

### The PI Index of $TUVC_6[2p, q]$

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#### Abstract

The PI index is a graph invariant defined as the summation of the sums of  $n_{eu}(e|G)$  and  $n_{ev}(e|G)$  over all the edges  $e = uv$  of a connected graph  $G$ , i.e.,  $PI(G) = \sum_{e \in E(G)} [n_{eu}(e|G) + n_{ev}(e|G)]$ , where  $n_{eu}(e|G)$  is the number of edges of  $G$  lying closer to  $u$  than to  $v$  and  $n_{ev}(e|G)$  is the number of edges of  $G$  lying closer to  $v$  than to  $u$ . A formula for calculating the PI index of  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$  is given.

## 1 Introduction

The structure of a molecule could be represented in a variety of ways. The information on the chemical constitution of molecule is conventionally represented by a molecular graph. And graph theory was successfully provided

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the chemist with a variety of very useful tools, namely, topological index. The first reported use of a topological index in chemistry was by Wiener [1] in the study of paraffin boiling points. Since then, in order to model various molecular properties, many topological indices have been designed [2]. Such a proliferation is still going on and is becoming counter productive.

In 1990s, Gutman [3] and coworkers [4] have introduced a generalization of the Wiener index ( $W$ ) for cyclic graphs called Szeged index ( $Sz$ ). The main advantage of the Szeged index is that it is a modification of  $W$ ; otherwise, it coincides with the Wiener index. In [5,6] another topological index was introduced and it was named Padmakar-Ivan index, abbreviated as PI. This new topological index, PI, does not coincide with the Wiener index. Deng [9] gave a formula for calculating the PI index of catacondensed hexagonal systems and the extremal catacondensed hexagonal systems with the minimum or maximum PI index. Ashrafi and Loghman [10] computed the PI index of zig-zag polyhex nanotubes.

The primary aim of this article is to introduce the method for calculation of PI index for  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$ . Our notation is mainly taken from [7,8]. Throughout this paper  $G = TUVC_6[2p, q]$  denotes an armchair polyhex nanotube, see Figure 1.

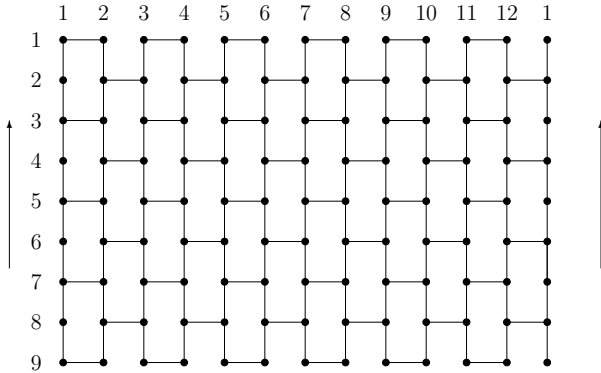


Figure 1.  $G = TUVC_6[2p, q]$  with  $p=6$  and  $q=9$

## 2 The definition of PI index

Let  $G$  be a connected and undirected graph without multiple edges or loops. By  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  we denote the vertex and edge sets, respectively, of  $G$ .

If  $G' = (V', E')$  is a subgraph of  $G = (V, E)$  and contains all the edges of  $G$  that join two vertices in  $V'$ , i.e.,  $E'$  is the set of edges between vertices of

$V'$ , then  $G'$  is an induced subgraph of  $G$  by  $V'$  and is denoted by  $G[V']$ .

Let  $e = xy$  be an edge of  $G$ ,  $X$  is the subset of vertices of  $V(G)$  which are closer to  $x$  than  $y$  and  $Y$  is the subset of vertices which are closer to  $y$  than  $x$ , i.e.,

$$X = \{v|v \in V(G), d_G(x, v) < d_G(y, v)\}$$

$$Y = \{v|v \in V(G), d_G(y, v) < d_G(x, v)\}$$

where  $d_G(u, v)$  denotes the distance between vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$ . Let  $G[X] = (X, E_1)$  and  $G[Y] = (Y, E_2)$ ,

$$n_1(e) = |E_1|, \quad n_2(e) = |E_2|$$

Here,  $n_1(e)$  is the number of edges nearer to  $x$  than  $y$  and  $n_2(e)$  is the number of edges nearer to  $y$  than  $x$ .

