

VL RECIPROCAL STATUS INDEX AND COINDEX OF CONNECTED GRAPHS

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Abstract

The reciprocal status of a vertex u in a connected graph G , is defined as the sum of reciprocal of the distances between u and all other vertices of a graph G . Relation between VL reciprocal status index and VL reciprocal status co-indices are established. Also these indices are computed for VL reciprocal status transmission regular graphs. Further the VL reciprocal status index and coindex of some standard graphs are obtained.

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1 Introduction and Preliminaries

A topological index is a graph invariant which is mathematically derived from the graph structure. The topological indices are used for quantitative structure-activity relationship (*QSAR*) and quantitative structure-property relationship (*QSPR*) [12] [13]. The oldest topological index is Wiener index, which was presented by the chemist Harold Wiener in 1947 [14], afterward a number of distance based topological indices were defined as hyper Wiener index, Harary index [6] [9] and so on.

Let G be a connected graph of order n and size m . Let $V(G)$ be the vertex set and $E(G)$ be the edge set of G . The edge joining the vertices u and v is denoted by uv . The degree of a vertex u is the number of edges incident to it and is denoted by $d(u)$. The distance between the vertices u and v is denoted by $d(u, v)$ is the length of the shortest path joining u and v in G . The maximum distance between any pair of vertices in G is called the diameter of G and is denoted by $diam(G)$. For standard terminology and notion in graph theory, we follow the textbook of Harary [5]. Following definitions are used in upcoming section.

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Harary explained the *status* [5] of a vertex u , is defined as the sum of its distances from every other vertex of G and is denoted by $\sigma(u)$. That is,

$$\sigma(u) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d(u, v).$$

Recently, Ramane and Yalnak [10] introduced the first and second status connectivity indices of a graph G to study the property of benzenoid hydrocarbons. The first and second status connectivity index is defined as

$$S_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [\sigma(u) + \sigma(v)] \text{ and } S_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [\sigma(u) \cdot \sigma(v)].$$

The *reciprocal status* [11] of a vertex u is defined as the sum of reciprocal of its distances from every other vertex of G and is denoted by $rs(u)$. That is,

$$rs(u) = \sum_{v \in V(G), u \neq v} \frac{1}{d(u, v)}.$$

The Harary index $H(G)$ of a connected graph G is defined as

$$H(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{uv\} \subseteq V(G), u \neq v} \frac{1}{d(u, v)} \quad (1)$$

The Equation (1) can be written as

$$H(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u \in V(G)} rs(u).$$

The first and second Zagreb indices of a graph G are defined as

$$Z_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d(u) + d(v)] \text{ and } Z_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d(u) \cdot d(v)].$$

The first and second Zagreb co-indices of a graph G are defined as

$$\overline{Z}_1(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [d(u) + d(v)] \text{ and } \overline{Z}_2(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [d(u) \cdot d(v)].$$

H. S. Ramane and S. Y. Talwar [11] introduced the first and second reciprocal status connectivity indices of a connected graph, defined as,

$$RS_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [rs(u) + rs(v)] \text{ and } RS_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [rs(u) \cdot rs(v)].$$

T. Deepika, [4] introduced the *VL* index of a graph G is defined as,

$$VL(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_e + d_f + 4]$$

where $d_e = d(u) + d(v) - 2$ and $d_f = (d(u) \cdot d(v)) - 2$.

The VL index shows a good correlation with the physical properties of octane isomers and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB).

The VL index which can also be written as,

$$VL(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d(u) + d(v) + d(u) \cdot d(v)].$$

Presently, in [7], two more indices introduced and studied their graph theoretical properties under the name of the VL reciprocal status index $VLRS(G)$ and VL reciprocal status co-index $\overline{VLRS}(G)$ of a graph G that are defined by

$$VLRS(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [rs(u) + rs(v) + rs(u) \cdot rs(v)] \tag{1}$$

and

$$\overline{VLRS}(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [rs(u) + rs(v) + rs(u) \cdot rs(v)]. \tag{2}$$

For example,

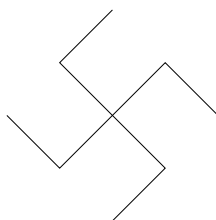


Figure 1:

For a graph given in FIGURE 1, $VLRS(G) = 119.75$ and $\overline{VLRS}(G) = 44.75$.

2 VL reciprocal status index and co-indices

In this section, by considering the indices given in Eqs. (1) and (2), we state and prove some results on connected graphs.

