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Vertex Betweenness Centrality of Corona Graphs and Unicyclic Graphs

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Abstract. The idea of centrality measurements is quite appropriate for determining the important vertices or edges in a network. A vertex in a network may be an important vertex depending on its angle of assumption. There are many centrality measurements to find the characteristics of a vertex in a network. Betweenness centrality is an important variant of centrality measurement for analyzing complex networks based on shortest paths. The betweenness centrality of a node point u is the sum of the fraction which has the number of shortest paths between any two node points v and w as denominator and the number of the shortest paths passing through the vertex u between them as numerator. This paper describes some theoretical results relating to the betweenness centrality and relative betweenness centrality of different types of corona graphs ($P_n \odot P_m$, $P_n \odot K_m$, $C_n \odot K_m$, $C_n \odot P_m$, $C_n \odot C_m$ and $C_n \odot K_{l,m}$) and unicyclic graphs ($A(n, k, l)$, $B(n, k, l)$, $D(n, k, l)$ and $E(n, k, l)$).

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1 Introduction

Determination of an important vertex or edge in a complex network is one of the fundamental problems for analyzing a network. For this, a lots of centrality measurements were introduced and developed for years to years. In present years, betweenness centrality is widely used to analyze social-interaction networks [4, 9, 17, 42, 43], urban networks [16, 39, 26], biological networks [18, 30, 40, 44, 29], sexual networks and AIDS [36], transportation networks [6, 27, 43], food web networks [47, 1, 19], computer networks [34], supply chain networks [13], organizational behaviour [12], identify drug targets [40, 46], finding key person in terrorist networks [14, 33], etc. It is also used to make primary routine in some popular algorithms in the networks, such as Girvan-Newman iteratively partitioned a network in his algorithm by removing the high betweenness scores edges and again computing the centrality scores.

Betweenness centrality (in short, B-centrality) of a node point u is the sum of the ratio whose consequent is the number of shortest paths between node points v and w , and the antecedent is the number of shortest paths (passing through the vertex u) between them. We use the symbol $B_C(u)$ to represent the B-centrality of the node u . In mathematically, we can write

$$B_C(u) = \sum_{u \neq w \neq v} \frac{\delta_{vw}(u)}{\delta_{vw}},$$

where δ_{vw} indicates the number of shortest paths between the nodes v and w and $\delta_{vw}(u)$ indicates the number of shortest paths between v and w passing through u . If a node has the highest betweenness centrality in a network, then that node can pass more information than other nodes throughout the network. If there is only one shortest path between every pair of nodes in a network, then it can be determined easily. If many paths exist between a pair of nodes, then determining the betweenness centrality of a node in the general graph is complicated. If betweenness centrality increases with the number of vertices of the networks, then it is not easy to handle. So, we divide the value by the maximum value of $B_C(u)$, which lies between 0 and 1. This value is known as the relative betweenness centrality of u . Freeman [22] proved that the betweenness centrality of central vertex of the star graph with n vertices is maximum

and value is $\binom{n-1}{2} = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$. The mathematical expression of relative betweenness centrality of the vertex u is

$$B'_C(u) = \frac{B_C(u)}{\text{Max}B_C(u)} = \frac{2B_C(u)}{(n-1)(n-2)},$$

where $\text{Max}B_C(u) = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$.

1.1 Review of the related works

Bavelas [5] first introduced the idea of centrality measurements and described its applications in a communication network in 1948. In 1954, Shaw [48] first gave only the concept of betweenness centrality. An improved index of centrality is found in [7]. In 1977, Freeman [22] introduced the formulae of B-centrality of node, relative B-centrality of node point, and graph betweenness centrality. He also proved that the B-centrality of the central node point of the star graph is maximum among all graphs with the same vertex cardinality. In the next year, Freeman [23] described the graph centrality for social networks. Few years later, Brandes [10] presented a faster algorithm which take $O(mn)$ time for n nodes and m edges unweighted graphs and $O(mn + n^2 \log n)$ time for n nodes and m edges weighted graphs to determine betweenness centrality. Subgraph centrality in complex networks was studied by Estrada et al. [20]. In 2007, Bader et al. [3] presented a novel approximation algorithm to find the betweenness centrality of a node of unweighted and weighted graphs. In 2007, Leydesdorff [35] showed that the betweenness centrality is an indicator of the interdisciplinary scientific journals. In 2008, Brandes [11] invented essential software to analyze the network using betweenness centrality. In 2008, Kintali [31] designed a randomized parallel algorithm and gave an algebraic method to measure the betweenness centrality of all nodes in the network. In the next year, Estrada et al. [21] introduced communicability centrality using the exponential of the adjacency matrix and Frechet derivative. Puzis et al. [45] defined heuristics speed up to betweenness centrality. In 2013, Gago et al. [24] determined the betweenness centrality for uniform graphs. In the same year, Ausiello et al. [2] studied the betweenness centrality of critical nodes and network cores. Zaoli et al. [52] proposed the definition of betweenness centrality for temporal multiplexes in the

next year. In 2014, Unnithan et al. [51] determined the betweenness centrality of some class graphs. Suppa et al. [50] defined the betweenness centrality by clustered approach, and it applied in social networks in 2015. In 2017, Costa et al. [15] determined betweenness centrality in marine connectivity studies using transfer probabilities. In 2018, Bergamini et al. [8] proposed a dynamic algorithm to measure the betweenness centrality of a node by adding some edges. Again, Kirkley et al. [32] studied from the betweenness centrality in street networks to structural invariants in random planar graphs in 2018. In 2019, Matta et al. [37] worked on the speed and accuracy of approaches to betweenness centrality approximation. Recently, in 2020, Sunil et al. [49] worked on the betweenness centrality in Cartesian product of graphs.

1.2 Result

This paper studies the theoretical development of vertex betweenness centrality and relative betweenness centrality for different types of corona graphs (obtained by the corona product of different graphs) and unicyclic graphs.

