The Wiener Index of Trees with Prescribed Diameter^{*}

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Abstract The Wiener index W(G) of a graph G is defined as the sum of $d_G(u, v)$ over all pairs of vertices, where $d_G(u, v)$ is the distance between vertices u and v in G. In this paper, we characterize the tree with third-minimum Wiener index and introduce the method of obtaining the order of the Wiener indices among all the trees with given order and diameter, respectively.

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固定直径的树的 Wiener 指数

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摘要 图 G 的 Wiener 指数定义为图中所有点对 u, v 的距离之和 $\sum d_G(u, v)$. 在给定顶 点和直径的所有树中具有第三小 Wiener 指数的树的特征,得到这类树的 Wiener 指数排序 的方法.

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0 Introduction

The Wiener index of a graph G, defined in [1], is

$$W(G) = \sum_{u,v \in V(G)} d_G(u,v),$$

where $d_G(u, v)$ is the distance between u and v in G and the sum goes over all the pairs of vertices. Since the Wiener index was introduced by Wiener in 1947^[1], numerous of its chemical applications were reported and its mathematical properties were understood (see [1-5]). Recently, finding the graphs with minimum or maximum topological indices including Wiener index attracted the attention of many researchers and lots of results are achieved(see

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[6-12]). For example, Liu and Pan^[6] obtained the graphs with the minimum and secondminimum Wiener indices among all graphs with given order and diameter. Deng and Xiao^[8] gave the maximum Wiener polarity index of trees with n vertices and k pendants. Chen and Zhang^[9] characterized all extremal graphs which attain the lower bound of Wiener index of unicyclic graphs of order n with girth and the matching number $\beta \ge 3g/2$. Lin^[11] characterized the graphs with the minimum and maximum Wiener indices among all graphs with given order and clique number. More results of the Wiener index, we refer the readers to [2].

All graphs considered in this paper are finite, simple and undirected. For a vertex x of a graph G, we denote the degree of x by d(x). The diameter of a graph G, diam(G), is the maximum distance between any two vertices of G. The distance of a vertex x, $D_G(x)$, is the sum of distances between x and all other vertices of G. The order of a graph G is denoted by n(G). Let P_n and S_n denote the path and star of order n, $T_{n-3,1}^1$ is a tree of order n obtained from the star S_{n-1} by attaching a pendant vertex to one pendant vertex of S_{n-1} . In order to formulate our results, we define some trees as follows.

We use $G = P_d^{v_1 v_2 \cdots v_k}(T_1, T_2, \cdots, T_k)$ to denote the tree of order n obtained from a path $P_d = v_0 v_1 \cdots v_d$ by identifying a tree T_i to vertex v_i of $P_d(1 \le i \le k, 1 \le k \le d-1)$, where v_i is the root of T_i , let $l_k = n(T_k) - 1$ and $l = l_1 + l_2 + \cdots + l_k$, then l = n - d - 1. If $T_i \cong S_i$, let

$$G_1 = P_d^{v_1 v_2 \cdots v_k} (S_{l_1+1}, S_{l_2+1}, \cdots, S_{l_k+1}),$$

the root v_i is the center of the star S_{l_i+1} . Write

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \{P_d^{v_i}(T_i) : 1 \leqslant i \leqslant d-1\} \text{ and } T_{n,d,i} = P_d^{v_i}(S_{n-d}), \ X_{n,d,i} = P_d^{v_i}(T_{n-d-3,1}^1); \\ H_2 &= \{P_d^{v_i v_j}(T_i, T_j) : 1 \leqslant i < j \leqslant d-1\} \text{ and } Z_{n,d,i,j} = P_d^{v_i v_j}(S_{n-d-1}, S_2), \\ A_{n,d,i,j} &= P_d^{v_i v_j}(S_{n-d-2}, S_3); \\ H_3 &= \{P_d^{v_i v_j v_m}(T_i, T_j, T_m) : 1 \leqslant i < j < m \leqslant d-1\} \text{ and } B_{n,d,i,j,m} = P_d^{v_i v_j v_m}(S_2, S_{n-d-2}, S_2). \end{aligned}$$

