

# Vertex Polynomial for the Splitting Graph Of Comb and Crown

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**Abstract** – The vertex polynomial of the graph  $G = (V, E)$  is defined as  $V(G, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\Delta(G)} v_k x^k$ , where  $\Delta(G) = \max\{d(v)/v \in V\}$  and  $v_k$  is the number of vertices of degree  $k$ . In this paper we derived the vertex polynomial for splitting graph of Comb, Crown,  $P_n \odot \bar{K}_m, (n \geq 2), C_n \odot \bar{K}_m, (n \geq 3)$ , their union and their sum.

**Index Terms** – Comb, Crown, Splitting graph, Vertex Polynomial, Union, Sum.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , we mean a finite undirected, non-trivial graph without loops and multiple edges. The vertex set is denoted by  $V$  and the edge set by  $E$ . For  $v \in V, d(v)$  is the number of edges incident with  $v$ , the maximum degree of  $G$  is defined as  $\Delta(G) = \max\{d(v)/v \in V\}$ . For terms not defined here, we refer to Frank Harary[3]. For each vertex  $v$  of a graph  $G$ , take a new vertex  $v'$ , join  $v'$  to all the vertices of  $G$  adjacent to  $v$ . The graph  $S(G)$  thus obtained is called splitting graph of  $G$  [2]. The graph  $G = (V, E)$  is simply denoted by  $G$ . Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs, the union  $G_1 \cup G_2$  is defined to be  $(V, E)$  where  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  and  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$ , the sum  $G_1 + G_2$  is defined as  $G_1 \cup G_2$  together with all the lines joining points of  $V_1$  to  $V_2$ . The graph obtained by joining a single pendent edge to each vertex of a path is called Comb. Any cycle with pendant edge attached to each vertex is called Crown.

## 2. VERTEX POLYNOMIAL FOR THE SPLITTING GRAPH OF COMB

Definition: 2.1

The graph obtained by joining a single pendent edge to each vertex of a path is called Comb.

Theorem: 2.2

Let  $G$  be a Comb with order  $2n, (n \geq 2)$ . The vertex polynomial of  $S(G)$  is

$$V(S(G), x) = (n - 2)x^6 + 2x^4 + (n - 2)x^3 + (n + 2)x^2 + nx, n \geq 2.$$

Proof:

Let  $G$  be a comb with  $2n (n \geq 2)$  vertices. Therefore,  $S(G)$  have  $4n (n \geq 2)$  vertices. Among  $2n$  vertices of  $G, n$  vertices are pendent vertices; among remaining  $n$  vertices,  $n - 2$  have degree 3 and 2 vertices have degree 2. In  $S(G)$ , each new vertex corresponding to each vertex of  $V$  has same degree as in  $V$  of  $G$  and rest of vertices becomes twice the degree, gives the result.

Example: 2.3

Take  $n = 3$  in the above theorem. We have the graph

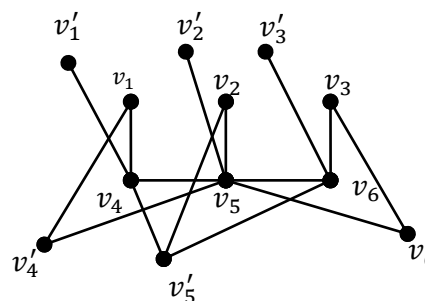


Figure 1

Here,  $V(S(G), x) = x^6 + 2x^4 + x^3 + 5x^2 + 3x$ .

Theorem: 2.4

Let  $G$  be a Comb with order  $2n, (n \geq 2)$  and  $\zeta = S(G) \cup S(G) \cup \dots \cup S(G)$  ( $m$  times). Then the vertex polynomial is  $V(\zeta, x) = m(n - 2)x^6 + 2mx^4 + m(n - 2)x^3 + m(n + 2)x^2 + mnx, n \geq 2, m \geq 1$ .

Proof:

Consider  $m$  copies of  $S(G)$ , here the number of vertices of  $S(G)$  increased by  $m$  copies but degree of each vertex remains unchanged. Therefore, each coefficient of the vertex polynomial of  $S(G)$  multiplied by  $m$  gives the result.

