

## THE DEGREE-DISTANCE OF SOME CLASS OF GRAPHS

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### Abstract

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a finite connected graph. The degree-distance  $D'(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is defined as  $D'(G) = \sum_{\{u,v\} \subseteq V(G)} [deg(u) + deg(v)]d(u, v)$  where  $deg(w)$  is the degree of the vertex  $w$  in  $G$  and  $d(u, v)$  is the distance between  $u$  and  $v$ . In this paper, we determine the degree-distance  $D'(G)$  for shadow graphs of complete graph, complete bipartite graph and study the relation between them. Also, it is shown that, the degree-distance of  $K_n$  is less than the degree-distance of shadow of  $K_n$ .

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### 1. Introduction

By a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , we mean a finite undirected connected graph. The *order* and *size* of  $G$  are denoted by  $n$  and  $p$  respectively. For vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a connected graph  $G$ , the distance  $d(u, v)$  is the length of a shortest  $u - v$  path in  $G$ . The *degree* of a vertex  $v$  in a graph  $G$  is the number of edges of  $G$  incident with  $v$  and is denoted by  $deg_G v$  or  $deg v$ . A graph  $G$  is *complete* if every two distinct vertices of  $G$  are adjacent. A complete graph of order  $n$  is denoted by  $K_n$ . A *bipartite graph*  $G$  is a graph whose vertex set  $V(G)$  can be partitioned into two subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every edge of  $G$  joins  $V_1$  with  $V_2$ ;  $(V_1, V_2)$  is called a *bipartition* of  $G$ . If  $G$  contains every edge joining  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , then  $G$  is called a *complete bipartite graph*. The complete bipartite graph with bipartition  $(V_1, V_2)$  such that  $|V_1| = m$  and  $|V_2| = n$  is denoted by  $K_{m,n}$ . The shadow graph  $S(G)$  of a connected graph  $G$  is constructed by taking two copies of  $G$  say  $G'$  and  $G''$ . Join each vertex  $u'$  in  $G'$  to the neighbours of the corresponding vertex  $u''$  in  $G''$ . Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a finite connected graph. The degree-distance  $D'(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is defined as  $D'(G) = \sum_{\{u,v\} \subseteq V(G)} [deg(u) + deg(v)]d(u, v)$  where  $deg(w)$  is the degree of the vertex  $w$  in  $G$  and  $d(u, v)$  is the distance between  $u$  and  $v$ . The union of two graphs  $G_I = (V_I, E_I)$  and

$G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  is a graph  $G(V, E)$  where  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  and  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$ . The sum  $G_1 + G_2$  is the graph  $G_1 \cup G_2$  together with all the lines joining points of  $V_1$  to the points of  $V_2$ . The product  $G_1 \times G_2$  as having  $V = V_1 \times V_2$  and  $u = (u_1, u_2)$  and  $v = (v_1, v_2)$  are adjacent if  $u_1 = v_1$  and  $u_2$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  in  $G_2$  or  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  in  $G_1$  and  $u_2 = v_2$ . The line graph  $L(G)$  of  $G$  is a graph in which the vertices are the lines of  $G$  and two points in  $L(G)$  are adjacent iff the corresponding lines are adjacent in  $G$ . The degree distance seems to have been considered first by Dobrynin and Kochetova [1] and practically at the same time by Gutman [2], as a graph-theoretical descriptor for characterizing alkanes and then the same was studied by various authors. In the mathematical literature  $D'(G)$  was investigated by Tomescu [4]. In this paper, we determine the degree-distance  $D'(G)$  for shadow graphs of complete graph, complete bipartite graph and study the relation between them.

Throughout this paper  $G$  denotes a connected graph with at least two vertices. Our other notations are standard and taken mainly from [3]

**Observation 1.1.**[3]  $K_m + K_n = K_{m+n}$

**Observation 1.2.** [3]  $\overline{K_m} + \overline{K_n} = K_{m,n}$

## 2. Degree-Distance of Some Graphs

**Theorem 2.1.** For a complete graph of order  $n$ , the degree distance is  $n(n-1)^2$  where  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof.**

Consider a complete graph  $K_n$  with  $n$  vertices,

The degree distance of  $K_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} D'(K_n) &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\ &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [n-1 + n-1] \quad (1) \\ &= nC_2 \cdot 2(n-1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $D'(K_n) = n(n-1)^2$

**Corollary 2.2.** The degree distance of a sum of two complete graphs  $K_m$  and  $K_n$  is

$(m+n)(m+n-1)^2$  for all  $m, n \geq 1$

**Proof.**

The proof is obvious by observation 1.1.

