



# Computation of Inverse Sum Indeg Uphill Index and Its Polynomial of Certain Graphs

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
<p><b>Published Online:</b>  <b>21 June 2025</b>  <b>Corresponding Author:</b>  <b>V.R. Kulli</b></p>	<p>In this paper, we introduce the inverse sum indeg uphill index and the inverse sum indeg uphill polynomial of a graph. Also we compute the inverse sum indeg uphill index and its corresponding polynomial of some standard graphs, wheel graphs, gear graphs and helm graphs.</p>
<p><b>KEYWORDS:</b> inverse sum indeg uphill index, inverse sum indeg uphill polynomial, graph.</p>	

## I. INTRODUCTION

We consider simple graphs which are finite, undirected, connected graphs without loops and multiple edges. Let  $G$  be such a graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$ . The degree  $d_G(u)$  of a vertex  $u$  is the number of vertices adjacent to  $u$ . For undefined notations and technology, we refer [1].

A topological index is a numerical parameter mathematically derived from the graph structure. Several topological indices have been considered in Theoretical Chemistry and many topological indices were defined by using vertex degree concept. The Zagreb, Nirmala, Sombor, Gourava, temperature indices are the most degree based topological indices in Chemical Graph Theory, see [2-28]. Topological indices have their applications in various disciplines in Science and Technology.

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 dominates a vertex  $u$  if there exists a downhill path originated from  $u$  to  $v$ . The downhill neighborhood 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  $v$  [29]. Recently, some downhill indices were studied in [30-32].

The uphill domination is introduced by Deering in [33].

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A vertex  $v$  uphill dominates a vertex  $u$  if there exists an uphill path originated from  $u$  to  $v$ . The uphill neighborhood of a vertex  $v$  is denoted by  $N_{up}(v)$  and defined as:  $N_{up}(v) = \{u: v \text{ uphill dominates } u\}$ . The uphill degree  $d_{up}(v)$  of a vertex  $v$  is the number of uphill neighbors of  $v$ , see [34].

In [35], Vukičević et al. observed that many graph indices are defined simply as the sum of individual bound contributions. They have proposed a class of discrete Adriatic indices to study whether there other possibly significant graph indices of this form. One of these discrete Adriatic indices is the inverse sum indeg index, and this index is defined as

$$ISI(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{d_G(u)d_G(v)}{d_G(u) + d_G(v)}$$

Some inverse sum indices were studied in [36, 37].

Motivated by the inverse sum indeg index, we introduce the inverse sum indeg uphill index of a graph as follows:

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$$ISIU(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)}.$$

In view of the inverse sum indeg uphill index, we propose the inverse sum indeg uphill polynomial of a graph  $G$  and it is defined as

$$ISIU(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{\frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)}}.$$

Recently, some uphill indices were studied such as the Nirmala uphill indices [38], Sombor uphill indices [39] and F-uphill index [40].

In this paper, we compute the inverse sum indeg uphill index and its corresponding polynomial of some standard graphs, wheel graphs, gear graphs and helm graphs.

## II. RESULTS FOR SOME STANDARD GRAPHS

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

$$ISIU(G) = \frac{nr(n-1)}{4}.$$

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be an  $r$ -regular graph with  $n$  vertices and  $r \geq 2$  and  $\frac{nr}{2}$  edges. Then  $d_{up}(v) = n-1$  for every  $v$  in  $G$ . We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} ISIU(G) &= \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)} \\ &= \frac{nr}{2} \frac{(n-1)(n-1)}{(n-1) + (n-1)} = \frac{nr(n-1)}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$ISIU(C_n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}.$$

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

$$ISIU(K_n) = \frac{n(n-1)^2}{4}.$$

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

$$ISIU(G, x) = \frac{nr}{2} x^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}}.$$

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$$ISIU(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{\frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{nr}{2} x^{\frac{(n-1)(n-1)}{(n-1) + (n-1)}} \\ &= \frac{nr}{2} x^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$ISIU(C_n, x) = nx^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}}.$$

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

$$ISIU(K_n, x) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} x^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}}.$$