Some of these graphs are depicted in Fig.1. We follow [3] for other graph-theoretical terminologies and notations not defined here.

$$\begin{array}{c} n-d-2 \\ v_{0} \hline v_{1} \\ v_{0} \hline v_{1} \\ Z_{n,d,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor+1} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} v_{d+1} \\ v_{d-1} \\ v_{d} \\ z_{n,d,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor+1} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} n-d-3 \\ v_{d+1} \\ v_{d-1} \\ v_{d} \\ v_{0} \hline v_{1} \\ v_{l} \\$$

Fig. 1

Let T be a tree of order n with diameterd. If d = n - 1, then $T \cong P_n$; if d = n - 2, then T is a tree obtained from the path $P_d = v_0 v_1 \cdots v_d$ by attaching a pendant vertex to the vertex v_i of P_d , $(d(v_i) = 2)$; if $n - 3 \leq d \leq n - 5$, then the research on Wiener index of T is easy; and if d = 2, then $T \cong S_n$. Therefore, in the following, we assume that $3 \leq d \leq n - 6$. Let $T_{n,d} = \{G : G = P_d^{v_1 v_2 \cdots v_k}(T_1, T_2, \cdots, T_k)$ is a tree with order n and

diameter $d, 3 \leq d \leq n-6$. In this paper, the third-minimum Wiener index of tree in the set $T_{n,d}(3 \leq d \leq n-6)$ is characterized.

1 Lemmas

Lemma 1.1^[2] Let T be a tree of order n. Then $W(T) \ge W(S_n)$ and the equality holds if and only if $T \cong S_n$.

By Lemma 1.1, we have the result. Let H be a connected graph and T_l be a tree of order l with $V(H) \cap V(T_l) = \{v\}$. Then $W(HvT_l) \ge W(HvS_l)$, and equality holds if and only if $HvT_l \cong HvS_l$, where v is identified with the center of the star S_l in HvS_l .

Lemma 1.2^[11] Let H, X, Y be three connected, pairwise disjoint graphs. Suppose that u, v are two vertices of H, v' is a vertex of X, u' is a vertex of Y. Let G be the graph obtained from H, X, Y by identifying v with v' and u with u', respectively. Let G_1^* be the graph obtained from H, X, Y by identifying vertices v, v', u', and let G_2^* be the graph obtained from H, X, Y by identifying vertices u, v', u'. Then

$$W(G_1^*) < W(G) \qquad or \qquad W(G_2^*) < W(G)$$

Lemma 1.3^[6] Let $P = v_0 v_1 \cdots v_d$ be a path of order d + 1. Then

$$D_p(v_j) = \frac{2j^2 - 2dj + d^2 + d}{2},$$

for $1 \leq j \leq d-1$. Moreover, if $1 \leq i < j \leq d/2$, then

$$D_p(v_i) > D_p(v_j),$$

and if $d/2 \leq i < j \leq d-1$, then

$$D_p(v_i) < D_p(v_j).$$

Lemma 1.4 Let $G = P_d^{v_1 v_2 \cdots v_k}(T_1, T_2, \cdots, T_k)$ be a tree of order n with diameter d, then

$$W(G) = \frac{(d+1)^3 - (d+1)}{6} + \sum_{i=1}^k l_i D_{P_d}(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^k W(T_i) + d\sum_{i=1}^k w_i + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^k (l_i w_j + l_j w_i + l_i l_j d_{P_d}(v_i, v_j)),$$

where $l_i = n(T_i) - 1$, $w_i = D_{T_i}(v_i)$ is the sum of distances between v_i and all other vertices of T_i .

Proof In order to verify the result, we divide the vertices of G into four cases:

(1) $x, y \in V(P_d)$, the sum of distances between x and y, denoted by W_1 , then

$$W_1 = \frac{(d+1)^3 - (d+1)}{6}.$$

(2) $x, y \in V(T_i - v_i), 1 \leq i \leq k$, the sum of distances between x and y, denoted by W_2 , then

$$W_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{k} (W(T_i) - w_i),$$

where $w_i = D_{T_i}(v_i)$ is the sum of distances between v_i and all other vertices of T_i .