Proposition 2.1. *Let G be a connected graph on n vertices. Then*

$$\overline{VLRS}(G) = (n - 1 + H(G))H(G) - VLRS(G) - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2.$$

Proof. Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{\text{VLR}}(G) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [rs(u) + rs(v) + rs(u) \cdot rs(v)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{uv \notin E(G)} rs(u) + rs(v) + \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} rs(u) \cdot rs(v) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{\{u,v\} \subseteq V(G)} rs(u) + rs(v) - \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} rs(u) + rs(v) + \sum_{\{u,v\} \subseteq V(G)} rs(u) \cdot rs(v) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} rs(u) \cdot rs(v) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[(n-1) \sum_{u \in V(G)} rs(u) - RS_1(G) + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\sum_{u \in V(G)} rs(u) \right)^2 - \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2 \right\} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - RS_2(G) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[2(n-1)H(G) - RS_1(G) + 2(H(G))^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - RS_2(G) \right] \\
 &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \text{VLR}(G) - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\overline{\text{VLR}}(G) = (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \text{VLR}(G) - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2.$$

□

Corollary 2.2. Let G be a connected graph with n vertices, m edges and $\text{diam}(G) \leq 2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{\text{VLR}}(G) &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \frac{m}{8}(n-1)(n+3) - \frac{1}{8}(n+1)Z_1(G) - \frac{1}{8}Z_2(G) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. For any graph G of $\text{diam}(G) \leq 2$, $rs(u) = \frac{1}{2}[(n-1) + d(u)]$ and $H(G) = m + \frac{1}{2}[\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - m] = \frac{1}{4}[2m + n(n-1)]$.

Also we have [11]

$$RS_1(G) = (n-1)m + \frac{1}{2}Z_1(G)$$

and

$$RS_2(G) = \frac{1}{4}[(n-1)^2m + (n-1)Z_1(G) + Z_2(G)].$$

Therefore by the Proposition 2.1.

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{VLRS}(G) &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - VLRS(G) - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2 \\ &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [rs(u) + rs(v) + rs(u) \cdot rs(v)] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2 \\ &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{uv \in E(G)} (rs(u) + rs(v)) + \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (rs(u) \cdot rs(v)) \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2 \\ &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \frac{1}{2} [RS_1(G) + RS_2(G)] - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2 \\ &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \frac{1}{2} \left[(n-1)m + \frac{1}{2}Z_1(G) + \frac{1}{4}((n-1)^2m \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (n-1)Z_1(G) + Z_2(G)) \right] - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2 \\ &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \frac{m}{8}(n-1)(n+3) - \frac{1}{8}(n+1)Z_1(G) - \frac{1}{8}Z_2(G) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{VLRS}(G) &= (n-1 + H(G))H(G) - \frac{m}{8}(n-1)(n+3) - \frac{1}{8}(n+1)Z_1(G) - \frac{1}{8}Z_2(G) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{u \in V(G)} (rs(u))^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 2.3. *Let G be a connected graph with n vertices, m edges and $diam(G) \leq 2$. Then*

$$\overline{VLRS}(G) = \frac{1}{16}n(n-1)^2(n+3) - \frac{1}{8}m(n-1)(n+3) + \frac{1}{8}(n+1)\overline{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8}\overline{Z}_2(G).$$

Proof. For any graph G of $\text{diam}(G) \leq 2$, $rs(u) = \frac{1}{2}[(n-1) + d(u)]$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{\text{VLRS}}(G) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [rs(u) + rs(v) + rs(u) \cdot rs(v)] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \left[\frac{1}{2}((n-1) + d(u)) + \frac{1}{2}((n-1) + d(v)) + \frac{1}{2}((n-1) + d(u)) \cdot \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}((n-1) + d(v)) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \left[\frac{1}{2}((n-1) + d(u)) + \frac{1}{2}((n-1) + d(v)) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \left[\frac{1}{2}((n-1) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + d(u)) \cdot \frac{1}{2}((n-1) + d(v)) \right] \\
&= \frac{(n-1)}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} 1 + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [d(u) + d(v)] + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [(n-1)^2 + d(u)d(v) \\
&\quad + (n-1)(d(u) + d(v))] \\
&= \frac{(n-1)}{2} \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - m \right) + \frac{1}{4} \overline{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8} \left[(n-1)^2 \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} 1 + \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} d(u)d(v) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (n-1) \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [d(u) + d(v)] \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{4} n(n-1)^2 - \frac{m(n-1)}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \overline{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8} \left[(n-1)^2 \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - m \right) + \overline{Z}_2(G) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (n-1) \overline{Z}_1(G) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{4} n(n-1)^2 - \frac{m(n-1)}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \overline{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{16} n(n-1)^3 - \frac{m(n-1)^2}{8} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{8} (n-1) \overline{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8} \overline{Z}_2(G) \\
&= \frac{1}{16} n(n-1)^2 (n+3) - \frac{1}{8} m(n-1)(n+3) + \frac{1}{8} (n+1) \overline{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8} \overline{Z}_2(G).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\overline{\text{VLRS}}(G) = \frac{1}{16} n(n-1)^2 (n+3) - \frac{1}{8} m(n-1)(n+3) + \frac{1}{8} (n+1) \overline{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8} \overline{Z}_2(G).$$