1.3 Arrangement of the paper

In the next section, we give some notations used throughout our paper. In Section 3, we describe the betweenness centrality and the relative betweenness centrality of each node point of different types of corona graphs. We present the betweenness centrality and relative betweenness centrality of each node point of the unicyclic graph in section 4. In Section 5, we give the conclusion of the paper.

2 Some Notations

- $B_C(u)$: betweenness centrality of the node u .
- $B'_C(u)$: relative betweenness centrality of the node u .
- P_k : path graph with k vertices.
- C_n : cycle graph with n vertices.
- S_k : star graph with k vertices.

3 Betweenness Centrality Of Corona Graph

Let G_1, G_2 are two graphs with n_1 nodes, m_1 links/edges and n_2 nodes, m_2 edges, respectively. Now a corona graph $G_1 \odot G_2$ is formed by taking corona product of the graphs G_1 and G_2 by drawing one copy of G_1 and n_1 copies of G_2 and joining the i th node point of G_1 by an edge to each node point of the corresponding copy of G_2 . The number of vertices and edges of corona graphs are, respectively, $n_1 + n_1 n_2$ and $m_1 + n_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2$.

3.1 Betweenness centrality of corona graph $P_n \odot P_m$

The corona graph $P_n \odot P_m$ having a path graph P_n and n copies of path graph P_m is obtained by joining the i th node point of P_n by an edge to each node point of the corresponding copy of P_m . The number of vertices of the corona graph $P_n \odot P_m$ is $n + nm$. Let the vertex set of P_n be $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and the vertex set of P_m corresponding to the vertex u_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ be $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$. A Corona graph $P_3 \odot P_4$ is shown in Figure 1.

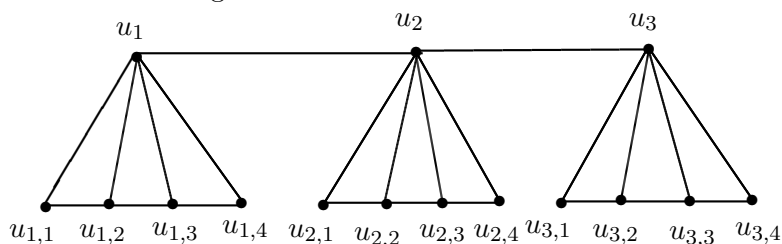


Figure 1: Corona graph $P_3 \odot P_4$

Theorem 3.1. *The betweenness centrality of any vertex u of the corona graph $P_n \odot P_m$ is*

$$BC(u) = \begin{cases} m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(m-2)^2}{2} + (n-i)(i-1)(m+1)^2, & \text{if } u = u_i \in P_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in P_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = 1, m \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in P_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ \& } j = 2, 3, \dots, m-1. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let us consider $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be the set of vertices of P_n . Also, let $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ be the set of vertices of P_m corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. If $u = u_{i,1}$ or $u = u_{i,m}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then no shortest path between any pairs of vertices of $P_n \odot P_m$ (except u) pass through u . Therefore, $B_C(u) = 0$.

If $u = u_{i,j}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1$, then there exist two shortest path between the pairs of vertices $u_{i,j-1}$ and $u_{i,j+1}$. One of them passes through u , and no other shortest path between any pairs of vertices of $P_n \odot P_m$ (except u) passes through u . Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{1}{2}$.

If $u = u_1$, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i : i = 2, 3, \dots, n\} \cup \{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ and that path pass through u . The total number of pairs of such vertices is $m(m+1)(n-1)$. So, these vertices of $P_n \odot P_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1)(n-1)$ for $B_C(u)$. Also, there exist two shortest paths between the vertices of $u_{1,1}$ and $u_{1,3}$ - one of them passes through u , and there is only one shortest path between $u_{1,1}$ and a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 4, 5, \dots, m\}$ and the total number of pairs of such vertices is $m-3$. Therefore, the pairs of vertices between $u_{1,1}$ and a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 3, 4, \dots, m\}$ contribute the centrality $\frac{1}{2} + (m-3)$ to u . Similarly, $u_{1,2}$ and a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 4, 5, \dots, m\}$, $u_{1,3}$ and a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 5, 6, \dots, m\}$ and the pair $(u_{1,m-2}, u_{1,m})$ contribute the centrality $\frac{1}{2} + (m-4)$, $\frac{1}{2} + (m-5)$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ respectively, to u . These pairs of vertices contributes the centrality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + (m-3) + \frac{1}{2} + (m-4) + \frac{1}{2} + (m-5) + \dots + \frac{1}{2} + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \right\} \\ &= (m-2) \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \{(m-3) + (m-4) + \dots + 1\} \\ &= \frac{m-2}{2} + \frac{(m-3)(m-3+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{m-2}{2} \cdot (m-3+1) \\ &= \frac{(m-2)^2}{2} \text{ to } u. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $B_C(u) = m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(m-2)^2}{2}$. If $u = u_n$, then in similar way we can show that, $B_C(u) = m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(m-2)^2}{2}$.

If $u = u_p, p = 2, 3, \dots, n-1$, then the from above result, the pair of vertices whose one vertex in $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and other vertex in $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, p+2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ contribute the centrality $m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(m-2)^2}{2}$ to u . The shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of

3.2 Betweenness centrality of corona graph $P_n \odot K_m$

The corona graph $P_n \odot K_m$ having a path graph P_n and n copies of complete graph K_m is obtained by the joining of the i th node point of P_n by an edge with each node point of the corresponding copy of K_m . The number of vertices of the corona graph $P_n \odot K_m$ is $n + nm$. Let $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ be the set of vertices of P_n and K_m corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ respectively. A corona graph $P_4 \odot K_3$ is shown in Figure 2.