Then the PI index of  $G$  is defined as

$$PI(G) = \sum_{e \in E(G)} [n_1(e) + n_2(e)]$$

In all cases of cyclic graphs, there are edges equidistant to the both ends of the edges. Such edges are not taken into account. Let  $[X, Y]$  denote the subset of edges between  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $n(e) = |[X, Y]|$ . Then  $n(e) = |E(G)| - (n_1(e) + n_2(e))$  is the number of edges equidistant to the both ends of  $e$  for a bipartite connected graph  $G$  (It includes the current edge  $e$  in  $n(e)$ ). And

$$PI(G) = |E(G)|^2 - \sum_{e \in E(G)} n(e)$$

Therefore, for computing the PI index of a bipartite connected graph  $G$ , it is enough to calculate  $n(e)$  for each  $e \in E(G)$ .

To calculate  $n(e)$ , we consider two cases that  $e$  is horizontal or vertical.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $e$  be any horizontal edge between columns  $j$  and  $j+1$  in  $G = TUV C_6[2p, q]$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 2p$ , where  $2p + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2p}$ .

(i) If  $q$  is odd, then  $n(e) = \begin{cases} q, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd;} \\ q + 1, & \text{if } p \text{ is even and } j \text{ is odd;} \\ q - 1, & \text{if } p \text{ is even and } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$

(ii) If  $q$  is even, then  $n(e) = q$ .

(iii) Let  $H$  be the sum of  $n(e)$  over all horizontal edges in  $G$ . Then

$$H = \begin{cases} pq^2, & q \text{ is even;} \\ pq^2 + p, & q \text{ is odd and } p \text{ is even;} \\ pq^2, & q \text{ and } p \text{ are odd.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $x_{ij}$  be the vertex on row  $i$  and column  $j$ ,  $e = x_{ij}x_{i,j+1}$ .  $X$  is the subset of vertices of  $V(G)$  which are closer to  $x_{ij}$  than  $x_{i,j+1}$  and  $Y$  is

the subset of vertices which are closer to  $x_{i,j+1}$  than  $x_{ij}$ . It is obvious that  $X$  consists of the vertices on columns  $j, j-1, \dots, j-p+1$ , and  $Y$  consists of the vertices on columns  $j+1, j+2, \dots, j+p$ , where  $j \pm k$  will be taken  $j \pm k \pmod{2p}$  if  $j \pm k \notin \{1, 2, \dots, 2p\}$ . So,  $[X, Y]$  is the set of the edges between columns  $j$  and  $j+1$  and the edges between columns  $j-p+1$  and  $j+p$ . Note that the number  $m_j$  of the edges between columns  $j$  and  $j+1$  is

$$m_j = \begin{cases} \frac{q}{2}, & \text{if } q \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{q+1}{2}, & \text{if } q \text{ is odd and } j \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{q-1}{2}, & \text{if } q \text{ is odd and } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

So, we have

$$(i) \text{ if } q \text{ is odd, then } n(e) = \begin{cases} q, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd;} \\ q+1, & \text{if } p \text{ is even and } j \text{ is odd;} \\ q-1, & \text{if } p \text{ is even and } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \text{ if } q \text{ is even, then } n(e) = q.$$

(iii) Let  $H_j$  be the sum of  $n(e)$  over all horizontal edges between columns  $j$  and  $j+1$ .

$$\text{If } q \text{ is even, then } H_j = \frac{q}{2} \times q = \frac{q^2}{2}, \text{ and } H = \sum_{j=i}^{2p} H_j = 2p \times \frac{q^2}{2} = pq^2.$$

If  $q$  is odd and  $p$  is even, then

$$H_j = \begin{cases} \frac{(q+1)^2}{2}, & j \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{(q-1)^2}{2}, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } H = \sum_{j=i}^{2p} H_j = p(q^2 + 1).$$

If  $q$  and  $p$  are all odd, then

$$H_j = \begin{cases} \frac{q(q+1)}{2}, & j \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{q(q-1)}{2}, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } H = \sum_{j=i}^{2p} H_j = pq^2.$$

$$\text{So, } H = \begin{cases} pq^2, & q \text{ is even;} \\ pq^2 + p, & q \text{ is odd and } p \text{ is even;} \\ pq^2, & q \text{ and } p \text{ are odd.} \end{cases}$$

To calculating  $n(e)$  for the vertical edges  $e$ , we need only calculate  $n(e)$  for  $e = x_{11}x_{21}$ , so is  $n(e)$  for the vertical edges between rows 1 and 2 and the vertical edges between rows  $q-1$  and  $q$  by the symmetry of  $G$ , and  $n(e)$  can also be calculated for the vertical edges between rows  $i$  and  $i+1$  by using two intersectional  $TUVC_6$ s.

### 3 The distances in $TUVC_6[2p, q]$

For  $e = x_{11}x_{21}$ , we will give a formula for calculating the distances from  $x_{11}$  (or  $x_{21}$ ) in the following, and find the subset  $X$  of vertices of  $V(G)$  which are closer to  $x_{11}$  than  $x_{21}$  and the subset  $Y$  of vertices which are closer to  $x_{21}$  than  $x_{11}$ .