□

Proposition 2.4. Let G be a graph with n vertices and m edges. Let \overline{G} , the complement of G , be connected. Then

$$\text{VLRS}(\overline{G}) \geq \frac{1}{4} n(n+1)(n-1)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m(n^2-1) - \frac{n}{4} \overline{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8} \overline{Z}_2(G).$$

Proof. For any vertex u in \bar{G} there are $n - 1 - d(u)$ vertices which are at distance 1 and the remaining vertices are at distance at least 2 from u . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} rs_{\bar{G}} &\leq (n - 1 - d(u)) + \frac{1}{2}d(u) \\ &= n - 1 - \frac{1}{2}d(u). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} VLRS(\bar{G}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \in E(\bar{G})} [rs_{\bar{G}}(u) + rs_{\bar{G}}(v) + rs_{\bar{G}}(u) \cdot rs_{\bar{G}}(v)] \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \in E(\bar{G})} \left[n - 1 - \frac{1}{2}d(u) + n - 1 - \frac{1}{2}d(v) + \left(n - 1 - \frac{1}{2}d(u) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left(n - 1 - \frac{1}{2}d(v) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \in E(\bar{G})} \left[2(n - 1) - \frac{1}{2}(d(u) + d(v)) + (n - 1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(n - 1)d(v) - \frac{(n - 1)}{2}d(u) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4}d(u) \cdot d(v) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(\bar{G})} 2(n - 1) - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{uv \notin E(\bar{G})} (d(u) + d(v)) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{uv \notin E(\bar{G})} (n - 1)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(n - 1) \\ &\quad \sum_{uv \notin E(\bar{G})} (d(u) + d(v)) + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{uv \notin E(\bar{G})} d(u) \cdot d(v) \\ &= (n - 1) \left(\frac{n(n - 1)}{2} - m \right) - \frac{1}{4}\bar{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{2}(n - 1)^2 \left(\frac{n(n - 1)}{2} - m \right) - \frac{1}{4}(n - 1) \\ &\quad \bar{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8}\bar{Z}_2(G) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}n(n - 1)^2 - m(n - 1) - \frac{1}{4}\bar{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{4}n(n - 1)^3 - \frac{1}{2}m(n - 1)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(n - 1) \\ &\quad \bar{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8}\bar{Z}_2(G) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4}n(n + 1)(n - 1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m(n^2 - 1) - \frac{n}{4}\bar{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8}\bar{Z}_2(G). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$VLRS(\bar{G}) \geq \frac{1}{4}n(n + 1)(n - 1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m(n^2 - 1) - \frac{n}{4}\bar{Z}_1(G) + \frac{1}{8}\bar{Z}_2(G).$$

□

3 VL reciprocal status index and co-index of some transmission regular graphs

A bijection α on vertex set of G is called an *automorphism* of G if it preserves edge set of G . In other words α defines an automorphism if for each $u, v \in V(G)$, we

have $e = uv \in E(G)$ if and only if $\alpha(e) = \alpha(u).\alpha(v) \in E(G)$. Let $Aut(G) = \{\alpha \mid \alpha : V(G) \rightarrow V(G) \text{ is a bijection which preserves the adjacency}\}$. It is known $Aut(G)$ forms an algebraic group under the composition of mappings. On the other hand a graph G is called *vertex-transitive* if for every two vertices u and v of G , there exists an automorphism α of G such that $\alpha(u) = v$. It is known that any vertex-transitive graph is vertex degree regular, transmission regular and self-centered. Indeed the graph depicted in Figure 2 is 14-transmission regular graph but not degree regular and therefore not vertex-transitive (see [1] [2]).

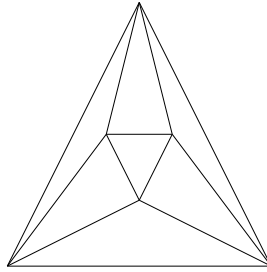


Figure 2: The VL reciprocal status transmission regular but not degree regular graph with the smallest order

The following is straightforward from the definition of VL reciprocal status connectivity indices.

Lemma 3.1. For a connected k -VL reciprocal status transmission regular graph G with m edges, $V LRS(G) = \frac{1}{2}[mk(k + 2)]$.