(3) $x \in V(T_i - v_i), y \in V(T_j - v_j), 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq k \text{ and } i \neq j$, the sum of distances between x and y, denoted by W_3 , then

$$d_G(x,y) = d_{T_i}(x,v_i) + d_{P_d}(v_i,v_j) + d_{T_j}(v_j,y),$$

$$\sum_{x \in V(T_i - v_i)} \sum_{y \in V(T_j - v_j)} d_G(x, y) = \sum_{x \in V(T_i - v_i)} \sum_{y \in V(T_j - v_j)} (d_{T_i}(x, v_i) + d_{P_d}(v_i, v_j) + d_{T_j}(v_j, y))$$
$$= \sum_{x \in V(T_i - v_i)} (l_j d_{T_i}(x, v_i) + w_j + l_j d_{P_d}(v_i, v_j))$$
$$= l_j w_i + l_i w_j + l_i l_j d_{P_d}(v_i, v_j),$$

hence

$$W_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{k} (l_i w_j + l_j w_i + l_i l_j d_{P_d}(v_i, v_j)).$$

Where $l_i = n(T_i) - 1$.

(4) $x \in V(T_i - v_i), y \in V(P_d), 1 \leq i \leq k$, the sum of distances between x and y, denoted by W_4 , then

$$W_{4} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{y \in V(P_{d})} \sum_{x \in V(T_{i} - v_{i})} d_{G}(x, y)$$

= $\sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{y \in V(P_{d})} \sum_{x \in V(T_{i} - v_{i})} (d_{G}(x, v_{i}) + d_{G}(v_{i}, y))$
= $\sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{y \in V(P_{d})} (l_{i}d_{G}(v_{i}, y) + w_{i})$
= $\sum_{i=1}^{k} (l_{i}D_{P_{d}}(v_{i}) + (d + 1)w_{i}),$

Therefore,

$$\begin{split} W(G) &= W_1 + W_2 + W_3 + W_4 \\ &= \frac{(d+1)^3 - (d+1)}{6} + \sum_{i=1}^k l_i D_{P_d}(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^k W(T_i) \\ &+ d \sum_{i=1}^k w_i + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^k (l_i w_j + l_j w_i + l_i l_j d_{P_d}(v_i, v_j)), \end{split}$$

where $l_i = n(T_i) - 1, w_i = D_{T_i}(v_i), i = 1, 2, \cdots, k.$

Lemma 1.5^[6] Let T be a non-trivial connected graph and let $v \in V(T)$. Suppose that two paths $P = vv_1v_2 \cdots v_k$, $Q = vu_1u_2 \cdots u_m$ of lengths k, $m(k \ge m \ge 1)$ are attached to T by their ends vertices at v, respectively, to form $T_{k,m}^*$. Then

$$W(T_{k,m}^*) < W(T_{k+1,m-1}^*).$$

2 Main results

In this section, we will give the tree with the third-minimum Wiener index in the set $T_{n,d}(3 \leq d \leq n-6)$. Liu and $\operatorname{Pan}^{[6]}$ obtained the tree with the minimum Wiener index is $T_{n,d,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor}$ and the tree with the second-minimum Wiener index is $Z_{n,d,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor+1}$ in the set $T_{n,d}(3 \leq d \leq n-3)$. In fact, by Lemma 1.1, 1.3–1.5, we have in the set H_1 , the Wiener index is minimized by the tree $T_{n,d,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor}$ and in the set H_2 , the Wiener index is minimized by the tree $Z_{n,d,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor,\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\rfloor+1}$.

Lemma 2.1 In the set H_2 with $3 \leq d \leq n-6$,

(1) for d is even, the second-minimum Wiener index of tree is

$$Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor} \quad \text{or} \quad A_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1};$$

(2) for d is odd, the second-minimum Wiener index of tree is

$$Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor+2}.$$

Proof By lemmas in section 1, we get the tree with the second-minimum Wiener index in the set H_2 maybe

$$Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor} \text{ or } A_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1} \text{ or } Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+2} \text{ or } P_d^{v\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor^v\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor^v\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1} (T_{n-d-4,1}^1,S_2).$$

By Lemma 1.3 and 1.4, it is easy to obtain that

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor}) - W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+2}) = (n-d-2)(2d-4\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor) + (2d-4-4\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor),$$

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if d is even, the result is -4<0; if d is odd, the result is 2(n-d-3)>0 .

