# COMPUTER CALCULATION OF THE EDGE WIENER INDEX OF AN INFINITE FAMILY OF FULLERENES

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The edge-Wiener index of G is defined as the sum of the distances between all pairs of edges of G. In this paper, the first and the second edge-Wiener index of an infinite family of fullerenes is computed.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let G be a simple molecular graph without directed and multiple edges and without loops, the vertex and edge-sets of which are represented by V(G) and E(G), respectively. If x and y are two vertices of G then d(x,y) denotes the length of a minimal path connecting x and y. A topological index for G is a numeric quantity that is invariant under automorphisms of G. The oldest topological index is the Wiener index which introduced by Harold Wiener.<sup>1</sup> This index is defined as the sum of all distances between vertices of G, i.e.  $W(G) = \sum_{x,y \in V(G)} d(x,y)$ . The most important works on computing topological indices of nanostructures were done by Diudea and his co-authors.<sup>2-7</sup>.

Also, the edge-Wiener index of G is defined as the sum of the distances (in the line graph) between all pairs of edges of G, i.e.,  $W_e(G) = \sum_{\{e,f\} \subseteq E(G)} d(e,f)$ , where the distance between two edges is the distance between the corresponding vertices in the line graph of  $G^8$ . The first edge

edges is the distance between the corresponding vertices in the line graph of  $G^8$ . The first edge-Wiener index is:

$$W_{e_0}(G) = \sum_{\{e,f\}\subseteq E(G)} d_0(e,f),$$

where 
$$d_0(e,f) = \begin{cases} d_1(e,f) + 1 & e \neq f \\ 0 & e = f \end{cases}$$
 and  $d_1(e,f) = \min\{d(x,u), d(x,v), d(y,u), d(y,v)\}$ 

such that e = xy and f = uv. This version satisfy in  $W_{e_0}(G) = W(L(G))$ . The second edge-

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Wiener index is:

$$W_{e_4}(G) = \sum_{\{e,f\}\subseteq E(G)} d_4(e,f),$$

where  $d_4(e,f) = \begin{cases} d_2(e,f) & e \neq f \\ 0 & e = f \end{cases}$  and  $d_2(e,f) = \max\{d(x,u), d(x,v), d(y,u), d(y,v)\}$  such that e = xy and f = uy.

**Example1.** Suppose  $K_n$  denotes the complete graph on *n* vertices and  $C_n$  be a cycle of length n. Then, we have  $W_{e_0}(K_3) = 6$ ,  $W_{e_0}(K_4) = 36$ ,  $W_{e_0}(K_5) = 120$ ,  $W_{e_0}(C_4) = 16$ ,  $W_{e_0}(C_5) = 30$ ,  $W_{e_0}(C_6) = 54, W_{e_1}(K_3) = 6, W_{e_1}(K_4) = 30, W_{e_1}(K_5) = 90, W_{e_1}(C_4) = 24, W_{e_1}(C_5) = 40$  and  $W_{e_1}(C_6) = 78. \text{ By continue this process one can see that } W_{e_0}(C_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n^3}{4} & 2 \mid n \\ \frac{n^3 - n}{4} & 2 \nmid n \end{cases},$  $\left[ \frac{(n+2)^2}{4} & 2 \mid n \right]$ 

$$W_{e_1}(C_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{(n+2)^2}{4} - 3 & 2 \mid n \\ \\ \frac{(n+2)^2 - 17}{4} & 2 \mid n \end{cases} , \qquad W_{e_0}(K_n) = n(n-1)^2(n-2)/2 \quad \text{and} \\ W_{e_0}(K_n) = \frac{n^2(n-1)^2}{4} - \frac{n(n-1)}{2}. \end{cases}$$

**Example2.** Suppose  $S_n$  denotes the Star graph on n+1 vertices. Then for every  $e, f \in E(S_n)$ ,  $d_0(e,f) = d_4(e,f)$  and so  $W_{e_0}(S_n) = W_{e_1}(S_n) = (n-1)(n-2)$ .

We encourage the reader to consult<sup>9-11</sup> and references therein for background material as well as basic computational techniques. Our notation is standard and mainly taken from standard books of graph theory and the books of Trinajestic<sup>12-17</sup>.