We first consider two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , where  $G_1$  is obtained from  $G = TUVC_6[2p, q]$  by deleting the horizontal edges between columns 1 and  $2p$  (see Figure 2) and  $G_2$  is obtained from  $G = TUVC_6[2p, q]$  by deleting the horizontal edges between columns 1 and 2 (see Figure 3), and the distances from  $x_{11}$  (or  $x_{21}$ ) in  $G$  is the minimum of the ones in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ .

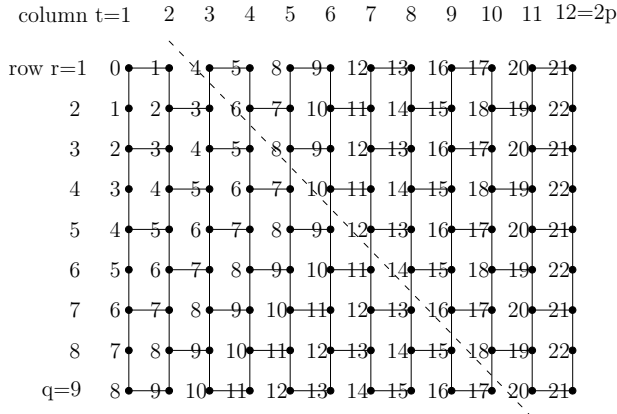


Figure 2.  $G_1$  and the distances from the vertex  $x_{11}$  in  $G_1$ .

Table 1. The values of  $d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - t$ .

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	-1	-1	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
2	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
3	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
4	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
5	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	9	9
8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	10
9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	9	9

Now, we calculate the distances from  $x_{11}$  in  $G_1$  as showing in Figure 2. And Table 1 lists the values of  $d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - t$ , where  $d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt})$  is the distance between  $x_{11}$  and  $x_{rt}$  in  $G_1$ .

From Table 1, we can see that

$$d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - t = \begin{cases} r - 2, & 1 \leq t \leq r + 1; \\ 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor - 2, & t \geq r + 2 \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor - 1, & t \geq r + 2 \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

So, we have

**Lemma 2.**  $d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) = \begin{cases} t + r - 2, & 1 \leq t \leq r + 1; \\ t - 2 + 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor, & t \geq r + 2 \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ t - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor, & t \geq r + 2 \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Lemma 2 can be easily proved by the inductive method on t, we omit here.

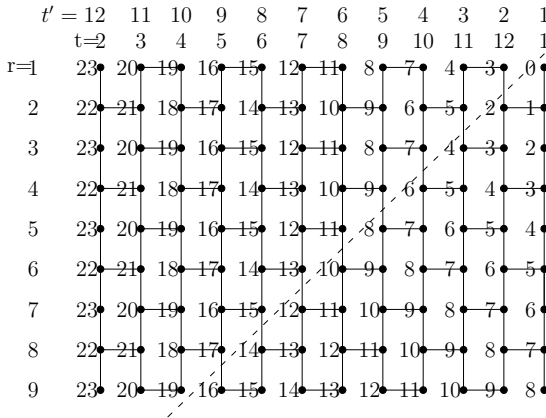


Figure 3.  $G_2$  and the distances from the vertex  $x_{11}$  in  $G_2$ .

Table 2. The values of  $d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) - t'$ .

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	-1	-1	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
2	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
3	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
4	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
5	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	9	9
8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	10
9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	9	9

Similarly, we calculate the distances from  $x_{11}$  in  $G_2$  as showing in Figure 3. And Table 2 lists the values of  $d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) - t'$ , where  $d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'})$  is the

distance between  $x_{11}$  and  $x_{rt'}$  in  $G_2$  and

$$t' = \begin{cases} 1, & t = 1 \\ 2p + 2 - t, & t \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

From Table 2, we can see that

$$d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) - t' = \begin{cases} r - 2, & 1 \leq t' \leq r; \\ 2\lceil \frac{t'-1}{2} \rceil, & t' \geq r + 1 \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ 2\lceil \frac{t'}{2} \rceil - 1, & t' \geq r + 1 \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

So, we have

**Lemma 3.**  $d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) = \begin{cases} t' + r - 2, & 1 \leq t' \leq r; \\ t' + 2\lceil \frac{t'-1}{2} \rceil, & t' \geq r + 1 \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ t' - 1 + 2\lceil \frac{t'}{2} \rceil, & t' \geq r + 1 \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

and

$$d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt}) = \begin{cases} 2p + r - t, & t \leq 2p + 2 - r (t=1 \text{ if } r=1); \\ 2p + 2 - t + 2\lceil \frac{2p+1-t}{2} \rceil, & t \leq 2p + 1 - r \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ 2p + 1 - t + 2\lceil \frac{2p+2-t}{2} \rceil, & t \leq 2p + 1 - r \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Since the vertex  $x_{rt}$  in  $G_1$  and the vertex  $x_{rt'}$  in  $G_2$  are identical, we have

- Lemma 4.** (i) If  $t = 1$ , then  $d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) = d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'})$  ;  
 (ii) If  $2 \leq t \leq p + 1$ , then  $d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) \leq d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'})$  ;  
 (iii) If  $p + 2 \leq t \leq 2p$ , then  $d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) > d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'})$ .