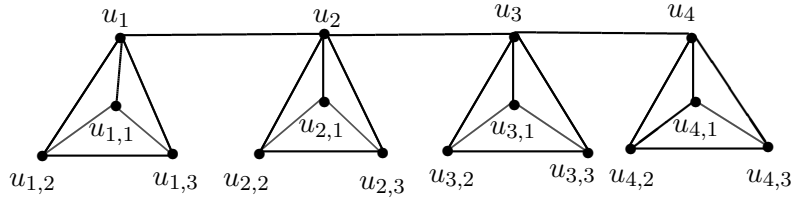


Figure 2: Corona graph $P_4 \odot K_3$

Theorem 3.3. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of $P_n \odot K_m$ is*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in K_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ m(m+1)(n-1) + (i-1)(n-i)(m+1)^2, & \text{if } u = u_i \in P_n \\ & , i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let us consider $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be the set of vertices of P_n and $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ be the set of vertices of K_m corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. If $u = u_{i,j}$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, then no shortest path between any pairs of vertices of $P_n \odot K_m$ (except u) pass through u . Therefore, $B_C(u) = 0$.

If $u = u_1$, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ and which path pass through u . The total number of pairs of vertices is $m(m+1)(n-1)$ to $B_C(u)$. So, these pairs of vertices of $P_n \odot K_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1)(n-1)$ to $B_C(u)$. Therefore,

$B_C(u) = m(m+1)(n-1)$. If $u = u_n$, then in similar way we can show that, $B_C(u) = m(m+1)(n-1)$.

If $u = u_p, i = 2, 3, \dots, n-1$, then from the above result, the pair of vertices whose one vertex in $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and other vertex in $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, p+2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ contribute the centrality $m(m+1)(n-1)$ to u . Again, the shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = p+1, p+2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ is also pass through u_p and the total number of such pairs of vertices is $(p-1)(n-p)(m+1)^2$. These pairs of vertices contribute the centrality $(p-1)(n-p)(m+1)^2$ to $B_C(u)$. Therefore,

$$B_C(u_p) = (p-1)(n-p)(m+1)^2 + m(m+1)(n-1).$$

If $u = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$B_C(u_i) = m(m+1)(n-1) + (i-1)(n-i)(m+1)^2. \quad \square$$

Corollary 3.4. *The relative betweenness centrality of any vertex u of $P_n \odot K_m$ is given by*

$$B'_C(u) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in K_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ \frac{2m(m+1)(n-1)}{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)} + \frac{2(i-1)(n-i)(m+1)^2}{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in P_n \\ & , i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

3.3 Betweenness centrality of corona graph $C_n \odot K_m$

The corona graph $C_n \odot K_m$ having a cyclic graph C_n and n copies of complete graph K_m is obtained by the joining of the i th node point of C_n by an edge with each node point of the corresponding copy of K_m . The number of vertices of the corona graph $C_n \odot K_m$ is $n + nm$. Let the vertex set of C_n be $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and the vertex set of K_m corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ be $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$. A corona graph $C_4 \odot K_3$ is shown in Figure 3.

Theorem 3.5. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of $C_n \odot K_m$ is*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in K_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ & i = 1, 2, \dots, n, n \text{ is even} \\ m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ & i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

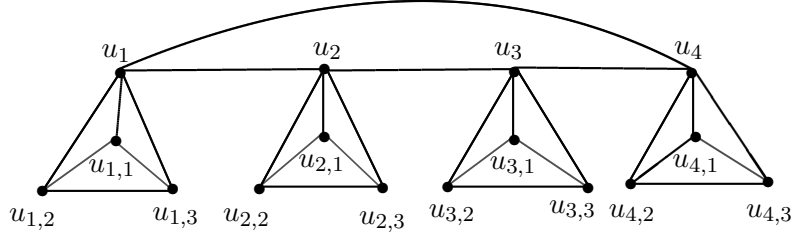


Figure 3: Corona graph $C_4 \odot K_3$

Proof. Let us consider $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be the set of vertices of C_n and $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ be the set of vertices of K_m corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. If $u = u_{i,j}$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, then no shortest path between any pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot K_m$ (except u) pass through u . Therefore, $B_C(u) = 0$.

If n is odd and $u = u_1$, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ and that path passes through u . The total number of pairs of such vertices is $m(m+1)(n-1)$. So, these pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot K_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1)(n-1)$ to $B_C(u)$. Let us consider n is even and u_p be the vertex of C_n situated at the opposite of u_1 . If $u = u_1$, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 2, 3, \dots, n\} - \{u_p, u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ pass through u . The total number of pairs of such vertices is $m(m+1)(n-2)$ and these pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot K_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1)(n-2)$ to $B_C(u)$. There exist two shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a

vertex of $\{u_p, u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ and one of them pass through u . Therefore, these pairs of such vertices of $C_n \odot K_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$. Again the B-centrality of each vertex of the cycle graph C_n is $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$, if n is odd [51]. Therefore, the vertices of C_n in $C_n \odot K_m$ contributes the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$, if n is odd to $B_C(u)$. As m vertices of K_m are attached to each vertex of C_n , therefore there are n sets of $m+1$ vertices. The total number of pairs between the vertices of such two sets, each having $m+1$ vertices, is $(m+1)^2$. Therefore the vertices $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ contribute the centrality $\frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd to $B_C(u)$. So, $B_C(u) = m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd. Similarly, if $u = u_i, i = 2, 3, \dots, n$ then $B_C(u_i) = m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd. Hence the result is proved. \square

Corollary 3.6. *The relative betweenness centrality $B'_C(u)$ of any vertex u of $C_n \odot K_m$ is*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \text{ if } u = u_{i,j} \in K_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ \frac{2m(m+1)(n-2)}{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)} + \frac{m(m+1)}{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{4(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)}, \\ \quad \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{m(m+1)(n-1)}{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)} + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{4(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, n \text{ is odd.} \end{array} \right.$$

3.4 Betweenness centrality of corona graph $C_n \odot P_m$

The corona graph $C_n \odot P_m$ having a cyclic graph C_n and n copies of path graph P_m is obtained by the joining of the i th node point of C_n by an edge with each node point of the corresponding copy of P_m . The

cardinality of the vertex set of the corona graph $C_n \odot P_m$ is $n + nm$. Let $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ be the set of vertices of C_n and P_m corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ respectively. A corona graph $C_3 \odot P_4$ is shown in Figure 4.