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

$$ISIU(P_n) = \frac{2(n^2 - 5n + 6)}{2n - 5} + \frac{(n-3)^2}{2}.$$

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

$$E_1 = \{uv \in E(P) \mid d_{up}(u) = n-2, d_{up}(v) = n-3\}, |E_1| = 2.$$

$$E_2 = \{uv \in E(P) \mid d_{up}(u) = d_{up}(v) = n-3\}, |E_2| = n-3.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} ISIU(P) &= \sum_{uv \in E(P)} \frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)} \\ &= 2 \frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{(n-2) + (n-3)} + (n-3) \frac{(n-3)(n-3)}{(n-3) + (n-3)} \\ &= \frac{2(n^2 - 5n + 6)}{2n - 5} + \frac{(n-3)^2}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 4.** Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$ISIU(P_n, x) = 2x^{\frac{(n^2 - 5n + 6)}{2n - 5}} + (n-3)x^{\frac{(n-3)}{2}}.$$

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

$$E_1 = \{uv \in E(P) \mid d_{up}(u) = n-2, d_{up}(v) = n-3\}, |E_1| = 2.$$

$$E_2 = \{uv \in E(P) \mid d_{up}(u) = d_{up}(v) = n-3\}, |E_2| = n-3.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} ISIU(P_n, x) &= \sum_{uv \in E(P_n)} x^{\frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)}} \\ &= 2x^{\frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{(n-2) + (n-3)}} + (n-3)x^{\frac{(n-3)(n-3)}{(n-3) + (n-3)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2x^{\frac{(n^2-5n+6)}{2n-5}} + (n-3)x^{\frac{(n-3)}{2}} = nx^0 + nx^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

### III. RESULTS FOR WHEEL GRAPHS

The wheel  $W_n$  is the join of  $C_n$  and  $K_1$ . Clearly  $W_n$  has  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges. The vertex  $K_1$  is called apex and the vertices of  $C_n$  are called rim vertices.

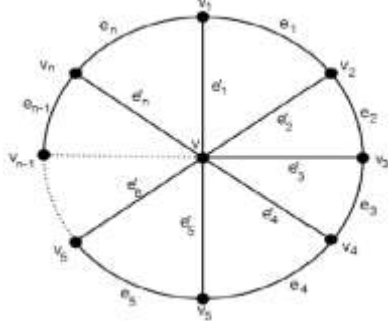


Figure 1. Wheel  $W_n$

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:

$$E_1 = \{uv \in E(W_n) \mid d_{up}(u) = 0, d_{up}(v) = n\}, \quad |E_1| = n.$$

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$$E_2 = \{uv \in E(W_n) \mid d_{up}(u) = d_{up}(v) = n\}, \quad |E_2| = n.$$

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

$$ISIU(W_n) = \frac{n^2}{2}.$$

**Proof.** We deduce

$$ISIU(W_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(W_n)} \frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)}$$

$$= \frac{nn' \cdot 0}{0 + n} + \frac{nnn}{n + n}$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{2}.$$

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

$$ISIU(W_n, x) = nx^0 + nx^{\frac{n}{2}}.$$

**Proof.** We obtain

$$ISIU(W_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(W_n)} x^{\frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u)+d_{up}(v)}}$$

$$= nx^{\frac{0}{n}} + nx^{\frac{n}{n+n}}$$

### IV. RESULTS FOR GEAR GRAPHS

A bipartite wheel graph is a graph obtained from  $W_n$  with  $n+1$  vertices adding a vertex between each pair of adjacent rim vertices and this graph is denoted by  $G_n$  and also called as a gear graph. Clearly,  $|V(G_n)| = 2n+1$  and  $|E(G_n)| = 3n$ . A gear graph  $G_n$  is depicted in Figure 2.

