

## Downhill Sombor and Modified Downhill Sombor Indices of Graphs

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**Abstract.** In this study, we introduce the downhill Sombor and modified downhill Sombor indices and their corresponding exponentials of a graph. Furthermore, we compute these indices for some standard graphs, wheel graphs and honeycomb networks.

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### 1. Introduction

In this paper,  $G$  denotes a finite, simple, connected graph,  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denote the vertex set and edge set of  $G$ . The degree  $d_G(u)$  of a vertex  $u$  is the number of vertices adjacent to  $u$ . A  $u$ - $v$  path  $P$  in  $G$  is a sequence of vertices in  $G$ , starting with  $u$  and ending at  $v$ , such that consecutive vertices in  $P$  are adjacent, and no vertex is repeated. A path  $\pi = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k+1}$  in  $G$  is a downhill path if for every  $i, 1 \leq i \leq k, d_G(v_i) \geq d_G(v_{i+1})$ .

A vertex  $v$  is downhill dominated by a vertex  $u$  if there exists a downhill path originating from  $u$  to  $v$ . The downhill neighbourhood of a vertex  $v$  is denoted by  $N_{dn}(v)$  and defined as:  $N_{dn}(v) = \{u: v \text{ downhill dominates } u\}$ . The downhill degree  $d_{dn}(v)$  of a vertex  $v$  is the number of downhill neighbors of  $v$  [1].

Recently, some downhill indices were studied in [2, 3, 4].

The Sombor index was introduced in [5] and it is defined as

$$SO(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{d_G(u)^2 + d_G(v)^2}.$$

Motivated by the definition of Sombor index, we introduce the downhill Sombor index of a graph and it is defined as

$$DWSO(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}.$$

Considering the downhill Sombor index, we introduce the downhill Sombor exponential of a graph  $G$  and defined it as

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$$DWSO(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}}.$$

We define the modified downhill Sombor index of a graph  $G$  as

$${}^m DWSO(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}}.$$

Considering the modified downhill Sombor index, we introduce the modified downhill Sombor exponential of a graph  $G$  and defined it as

$${}^m DWSO(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}}}.$$

Recently, some Sombor indices were studied in [6, 7, 8].

In this paper, the downhill Sombor index, modified downhill Sombor index and their corresponding exponentials of certain graphs, honeycomb networks, are computed.

## 2. Results for some standard graphs

**Proposition 1.** Let  $G$  be  $r$ -regular with  $n$  vertices and  $r \geq 2$ . Then

$$DWSO(G) = \frac{nr(n-1)}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be an  $r$ -regular graph with  $n$  vertices and  $r \geq 2$  and  $\frac{nr}{2}$  edges. Then

$d_{dn}(v) = n-1$  for every  $v$  in  $G$ . We obtain

$$DWSO(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2} = \frac{nr}{2} \sqrt{(n-1)^2 + (n-1)^2} = \frac{nr(n-1)}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

**Corollary 1.1.** Let  $C_n$  be a cycle with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$DWSO(C_n) = \sqrt{2}n(n-1).$$

**Corollary 1.2.** Let  $K_n$  be a complete graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$DWSO(K_n) = \sqrt{2}n(n-1)^3.$$

**Proposition 2.** Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$DWSO(G) = (\sqrt{2}n - 3\sqrt{2} + 2)(n-1).$$

**Proof:** Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Clearly,  $P_n$  has two types of edges based on the downhill degree of end vertices of each edge as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{uv \in E(G) \mid d_{dn}(u)=0, d_{dn}(v) = n-1\}, & |E_1| &= 2. \\ E_2 &= \{uv \in E(G) \mid d_{dn}(u)=d_{dn}(v) = n-1\}, & |E_2| &= n-3. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } DWSO(G) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2} \\ &= 2\sqrt{0^2 + (n-1)^2} + (n-3)\sqrt{(n-1)^2 + (n-1)^2} = (\sqrt{2}n - 3\sqrt{2} + 2)(n-1). \end{aligned}$$