Theorem: 2.5

Let  $G$  be a Comb with order  $2n, (n \geq 2)$ . The vertex polynomial of  $mS(G)$  is  $V(mS(\zeta), x) = m(n-2)x^{6+4n(m-1)} + 2mx^{4+4n(m-1)} + m(n-2)x^{3+4n(m-1)} + m(n+2)x^{2+4n(m-1)} + mn x^{1+4n(m-1)}, n \geq 2, m \geq 1$ .

Proof:

In  $mS(G)$ , each vertex degree of  $\zeta$  has increased by  $4n(m-1)$  gives the required result.

### 3. VERTEX POLYNOMIAL FOR THE SPLITTING GRAPH OF CROWN ( $C_n \odot K_1$ )

Definition: 3.1

Any cycle with pendant edge attached to each vertex is called Crown.

Theorem: 3.2

Let  $G$  be a Crown with order  $2n, (n \geq 3)$ . Then the vertex polynomial of  $S(G)$  is given by  $V(S(G), x) = nx^6 + nx^3 + nx^2 + nx, n \geq 3$ .

Proof:

Let  $G$  be a Crown with order  $2n, (n \geq 3)$ . Therefore,  $S(G)$  have  $4n (n \geq 3)$  vertices. Among  $2n$  vertices of  $G, n$  vertices are pendant vertices; remaining  $n$  vertices have degree 3. In  $S(G)$ , each new vertex corresponding to each vertex of  $V$  has same degree as in  $V$  of  $G$  and rest of vertices becomes twice the degree, gives the result.

Example: 3.3

Take  $n = 3$  in the above theorem. We have the graph

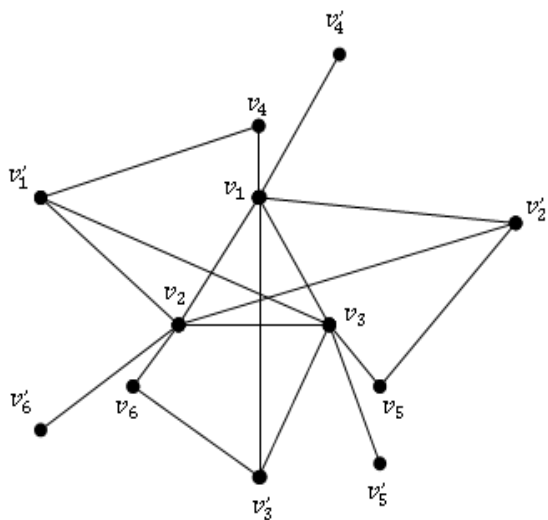


Figure 2

Here,  $V(S(G), x) = 3x^6 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x$ .

Theorem: 3.4

Let  $G$  be a Crown with order  $2n, (n \geq 3)$ . The vertex polynomial of  $\zeta = S(G)US(G) \cup \dots \cup S(G)$  ( $m$  times) is  $V(\zeta, x) = nm x^6 + nm x^3 + nm x^2 + nm x,$

$n \geq 3, m \geq 1$ .

Theorem: 3.5

Let  $G$  be a Crown with order  $2n, (n \geq 3)$ . The vertex polynomial of  $mS(G)$  is given by  $V(mS(G), x) = nm x^{6+4n(m-1)} + nm x^{3+4n(m-1)} + nm x^{2+4n(m-1)} + nm x^{1+4n(m-1)}, n \geq 3, m \geq 1$ .

### 4. VERTEX POLYNOMIAL FOR THE SPLITTING GRAPH OF $P_n \odot \bar{K}_m, (n \geq 2)$

Theorem: 4.1

Let  $G$  be  $P_n \odot \bar{K}_m$ . Then the vertex polynomial of  $S(G)$  is given by  $V(S(G), x) = (n-2)x^{2(m+2)} + 2x^{2(m+1)} + nm x^2 + (n-2)x^{m+2} + 2x^{m+1} + nm x, n \geq 2, m \geq 1$ .

Proof:

Let  $G$  be  $P_n \odot \bar{K}_m$ . We can observe that,  $n-2$  vertices have degree  $m+2, 2$  vertices have degree  $m+1$  and  $nm$  vertices have degree 1.

In  $S(G)$ , each new vertex corresponding to each vertex of  $V$  has same degree as in  $V$  of  $G$  and rest of vertices becomes twice the degree shows the required result.