**Theorem 2.3.** For a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$ , the degree distance is  $mn(3m + 3n - 4)$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(K_{m,n}) &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u \in V_1, v \in V_2} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \sum_{u,v \in V_1} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad + \sum_{u,v \in V_2} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u \in V_1, v \in V_2} (n + m) (1) + \sum_{u,v \in V_1} (n + n) (2) + \sum_{u,v \in V_2} (m + m) (2) \\
 &= mn(m + n) + mC_2 \cdot 4n + nC_2 \cdot 4m \\
 &= mn(m + n) + 2mn(m - 1) + 2mn(n - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $D'(K_{m,n}) = mn(3m + 3n - 4)$

**Corollary 2.4.**  $D'(\overline{K_m} + \overline{K_n}) = mn(3m + 3n - 4)$

**Proof.**

By observation 1.2,  $D'(\overline{K_m} + \overline{K_n}) = mn(3m + 3n - 4)$

**Theorem 2.5.** The degree distance of a product of two complete graphs  $K_m$  and  $K_n$  is  $mn(m + n - 2)(2mn - m - n)$ .

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'(K_m \times K_n) &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u \in V_1, v \in V_2, x \in V_2} [\deg(u, v) + \deg(u, x)] d[(u, v), (u, x)] + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in V_1, x \in V_2} [\deg(u, x) + \deg(v, x)] d[(u, x), (v, x)] + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in V_1, x,y \in V_2} [\deg(u, x) + \deg(v, y)] d[(u, x), (v, y)] \\
 &= \sum_{u \in V_1, v \in V_2, x \in V_2} (m + n - 2 + m + n - 2)(1) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in V_1, x \in V_2} (m + n - 2 + m + n - 2)(1) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in V_1, x,y \in V_2} (m + n - 2 + m + n - 2)(2) \\
 &= m \cdot nC_2 \cdot 2(m + n - 2) + n \cdot mC_2 \cdot 2(m + n - 2) +
 \end{aligned}$$

$$[n(m-1)(n-1) + n(m-2)(n-1) + \dots + n(n-1)].$$

$$4(m+n-2)$$

$$= mn(m+n-2)(n-1+m-1+2mn-2m-2n+2)$$

$$\text{Hence } D'(K_m \times K_n) = mn(m+n-2)(2mn-m-n)$$

**Theorem 2.6.** The degree distance of a line graph of a complete graph of  $n$  vertices is

$$(n-2)(n^4 - 4n^3 + 5n^2 - 2n).$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} D'[L(K_n)] &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\ &= \sum_{u,v \in E(K_n) \& u,v \text{ adjacent in } K_n} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\ &\quad \sum_{u,v \in E(K_n) \& u,v \text{ not adjacent in } K_n} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\ &= \sum_{u,v \in E(K_n) \& u,v \text{ adjacent}} [2(n-2) + 2(n-2)] 1 + \\ &\quad \sum_{u,v \in E(K_n) \& u,v \text{ not adjacent}} [2(n-2) + 2(n-2)] 2 \\ &= \frac{nC_2}{2} 2(n-2) \cdot 4(n-2) + \frac{nC_2}{2} [nC_2 - 1 - 2(n-2)] \cdot 8(n-2) \\ &= nC_2 \cdot 4(n-2)^2 + 4 \cdot (nC_2)^2 (n-2) - 4 \cdot nC_2 (n-2) - \\ &\quad 8 \cdot nC_2 (n-2)^2 \\ &= (n-2)[2n^3 - 2n^2 - 4n^2 + 4n + n^4 + n^2 - 2n^3 - 2n^2 + 2n - \\ &\quad 4n^3 + 12n^2 - 8n] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } D'[L(K_n)] = (n-2)(n^4 - 4n^3 + 5n^2 - 2n)$$

### 3 . Degree-Distance of Some Shadow Graphs

**Theorem 3.1.** The degree distance of a shadow of a complete graph of order  $n$  is

$$n(n-1)(7n-1) \text{ for } n \geq 3$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'[S(K_n)] &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u,v \in V'} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \sum_{u,v \in V''} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in V', v \in V'' \text{ \& } u,v \text{ are adjacent}} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in V', v \in V'' \text{ \& } u,v \text{ are not adjacent}} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u,v \in V'} (2n - 2 + 2n - 2)1 + \sum_{u,v \in V''} (n - 1 + n - 1) (2) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in V', v \in V'' \text{ \& } u,v \text{ are adjacent}} (2n - 2 + n - 1)1 + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in V', v \in V'' \text{ \& } u,v \text{ are not adjacent}} (2n - 2 + n - 1) (2) \\
 &= nC_2 .4(n - 1) + nC_2 .4(n - 1) + n(n - 1) .3(n - 1) + \\
 &\quad n .6(n - 1) \\
 &= (n - 1)(4n^2 - 4n + 3n^2 + 3n) \\
 &= (n - 1)(7n^2 - n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $D'[S(K_n)] = n(n - 1)(7n - 1)$

**Remark 3.2.**  $D'[S(K_n)] = 28$  for  $n = 2$

**Remark 3.3.** From theorem 2.1 and 3.1 , we can easily observe that ,the degree distance of a complete graph of order  $n$  is less than the degree distance of a shadow of complete graph of  $n$  vertices .