**Proof.** (i) If  $t = 1$ , then  $t' = 1$  and  $d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) = d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'})$  from Lemmas 2 and 3.

(ii)  $2 \leq t \leq p + 1$ .

**Case 1.**  $t \geq r + 2$ . Then  $r + 2 \leq t \leq p + 1$  and  $r \leq p - 1$ ,  $t' = 2p + 2 - t \geq p + 1 \geq r + 2$ .

(a) If  $r$  is even, then by Lemmas 2 and 3

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) - d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) &= (t' + 2\lceil \frac{t'-1}{2} \rceil) - (t - 2 + 2\lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil) \\ &= 4p + 6 - 2t + 2(\lceil \frac{t-1}{2} \rceil - \lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil) . \\ &\geq 4p + 4 - 4t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) If  $r$  is odd, then by Lemmas 2 and 3

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) - d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) &= (t' - 1 + 2\lceil \frac{t'}{2} \rceil) - (t - 1 + 2\lceil \frac{t-1}{2} \rceil) \\ &= 4p + 4 - 2t + 2(\lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil - \lceil \frac{t-1}{2} \rceil) . \\ &\geq 4p + 4 - 4t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.**  $2 \leq t \leq r + 1$ .

(a) If  $t' \leq r$ , then by Lemmas 2 and 3

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) - d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) &= (r + t' - 2) - (r + t - 2) \\ &= t' - t = 2p + 2 - 2t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) If  $t' \geq r + 1$ , i.e.,  $2p + 2 - t \geq r + 1$ , then  $r + t \leq 2p + 1$ .

When  $r$  is even, by Lemmas 2 and 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) - d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) &= (t' + 2\lceil \frac{t'-1}{2} \rceil) - (r + t - 2) \\ &\geq (r + 1 + 2\lceil \frac{t'}{2} \rceil) - (2r - 1) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

When  $r$  is odd, by Lemmas 2 and 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) &= (t' - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t'}{2} \rfloor) - (r + t - 2) \\ &\geq (r + 2\lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \rfloor) - (2r - 1) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $p + 2 \leq t \leq 2p$ . Then  $2 \leq t' = 2p + 2 - t \leq p$ .

**Case 1.**  $t' \geq r + 1$ . Then  $r + 1 \leq t' \leq p$ ,  $r \leq p - 1$ ,  $t = 2p + 2 - t' \geq p + 2 \geq r + 3$ .

(a) If  $r$  is even, then by Lemmas 2 and 3

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) &= (t - 2 + 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor) - (t' + 2\lfloor \frac{t'-1}{2} \rfloor) \\ &= (2p - t' + 2\lfloor \frac{2p+2-t'}{2} \rfloor) - (t' + 2\lfloor \frac{t'-1}{2} \rfloor) \\ &= 4p + 2 - 2t' + 2(\lfloor \frac{-t'}{2} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{t'-1}{2} \rfloor) \\ &\geq 4p + 2 - 4t' > 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) If  $r$  is odd, then by Lemmas 2 and 3

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) &= (t - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor) - (t' - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t'}{2} \rfloor) \\ &= 4p + 4 - 2t' + 2(\lfloor \frac{-t'-1}{2} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{t'}{2} \rfloor) \\ &\geq 4p + 2 - 4t' > 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.**  $2 \leq t' \leq r$ .

(a) If  $t \leq r + 1$ , then by Lemmas 2 and 3

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) &= (r + t - 2) - (r + t' - 2) \\ &= t - t' = 2p + 2 - 2t' > 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) If  $t \geq r + 2$ , then by Lemmas 2 and 3

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) &= (t - 2 + 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor) - (r + t' - 2) \\ &\geq (r + 2\lfloor \frac{r+2}{2} \rfloor) - (2r - 2) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

when  $r$  is even; and

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt'}) &= (t - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor) - (r + t' - 2) \\ &\geq (r + 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \rfloor) - (2r - 2) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

when  $r$  is odd.

Now by Lemma 4, we can directly give a formula of calculating the distances from  $x_{11}$  in  $G = TUV C_6[2p, q]$ .