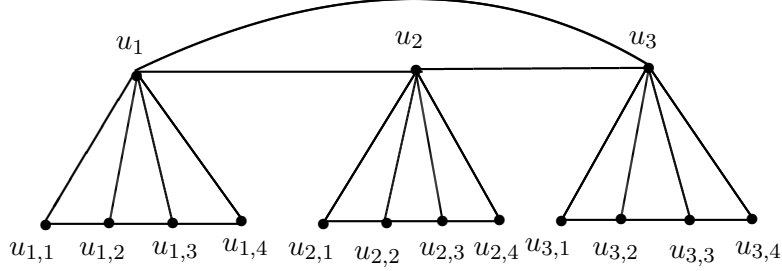


Figure 4: Corona graph $C_3 \odot P_4$

Theorem 3.7. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of $C_n \odot P_m$ is given by*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in P_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = 1, m \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in P_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ \& } j = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1 \\ m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{(m-2)^2}{2}, & \text{if } \\ & u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{(m-2)^2}{2}, & \text{if } \\ & u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let us consider $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be the set of vertices of C_n . Also, let $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ be the set of vertices of P_m corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. If $u = u_{i,1}$ or $u = u_{i,m}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then no shortest path between any pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot P_m$ (except u) pass through u . Therefore, $B_C(u) = 0$.

If $u = u_{i,j}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1$, then there exist two shortest path between the pairs of vertices $u_{i,j-1}$ and $u_{i,j+1}$ - one of

them pass through u , and no other shortest path between any pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot P_m$ pass through u . Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{1}{2}$. If n is odd and $u = u_1$, then the pair of vertices whose one vertex in $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and other in $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ contribute the centrality $\frac{(m-2)^2}{2}$ to u (see the proof of the theorem 3.1) and the pairs of vertices between a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ contribute centrality $m(m+1)(n-1)$ to u (see the proof of the theorem 3.5). Let us consider n is even and u_p be the vertex of C_n situated at the opposite of u_1 . If $u = u_1$, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 2, 3, \dots, n\} - \{u_p, u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ pass through u . The total number of pair of vertices is $m(m+1)(n-2)$ and these pair of vertices of $C_n \odot P_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1)(n-2)$ to $B_C(u)$. There exist two shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_p, u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and one of them pass through u . Therefore, these pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot P_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$. The pair between the vertices of $\{u_{1,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ contribute the centrality $\frac{(m-2)^2}{2}$ to u (see the proof of the theorem 3.1). The set of vertices $\{u_i, u_{ij} : i = 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ contributes the centrality $\frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd to u (see the proof of the theorem 3.5). Therefore, $B_C(u) = m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(m-2)^2}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $B_C(u) = m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(m-2)^2}{2} + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd. Similarly, if $u = u_i, i = 2, 3, \dots, n$, then we get the same result. \square

Relative betweenness centrality for the corona graph $P_n \odot P_m$.

We know, $B'_C(u) = \frac{B_C(u)}{\text{Max}B_C(u)} = \frac{2B_C(u)}{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)}$, where $\text{Max}B_C(u) = \frac{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)}{2}$ [using the result for the star graph with $nm+n$ vertices].

Corollary 3.8. *The relative betweenness centrality $B'_C(u)$ of any vertex u of $C_n \odot P_m$ is*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \quad \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in P_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = 1, m \\ \\ \frac{1}{(nm + n - 1)(nm + n - 2)}, \quad \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in P_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \quad \text{and } j = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1 \\ \\ \frac{8m(m+1)(n-2) + 4m(m+1) + (n-2)^2(m+1)^2 + 4(m-2)^2}{4(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)}, \quad \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ \\ \frac{2m(m+1)(n-1)}{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)} + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{4(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)} + \frac{(m-2)^2}{(nm+n-1)(nm+n-2)}, \quad \text{if} \\ \quad u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is odd.} \end{array} \right.$$

3.5 Betweenness centrality of corona graph $C_n \odot C_m$

The corona graph $C_n \odot C_m$ having a cyclic graph C_n and n copies of cyclic graph C_m is obtained by the joining of the i th node point of C_n by an edge with each node point of the corresponding copy of C_m . The vertex cardinality of the corona graph $C_n \odot C_m$ is $n + nm$. Let the vertex set of C_n and C_m (corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) be $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ respectively. A corona graph $C_4 \odot C_4$ is shown in Figure 5.

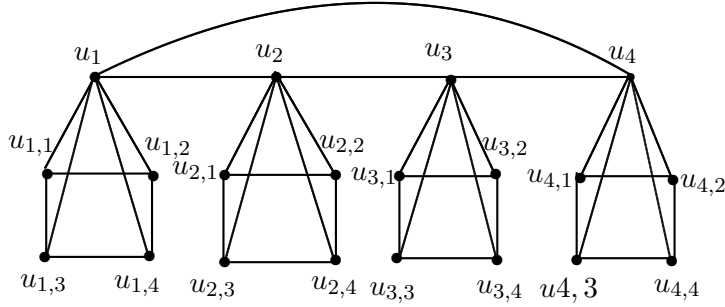


Figure 5: Corona graph $C_4 \odot C_4$

Theorem 3.9. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of corona graph $C_n \odot C_m$ is*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2}, \text{ if } u = u_{i,j} \in C_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } m > 4 \\ m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{m(m-4)}{2}, \text{ if} \\ \quad u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \text{ } n \text{ is even and } m > 4 \\ m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{m(m-4)}{2}, \text{ if} \\ \quad u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \text{ } n \text{ is odd and } m > 4. \end{array} \right.$$

Proof. Let us consider $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be the set of vertices of C_n . Also, let $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m, m > 4\}$ be the set of vertices of C_m corresponding to the vertex $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. If $u = u_{i,j}$, then there exist two shortest paths between the pairs of vertices of $u_{i,j-1}$ and $u_{i,j+1}$ of C_m - one of them pass through u and no shortest path between any pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot C_m$ pass through u . Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{1}{2}$.