**Theorem 3.4.** The degree distance of a shadow of complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  is  $20mn(m + n) - 12mn$  .

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'[S(K_{m,n})] &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u,v \in V_1'} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \sum_{u,v \in V_2'} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{u \in V_1', v \in V_2'} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \sum_{u,v \in V_1''} [\deg u + \\
 &\quad \deg v] d(u, v) + \sum_{u,v \in V_2''} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in V_1'', v \in V_2''} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \sum_{u \in V_1', v \in V_1''} [\deg u + \\
 &\quad \deg v] d(u, v) + \sum_{u \in V_2', v \in V_2''} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in V_1', v \in V_2''} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \sum_{u \in V_2', v \in V_1''} [\deg u + \\
 &\quad \deg v] d(u, v)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{u,v \in V_1'} (2n + 2n) (2) + \sum_{u,v \in V_2'} (2m + 2m) (2) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{u \in V_1', v \in V_2'} (2n + 2m) (1) + \sum_{u,v \in V_1''} (n + n) (2) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{u,v \in V_2''} (m + m) (2) + \sum_{u \in V_1'', v \in V_2''} (n + m) (3) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{u \in V_1', v \in V_1''} (2n + n) (2) + \sum_{u \in V_2', v \in V_2''} (2m + m) (2) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{u \in V_1', v \in V_2''} (2n + m) (1) + \sum_{u \in V_2', v \in V_1''} (2m + n) (1) \\
 &= mC_2 .8n + nC_2 .8m + 2mn(n + m) + mC_2 .4n + nC_2 .4m + \\
 &\quad 3mn(n + m) + 6m^2n + 6n^2m + mn(2n + m) + \\
 &\quad mn(2m + n) \\
 &= 6[mn(m - 1) + mn(n - 1)] + 14mn(m + n) \\
 &= 6mn(m - 1 + n - 1) + 14mn(m + n) \\
 &= 4mn(5m + 5n - 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $D'[S(K_{m,n})] = 20mn(m + n) - 12mn$

**Remark 3.5.** From theorem 2.3 and 3.4 , we can easily observe that ,the degree distance of a complete bipartite graph is less than the degree distance of a shadow of a complete bipartite graph .

**Theorem 3.6.**  $D'[S(K_m \times K_n)] = 4(m + n - 2)[2m . nC_2 + 2n . mC_2 + mn(n - 1)(m - 1)]$   
 $+ 3(m + n - 2)[2mn + n(n - 1) + m(m - 1) + 2mn(n - 1)(m - 1)]$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'[S(K_m \times K_n)] &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u \in V_1', v \in V_2', x \in V_2'} [\deg(u, v) + \deg(u, x)] d[(u, v), (u, x)] + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in V_1', x \in V_2'} [\deg(u, x) + \deg(v, x)] d[(u, x), (v, x)] + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in V_1', x,y \in V_2'} [\deg(u, x) + \deg(v, y)] d[(u, x), (v, y)] + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in V_1'', v, x \in V_2''} [\deg(u, v) + \deg(u, x)] d[(u, v), (u, x)] +
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{u,v \in V_1'', x \in V_2''} [\deg(u, x) + \deg(v, x)] d[(u, x), (v, x)] + \\
 & \sum_{u,v \in V_1'', x,y \in V_2''} [\deg(u, x) + \deg(v, y)] d[(u, x), (v, y)] + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1', u' \in V_1'', v \in V_2', v' \in V_2''} [\deg(u, v) + \deg(u', v')] d[(u, v), (u', v')] + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1', u' \in V_1'', v \in V_2', x \in V_2''} [\deg(u, v) + \deg(u', x)] d[(u, v), (u', x)] + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1', x \in V_1'', v \in V_2', v' \in V_2''} [\deg(u, v) + \deg(x, v')] d[(u, v), (x, v')] + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1', x' \in V_1'', v \in V_2', y' \in V_2''} [\deg(u, v) + \deg(x', y')] d[(u, v), (x', y')] \\
 = & \sum_{u \in V_1', v \in V_2', x \in V_2'} (2m + 2n - 4 + 2m + 2n - 4)1 + \\
 & \sum_{u,v \in V_1', x \in V_2'} (2m + 2n - 4 + 2m + 2n - 4)1 + \\
 & \sum_{u,v \in V_1', x,y \in V_2'} (2m + 2n - 4 + 2m + 2n - 4)2 + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1'', v,x \in V_2''} (m + n - 2 + m + n - 2)3 + \\
 & \sum_{u,v \in V_1'', x \in V_2''} (m + n - 2 + m + n - 2)2 + \\
 & \sum_{u,v \in V_1'', x,y \in V_2''} (m + n - 2 + m + n - 2)2 + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1', u' \in V_1'', v \in V_2', v' \in V_2''} (2m + 2n - 4 + m + n - 2)2 + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1', u' \in V_1'', v \in V_2', x' \in V_2''} (2m + 2n - 4 + m + n - 2)1 + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1', x' \in V_1'', v \in V_2', v' \in V_2''} (2m + 2n - 4 + m + n - 2)1 + \\
 & \sum_{u \in V_1', x' \in V_1'', v \in V_2', y' \in V_2''} (2m + 2n - 4 + m + n - 2)2 \\
 = & m \cdot nC_2 \cdot 4(m + n - 2) + n \cdot mC_2 \cdot 4(m + n - 2) \\
 & + n(n - 1)(m - 1 + m - 2 + \dots + 1) \cdot 8(m + n - 2) \\
 & + m \cdot nC_2 \cdot 4(m + n - 2) + n \cdot mC_2 \cdot 4(m + n - 2) \\
 & + n(n - 1)(m - 1 + m - 2 + \dots + 1) \cdot 6(m + n - 2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+mn .6(m + n - 2) + n(n - 1) .3(m + n - 2) \\
 &+m(m - 1).3(m + n - 2) + n(n - 1)(m - 1 + \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad m - 2 + \dots + 1) .6(m + n - 2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $D'[S(K_m \times K_n)] = 4(m + n - 2)[2m .nC_2 + 2n .mC_2 + mn$   
 $(n - 1)(m - 1)] + 3(m + n - 2)[2mn + n(n - 1)$   
 $+m(m - 1) + 2mn(n - 1)(m - 1)]$