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**Proposition 3.** Let  $K_{m,n}$  be a complete bipartite graph with  $m < n$ . Then

$$DWSO(K_{m,n}) = mn^2.$$

**Proof.** Let  $K_{m,n}$  be a complete bipartite graph with  $m < n$ . There are  $m+n$  vertices and  $mn$  edges. Clearly,  $K_{m,n}$  has one type of edges based on the downhill degree of end vertices of each edge as follows:

$$E_1 = \{uv \in E(K_{m,n}) \mid d_{dn}(u)=0, d_{dn}(v) = n\}, \quad |E_1| = mn.$$

$$\text{Then } DWSO(K_{m,n}) = \sum_{uv \in E(K_{m,n})} \sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2} = mn\sqrt{0^2 + n^2} = mn^2.$$

### 3. Results for wheel graphs

Let  $W_n$  be a wheel with  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges,  $n \geq 4$ . Then there are two types of edges based on the downhill degree of end vertices of each edge as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{uv \in E(W_n) \mid d_{dn}(u) = n, d_{dn}(v) = n-1\}, & |E_1| &= n. \\ E_2 &= \{uv \in E(W_n) \mid d_{dn}(u) = d_{dn}(v) = n-1\}, & |E_2| &= n. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $W_n$  be a wheel with  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$$DWSO(W_n) = n\sqrt{2n^2 - 2n + 1} + \sqrt{2}n(n-1).$$

**Proof.** We deduce

$$\begin{aligned} DWSO(W_n) &= \sum_{uv \in E(W_n)} \sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2} \\ &= n\sqrt{n^2 + (n-1)^2} + n\sqrt{(n-1)^2 + (n-1)^2} \\ &= n\sqrt{2n^2 - 2n + 1} + \sqrt{2}n(n-1). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $W_n$  be a wheel with  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$$DWSO(W_n, x) = nx\sqrt{2n^2 - 2n + 1} + nx\sqrt{2}(n-1).$$

**Proof.** We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} DWSO(W_n, x) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2} = nx\sqrt{n^2 + (n-1)^2} + nx\sqrt{(n-1)^2 + (n-1)^2} \\ &= nx\sqrt{2n^2 - 2n + 1} + nx\sqrt{2}(n-1). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $W_n$  be a wheel with  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$${}^m DWSO(W_n) = \frac{n}{\sqrt{2n^2 - 2n + 1}} + \frac{n}{\sqrt{2}(n-1)}.$$

**Proof.** We deduce

$$\begin{aligned} {}^m DWSO(G) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}} \\ &= \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 + (n-1)^2}} + \frac{n}{\sqrt{(n-1)^2 + (n-1)^2}} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{2n^2 - 2n + 1}} + \frac{n}{\sqrt{2}(n-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $W_n$  be a wheel with  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

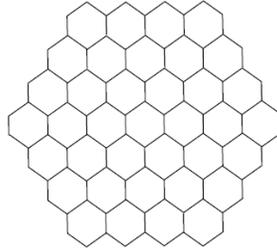
$${}^m DWSO(W_n, x) = nx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n^2-2n+1}} + nx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(n-1)}}.$$

**Proof.** We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} {}^m DWSO(W_n, x) &= \sum_{uv \in E(W_n)} x^{\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}} = nx \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+(n-1)^2}} + nx \frac{1}{\sqrt{(n-1)^2+(n-1)^2}} \\ &= nx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n^2-2n+1}} + nx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(n-1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. Results for honeycomb networks

If we recursively use hexagonal tiling in a particular pattern, honeycomb networks are formed. These networks are very useful in computer graphics and also in chemistry. A honeycomb network of dimension  $n$  is denoted by  $HC_n$  where  $n$  is the number of hexagons between central and boundary hexagon.



**Figure 1:** A 4-dimensional honeycomb network

Let  $H$  be the graph of honeycomb network  $HC_n$ , where  $n \geq 3$ . By calculation, we obtain that  $H$  has  $6n^2$  vertices and  $9n^2 - 3n$  edges. Then there are four types of edges based on the downhill degree of end vertices of each edge as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{uv \in E(H) \mid d_{dn}(u) = 1, d_{dn}(v) = 1\}, \quad |E_1| = 6. \\ E_2 &= \{uv \in E(H) \mid d_{dn}(u) = 1, d_{dn}(v) = 6n^2 - 1\}, \quad |E_2| = 12. \\ E_3 &= \{uv \in E(H) \mid d_{dn}(u) = 0, d_{dn}(v) = 6n^2 - 1\}, \quad |E_3| = 12(n-2). \\ E_4 &= \{uv \in E(H) \mid d_{dn}(u) = d_{dn}(v) = 6n^2 - 1\}, \quad |E_4| = 9n^2 - 15n + 6. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $H$  be a honeycomb network with  $6n^2$  vertices,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$$DWSO(H) = 6\sqrt{2} + 12\sqrt{36n^4 - 12n^2 + 2} + 12(n-2)(6n^2 - 1) + \sqrt{2}(9n^2 - 15n + 6)(6n^2 - 1).$$