**Theorem 1.** (i)  $d(x_{11}, x_{rt}) = d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt})$  if  $1 \leq t \leq p + 1$ ;  
 (ii)  $d(x_{11}, x_{rt}) = d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt})$  if  $p + 2 \leq t \leq 2p$ .

Next, we consider the distances from  $x_{21}$ . Using the same methods as above, we can calculate the distances from  $x_{21}$  in  $G_1$  as showing in Figure 4 and list the values of  $d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt}) - t$  in Table 3.



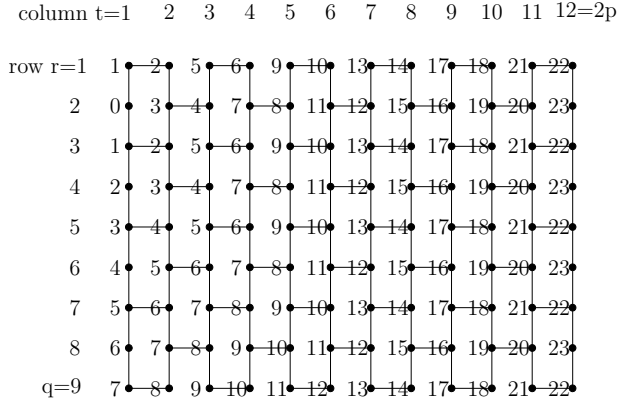


Figure 4.  $G_1$  and the distances from the vertex  $x_{21}$  in  $G_1$ .

Table 3. The values of  $d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt}) - t$ .

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	0	0	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10	10
2	-1	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9	11
3	0	0	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10	10
4	1	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9	11
5	2	2	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10	10
6	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9	11
7	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6	8	8	10	10
8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	9	9	11
9	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	10	10

If  $r \geq 2$ , we can see that from Table 3

$$d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt}) - t = \begin{cases} r - 3, & 1 \leq t \leq r - 1; \\ 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor - 1, & t \geq r \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor, & t \geq r \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

So, we have

**Lemma 5.** If  $r \geq 2$ , then

$$d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt}) = \begin{cases} t + r - 3, & 1 \leq t \leq r - 1; \\ t - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor, & t \geq r \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ t + 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor, & t \geq r \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

and  $d_1(x_{21}, x_{1t}) = d_1(x_{21}, x_{3t})$  if  $r = 1$ .

Also, we can calculate the distances from  $x_{21}$  in  $G_2$  as showing in Figure 5 and list the values of  $d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt'}) - t'$  in Table 4.

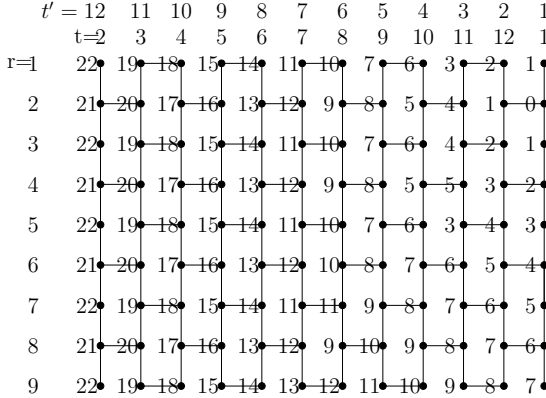


Figure 5.  $G_2$  and the distances from the vertex  $x_{21}$  in  $G_2$ .

Table 4. The values of  $d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt'}) - t'$ .

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
2	-1	-1	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
3	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
4	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
5	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
6	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6	8	8	10
8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	9	9
9	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	10

If  $r \geq 2$ , we can see that from Table 4

$$d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt'}) - t' = \begin{cases} r - 3, & 1 \leq t' \leq r; \\ 2^{\lfloor \frac{t'-1}{2} \rfloor} - 1, & t' \geq r + 1 \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ 2^{\lfloor \frac{t'}{2} \rfloor} - 2, & t' \geq r + 1 \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

So, we have

**Lemma 6.** If  $r \geq 2$ , then

$$d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt'}) = \begin{cases} t' + r - 3, & 1 \leq t' \leq r; \\ t' - 1 + 2\lceil \frac{t'-1}{2} \rceil, & t' \geq r + 1 \text{ and } r \text{ is even;} \\ t' - 2 + 2\lceil \frac{t'}{2} \rceil, & t' \geq r + 1 \text{ and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

and  $d_2(x_{21}, x_{1t'}) = d_1(x_{21}, x_{3t'})$  if  $r = 1$ .

As in Lemma 4, we can prove the following result by using Lemmas 5 and 6.

- Lemma 7.** (i) If  $t = 1$ , then  $d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt}) = d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt'})$  ;  
 (ii) If  $2 \leq t \leq p$ , then  $d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt}) < d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt'})$ ;  
 (iii) If  $p + 1 \leq t \leq 2p$ , then  $d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt}) \geq d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt'})$ .