### 2. Main results and discussion

The fullerene era was started in 1985 with the discovery of a stable C<sub>60</sub> cluster and its interpretation as a cage structure with the familiar shape of a soccer ball, by Kroto and his coauthors.<sup>18</sup> The well-known fullerene, the  $C_{60}$  molecule(figure 1), is a closed-cage carbon molecule with three-coordinate carbon atoms tiling the spherical or nearly spherical surface with a truncated icosahedral structure formed by 20 hexagonal and 12 pentagonal rings.<sup>19</sup> Let p, h, n and m be the number of pentagons, hexagons, carbon atoms and bonds between them, in a given fullerene F. Since each atom lies in exactly 3 faces and each edge lies in 2 faces, the number of atoms is n =(5p+6h)/3, the number of edges is m = (5p+6h)/2 = 3/2n and the number of faces is f = p + h. By the Euler's formula n - m + f = 2, one can deduce that (5p+6h)/3 - (5p+6h)/2 + p + h = 2, and therefore p = 12, v = 2h + 20 and e = 3h + 30. This implies that such molecules made up entirely of n carbon atoms and having 12 pentagonal and (n/2 - 10) hexagonal faces, where  $n \neq 22$  is a natural number equal or greater than 20.20-23

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Fig. 1. Fullerene graph  $C_{60}$ 

The adjacency matrix of a molecular graph G with n vertices is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  defined by:  $a_{ij} = 1$ , if vertices i and j are connected by an edge and,  $a_{ij} = 0$ , otherwise. The distance matrix  $D = [d_{ij}]$  of G is another  $n \times n$  matrix defined by  $d_{ij}$  is the length of a minimum path connecting vertices i and j,  $i \neq j$ , and zero otherwise.

In this section, a computer program is presented which is useful for computing the edge-Wiener index of a connected graph. To do this, we first draw the molecule by HyperChem<sup>24</sup> and then compute the distance matrix of the molecular graph by TopoCluj.<sup>25</sup> Finally, we prepare a  $GAP^{26}$  program for computing the first and the second edge-Wiener indices of any connected graph G. We apply this program to compute the first and the second edge-Wiener index of the molecular graph of fullerene  $C_{12n+4}$ , Figure 2. In Table 1, we calculate the first and the second edge-Wiener indices of  $C_{12n+4}$ , for  $2 \le n \le 14$ . Then by curve fitting method, we will find a polynomial of degree  $\le 12$ , through the values of Table 1. This polynomial will be the edge-Wiener index of fullerene  $C_{12n+4}$ .

By the calculation, the first edge-Wiener index of fullerene  $C_{12n+4}$  is computed as  $W_{e_0}(C_{12n+4}) = a_{12}n^{12} + a_{11}n^{11} + a_{10}n^{10} + \dots + a_1n + a_0$ , where



Fig. 2. The molecular graph of fullerene  $C_{12n+4}$ .

n	$W_{e_0}(C_{12n+2})$	n	$W_{e_0}(C_{12n+2})$	n	$W_{e_4}(C_{12n+2})$	n	$W_{e_4}(C_{12n+2})$
2	4752	9	195849	2	5484	9	217574
3	12414	10	260544	3	14342	10	287840
4	24812	11	338418	4	28460	11	371930
5	42926	12	430764	5	48914	12	471140
6	67848	13	538878	6	76760	13	586766
7	100794	14	664056	7	113330	14	720104
8	143028			8	159836		

*Table 1. Values of the first and the second edge-Wiener of*  $C_{12n+4}$  ( $2 \le n \le 14$ ).



Fig. 4. The curve of  $W_{e_4}$  for  $2 \le n \le 14$ .

### A GAP Program For Computing The Edge Wiener Index Of Graphs

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f := function(M)
local l, s, ss, e, i, j, a, b;
l:=Length(M);s:=0;ss:=0;e:=[];
for i in [1..1]do
for j in [i+1..1] do
if M[i][j]=1 then
Add(e,[i,j]);
fi;
od;
od;
for a in e do
for b in e do
if a lot b then
s:=s+Minimum(M[a[1]][b[1]],M[a[1]][b[2]],M[a[2]][b[1]],M[a[2]][b[2]])+1;
ss:=ss+Maximum(M[a[1]][b[1]],M[a[1]][b[2]],M[a[2]][b[1]],M[a[2]][b[2]]);
fi;
od;
od:
Print("The first edge - Wiener number is: ", s);Print("\n");Print("\n");
Print("The second edge - Wiener number is: ", ss);Print("\n");
return;
end:
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