**Proof.** We deduce

$$\begin{aligned} DWSO(H) &= \sum_{uv \in E(H)} \sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2} \\ &= 6\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} + 12\sqrt{1^2 + (6n^2 - 1)^2} + 12(n-2)\sqrt{0^2 + (6n^2 - 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & + (9n^2 - 15n + 6)\sqrt{(6n^2 - 1)^2 + (6n^2 - 1)^2} \\
 & = 6\sqrt{2} + 12\sqrt{36n^4 - 12n^2 + 2} + 12(n-2)(6n^2 - 1) + \sqrt{2}(9n^2 - 15n + 6)(6n^2 - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 6.** Let  $H$  be a honeycomb network with  $6n^2$  vertices,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$$DWSO(H, x) = 6x^{\sqrt{2}} + 12x^{\sqrt{1+(6n^2-1)^2}} + 12(n-2)x^{(6n^2-1)} + (9n^2 - 15n + 6)x^{\sqrt{2}(6n^2-1)}.$$

**Proof.** We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 DWSO(H, x) &= \sum_{uv \in E(H)} x^{\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}} \\
 &= 6x^{\sqrt{1^2+1^2}} + 12x^{\sqrt{1^2+(6n^2-1)^2}} + 12(n-2)x^{\sqrt{0^2+(6n^2-1)^2}} + (9n^2 - 15n + 6)x^{\sqrt{(6n^2-1)^2+(6n^2-1)^2}} \\
 &= 6x^{\sqrt{2}} + 12x^{\sqrt{1+(6n^2-1)^2}} + 12(n-2)x^{(6n^2-1)} + (9n^2 - 15n + 6)x^{\sqrt{2}(6n^2-1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $H$  be a honeycomb network with  $6n^2$  vertices,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$${}^m DWSO(H) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{12}{\sqrt{36n^4 - 12n^2 + 2}} + \frac{12(n-2)}{6n^2 - 1} + \frac{9n^2 - 15n + 6}{\sqrt{2}(6n^2 - 1)}.$$

**Proof.** We deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^m DWSO(H) &= \sum_{uv \in E(H)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}} \\
 &= \frac{6}{\sqrt{1^2+1^2}} + \frac{12}{\sqrt{1^2+(6n^2-1)^2}} + \frac{12(n-2)}{\sqrt{0^2+(6n^2-1)^2}} + \frac{9n^2 - 15n + 6}{\sqrt{(6n^2-1)^2+(6n^2-1)^2}} \\
 &= \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{12}{\sqrt{36n^4 - 12n^2 + 2}} + \frac{12(n-2)}{6n^2 - 1} + \frac{9n^2 - 15n + 6}{\sqrt{2}(6n^2 - 1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 8.** Let  $H$  be a honeycomb network with  $6n^2$  vertices,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$${}^m DWSO(H, x) = 6x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} + 12x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{36n^4-12n^2+2}}} + 12(n-2)x^{\frac{1}{(6n^2-1)}} + (9n^2 - 15n + 6)x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(6n^2-1)}}.$$

**Proof.** We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^m DWSO(H, x) &= \sum_{uv \in E(H)} x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{dn}(u)^2 + d_{dn}(v)^2}}} \\
 &= 6x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2+1^2}}} + 12x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2+(6n^2-1)^2}}} + 12(n-2)x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{0^2+(6n^2-1)^2}}} + (9n^2 - 15n + 6)x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{(6n^2-1)^2+(6n^2-1)^2}}} \\
 &= 6x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} + 12x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{36n^4-12n^2+2}}} + 12(n-2)x^{\frac{1}{(6n^2-1)}} + (9n^2 - 15n + 6)x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(6n^2-1)}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 5. Conclusion

In this paper, the downhill Sombor index, modified downhill Sombor index and their corresponding exponentials of certain graphs, honeycomb networks are determined.

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