**Theorem 3.7.** The degree distance of a shadow of the line graph of a complete graph with  $n$  vertices is  $n(n - 2) [6n^3 - 22n^2 + 30n - 14]$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'[S(L(K_n))] &= \sum_{u,v \in V} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u,v \in E'(K_n) \& u,v \text{ adjacent}} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in E'(K_n) \& u,v \text{ not adjacent}} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in E'(K_n), v \in E''(K_n) \& u,v \text{ adjacent}} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in E'(K_n), v \in E''(K_n) \& u,v \text{ not adjacent}} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in E''(K_n)} [\deg u + \deg v] d(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{u,v \in E'(K_n) \& u,v \text{ adjacent}} [4(n - 2) + 4(n - 2)]1 + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in E'(K_n) \& u,v \text{ not adjacent}} [4(n - 2) + 4(n - 2)]2 + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in E'(K_n), v \in E''(K_n) \& u,v \text{ adjacent}} [4(n - 2) + 2(n - 2)]1 + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u \in E'(K_n), v \in E''(K_n) \& u,v \text{ not adjacent}} [4(n - 2) + 2(n - 2)]2 + \\
 &\quad \sum_{u,v \in E''(K_n)} [2(n - 2) + 2(n - 2)]2 \\
 &= \frac{nC_2}{2} .2(n - 2).8(n - 2) + \frac{nC_2}{2} [nC_2 - 1 - 2(n - 2)] .16(n - 2) +
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& nC_2 \cdot 2(n-2) \cdot 6(n-2) + \{nC_2[nC_2 - 1 - 2(n-2)] + \\
& \quad nC_2\} \cdot 12(n-2) + (nC_2)C_2 \cdot 8(n-2) \\
&= 10(n-2) \left[ \frac{n^4}{2} - 2n^3 + \frac{5n^2}{2} - n \right] + 6n(n-1)(n-2) + \\
& \quad 8 \cdot (nC_2)C_2 \cdot (n-2) \\
&= (n-2) [5n^4 - 20n^3 + 25n^2 - 10n + 6n^2 - 6n + n^2(n-1)^2 - \\
& \quad 2n(n-1)] \\
&= (n-2)[5n^4 - 20n^3 + 31n^2 - 16n + n^4 - 2n^3 + n^2 - 2n^2 + \\
& \quad 2n]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } D'[S(L(K_n))] = n(n-2) [6n^3 - 22n^2 + 30n - 14]$$

#### 4. Conclusion.

In this paper we obtained the degree distance of a complete graph, the sum of two complete graphs, the sum of a complement of two complete graphs, the line graph of a complete graph and some shadow graphs. Also it is shown that the degree distance of the complete graph is less than the degree distance of a shadow of a complete graph.

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