And now, we can give a formula of calculating the distances from  $x_{21}$  in  $G = TUV C_6[2p, q]$  by Lemma 4.

- Theorem 2.** (i)  $d(x_{21}, x_{rt}) = d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt})$  if  $1 \leq t \leq p$ ;  
 (ii)  $d(x_{21}, x_{rt}) = d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt})$  if  $p + 1 \leq t \leq 2p$ .

## 4 A formula for calculating PI index of $TUV C_6[2p, q]$

In this section, we first find the subset  $X$  of vertices of  $V(G)$  which are closer to  $x_{11}$  than  $x_{21}$  and the subset  $Y$  of vertices which are closer to  $x_{21}$  than  $x_{11}$  in  $G$ , and give the formula of calculating  $n(e)$  for all vertical edges  $e$ . And then we calculate the PI index of  $TUV C_6[2p, q]$ .

Let  $X = \{x_{rt}|x_{rt} \in G, d(x_{11}, x_{rt}) < d(x_{21}, x_{rt})\}$ , and  $Y = \{x_{rt}|x_{rt} \in G, d(x_{11}, x_{rt}) > d(x_{21}, x_{rt})\}$ . Since  $G$  is a bipartite graph,  $Y = V(G) - X$ .

A example for  $p = 6$  and  $q = 9$  is showed in Figure 6, where  $X$  is the set of large dots and  $Y$  is the set of small dots.

- Lemma 8.** (i) If  $p$  is even, then

$$X = \{x_{rt}|1 \leq r \leq t \leq p \text{ and } r \leq q\} \cup \{x_{r,p+1}|r = 2, 4, \dots, p \text{ and } r \leq q\};$$

- (ii) If  $p$  is odd, then

$$X = \{x_{rt}|1 \leq r \leq t \leq p \text{ and } r \leq q\} \cup \{x_{r,p+1}|r = 1, 3, \dots, p \text{ and } r \leq q\};$$

- (iii)  $n(e) = \begin{cases} 2p, & q \geq p + 1 \\ 2(q - 1), & q \leq p. \end{cases}$

where  $e = x_{11}x_{21}$ .

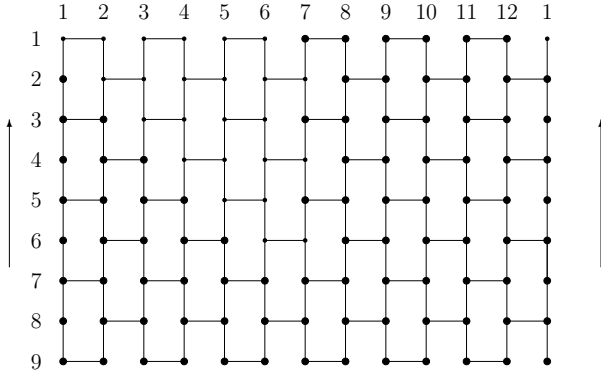


Figure 6.

**Proof.** Let  $\Delta = d(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d(x_{21}, x_{rt})$ .

**Case 1.**  $t \leq p$ . Then by Theorems 1 and 2,  $\Delta = d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_1(x_{21}, x_{rt})$ .

**Case 1.1.** If  $r \leq t - 2$ , then  $r \leq p - 2$ ,  $t' = 2p + 2 - t \geq p + 2 \geq r + 4$ .

From Lemmas 2 and 5,

$$\Delta = \begin{cases} (t - 2 + 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor) - (t - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor), & r \text{ is even;} \\ (t - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor) - (t + 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor), & r \text{ is odd} \\ = -1 < 0. \end{cases}$$

So,  $d(x_{11}, x_{rt}) < d(x_{21}, x_{rt})$ , and  $x_{rt} \in X$ .

**Case 1.2.** If  $t - 1 \leq r \leq t$ , then  $t' = 2p + 2 - t \geq p + 2 \geq r + 2$ . From

Lemmas 2 and 5,

$$\Delta = \begin{cases} (r + t - 2) - (t - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor) = r - 1 - 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor, & r \text{ is even;} \\ (r + t - 2) - (t + 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor) = r - 2 - 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor, & r \text{ is odd} \\ < 0. \end{cases}$$

So,  $d(x_{11}, x_{rt}) < d(x_{21}, x_{rt})$ , and  $x_{rt} \in X$ .

**Case 1.3.** If  $r \geq t + 1$ , then by Lemmas 2 and 5,

$$\Delta = (t + r - 2) - (t + r - 3) = 1 > 0.$$

So,  $d(x_{11}, x_{rt}) > d(x_{21}, x_{rt})$ , and  $x_{rt} \notin X$ .

