

INDEPENDENT TRANSVERSAL GEODETIC ENERGY OF A GRAPH

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ABSTRACT. Through out this research, we consider a simple connected graph with order n . A geodetic set $S \subseteq V(G)$ that intersects every maximum independent set (β_0 -set) of G is termed as an independent transversal geodetic set [10]. The minimum cardinality of such a set is known as the independent transversal geodetic number, denoted by $g_{it}(G)$ [10]. An independent transversal geodetic set of minimum cardinality is referred as a g_{it} -set [10]. For each g_{it} -set S in G , we define an $n \times n$ matrix, called the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$. The entries of this matrix are defined as follows: an entry is equal to 1 if at least one of the vertices v_j or v_k belongs to S and v_j is adjacent to v_k ; otherwise, the entry is 0. In this research article, we introduce the new concepts independent transversal geodetic energy with respect to the g_{it} -set S and the independent transversal geodetic energy of the graph G . We compute various results to these parameters for several graphs and provide a detailed analysis of their properties.

1. Preliminaries

Throughout this research article, we work with a graph $G = (V, E)$ that is simple, undirected, finite, and connected. The number of edges incident with a vertex v in G is called the degree of v in G and is denoted by $deg_G(v)$ [1, 2, 3].

A set of vertices $I \subseteq V(G)$ is an independent set if no two vertices in I are adjacent [1, 2, 3]. I is said to be maximum if $|I| > |I'|$ for any other independent set I' [1, 2, 3]. A set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is called a *geodetic set* if every vertex of G lies on a shortest $u-v$ path for some $u, v \in S$ [4, 5]. The minimum cardinality among all geodetic sets is called *geodetic number* and is denoted by $g(G)$ [4, 5]. A geodetic set $S \subseteq V(G)$ that intersects every maximum independent set (β_0 -set) of G is called an independent transversal geodetic set [10]. The minimum cardinality of such a set is called the independent transversal geodetic number of G and is denoted by $g_{it}(G)$ [10]. An independent transversal geodetic set of minimum cardinality is denoted by g_{it} -set [10].

Independent transversal domination number and independent transversal geodetic number are studied in [6, 10]. Vertex covering transversal domination number of a graph and also of regular graphs are analyzed in [7, 8]. Vertex covering transversal Geodetic number and vertex covering transversal geodomatic number

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are introduced and studied in [9, 11] respectively.

For basic graph theoretic terminology, we refer to Harary [3].

In this paper, we define *independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to a g_{it} -set in G* and *independent transversal geodetic energy of G* . We provide a detailed analysis of the properties of independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to a g_{it} -set in G . We too analyze the independent transversal geodetic energy of graphs in detail.

The theorems and results listed below are referred where appropriate.

Theorem 1.1. [10] For a path graph P_n with $n \geq 3$ vertices, $g_{it}(P_n) = 2$

Theorem 1.2. [10] If C_{2n+1} is an odd cycle with $n \geq 1$, then

$$g_{it}(C_{2n+1}) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 4 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1.3. [10] If C_{2n} is an even cycle with $n \geq 2$, then

$$g_{it}(C_{2n}) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1.4. [10] If Q_n is a hypercube on n vertices with $n \geq 3$, then

$$g_{it}(Q_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

2. Independent Transversal geo-adjacency matrix

Definition 2.1. Let G be a simple connected graph of order $n \geq 3$. The independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix of G corresponding to a g_{it} -set of a graph G of order $n \geq 3$, denoted by $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$, is defined as an $n \times n$ matrix whose entries are given as follows

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if at least one of } v_j, v_k \in S \text{ and } v_j \text{ is adjacent to } v_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note 2.2. The independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ is defined relative to a specific g_{it} -set S . Consequently, the set of all such matrices associated with G is indexed by collection of its g_{it} -sets.

Note 2.3. By the definition 2.1, it follows that the principal diagonal entries of the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ are zero, a direct consequence of G being a simple graph.

Note 2.4. We observe that for any g_{it} -set S in G , the resulting independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ is symmetric.