If $u = u_p, p = 1, 2, \dots, n$ be any vertex of C_n where n is odd, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, \dots, n\}$ and that path passes through u . The total number of such pairs of vertices is $m(m+1)(n-1)$. So, these pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot C_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1)(n-1)$ for $B_C(u)$. Let us consider n is even and u_q be the vertex of C_n situated at the opposite of u_p . If $u = u_p$, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m; i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, \dots, n\} - \{u_q, u_{q,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ pass through u . The total number of such pairs of vertices is $m(m+1)(n-2)$ and these pair of vertices of $C_n \odot C_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1)(n-2)$ to $B_C(u)$. There exist two shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_q, u_{q,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and one of them pass through u . Therefore, these pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot C_m$ contribute the value $m(m+1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$. The pairs of vertices of the set $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ contribute the centrality $\frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd to u (see the proof of the theorem 3.5). Now, we calculate the contribution of

the pairs of vertices of $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ to $B_C(u_p)$. The number of pairs of vertices of C_m is $\binom{m}{2}$. The length of the shortest path between each pair of vertices of C_m is either 1 or 2 or greater than 2. The pairs of adjacent vertices (length of shortest path 1) contribute the value 0 to $B_C(u)$, and the number of such pairs is m . The pairs of vertices (situated at a distance of 2) contribute the value $\frac{1}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$, and the number of such pairs is m . Therefore, the number of pairs whose shortest distance greater than 2 is $\binom{m}{2} - m - m = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} - 2m = \frac{m(m-5)}{2}$ and these pairs of vertices contribute centrality 1 to u . Therefore, the pairs of vertices of C_m contribute centrality $m \cdot 0 + m \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{m(m-5)}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{m(m-4)}{2}$ to u . So, the $B_C(u)$ is $m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{m(m-4)}{2}$, if n is even, and $m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{m(m-4)}{2}$, if n is odd. \square

Corollary 3.10. *If $m = 4$, then*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in C_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if} \\ & u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if} \\ & u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Corollary 3.11. *If $m = 3$, then*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in C_m, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ m(m+1)(n-2) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(m+1)^2}{8}, & \text{if} \\ & u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ m(m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(m+1)^2}{8}, & \text{if} \\ & u = u_i \in C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

be $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l, l+1, \dots, l+m\}$, respectively. A corona graph $C_3 \odot K_{2,3}$ is shown in Figure 6.

Theorem 3.13. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of the corona graph $C_n \odot K_{l,m}$ is*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} [(l+m)(l+m+1)(n-2) + \frac{(l+m)(l+m+1)}{2} + \frac{1}{l+1} \binom{m}{2} + \frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(l+m+1)^2}{8}], & \text{if } u = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ (l+m)(l+m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(l+m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{1}{l+1} \binom{m}{2} + \frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{l+1} \binom{m}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in K_{l,m}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } \\ & j = 1, 2, \dots, l \\ \frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_{i,j} \in K_{l,m}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } j = l+1, l+2, \dots, \\ & l+m. \end{array} \right.$$

Proof. Let $\{u_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be the set of vertices of C_n and $\{u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l, l+1, \dots, l+m\}$ be the set of vertices of the i th copy of $K_{l,m}$. If $u = u_{p,j}, j = 1, 2, \dots, l$ be any vertex of the p th copy $K_{l,m}$, then there exist $l+1$ shortest paths between each pairs of vertices of $\{u_{p,j} : j = l+1, l+2, \dots, l+m\}$ - one of them pass through u and the total number of such pairs of vertices is $\binom{m}{2}$. Therefore,

$$B_C(u) = \frac{1}{l+1} \binom{m}{2}.$$

So, if $u = u_{i,j}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, l$, then

$$B_C(u) = \frac{1}{l+1} \binom{m}{2}.$$

Similarly, if $u = u_{i,j}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = l+1, l+2, \dots, l+m$, then

$$B_C(u) = \frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2}.$$

If $u = u_p$ be any vertex of C_n , n is odd, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l+m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, l+m\}$ and that path passes through u . The total number of such pairs of vertices is $(l+m)(l+m+1)(n-1)$ and these pairs contribute the value $(l+m)(l+m+1)(n-1)$ to $B_C(u)$. Let us consider n is even and u_q be the vertex

of C_n situated at the opposite of u_p . If $u = u_p$ then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l+m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l+m; i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, \dots, n\} - \{u_q, u_{q,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l+m\}$ and that path passes through u . The total number of such pairs of vertices is $(l+m)(l+m+1)(n-2)$ and these pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot K_{l,m}$ contribute the value $(l+m)(l+m+1)(n-2)$ to $B_C(u)$. There exist two shortest path between a vertex of $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l+m\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_q, u_{q,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l+m\}$ - one of them pass through u . Therefore, these pairs of vertices of $C_n \odot K_{l,m}$ contribute the value $(l+m)(l+m+1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{(l+m)(l+m+1)}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$. There exist $m+1$ shortest paths between each pairs of vertices of $\{u_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, l\}$ - one of them pass through u and the number of pairs is $\binom{l}{2}$. Therefore, these pairs of vertices contribute centrality $\frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2}$ to u . Similarly, the pair of vertices of $\{u_{p,j} : j = l+1, l+2, \dots, l+m\}$ contribute the value $\frac{1}{l+1} \binom{m}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$. As $l+m$ vertices of $K_{l,m}$ are attached with each vertex of C_n so, there are n sets of $l+m+1$ vertices. The vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$, if n is odd [51] to $B_C(u)$. The total number of pairs between the vertices of such two sets (each having $l+m+1$ vertices) is $(l+m+1)^2$. Therefore the vertices $\{u_i, u_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, l+m\}$ contribute the centrality $\frac{(n-2)^2(l+m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)(l+m+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd to u . Therefore, if n is even, then

$$B_C(u_p) = (l+m)(l+m+1)(n-2) + \frac{(l+m)(l+m+1)}{2} + \frac{(n-2)^2(l+m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2} + \frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2},$$

and if n is odd, then

$$B_C(u_p) = (l+m)(l+m+1)(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(l+m+1)^2}{8} + \frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2} + \frac{1}{m+1} \binom{l}{2}. \quad \square$$

Relative betweenness centrality for the corona graph $C_n \odot K_{l,m}$.