**Case 2.**  $t = p + 1$ . Then by Theorems 1 and 2,  $\Delta = d_1(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt})$ .

**Case 2.1.** If  $r \leq t - 2$ , then  $t' \geq r + 4$ . From Lemmas 2 and 6,

$$\Delta = (t - 2 + 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor) - (t' - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t'-1}{2} \rfloor) = -1 + 2(\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor) \\ = \begin{cases} -1, & p \text{ is even (i.e., } t \text{ is odd);} \\ 1, & p \text{ is odd (i.e., } t \text{ is even)} \end{cases}$$

when  $r$  is even; and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= (t - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor) - (t' - 2 + 2\lfloor \frac{t'}{2} \rfloor) = 1 + 2(\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{t'}{2} \rfloor) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, & p \text{ is even (i.e., } t \text{ is odd);} \\ -1, & p \text{ is odd (i.e., } t \text{ is even)} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

when  $r$  is odd.

So,  $x_{r,p+1} \in X$  if and only if the parity of  $r$  and  $p$  are the same.

**Case 2.2.** If  $r = t - 1$ , then  $t' = r + 1$ . From Lemmas 2 and 6,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= (r + t - 2) - (t' - 1 + 2\lfloor \frac{t'-1}{2} \rfloor) = r - 1 - 2\lfloor \frac{t-1}{2} \rfloor \\ &= \begin{cases} -1, & t = r + 1 \text{ (i.e., } p = t - 1 = r \text{ is even);} \\ 1, & t = r \text{ (i.e., } p = t - 1 = r - 1 \text{ is odd)} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

when  $r$  is even; and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= (r + t - 2) - (t' - 2 + 2\lfloor \frac{t'}{2} \rfloor) = r - 2\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor \\ &= \begin{cases} -1, & t = r + 1 \text{ (i.e., } p = t - 1 = r \text{ is odd);} \\ 1, & t = r \text{ (i.e., } p = t - 1 = r - 1 \text{ is even)} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

when  $r$  is odd.

So,  $x_{p,p+1} \in X$ ,  $x_{p+1,p+1} \notin X$ . (Thus,  $x_{r,p+1} \in X$  if and only if the parity of  $r$  and  $p$  are the same.)

**Case 2.3.** If  $r \geq t$ , then  $t' \leq r$ , by Lemmas 2 and 6,

$$\Delta = (t + r - 2) - (t' + r - 3) = 1 > 0.$$

So,  $x_{r,p+1} \notin X$ ,  $r \geq p + 1$ .

**Case 3.**  $t \geq p + 2$ . Then by Theorems 1 and 2,  $\Delta = d_2(x_{11}, x_{rt}) - d_2(x_{21}, x_{rt})$ . From Lemmas 3 and 6, we have

$$\Delta = 1 > 0.$$

So,  $x_{r,t} \notin X$  when  $t \geq p + 2$ .

Summarizing above-mentioned, (i) and (ii) hold.

Since  $n(e) = |[X, Y]|$  and  $Y = V(G) - X$ , (iii) holds from (i) and (ii).

In the following, we calculate  $n(e)$  for vertical edges  $e_r = x_{r1}x_{r+1,1}$  and  $2 \leq r \leq q-2$ . Let  $TUVC_6[2p, r+1]$  be the polyhex nanotube consisting of the first  $r+1$  rows of  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$  and  $TUVC_6[2p, q-r+1]$  the one consisting of the last  $q-r+1$  rows of  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$ . Then the edge  $e_r = x_{r1}x_{r+1,1}$  in  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$  can be viewed as the vertical edge at row 1 and column 1 in  $TUVC_6[2p, r+1]$  and also in  $TUVC_6[2p, q-r+1]$ . By Lemma 8 (iii), we have

$$n_1(e_r) = \begin{cases} 2p, & r \geq p \\ 2r, & r \leq p-1. \end{cases}$$

in  $TUVC_6[2p, r+1]$ . And

$$n_2(e_r) = \begin{cases} 2p, & q-r \geq p \\ 2(q-r), & q-r \leq p-1. \end{cases}$$

in  $TUVC_6[2p, q-r+1]$ . Since  $n(e_r) = n_1(e_r) + n_2(e_r) - 2$ ,  $2 \leq r \leq q-2$ ,

and using Lemma 8 for  $r = 1$ , we have the following result.

**Lemma 9.** Let  $e = x_{r1}x_{r+1,1}$  be a vertical edge between row  $r$  and row  $r + 1$  in  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq q - 1$ .