Example 2.5. We refer to the graph G presented in Figure 1.

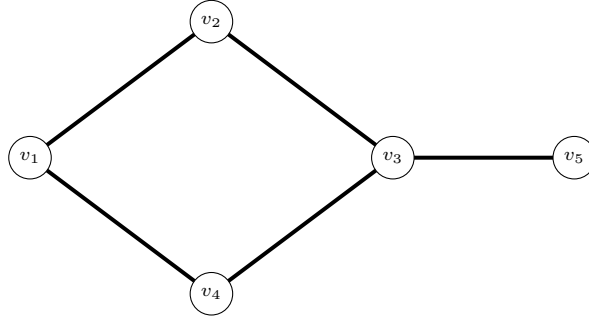


FIGURE 1. Graph G

Referring [10], $S = \{v_1, v_5\}$ is the unique g_{it} -set in G . Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S is given by

$$M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2.6. We next illustrate the concept using Figure 2.

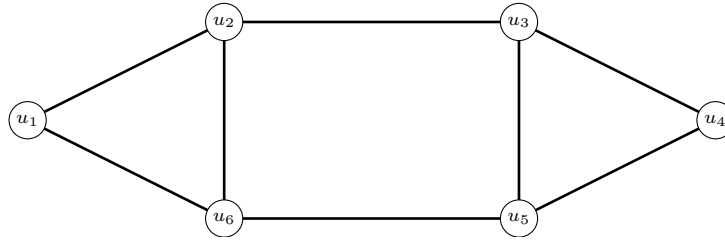


FIGURE 2. Graph G

Referring [10], $S_1 = \{u_1, u_2, u_4, u_6\}$ is an independent transversal geodetic set of minimum cardinality (i.e) a g_{it} -set. Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S_1 is given by

$$M_{S_1_{git}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also, $S_2 = \{u_1, u_3, u_4, u_5\}$ is another git -set.

Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S_2 is given by

$$M_{S_2_{git}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is possible to find two other git -sets in G , $S_3 = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ and $S_4 = \{u_1, u_4, u_5, u_6\}$.

Then their corresponding independent transversal geo-adjacency matrices are

$$M_{S_3_{git}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad M_{S_4_{git}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2.7. Take the graph G as depicted in Figure 3 [10].

Referring [10], the set $I = \{v_2, v_4, v_5, v_7\}$ is the unique β_0 -set in G and $S_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_6\}$ is a git -set in G .

Obviously, $S_2 = \{v_1, v_4, v_6\}$, $S_3 = \{v_1, v_5, v_6\}$ and $S_4 = \{v_1, v_6, v_7\}$ are also git -sets in G . Then their corresponding independent transversal geo-adjacency matrices are given by

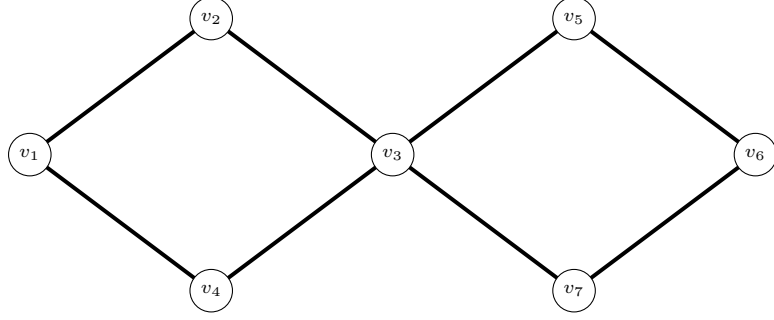


FIGURE 3. Graph G

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{S_1_{git}}(G) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & M_{S_2_{git}}(G) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Remark 2.8. In Example 2.5, the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix is unique as there is a unique git -set in G , whereas in Examples 2.6 and 2.7, there are 4 independent transversal geo-adjacency matrices as there are four git -sets in each graph.

The following theorem follows immediately from definition 2.1.