We know

$$B'_C(u) = \frac{B_C(u)}{\text{Max}B_C(u)} = \frac{2B_C(u)}{[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} \quad [\text{using the result for the star graph with } n(l+m)+n \text{ vertices}].$$

Corollary 3.14. *The relative betweenness centrality $B'_C(u)$ of any vertex u of $C_n \odot K_{l,m}$ is*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\left[\frac{2(l+m)(l+m+1)(n-2)}{[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} + \frac{(n-2)^2(l+m+1)^2}{4[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} \right. \\
+ \frac{(l+m)(l+m+1)}{[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} + \frac{2}{(l+1)[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} \binom{m}{2} \\
+ \left. \frac{2}{(m+1)[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} \binom{l}{2} \right], \text{ if } u = u_i, \\
i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\
\\
\frac{2(l+m)(l+m+1)(n-1)}{[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} + \frac{2}{(l+1)[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} \binom{m}{2} \\
+ \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(l+m+1)^2}{4[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} + \frac{2}{(m+1)[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} \binom{l}{2}, \\
\text{if } u = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } n \text{ is odd} \\
\\
\frac{2}{(l+1)[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} \binom{m}{2}, \text{ if } u = u_{i,j}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\
\text{and } j = 1, 2, \dots, l \\
\\
\frac{2}{(m+1)[n(l+m+1)-1][n(l+m+1)-2]} \binom{l}{2}, \text{ if } u = u_{i,j}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\
\text{and } j = l+1, \dots, l+m.
\end{array} \right.$$

4 Betweenness Centrality Of Unicyclic Graph

A unicyclic graph is a connected graph that has exactly one cycle. In other words, we can say that a unicyclic graph is a connected graph with paths or trees attached to a cycle. The number of vertices and edges of the unicyclic graph are equal. A unicyclic graph $G_{n,k}$ is obtained by the joining of a cycle C_n of length n and one end of path graph P_k or the central vertex of star graph S_k by a bridge. -2.5cm

4.1 Betweenness centrality of a unicyclic graph $A(n, k, l)$

$A(n, k, l)$ is a unicyclic graph of order n having a cycle C_n and l copies of path P_k with k vertices attached with a unique vertex of C_n , where $n \geq 3, k \geq 1$ and $l \geq 1$. The number of vertices of the unicyclic graph $A(n, k, l)$ is $n + kl$. Let $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n}{2}-1}, u_{\frac{n}{2}}, u_{\frac{n}{2}+1}, \dots, u_{n-1}, u_n\}$ be

the vertices of C_n , where n is even. From the vertex u_n of C_n , the vertices u_1 and u_{n-1} , u_2 and u_{n-2} , $u_{\frac{n}{2}-1}$ and $u_{\frac{n}{2}+1}$ and so on lies at the same distances. Therefore, the B-centrality of u_1 and u_{n-1} are equal. Similarly, the B-centrality of each pair of vertices(the distance of both vertices is equal from u_n) is equal. If n is odd, then let the vertex set of C_n be $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n-1}{2}}, u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \dots, u_{n-1}, u_n\}$. In this case, the B-centrality of u_1 and u_{n-1} , u_2 and $u_{n-2}, \dots, u_{\frac{n-1}{2}}$ and $u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$ are same. Also let $\{v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, \dots, v_{i,k}\}$, where $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ be the set of vertices of the i th copy of P_k . The betweenness centrality of each vertex of the i th copy of P_k is equal to the corresponding vertex of the j th copy of P_k . A unicyclic graph $A(4, 3, 2)$ is shown in Figure 7.

Theorem 4.1. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of unicyclic graph $A(n, k, l)$, where l copies of P_k attached with $u_n \in C_n$ is given by*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8} + kl\left(\frac{n-1}{2} - i\right), & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is odd} \\ & \text{and } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ and } B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}) \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + kl\left(\frac{n-1}{2} - i\right), & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even} \\ & \text{and } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1 \text{ and } B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}) \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{8}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even and } i = \frac{n}{2} \\ \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8} + kl(n-1) + k^2\binom{l}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_n \in C_n, n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + kl(n-1) + k^2\binom{l}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_n \in C_n, n \text{ is even} \\ (j-1)(n-j+kl), & \text{if } u = v_{i,j} \in P_k, i = 1, 2, \dots, l \\ & \text{and } j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let us consider $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be the node points of the cycle C_n of $A(n, k, l)$ and $\{v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, \dots, v_{i,k}\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ be the node points of the i th copy of the path graph P_k such that $v_{i,k}$ is attached with u_n by an edge. First, we calculate the B-centrality of each node point of

C_n where n is either even or odd.

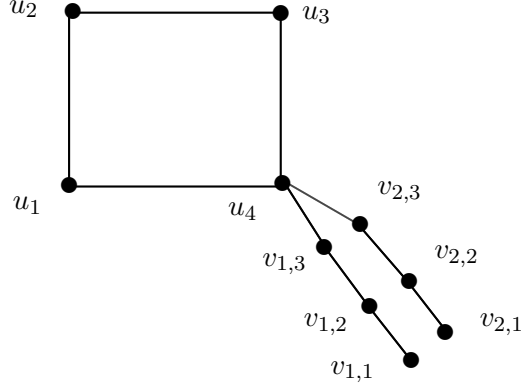


Figure 7: Unicyclic graph $A(4, 3, 2)$

When n is even:

Let l copies of path graph P_k attached with the vertex u_n of C_n . We label the remaining vertices of C_n by $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n}{2}-1}, u_{\frac{n}{2}}, u_{\frac{n}{2}+1}, \dots, u_{n-1}$ according to the clockwise direction of the vertex u_n . If $u = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1$ be any vertex of C_n , then the pairs of vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. Now for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1$ the shortest paths between each pair whose one vertex in $\{v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and other vertex in $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n}{2}}\} - \{u_s : s = 1, 2, \dots, i\}$ passes through u . Each of such pair contributes the value 1 to $B_C(u)$ and total number of such pair is $kl(\frac{n}{2} - 1 - i)$. Again each pair of vertices between a vertex of $\{v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and the vertex $u_{\frac{n}{2}}$ contributes the value $\frac{1}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$ and the total number of such pairs is kl .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } B_C(u) &= \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + kl(\frac{n}{2} - 1 - i) \cdot 1 + kl \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + kl(\frac{n}{2} - 1 - i) + \frac{kl}{2} \\ &= kl(\frac{n-1}{2} - i) \end{aligned}$$

Since u_i and u_{n-i} are at symmetric position, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1$, so, $B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i})$.