Theorem 3.2 ([3]). Let G be a connected graph on n vertices with the automorphism group $Aut(G)$ and the vertex set $V(G)$. Let V_1, V_2, \dots, V_t be all orbits of the action $Aut(G)$ on $V(G)$. Suppose also that for each $1 \leq i \leq t$, d_i and k_i are the vertex degree and the transmission of vertices in the orbit V_i , respectively. Then $H(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^t |V_i|k_i$.

Specially if G is vertex-transitive (that is, $t=1$), then $H(G) = \frac{1}{2}nk$, where k is the transmission of each vertex of G .

Theorem 3.3 ([11]). Let G be a connected graph on n vertices with the automorphism group $Aut(G)$ and the vertex set $V(G)$. Let V_1, V_2, \dots, V_t be all orbits of the action $Aut(G)$ on $V(G)$. Suppose also that for each $1 \leq i \leq t$, d_i and k_i are the vertex degree and the transmission of vertices in the orbit V_i , respectively. Then

$$RS_1(G) = \sum_{i=1}^t |V_i|d_i k_i, \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{RS}_1(G) = \sum_{i=1}^t \left(|V_i|k_i \left(1 - \frac{d_i}{n-1} \right) \right).$$

Specially if G is vertex-transitive (i.e. $t = 1$), then

$$RS_1(G) = ndk, \quad RS_2(G) = \frac{1}{2}ndk^2, \\ \overline{RS}_1(G) = 2\binom{n}{2}k - ndk, \quad \overline{RS}_2(G) = \left(\binom{n}{2} - \frac{nd}{2} \right) k^2,$$

where d and k are the degree and the transmission of each vertex of G , respectively.

Analogous to Theorem 3.2, Theorem 3.3 and as a consequence of Proposition 2.1, we have the following.

Theorem 3.4. *Let G be a connected graph on n vertices with the automorphism group $Aut(G)$ and the vertex set $V(G)$. Let V_1, V_2, \dots, V_t be all orbits of the action $Aut(G)$ on $V(G)$. Suppose also that for each $1 \leq i \leq t$, d_i and k_i are the vertex degree and the transmission of vertices in the orbit V_i , respectively. If G is vertex-transitive (that is, $t=1$), then*

$$VLRS(G) = \frac{ndk}{4}(k+2), \quad \overline{VLRS}(G) = \frac{1}{2} \left[2\binom{n}{2}k - ndk + \left(\binom{n}{2} - \frac{nd}{2} \right) k^2 \right].$$

Lemma 3.5. *Let G be a connected k -VL reciprocal status transmission regular graph with m edges. Then*

$$\overline{VLRS}(G) = \frac{1}{2} \left[2\binom{n}{2}k - 2mk + \binom{n}{2}k^2 - mk^2 \right].$$

The Kneser graph $KG_{p,k}$ is the graph whose vertices correspond to the k -element subsets of a set of p elements, and any two vertices are adjacent if and only if the two corresponding sets are disjoint. Clearly we must impose the restriction $p \geq 2k$. The Kneser graph $KG_{p,k}$ has $\binom{p}{k}$ vertices and it is actually regular of degree $\binom{p-k}{k}$. Therefore, by [8], the number of edges of $KG_{p,k}$ is $\frac{1}{2}\binom{p}{k}\binom{p-k}{k}$. Moreover the Kneser graph $KG_{n,1}$ is complete on n vertices, and $KG_{8,1}$ is known as 8-complete graph (see Figure 3).

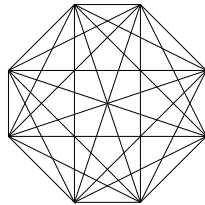


Figure 3: 8-complete graph

Lemma 3.6. [11] *The Kneser graph $KG_{p,k}$ is vertex-transitive and for each k -subset A ,*

$$rs_{KG_{p,k}}(A) = \frac{2H(KG_{p,k})}{\binom{p}{k}}.$$

Following Proposition follows from Lemma 3.6 and 3.1.

Proposition 3.7. *For a Kneser graph $KG_{p,k}$ we have*

$$VLRS(KG_{p,k}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[2H(KG_{p,k}) \binom{p-k}{k} + \binom{p-k}{k} \frac{2H(KG_{p,k})^2}{\binom{p}{k}} \right].$$

Proposition 3.8. For a Kneser graph $KG_{p,k}$ we have

$$\overline{\text{VLS}}(KG_{p,k}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[2H(KG_{p,k}) \left(\binom{p}{k} - \binom{p-k}{k} - 1 \right) + \left(\frac{4(H(KG_{p,k}))^2}{\binom{p}{k}^2} \right) Q \right]$$

where Q is the number of edges which does not belong to $E(KG_{p,k})$.

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