL_1(G)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL_1(H_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(H_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v) + 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i) + 1)^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(u_i) + 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(n + 1)^2} + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{n}{16}.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. From definition of  $RL_2(H_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL_2(H_n) &= \sum_{uv \in V(H_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(u) + 1)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\
 &= \sum_{v_0, v_i \in E(H_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} + \sum_{v_i u_i} \frac{1}{(d_2(u_i) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{v_i v_{i+1}} \frac{1}{(d_2(v_{i+1}) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(n + 1)} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

3. From definition of  $RL_3(H_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL_3(H_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(H_n)} \frac{1}{d(v)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{d(v_0)(d_2(v_0) + 1)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{d(v_i)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n(n + 1)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{4n} + \frac{n}{4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n(n + 1)} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{n}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 2.10.** The flower graph  $fl_n$  is a graph obtained from a helm graph by joining each pendant vertex to the apex of the helm graph. There are three types of vertices, the apex of degree  $2n$ ,  $n$  vertices of degree four and  $n$  vertices of degree two. The flower graph  $fl_n$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $4n$  edges

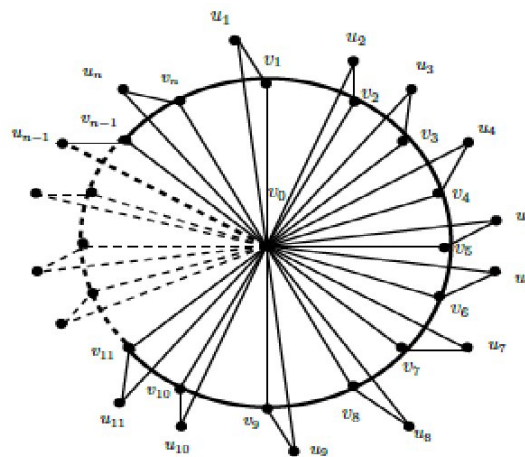


Figure 4: Flower graph  $fl_n$

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $fl_n$  be a flower graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices (as shown in Fig. 4). Then  $d^{-1}(v_0) = \frac{1}{2n}$ ,  $d_2^{-1}(v_0) = 1$ ,  $d^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $d_2^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{(n-4)}$ ,  $d^{-1}(u_i) = 1$  and  $d_2^{-1}(u_i) = \frac{1}{(n-1)}$ .

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $fl_n$  be a flower graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices. Then

1.  $RL_1(fl_n) = \frac{1}{4n^2} + \frac{n}{(n-4)^2} + \frac{n}{(n-1)^2}$
2.  $RL_2(fl_n) = \frac{n^3-5n^2-10n}{(n-1)(n-4)^2}$
3.  $RL_3(fl_n) = \frac{3n^3-7n^2-10n+8}{4n^3-20n^2-16n}$

*Proof.* Let  $fl_n$  be a flower graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices,  $4n$  edges and let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the rim vertices with four degrees and  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  be the extreme. Then

1. By Lemma 2.11, and from definition of  $RL_1(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} RL_1(fl_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(fl_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v) + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i) + 1)^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(u_i) + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(4n^2)} + \frac{n}{(n-4)^2} + \frac{n}{(n-1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

2. From Fig. 4, we have four type of edge  $v_0, v_i, v_0u_i, v_iu_i$  and  $v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and definition of  $RL_2(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} RL_2(fl_n) &= \sum_{uv \in E(fl_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(u) + 1)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\ &= \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} \\ &\quad + \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{(d_2v_0 + 1)(d_2(u_i + 1))} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(u_i) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} \\ &= \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{(v_i + 1)(d_2(v_{i+1}))}. = \frac{n}{(n-4)} + \frac{n}{n-1} + \frac{n}{(n-4)(n-1)} + \frac{n}{(n-4)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_2(fl_n) = \frac{n^3-5n^2-10n+8}{(n-1)(n-4)^2}$ .

3. From definition of  $RL_3(fl_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} RL_3(fl_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(fl_n)} \frac{1}{d(v)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{d(v_0)(d_2(v_0) + 1)} + \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{d(v_i)(d_2(v_i + 1))} + \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{d(u_i)(d_2(u_i + 1))} \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{n}{4(n-4)} + \frac{n}{2(n-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_3(fl_n) = \frac{3n^3-7n^2-10n+8}{4n^3-20n^2-16n}$ .