Theorem 2.9. Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and let S be a git -set of G . Let $M_{S_{git}}(G)$ be the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to the git -set S . Then the entries of the k -th row(column) in $M_{S_{git}}(G)$ is all zero, provided $v_k \notin S$ and is not adjacent to any of the vertices in S .

Theorem 2.10. Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and let S be a git -set of G . Let $M_{S_{git}}(G)$ denote the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S . If $v_k \in S$, then the sum of the entries in the k -th row (column) of $M_{S_{git}}(G)$ is equal to $deg_G(v_k)$.

Proof: Let S be a g_{it} -set of graph G consisting of m vertices from $V(G)$ where $m \leq n$.

It is clear that all the entries of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ are either 0 or 1.

Moreover, entry in the (j, k) th position is equal to 1 if and only if at least one of the vertices v_j or v_k belongs to S and are adjacent in G .

Suppose that $v_k \in S$ for some k .

Then even if $v_j \notin S$ but v_j is adjacent to v_k , then the (j, k) th entry of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ is 1.

Consequently, the total number of 1's in the k -th row of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ corresponds to the number of vertices that are adjacent to v_k in G .

Hence, the sum of the entries in the k -th row of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ equals the number of edges incident to v_k , which is precisely $\deg_G(v_k)$. □

Remark 2.11. The assumption $v_k \in S$ in Theorem 2.9 is sufficient, but it is not a necessary condition. In fact, even $v_k \notin S$, the sum of entries in the k -th row(column) of the matrix $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ is equal to $\deg_G(v_k)$.

To illustrate this, consider the path graph P_3 .

In this graph, the set $S = \{v_1, v_3\}$ is the unique g_{it} -set of P_3 .

Consequently, the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix corresponding to S is the 3×3 matrix given by

$$M_{S_{g_{it}}}(P_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly $v_2 \notin S$ and $\deg(v_2) = 2$.

Also the sum of the elements in the 2nd row of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(P_3)$ is also equal to 2.

Remark 2.12. There are graphs in which the property does not hold if the condition fails. That is, "The sum of the elements in the k -th row(column) of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ is less than $\deg_G(v_k)$ for $v_k \notin S$ ".

For instance, let us consider the graph G shown in Example 2.5.

$S = \{v_1, v_5\}$ is the unique g_{it} -set in G .

Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S is given by

$$M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, $v_2, v_3, v_4 \notin S$ and $\deg_G(v_2) = 2$, $\deg_G(v_3) = 3$ & $\deg_G(v_4) = 2$.

The sum of the entries of the second row of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ equals 1, which is strictly less than $\deg_G(v_2) = 2$. In the same way, the sums of the entries of the third and fourth rows of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ are each equal to 1, and both are smaller than the corresponding degrees of v_3 and v_4 in G .

Theorem 2.13. Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and let $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_l$ denote the g_{it} -sets. Let $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ be the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to the g_{it} -set S_j for $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$. Then the elements in the m th row(column) of $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ and $M_{S_{k_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ remain the same for all $v_m \in S_j \cap S_k$.

Proof: Since $v_m \in S_j \cap S_k$, it follows that $v_m \in S_j$ as well as $v_m \in S_k$. Then by Theorem 2.10, the sum of the entries in the m -th row(or column) of $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ is equal to $\deg_G(v_m)$.

Similarly, the sum of the entries in the m -th row(or column) of $M_{S_{k_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ is also equal to $\deg_G(v_m)$.

This implies that the number of 1's occuring in the m -th row(column) of $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ as well as $M_{S_{k_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ is equal to $\deg_G(v_m)$. So the (m, l) th entry of $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ as well as $M_{S_{k_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ is equal to 1 iff v_m is adjacent to v_l .

Therefore the entries in the m -th row(or column) of $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ and $M_{S_{k_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ are

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_m \text{ is adjacent to } v_l \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

Consequently, for every vertex $v_m \in S_j \cap S_k$, the m -th row(or column) of $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ coincides with that of $M_{S_{k_{g_{it}}}}(G)$. $\square$

Corollary 2.14. Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_l$ be the g_{it} -sets of G . Let $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ be the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to the g_{it} -set S_j for $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$. Then the elements in the m th row(column) of $M_{S_{j_{g_{it}}}}(G)$, $M_{S_{k_{g_{it}}}}(G)$, $\dots$, $M_{S_{p_{g_{it}}}}(G)$ remain the same for all $v_m \in S_j \cap S_k \cap \dots \cap S_p$.