If $u = u_{\frac{n}{2}}$, then the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. No shortest path between a vertex $\{v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j =$

$1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\} - \{u_{\frac{n}{2}}\}$ passes through u .

Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$.

If $u = u_n$, then the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. The shortest path between the pairs whose two vertices lie in different P_k 's must pass through u and the number of such pairs is $k^2 \binom{l}{2}$. As there exist only one shortest path between each such pair, so, these pairs contribute the value $k^2 \binom{l}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$. Again, the shortest path between a vertex of $\{v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}\}$ passes through u_n and the number of such pair is $kl(n-1)$. Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + k^2 \binom{l}{2} + kl(n-1)$.

When n is odd:

Let l copies of path graph P_k attached with the u_n of C_n . We label the remaining vertices of C_n by $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n-1}{2}}, u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \dots, u_{n-1}$ according to the clockwise direction of the vertex u_n . If $u = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ be any vertex of C_n , then the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. Now, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ the shortest paths between the pairs of a vertex of $\{v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n-1}{2}}\} - \{u_s : s = 1, 2, \dots, i\}$ pass through u and each pairs of vertices contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. The total number of such pairs is $kl(\frac{n-1}{2} - i)$. Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8} + kl(\frac{n-1}{2} - i)$. If $u = u_n$, then the pairs of vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. The pairs whose vertices lie in different P_k 's contribute the value $k^2 \binom{l}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$ (see the proof of even case). Also, from the even case, the pairs between a vertex of $\{v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}\}$ contribute the value $kl(n-1)$ to $B_C(u)$. Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8} + k^2 \binom{l}{2} + kl(n-1)$.

Now we calculate the betweenness centrality of each vertex of P_k 's. Let $u = v_{p,q}$ be any vertex of the p th copy of P_k . There exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $S_1 = \{v_{p,1}, v_{p,2}, \dots, v_{p,q-1}\}$ and a vertex of $V(A(n, k, l)) - S_1 \cup \{v_{p,q}\}$ and that path passes through u . The number of such pairs is $(q-1)(n+kl-q)$. So, $B_C(u) = (q-1)(n+kl-q)$. So if $u = v_{i,j}, i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k$, $B_C(u) = (j-1)(n-j+kl)$. \square

Relative betweenness centrality for the graph $A(n, k, l)$:

$$B'_C(u) = \frac{B_C(u)}{\text{Max}B_C(u)} = \frac{2B_C(u)}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} \text{ [using the result for the star graph with } n+kl \text{ vertices].}$$

Corollary 4.2. *The relative betweenness centrality $B'_C(u)$ of any vertex u of $A(n, k, l)$ is*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} + \frac{2kl(\frac{n-1}{2}-i)}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is odd} \\ \text{and } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ and } B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}) \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} + \frac{2kl(\frac{n-1}{2}-i)}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even} \\ \text{and } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1 \text{ and } B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}) \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even and } i = \frac{n}{2} \\ \\ \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} + \frac{2\{kl(n-1)+k^2\binom{l}{2}\}}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_n \in C_n, n \text{ is odd} \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} + \frac{2\{kl(n-1)+k^2\binom{l}{2}\}}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_n \in C_n, n \text{ is even} \\ \\ \frac{2(j-1)(n-j+kl)}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \quad \text{if } u = v_{i,j} \in P_k, i = 1, 2, \dots, l \\ \text{and } j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \end{array} \right.$$

4.2 Betweenness centrality of a unicyclic graph $B(n, k, l)$

$B(n, k, l)$ is a unicyclic graph of order n having a cycle C_n and each of l copies of path P_k attached by an edge with each vertex of the cycle C_n , where $n \geq 3, k \geq 1$ and $l \geq 1$. i.e., kl vertices are attached with each vertex of C_n . The number of node points of unicyclic graph $B(n, k, l)$ is $nkl + n = n(kl + 1)$. Let the vertices of C_n and the i th copy of P_k (corresponding to any vertex u_p of C_n) be $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ and $\{v_{i,1}^{(p)}, v_{i,2}^{(p)}, \dots, v_{i,k}^{(p)}\}$ respectively, where $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ and $p = 1, 2, \dots, n$. The betweenness centrality of each vertex of the i th copy of P_k is the same as that of the corresponding vertex of the j th copy of P_k for all branches. The Figure 8 shows a unicyclic graph $B(4, 2, 2)$.