□

**Definition 2.13.** The sunflower graph  $Sf_n$  is the graph obtained from the flower graph  $fl_n$  by attaching  $n$  pendant edges to the apex vertex.  $Sf_n$  has four types of vertices, the apex of  $3n$ ,  $n$  vertices of degree four vertices of degree two and  $n$  pendant vertices.



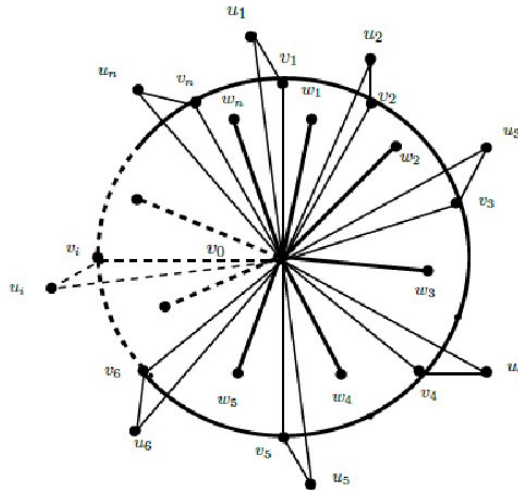


Figure 5: sunflower graph  $fl_n$

**Lemma 2.14.** Let  $Sf_n$  be a sunflower graph with  $3n + 1$  vertices (as shown in Fig. 5). Then  $d^{-1}(v_0) = \frac{1}{3n}$ ,  $d_2^{-1}(v_0) = 1$ ,  $d^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $d_2^{-1}(v_i) = \frac{1}{3(n-1)}$ ,  $d^{-1}(u_i) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $d_2^{-1}(u_i) = \frac{1}{(3n-1)}$ ,  $d^{-1}(w_i) = 1$  and  $d_2^{-1}(w_i) = \frac{1}{(3n)}$ .

**Theorem 2.15.** Let  $Sf_n$  be a sunflower graph with  $3n + 1$  vertices. Then

1.  $RL_1(sf_n) = n + \frac{n}{9(n-1)^2} + \frac{n}{(3n-1)^2} + \frac{1}{9n}$
2.  $RL_2(sf_n) = \frac{n^3 - 5n^2 - 10n + 8}{(n-1)(n-4)^4}$
3.  $RL_3(sf_n) = \frac{3n^3 - 7n^2 - 10n + 8}{4n^3 - 20n^2 - 16n}$

*Proof.* Let  $sf_n$  be a sunflower graph with  $3n+1$  vertices,  $5n$  edges and let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex,  $v_0, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the rim vertices with four degrees and  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  be the extreme vertices with two degrees. since  $d(v_0) = 3n$ . Then

1. By Lemma 2.14, and from definition of  $RL_1(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 RL_1(sf_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(sf_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(v) + 1)^2} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i + 1))^2} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i + 1))^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(w_i + 1))^2} \\
 &= n + \frac{n}{9(n-1)^2} + \frac{n}{(3n-1)^2} + \frac{1}{9n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. From definition of  $RL_2(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} RL_2(sf_n) &= \sum_{uv \in V(sf_n)} \frac{1}{(d_2(u) + 1)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\ &= \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{(d_2(v_0) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} + \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{(d_2v_0 + 1)(d_2(u_i + 1))} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(d_2(u_i) + 1)(d_2(v_i) + 1)} \\ &= \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{(v_i + 1)(d_2(v_{i+1}))} \\ &= \frac{n}{(n-4)} + \frac{n}{n-1} + \frac{n}{(n-4)(n-1)} + \frac{n}{(n-4)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_2(fl_n) = \frac{n^3 - 5n^2 - 10n + 8}{(n-1)(n-4)^4}$ .

3. From definition of  $RL_3(fl_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} RL_3(fl_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(fl_n)} \frac{1}{d(v)(d_2(v) + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{d(v_0)(d_2(v_0) + 1)} + \sum_n^{i=1} d(v_i) \frac{1}{(d_2(v_i + 1))} + \sum_n^{i=1} \frac{1}{d(u_i)(d_2(u_i + 1))} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2n)} + \frac{n}{4(n-4)} + \frac{n}{2(n-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $RL_3(fl_n) = \frac{3n^3 - 7n^2 - 10n + 8}{4n^3 - 20n^2 - 16n}$ .

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