3. Independent transversal geodetic energy

Definition 3.1. Let G be a simple connected graph of order $n \geq 3$, and S be a g_{it} -set of G . Let $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ denote the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix corresponding to S . Then the Independent Transversal Geodetic Energy with respect to the g_{it} -set S , denoted by $ITGE_S(G)$, is defined as the sum of the absolute values of all the eigenvalues of the matrix $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$. Then the Independent Transversal Geodetic Energy of the Graph G , denoted by $ITGE(G)$, is defined as

$$ITGE(G) = \max.\{ITGE_S(G): S \text{ is a } g_{it}\text{-set of } G\}.$$

Note 3.2. From the above Definition 3.1, it is evident that the Independent Transversal Geodetic Energy of a graph G is always a positive real number.

Example 3.3. For the graph G in Figure 4, the set $S = \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}$ is a g_{it} -set, referring [10]. Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S is given

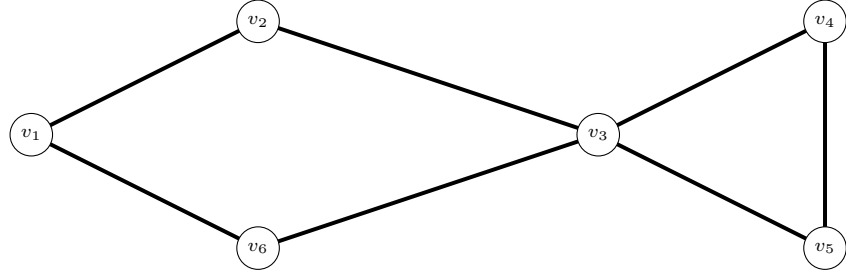


FIGURE 4. Graph G

by

$$M_{S_{git}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of $M_{S_{git}}(G)$ are $0, -1, -1, 2, \sqrt{2}$ and $-\sqrt{2}$.

Therefore the Independent Transversal Geodetic Energy with respect to the git -set S , $ITGE_S(G) = 4 + 2\sqrt{2} = 6.828$ (approximately).

Since S is unique, it follows that $ITGE(G) = 6.828$

Example 3.4. Let G denote the graph illustrated in Figure 5.

The graph G has three maximum independent sets(that is, β_0 -sets), namely,

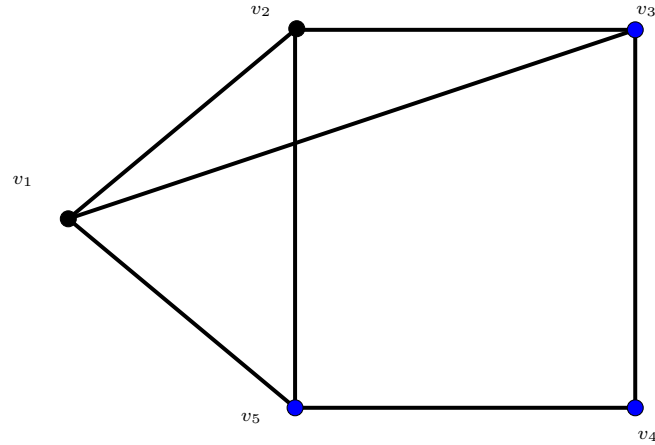


FIGURE 5. Graph G

$I_1 = \{v_1, v_4\}$, $I_2 = \{v_2, v_4\}$, and $I_3 = \{v_3, v_5\}$.

Consider the set $S = \{v_3, v_4, v_5\}$. The set S is a geodetic set and has a non-empty

intersection with each β_0 -set of G .

Hence, S qualifies as a g_{it} -set of G .

Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S is given by

$$M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ are $0, 0, 0, -\sqrt{6}$ and $\sqrt{6}$

Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy with respect to the g_{it} -set S , $ITGE_S(G) = 2\sqrt{6} = 4.899$

Since S is unique, it is evident that $ITGE(G) = 4.899$

Example 3.5. Refer to the graph G depicted in Example 2.5.

$S = \{u_1, u_5\}$ is the unique g_{it} -set in G and $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G)$ is the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S given in Example 2.5.

Its eigenvalues are $0, 1, -1, \sqrt{2}$ and $-\sqrt{2}$

Therefore the Independent Transversal Geodetic Energy with respect to the g_{it} -set S , $ITGE_S(G) = 2 + 2\sqrt{2} = 4.828$

Since S is unique, it follows that $ITGE(G) = 4.828$

Example 3.6. Consider G shown in Example 2.6.

$S_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_6\}$, $S_2 = \{v_1, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$, $S_3 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ and $S_4 = \{v_1, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ are g_{it} -sets in G .

Their corresponding independent transversal geo-adjacency matrices $M_{S_1_{g_{it}}}(G)$, $M_{S_2_{g_{it}}}(G)$, $M_{S_3_{g_{it}}}(G)$ and $M_{S_4_{g_{it}}}(G)$ are as given in Example 2.6.

$M_{S_1_{g_{it}}}(G)$ and $M_{S_2_{g_{it}}}(G)$ have the same eigenvalues $-1.618, 0.618, -0.820, 2.438, -1.75$ and 1.139 .

Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy with respect to the g_{it} -sets S_1 and S_2 , $ITGE_{S_1}(G) = ITGE_{S_2}(G) = 8.39$

Also $M_{S_3_{g_{it}}}(G)$ and $M_{S_4_{g_{it}}}(G)$ have the same eigenvalues $-1, -1, -\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{2} + 1, \sqrt{2} + 1$.

So the independent transversal geodetic energy with respect to both the g_{it} -sets S_3 and S_4 , $ITGE_{S_3}(G) = ITGE_{S_4}(G) = 8.292$

Further, there are no other g_{it} -sets in G .

Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy of G is

$ITGE(G) = \max.\{ITGE_S(G): S \text{ is a } g_{it}\text{-set of } G\} = 8.39$

Example 3.7. Consider G shown in Example 2.7.

$S_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_6\}$, $S_2 = \{v_1, v_4, v_6\}$, $S_3 = \{v_1, v_5, v_6\}$ and $S_4 = \{v_1, v_6, v_7\}$ are g_{it} -sets in G . Then their corresponding independent transversal geo-adjacency matrices $M_{S_1_{g_{it}}}(G)$, $M_{S_2_{g_{it}}}(G)$, $M_{S_3_{g_{it}}}(G)$ and $M_{S_4_{g_{it}}}(G)$ are as given in Example 2.7.

All these matrices produce the same eigenvalues $0, \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}, \frac{-\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ and $\frac{-\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$.

So the independent transversal geodetic energy with respect each of the g_{it} -sets S_1, S_2, S_3 and S_4 is equal to $2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{5} = 7.3$ (approximately).
Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy of G is $ITGE(G) = 7.3$.

4. Independent transversal geodetic energy of standard graphs

Result 4.1. For the complete graph K_n on n vertices, $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is the unique g_{it} -set [10].

Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S is an $n \times n$ matrix with entries 0 along the main diagonal and 1 elsewhere.

It is given by

$$M_{S_{g_{it}}}(K_n) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The spectrum of the matrix $M_{S_{g_{it}}}(K_n)$ consists of the eigenvalues $n-1$ and -1 where -1 with multiplicity $n-1$. Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy of the complete graph K_n is $2n-2$.

Result 4.2. Consider the star graph consisting of $n+1$ vertices with u as the central vertex and $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ on its leaves. The set $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is the only g_{it} -set of G .