Example: 4.2

Consider the Graph  $P_2 \odot \bar{K}_2$ . Then the corresponding graph is illustrated as follows;

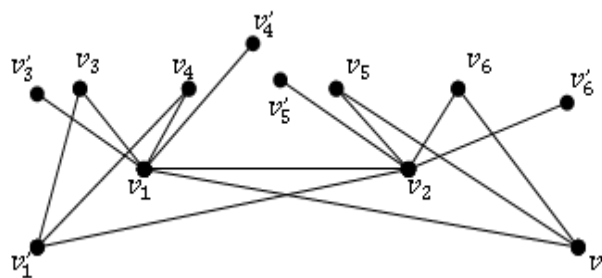


Figure 3

Here,  $V(S(G), x) = 2x^6 + 2x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x$ .

Theorem: 4.3

Let  $G$  be  $P_n \odot \bar{K}_m$ . Then the vertex polynomial of  $\zeta = S(G)US(G) \cup \dots \cup S(G)$  ( $k$  times) is  $V(\zeta, x) = (n-2)kx^{2(m+2)} + 2kx^{2(m+1)} + nm kx^2 + (n-2)kx^{m+2} + 2kx^{m+1} + nm kx, n \geq 2, m \geq 1$ .

Theorem: 4.4

Let G be  $C_n \odot \bar{K}_m$ . Then the vertex polynomial of  $kS(G)$  is given by  $V(S(G), x)$

$$= (n - 2)x^{2(m+2)+2n(k-1)(m+1)} + 2x^{2(m+1)+2n(k-1)(m+1)} + nm x^{2+2n(k-1)(m+1)} + (n - 2)x^{m+2+2n(k-1)(m+1)} + 2x^{m+1+2n(k-1)(m+1)} + nm x^{1+2n(k-1)(m+1)}, n \geq 2, m \geq 1.$$

5. VERTEX POLYNOMIAL FOR THE SPLITTING GRAPH OF  $C_n \odot \bar{K}_m, (n \geq 3)$

Theorem: 5.1

Let G be  $C_n \odot \bar{K}_m, (n \geq 3)$ . Then the vertex polynomial of  $S(G)$  is given by  $V(S(G), x) = nx^{2(m+2)} + nm x^2 + nx^{m+2} + nm x, n \geq 3.$

Proof:

Let G be  $C_n \odot \bar{K}_m$ . We can observe that, n vertices have degree m + 2 and nm vertices have degree 1. In  $S(G)$ , each new vertex corresponding to each vertex of V has same degree as in V of G and rest of vertices becomes twice the degree shows the required result.

Example: 5.2

Consider the Graph  $C_3 \odot \bar{K}_1$ . Then the corresponding graph is depicted as follows;

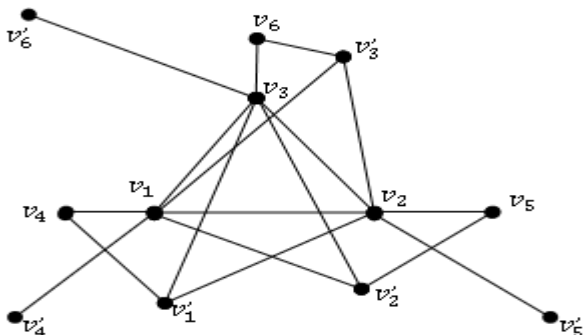


Figure 4

Here,  $V(S(G), x) = 3x^6 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x.$

Theorem: 5.3

Let G be  $C_n \odot \bar{K}_m, (n \geq 3)$ . The vertex polynomial of  $\zeta = S(G) \cup S(G) \cup \dots \cup S(G)$  (k times) is  $V(\zeta, x) = nkx^{2(m+2)} + nm kx^2 + nkx^{m+2} + nm kx, n \geq 3.$

Theorem: 5.4

Let G be  $C_n \odot \bar{K}_m, (n \geq 3)$ . Then the vertex polynomial of  $kS(G)$  is given by  $V(S(G), x) = nkx^{2(m+2)+2n(k-1)(1+m)} +$

$$nm kx^{2+2n(k-1)(1+m)} + nkx^{m+2+2n(k-1)(1+m)} + nm kx^{1+2n(k-1)(1+m)}, n \geq 3.$$

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