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor - 1, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor}) - W(A_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 1}) = (n-d)(d-2\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor),$$

if d is even, the result is 0; if d is odd, the result is n - d > 0.

if d is even, the result is -d < 0.

if d is odd, the result is $-(n-d-6) \le 0$.

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+2}) - W(P_d^{v\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor^v\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1}(T_{n-d-4,1}^1, S_2)) = (n-d-1)(2\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor - d) - d + 4,$$

if d is odd, the result is 5 - n < 0.

Thus the result holds.

Lemma 2.2 Let $G \in T_{n,d} \setminus (H_1 \cup H_2), 3 \leq d \leq n-6$. Then

$$W(G) \ge W(B_{n,d, \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor - 1, \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor, \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1}),$$

with equality if and only if $G \cong B_{n,d,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor - 1,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. **Proof** Let $P_d = v_0 v_1 \cdots v_{d-1} v_d$ is a path of length d in G with $d(v_0) = d(v_d) = 1$. Let $V_d = \{v_i : d(v_i) \ge 3, 1 \le i \le d-1\}$. Since $n \ge d+3, V_d \ne \phi$. We discuss in two cases.

Case 1 $|V_d| \ge 3$. In this case, we first obtain a tree $T_1 \cong G_1$, by Lemma 1.1, $W(G) \ge 3$ $W(T_1)$ and equality holds if and only if $G \cong T_1$. Since $G \notin (H_1 \cup H_2)$, by Lemma 1.2, we can obtain a tree $T_2 \cong B_{n,d,i,j,m}$ such that

$$W(T_1) > W(T_2) = W(B_{n,d,i,j,m}).$$

Hence

$$W(G) \ge W(T_1) > W(T_2) = W(B_{n,d,i,j,m}).$$

Case 2 $|V_d| = 3$ and $G \cong B_{n,d,i,j,m}$. In this case, by Lemma 1.4, we have

$$W(B_{n,d,i,j,m}) = \frac{(d+1)^3 - (d+1)}{6} + D_{P_d}(v_i) + D_{P_d}(v_m) + (n-d-3)D_{P_d}(v_j) + (n-d-3)(n-d+1) + d(n-d-1) + 4 + d_{P_d}(v_i, v_m) + (n-d-3)d_{P_d}(v_i, v_j) + (n-d-3)d_{P_d}(v_m, v_j),$$

by Lemma 1.3, it is easy to proof that when $v_i = v_{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor - 1}, v_j = v_{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor}, v_m = v_{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1}$, the Wiener index of $B_{n,d,i,j,m}$ achieve the minimum.

By case 1 and case 2, the proof of the Lemma is complete.

It is easy to proof that the second-minimum Wiener index among all the trees of order n is $T^{1}_{n-3,1}$ and $W(T^{1}_{n-3,1}) = (n-2)(n+1)$. Therefore, let $H \in P_{d}^{v \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor}(T_{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor})$, then

$$W(H) \geqslant W(X_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor}) > W(T_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor}).$$

By Lemma 1.3 and 1.4, we have the trees with the second and third-minimum Wiener indices in the set H_1 maybe $T_{n,d,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor - 1}$, $T_{n,d,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor - 2}$ or $X_{n,d,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor}$.

