

# Some Bounds on $GA_1$ Index of Graphs

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## Abstract

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph without isolated vertices. The  $GA_1$  index of  $G$  is defined as the summation of  $2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}/(d(u) + d(v))$ , where for every vertex  $x$ ,  $d(x)$  denotes the degree of vertex  $x$ . In this note, some properties of  $GA_1$  index are presented.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph where  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  are the vertex and edge sets of the graph  $G$ , respectively. A topological index of a graph is a number invariant under its automorphisms. The simplest topological indices are the number of vertices and edges of the graph. The Wiener index ( $W$ ) is one of the oldest topological indices introduced by Harold Wiener [1].

The Cartesian product  $G_1 \times G_2$  of graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is a graph such that  $V(G_1 \times G_2) = V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$ , and any two vertices  $(a, b)$  and  $(u, v)$  are adjacent in  $G_1 \times G_2$  if and only if either  $a = u$  and  $b$  is adjacent with  $v$ , or  $b = v$  and  $a$  is adjacent with  $u$ . If  $e = uv$  is an edge of  $G$  then  $GA_1$  index [2] of  $G$  defined as the summation of  $2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}/(d(u) + d(v))$ , where for every vertex  $x$ ,  $d(x)$  denotes the degree of vertex  $x$  [2]. In this paper, we present some new bounds for  $GA_1$  index. Throughout this paper, our notation is standard and taken from the standard graph theory books and [3-13]. In

particular, papers [6,8,10] are concerned with geometric-arithmic indices. For review on  $GA$  indices see [14].

## 2. Bounds on the $GA_1$ Index of Graphs

By the well-known relation of arithmetic-geometric mean, we can easily see that  $GA_1(G) \leq m$ , with equality if and only if  $G$  is a union of regular graphs.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph. Then  $GA_1(G) \leq \frac{1}{2} Zg_1$  with equality if and only if  $G$  is a union of  $K_2$ .

**Proof.** For any positive real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} \leq \frac{2ab}{a+b} \leq \sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$ . Thus

$\frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} \leq \frac{d(u)+d(v)}{2}$  and so  $GA_1(G) \leq \frac{1}{2} Zg_1$ . The equality holds if and only if

$d(u) = d(v) = 1$ ; for any edge  $e = uv$ . This condition satisfies if and only if  $G$  is a union of  $K_2$ , proving the lemma.

**Lemma 2.** If  $G$  is a simple graph without isolated vertices then  $GA_1(G) \leq \sqrt{mZg_2}$  with equality if and only if  $G$  is a union of  $K_2$ .

**Proof.** Since  $G$  is a graph without isolated vertex,

$$GA_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} \leq \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{1+1} \leq \sum_{uv \in E} \sqrt{d(u)d(v)}.$$

For any edge  $e = uv$ , we define  $a_{uv} = 1$  and  $b_{uv} = \sqrt{d(u)d(v)}$ . Apply Cauchy-Schwarz

inequality to conclude that  $\sum_{uv \in E} \sqrt{d(u)d(v)} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{uv} 1 \sum_{uv} d(u)d(v)} = \sqrt{mZg_2}$  and equality

holds if and only if  $b_{uv} = \sqrt{d(u)d(v)} = 1$ . Thus  $G$  is a union of  $K_2$ , proving the lemma.

**Proposition 1.** Suppose that  $G$  is a graph without isolated vertex. Then

a)  $GA_1(G) \leq \sqrt{Zg_2 + m(m-1)}$  with equality if and only if  $G$  is a union of  $K_2$ .

b)  $GA_1(G) \leq \left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil + \sqrt{\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil^2} + Zg_2$  with equality if and only if  $G$  is a union of an

odd number of  $K_2$ .

**Proof.** a) We can see that,

$$\begin{aligned} [GA_1(G)]^2 &= \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{4d(u)d(v)}{[d(u)+d(v)]^2} + 2 \sum_{uv \neq xy} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{d(x)d(y)}}{d(x)+d(y)} \\ &\leq \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{4d(u)d(v)}{(1+1)^2} + 2 \sum_{uv \neq xy} (1)(1) = \sum_{uv \in E} d(u)d(v) + 2 \frac{m(m-1)}{2} \\ &= Zg_2 + m(m-1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $GA_1(G) \leq \sqrt{Zg_2 + m(m-1)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } [GA_1(G)]^2 &= \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{4d(u)d(v)}{[d(u)+d(v)]^2} + 2 \sum_{uv \neq xy} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{d(x)d(y)}}{d(x)+d(y)} \\ &\leq \sum_{uv \in E} d(u)d(v) + 2 \left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \cdot GA_1(G) \\ &\leq Zg_2 + 2 \left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \cdot GA_1(G) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $[GA_1(G) - \left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil]^2 \leq \left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil^2 + Zg_2$  and equality holds if and only if G is a union of an odd number of  $K_2$ .