With respect to the set S , the associated independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix of G is an $(n+1) \times (n+1)$ matrix, which is defined as

$$M_{S_{g_{it}}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Its eigenvalues are $\sqrt{n}, -\sqrt{n}, 0, 0, \dots$ and 0 (that is, 0 appears $(n-1)$ times). Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy of G is $2\sqrt{n}$.

Theorem 4.3. If P_n is a path on $n \geq 3$ vertices, then

$$ITGE(P_n) = \begin{cases} 2\sqrt{2} & \text{if } n = 3 \\ 4 & \text{if } n > 3 \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.

Referring Theorem 1.1[10], $S = \{v_1, v_n\}$ is the unique minimum independent transversal geodetic set (i.e) g_{it} -set in P_n .

Case 1: $n = 3$.

Then $S = \{v_1, v_3\}$ is the unique g_{it} -set in P_3 .

Therefore the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S in this case is the 3×3 matrix given by

$$M_{S_{git}}(P_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Its eigenvalues are 0, $\sqrt{2}$ and $-\sqrt{2}$.

$\therefore ITGE(P_n) = 2\sqrt{2}$ if $n = 3$.

Case 2: $n > 3$.

Here the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S is an $n \times n$ matrix given by

$$M_{S_{git}}(P_n) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of $M_{S_{git}}(P_n)$ are $1, -1, 1, -1, 0, 0, \dots$ and 0 (that is, 0 appears $(n - 4)$ times).

Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy of P_n in this case is 4.

$\therefore ITGE(P_n) = 4$ if $n > 3$. $\square$

Theorem 4.4. If C_{2n+1} is an odd cycle with $n \geq 2$, then

$$ITGE(C_{2n+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 + 2\sqrt{5} & \text{if } n = 2 \\ 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{5} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 4\sqrt{5} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n+1}\}$ be the vertex set of the odd cycle C_{2n+1} .

Case 1: $n = 2$

Clearly, $S_i = V - \{v_i\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ is a git -set in C_5 . That is, each S_i contains any of the 4 vertices from $V(C_5)$.

Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S_i is a 5×5 matrix given by

$$M_{S_{i_{git}}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$

Each of these have the eigenvalues $2, \frac{-\sqrt{5}-1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}, \frac{-\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ and $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$.

Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy with respect to each of the git -sets S_i , $ITGE_{S_i}(G) = 2 + 2\sqrt{5}$.

Thus the independent transversal geodetic energy of C_5 is $2 + 2\sqrt{5}$.

Case 2: n is odd.

Referring Theorem 1.2[10], $S_i = \{v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+n+1}\}$ is a git -set for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Then the eigenvalues of the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S_i are $\sqrt{2}$, $-\sqrt{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$, $\frac{-\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$, $\frac{-\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$ and 0, 0, ..., 0($2n-5$ times).

Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy with respect to the git -set S_i , $ITGE_{S_i}(G) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{5}$.

If we consider any other git -set of the form $S_j = \{v_j, v_{j+n}, v_{(j+n+1)(\text{mod}(2n+1))}\}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$, then also we obtain the same eigenvalues.

Thus the independent transversal geodetic energy of C_{2n+1} is

$ITGE(C_{2n+1}) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{5}$ if n is odd.

Case 3: n is even.

Referring Theorem 1.2[10], $S_i = \{v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+n+1}, v_{(i+n+2)\text{mod}(2n+1)}\}$ is a git -set for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Then the eigenvalues of the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S_i are $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$, $\frac{-\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$, $\frac{-\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$, $\frac{-\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$, $\frac{-\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$ and 0, 0, ..., 0($2n-7$ times).

Therefore the independent transversal geodetic energy with respect to the git -set S_i , $ITGE_{S_i}(G) = 4\sqrt{5}$.

$\therefore ITGE(C_{2n+1}) = 4\sqrt{5}$ in this case. $\square$

Theorem 4.5. Let C_{2n} be an even cycle with $n \geq 2$, then the independent transversal geodetic energy of C_{2n} is given by

$$ITGE(C_{2n}) = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } n = 2 \\ 4\sqrt{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{5} & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } n \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}\}$ denote the vertex set of C_{2n} .