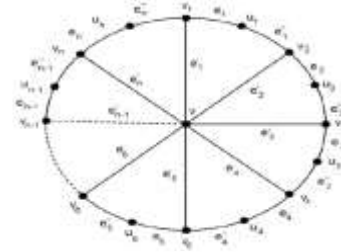


Figure 2. Gear graph  $G_n$

Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $2n+1$  vertices,  $3n$  edges,  $n \geq 4$ . Then  $G_n$  has two types of edges based on the downhill degree of the vertices of each edge as follows:

$$E_1 = \{u \in E(G_n) \mid d_{up}(u) = 1, d_{up}(v) = 0\}, \quad |E_1| = n.$$

$$E_2 = \{u \in E(G_n) \mid d_{up}(u) = 1, d_{up}(v) = 3\}, \quad |E_2| = 2n.$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $2n+1$  vertices,  $3n$  edges,  $n \geq 4$ . Then the inverse sum indeg downhill index of  $G_n$  is

$$ISIU(G_n) = \frac{3n}{2}.$$

**Proof:** We deduce

$$ISIU(G_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} \frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)}$$

$$= n \left( \frac{1 \times 0}{1 + 0} \right) + 2n \left( \frac{1 \times 3}{1 + 3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3n}{2}.$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $2n+1$  vertices,  $3n$  edges,  $n \geq 4$ . Then the inverse sum indeg downhill polynomial of  $G_n$  is

$$ISIDW(G_n, x) = nx^{\frac{2n}{n+1}} + 2nx^0.$$

**Proof:** We deduce

$$ISIU(G_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G_n)} x^{\frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u)+d_{up}(v)}}$$

$$= nx^{\frac{1 \times 0}{1+0}} + 2nx^{\frac{1 \times 3}{1+3}}$$

$$= nx^0 + 2nx^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

### V. RESULTS FOR HELM GRAPHS

The helm graph  $H_n$  is a graph obtained from  $W_n$  (with  $n+1$  vertices) by attaching an end edge to each rim vertex of  $W_n$ . Clearly,  $|V(H_n)| = 2n+1$  and  $|E(H_n)| = 3n$ . A graph  $H_n$  is shown in Figure 3.

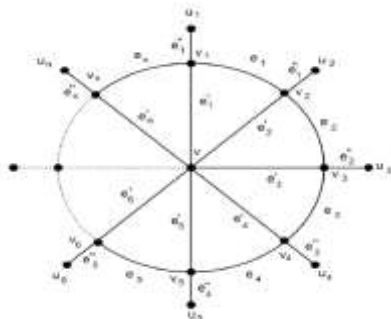


Figure 3. Helm graph  $H_n$

Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $3n$  edges,  $n \geq 5$ . Then  $H_n$  has three types of edges based on the downhill degree of the vertices of each edge as follows:

$$E_1 = \{uv \in E(H_n) \mid d_{up}(u) = n+1, d_{up}(v) = n\}, \quad |E_1| = n.$$

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$$E_2 = \{uv \in E(H_n) \mid d_{up}(u) = d_{up}(v) = n\}, \quad |E_2| = n.$$

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$$E_3 = \{uv \in E(H_n) \mid d_{up}(u) = n, d_{up}(v) = 0\}, \quad |E_3| = n.$$

$$|E_3| = n.$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $2n+1$  vertices,  $n \geq 5$ . Then the inverse sum indeg downhill index of  $H_n$  is

$$ISIU(H_n) = \frac{n^2(n+1)}{2n+1} + \frac{n^2}{2}.$$

**Proof:** We obtain

$$ISIU(H_n) = \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} \frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)}$$

$$= \frac{n \times (n+1) \times n}{(n+1) + n} + \frac{n \times n \times n}{n + n} + \frac{n \times n \times 0}{n + 0}$$

$$= \frac{n^2(n+1)}{2n+1} + \frac{n^2}{2}.$$

**Theorem 6.** Let  $H_n$  be a helm graph with  $2n+1$  vertices,  $3n$  edges,  $n \geq 5$ . Then the inverse sum indeg downhill polynomial of  $H_n$  is

$$ISIU(H_n, x) = nx^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2n+1}} + nx^{\frac{n}{2}} + nx^0.$$

**Proof:** We deduce

$$ISIU(H_n, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(H_n)} x^{\frac{d_{up}(u)d_{up}(v)}{d_{up}(u) + d_{up}(v)}}$$

$$= nx^{\frac{(n+1) \times n}{(n+1) + n}} + nx^{\frac{n \times n}{n + n}} + nx^{\frac{n \times 0}{n + 0}}$$

$$= nx^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2n+1}} + nx^{\frac{n}{2}} + nx^0.$$

### VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the inverse sum indeg uphill index and its corresponding polynomial of some standard graphs, wheel graphs, gear graphs, helm graphs are determined.

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