- (i) If  $q \leq p$ , then  $n(e) = 2q - 2$ .
- (ii) If  $p + 1 \leq q < 2p$ , then

$$n(e) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2r - 2, & 1 \leq r \leq q - p; \\ 2q - 2, & q - p + 1 \leq r \leq p - 1; \\ 2p + 2(q - r) - 2, & p \leq r \leq q - 1. \end{cases}$$

- (iii) If  $q \geq 2p$ , then

$$n(e) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2r - 2, & 1 \leq r \leq p - 1; \\ 4p - 2, & p \leq r \leq q - p; \\ 2p + 2(q - r) - 2, & r \geq q - p + 1. \end{cases}$$

Using Lemma 1 and 9, we can give a formula for calculating PI index of  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$ .

**Theorem 3.** The PI index of  $G = TUVC_6[2p, q]$  is as follows:

If  $q$  is even, then

$$PI(G) = \begin{cases} 9p^2q^2 - 12p^2q + 4p^2 - 5pq^2 + 8pq - 4p, & q \leq p; \\ 9p^2q^2 - 20p^2q + 4p^3 - pq^2 + 8p^2 + 4pq - 4p, & q \geq p + 1. \end{cases}$$

If  $q$  is odd, then

$$PI(G) = \begin{cases} 9p^2q^2 - 12p^2q + 4p^2 - 5pq^2 + 8pq - 4p, & q \leq p \text{ and } p \text{ is odd;} \\ 9p^2q^2 - 20p^2q + 4p^3 - pq^2 + 8p^2 + 4pq - 4p, & q \geq p + 1 \text{ and } p \text{ is odd;} \\ 9p^2q^2 - 12p^2q + 4p^2 - 5pq^2 + 8pq - 3p, & q \leq p \text{ and } p \text{ is even;} \\ 9p^2q^2 - 20p^2q + 4p^3 - pq^2 + 8p^2 + 6pq - 5p, & q \geq p + 1 \text{ and } p \text{ is even;} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $N_1 = \sum_{r=1}^{q-1} n(e_r)$  be the sum of  $n(e_r)$  over all vertical edges  $e_r$  of column 1 in  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$ . By Lemma 9,

- (i) If  $q \leq p$ , then  $N_1 = 2(q - 1)^2$ ;
- (ii) If  $p + 1 \leq q < 2p$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= \sum_{r=1}^{q-p} (2p + 2r - 2) + \sum_{r=q-p+1}^{p-1} (2q - 2) + \sum_{r=p}^{q-1} (2p + 2(q - r) - 2) \\ &= 4(q - p)(p - 1) + 2(q - p)(q - p + 1) + 2(q - 1)(2p - q - 1) \\ &= 4pq - 2p^2 - 2p - 2q + 2 \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) If  $q \geq 2p$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= \sum_{r=1}^{p-1} (2p + 2r - 2) + \sum_{r=p}^{q-p} (4p - 2) + \sum_{r=q-p+1}^{q-1} (2p + 2(q - r) - 2) \\ &= 4(p - 1)^2 + 2(p - 1)p + 2(2p - 1)(q - 2p + 1) \\ &= 4pq - 2p^2 - 2p - 2q + 2 \end{aligned}$$

If  $N$  is the sum of  $n(e_r)$  over all vertical edges  $e_r$  in  $TUVC_6[2p, q]$ , then

$$N = 2pN_1 = \begin{cases} 4p(q-1)^2, & q \leq p; \\ 4p(2pq - p^2 - p - q + 1), & q \geq p + 1. \end{cases}$$

And  $PI(G) = |E(G)|^2 - \sum_{e \in E(G)} n(e) = (3pq - 2p)^2 - (H + N)$ . From Lemma 1, if  $q$  is even, then

$$PI(G) = \begin{cases} 9p^2q^2 - 12p^2q + 4p^2 - 5pq^2 + 8pq - 4p, & q \leq p; \\ 9p^2q^2 - 20p^2q + 4p^3 - pq^2 + 8p^2 + 4pq - 4p, & q \geq p + 1. \end{cases}$$

and if  $q$  is odd, then

$$PI(G) = \begin{cases} 9p^2q^2 - 12p^2q + 4p^2 - 5pq^2 + 8pq - 4p, & q \leq p \text{ and } p \text{ is odd;} \\ 9p^2q^2 - 20p^2q + 4p^3 - pq^2 + 8p^2 + 4pq - 4p, & q \geq p + 1 \text{ and } p \text{ is odd;} \\ 9p^2q^2 - 12p^2q + 4p^2 - 5pq^2 + 8pq - 5p, & q \leq p \text{ and } p \text{ is even;} \\ 9p^2q^2 - 20p^2q + 4p^3 - pq^2 + 8p^2 + 4pq - 5p, & q \geq p + 1 \text{ and } p \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

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