Case 1: $n = 2$

Obviously, $S_i = V - \{v_i\}$, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ is a git -set in C_4 . That is, each S_i contains any of the 3 vertices from $V(C_4)$. Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S_i is a 4×4 matrix given by

$$M_{S_{i_{git}}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of $M_{S_{i_{git}}}(G)$ are 0, 0, 2 and -2 .

Therefore $ITGE_{S_i}(C_4) = 4$ for each $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

Thus $ITGE(C_4) = 4$.

Case 2: n is odd.

Referring Theorem 1.3[10], $S_i = \{v_i, v_{i+n}\}$ is a git -set for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Then the eigenvalues of the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S_i are $\sqrt{2}$, $-\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{2}$, $-\sqrt{2}$ and 0, 0, ..., 0($2n-4$ times).

Therefore $ITGE_{S_i}(C_{2n}) = 4\sqrt{2}$.

It is not possible to find any git -set other than S_i in C_{2n} when n is odd.

Hence, $ITGE(C_{2n}) = 4\sqrt{2}$ in this case.

Case 3: n is even.

Referring Theorem 1.3[10], $S_i = \{v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+n}\}$ is a g_{it} -set for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then the eigenvalues of the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S_i are $\sqrt{2}$, $-\sqrt{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$, $\frac{-\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$, $\frac{-\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$ and $0, 0, \dots, 0$ ($2n - 6$ times).

Therefore $ITGE_{S_i}(C_{2n}) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{5}$.

If we consider any other g_{it} -set of the form $S_j = \{v_j, v_{j+n}, v_{(j+n+1)(\text{mod}(2n))}\}$, where $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then also we obtain the same eigenvalues.

Thus the independent transversal geodetic energy of C_{2n} is

$$ITGE(C_{2n}) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{5}.$$

□

Theorem 4.6. If $G = C_n \odot K_1$ is the corona graph on $2n$ vertices, then $ITGE(G) = 2n$.

Proof: Consider the n -sunlet graph on $2n$ vertices, also known as corona graph. This graph is formed by adjoining exactly one vertex to each vertex of the cycle C_n . Formally, the structure of $G = C_n \odot K_1$ is illustrated in Figure 6 and it has $2n$ vertices as $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$.

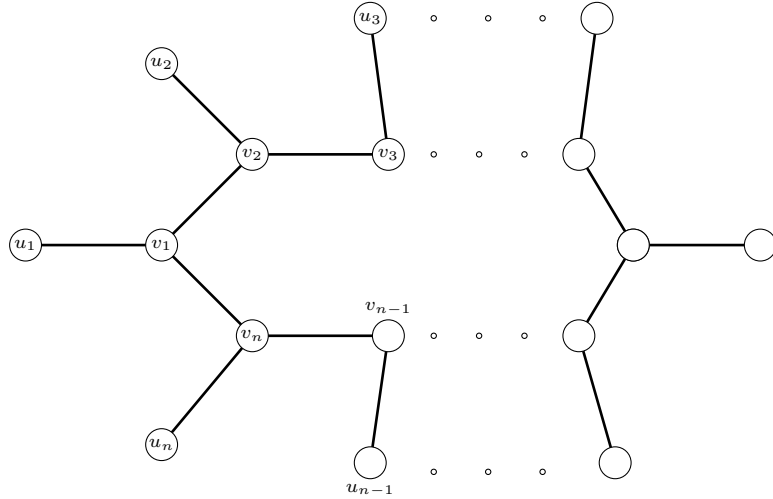


FIGURE 6. Graph $G = C_n \odot K_1$

Consider the set $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ consisting of all end vertices of G . Then $|S| = n$. Obviously S is the unique g_{it} -set in G .

Then the independent transversal geo-adjacency matrix with respect to S is a $2n \times 2n$ matrix given by

$$M_{S_{git}}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of $M_{S_{git}}(G)$ are 1 and -1 each with multiplicity n . Therefore $ITGE_S(G) = 2n$.

Hence the independent transversal geodetic energy of G is $ITGE(G) = 2n$. $\square$

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