**Proposition 2.** Suppose that G is a simple graph with no isolated vertex, then

$$GA_1(G) \geq \frac{2m}{n}.$$

**Proof.** It is clear that  $\frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{d(u) \cdot 1}}{d(u)+(n-1)}$ . Let  $f(x) = \frac{2\sqrt{x}}{x+(n-1)}$ ; for  $x \geq 1$ ,

then  $f'(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}(x+n-1) - 2\sqrt{x}}{x+n-1} = \frac{-x+n-1}{\sqrt{x}(x+n-1)}$ . If  $x \in [1, n-1]$  then  $f'(x) \geq 0$  and

so  $\frac{2\sqrt{d(u)}}{d(u)+n-1} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{1}}{1+n-1} = \frac{2}{n}$ . Hence  $GA_1(G) \geq \frac{2m}{n}$ .

**Proposition 3.** If G is a simple graph with no isolated vertices then

$$GA_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{Zg_2}{(n-1)^2} + \frac{4m(m-1)}{n^2}}.$$

**Proof.** By Proposition 1,

$$\begin{aligned}
 [GA_1(G)]^2 &= \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{4d(u)d(v)}{[d(u)+d(v)]^2} + 2 \sum_{uv \neq xy} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{d(x)d(y)}}{d(x)+d(y)} \\
 &\geq \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{4d(u)d(v)}{[(n-1)+(n-1)]^2} + 2 \sum_{uv \neq xy} \frac{2}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{n} \\
 &= \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{d(u)d(v)}{(n-1)^2} + 2 \left(\frac{4}{n^2}\right) \left(\frac{m(m-1)}{2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{Zg_2}{(n-1)^2} + \frac{4m(m-1)}{n^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $GA_1(G) \geq \sqrt{\frac{Zg_2}{(n-1)^2} + \frac{4m(m-1)}{n^2}}$ .

From our calculations given above, it is possible to compute the  $GA_1$  index of some nanostructures covered by  $C_4$ . Notice that if  $G$  is a regular graph then  $\frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} = 1$ .

Thus  $GA_1(G) = |E(G)|$ .

I) If  $G = P_n \times P_m$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 GA_1(P_n \times P_m) &= \sum_{d(u)=d(v)=4} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} + \sum_{d(u)=3, d(v)=4} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} \\
 &+ \sum_{d(u)=d(v)=3} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)+d(v)} + \sum_{d(u)=2, d(v)=3} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u)d(v)} \\
 &= \sum_{d(u)=d(v)=4} \frac{2\sqrt{4 \cdot 4}}{4+4} + \sum_{d(u)=3, d(v)=4} \frac{2\sqrt{3 \cdot 4}}{3+4} + \sum_{d(u)=d(v)=3} \frac{2\sqrt{3 \cdot 3}}{3+3} \\
 &+ \sum_{d(u)=2, d(v)=3} \frac{2\sqrt{2 \cdot 3}}{2+3} \\
 &= |E(P_{n-2} \times P_{m-2})|(1) + (2(n-2) + 2(m-2)) \frac{2\sqrt{12}}{7} + (2(n-3) + 2(m-3))(1) \\
 &+ \frac{8 \cdot 2\sqrt{6}}{5} = 2mn - 3(m+n) + 8(m+n-4) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{7} + \frac{16\sqrt{6}}{5}.
 \end{aligned}$$

II) If  $G = C_m \times P_n$  then  $GA(G) = \sum_{uv \in A} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u) + d(v)} + \sum_{uv \in B} \frac{2\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}{d(u) + d(v)} = (2mn - 2m) + \frac{2m \cdot 2\sqrt{3 \cdot 4}}{3 + 4} = 2m(n-1) + \frac{8m\sqrt{3}}{7}$ , where  $A = \{uv \mid d(u) = d(v) = 3 \text{ or } d(u) = d(v) = 4\}$  and  $B = \{uv \mid d(u) = 3 \text{ and } d(v) = 4\}$ .

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