Lemma 2.3 In the set $H_1 \cup H_2 \cup \{B_{n,d,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor - 1,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor + 1}\}$ $(3 \le d \le n - 6),$ (1) for d is even, the third-minimum Wiener index is

$$\begin{split} Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor} & or \quad A_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1} \ (n < 2d+1); \\ \\ X_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor} \ (n > 2d+1); \end{split}$$

(2) for d is odd, the third-minimum Wiener index is $Z_{n,d,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor+1,\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor+2}$. **Proof** Let

$$T \in H_1 \cup H_2 \cup \{B_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor - 1, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 1}\}$$

is the tree with the third-minimum Wiener index. By Lemma 2.1 and 2.2, T maybe $T_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1} \quad \text{or} \quad X_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor} \quad \text{ or} \quad T_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-2} \quad \text{ or} \quad Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+2} \quad \text{ or} \quad Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor} \quad X_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor} \quad X_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left$ $B_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor - 1, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 1}.$

By Lemma 1.3 and 1.4, for d is even,

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor})-W(X_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor})=(n-d-2)(1+d-2\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor)+1-d=n-2d-1,$$

if n > 2d + 1, the result is > 0; if n < 2d + 1, the result is < 0.

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor})-W(T_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-2})=-2(n-d)<0,$$

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor}) - W(B_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1}) = -2 < 0,$$

for d is odd,

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+2}) - W(B_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1}) = -(n-d-2) < 0,$$

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+2})-W(X_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor})=3-d<0,$$

$$W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+2})-W(T_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1})=-(n-d-2)<0.$$

Thus the lemma is proved.

Theorem 2.4 Let

$$G \in T_{n,d} \setminus \{T_{n,d, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor}, T_{n,d, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor - 1} Z_{n,d, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 1} \}$$

 $(3 \leq d \leq n-6)$. Then

(1) for d is even,

$$W(G) \ge W(Z_{n,d, |\frac{d}{2}|-1, |\frac{d}{2}|})$$

or

$$\begin{split} W(G) &\geqslant W(A_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor+1}) \; (n < 2d+1), \\ W(G) &\geqslant W(X_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor}) \; (n > 2d+1); \end{split}$$

(2) for d is odd,

$$W(G) \geqslant W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 1, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 2}).$$

Proof Let $P_d = v_0 v_1 \cdots v_{d-1} v_d$ is a path of length d in G with $d(v_0) = d(v_d) = 1$. Let $V_d = \{v_i : d(v_i) \ge 3, 1 \le i \le d-1\}$. Since $n \ge d+3, V_d \ne \phi$. We consider three cases. Case 1 $|V_d| \ge 3$.

$$G) \geqslant W(A_{n,d, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor+1}) \ (n < 2d)$$

In this case, by Lemma 2.2 and 2.3, we have

$$W(G) \geqslant W(B_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor - 1, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 1})$$

and for d is even,

$$W(B_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1})>W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor})$$

for d is odd,

$$W(B_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor-1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1})>W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+1,\left\lfloor\frac{d}{2}\right\rfloor+2})$$

So, for d is even,

$$W(G) > W(Z_{n,d, \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor - 1, \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor})$$

and for d is odd,

$$W(G) > W(Z_{n,d, \left|\frac{d}{2}\right|+1, \left|\frac{d}{2}\right|+2})$$

Case 2 $|V_d| = 2$.

In this case, by Lemma 2.1, we have for d is even,

$$W(G) \geqslant W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor - 1, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor}) \quad or \quad W(G) \geqslant W(A_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 1});$$

for d is odd,

$$W(G) \ge W(Z_{n,d,\left|\frac{d}{2}\right|+1,\left|\frac{d}{2}\right|+2})$$

Case 3 $|V_d| = 1$.

In this case, by Lemma 2.3, we have for d is even, when n > 2d + 1,

$$W(G) \ge W(X_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor})$$

and when n < 2d + 1,

$$W(G) \ge W(Z_{n,d,\left|\frac{d}{2}\right|-1,\left|\frac{d}{2}\right|})$$

For d is odd,

$$W(G) \geqslant W(Z_{n,d,\left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 1, \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \right\rfloor + 2}).$$

According to the above method, if we want to obtain the order of trees in the set $T_{n,d}(3 \leq d \leq n-6)$ on Wiener index, we should divide $T_{n,d}(3 \leq d \leq n-6)$ into some smaller sets $H_k(1 \leq k \leq d-1)$. And then, by Lemma 1.1, 1.3 and 1.4, we characterize the order of trees in the set $H_k(1 \leq k \leq d-1)$ respectively, at last we will obtain the order of trees in the set $T_{n,d}(3 \leq d \leq n-6)$ on wiener index.

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