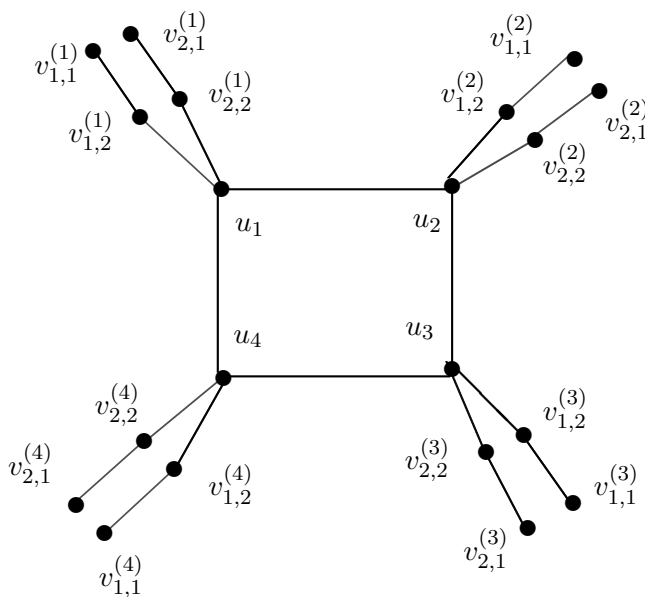


Figure 8: Unicyclic graph $B(4, 2, 2)$

Theorem 4.3. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of unicyclic graph $B(n, k, l)$ is*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(kl+1)(n-1) + k^2 \binom{l}{2}, \quad \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ \quad \quad \quad n \text{ is odd and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + \frac{kl(kl+1)(2n-3)}{2} + k^2 \binom{l}{2}, \quad \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ \quad \quad \quad n \text{ is even and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \\ (j-1)\{n(kl+1) - j\}, \quad \text{if } u = v_{i,j}^{(p)} \in P_k, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, l \text{ and} \\ \quad \quad \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k \text{ and } p = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{array} \right.$$

Proof. Let $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be the node points of the cycle C_n of $B(n, k, l)$ and $\{v_{i,j}^{(p)} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ be the node points of the i th copy of the path graph P_k attached by an edge with u_p of C_n . First, we calculate the B-centrality of each node point of P_k . Let

$u = v_{p,q}^{(1)}$, $p = 1, 2, \dots, l$; $q = 1, 2, \dots, k$ be any node point of the p th copy of P_k attached by an edge with u_1 of C_n . There exist $(q-1)(n+k-q)$ pairs of vertices between a vertex of $\{v_{p,1}^{(1)}, v_{p,2}^{(1)}, \dots, v_{p,q-1}^{(1)}\}$ and a vertex of $\{v_{p,q+1}^{(1)}, v_{p,q+2}^{(1)}, \dots, v_{p,k}^{(1)}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. As each vertex of C_n attached l copies of P_k so, there are total nl copies of P_k in $B(n, k, l)$. The shortest path between a vertex of $\{v_{p,1}^{(1)}, v_{p,2}^{(1)}, \dots, v_{p,q-1}^{(1)}\}$ and a vertex from the remaining $(nl-1)$ copies of P_k in $B(n, k, l)$ pass through u . The number of pairs of vertices is $(q-1)k(nl-1)$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } B_C(u) &= (q-1)(n+k-q) + (q-1)k(nl-1) \\ &= (q-1)(n-q+knl) \\ &= (q-1)\{n(kl+1)-q\}. \end{aligned}$$

If $u = v_{p,j}^{(1)}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$, then $B_C(u) = (j-1)\{n(kl+1)-j\}$. Therefore, if $u = v_{i,j}^{(r)}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$; $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$; $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then $B_C(u) = (j-1)\{n(kl+1)-j\}$.

We know that the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$, if n is odd [51]. As each vertex of C_n attached kl vertices so, there are n sets of $(kl+1)$ vertices. If $u = u_p$, then these n sets of $kl+1$ vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd to u . If n is odd and $u = u_p$ be any vertex of C_n , then the shortest path between a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u) and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-1}, u_{p+1}, \dots, u_n\}$ pass through u . The total number of pair is $kl(n-1)$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. Again, the each pairs of vertices between a vertex of $\{v_{i,j}^{(p)} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ (attached with u_p) and a vertex from $kl(n-1)$ (kl vertices are attached with $n-1$ vertices, other than the vertex u_p of C_n) vertices of $B(n, k, l)$ contribute the centrality 1 to u . In this case the total number of pairs is $kl \cdot kl(n-1) = k^2l^2(n-1)$. Let us consider n is even and u_q be the vertex of C_n situated at the opposite of u_p . If $u = u_p$ then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u) and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-1}, u_{p+1}, \dots, u_n\} - \{u_q\}$ pass through u . The total number of pair is $kl(n-2)$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. Two shortest paths exist between a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u)

and the vertex u_q - one of them passes through u . Therefore, these pairs of vertices of $B(n, k, l)$ contribute the value $kl \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{kl}{2}$ to u . Again, the each pairs of vertices between a vertex of $\{v_{i,j}^{(p)} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ (attached with u_p) and a vertex from $kl(n-2)$ (kl vertices are attached with $n-2$ vertices, other than the vertex u_p and u_q of C_n) contribute the centrality 1 to u . In this case the total number of pairs is $kl \cdot kl(n-2) = k^2 l^2 (n-2)$. Also, the each pair between a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u) and a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u_q) contribute the value $\frac{1}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$ and the number of pair is $kl \cdot kl = k^2 l^2$.

Again, the shortest path between the pairs whose two vertices lie in different P_k 's (attached with u_p) must pass through u . As the length of each copy is k and there exist $\binom{l}{2}$ pairs between the l copies of P_k so, in this case the total number of pairs is $k \cdot k \binom{l}{2} = k^2 \binom{l}{2}$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$.

Therefore, if n is even, then

$$\begin{aligned} B_C(u) &= \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(n-2) \cdot 1 + \frac{kl}{2} + k^2 l^2 (n-2) \cdot 1 + k^2 l^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + k^2 \binom{l}{2} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(n-2) + k^2 l^2 (n-2) + \frac{kl}{2} + \frac{k^2 l^2}{2} + k^2 \binom{l}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(kl+1)(n-2) + \frac{kl(kl+1)}{2} + k^2 \binom{l}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + \frac{kl(kl+1)(2n-3)}{2} + k^2 \binom{l}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

and if n is odd, then

$$\begin{aligned} B_C(u) &= \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(n-1) \cdot 1 + k^2 l^2 (n-1) \cdot 1 + k^2 \binom{l}{2} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(n-1) + k^2 l^2 (n-1) + k^2 \binom{l}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(kl+1)(n-1) + k^2 \binom{l}{2}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Relative betweenness centrality for the graph $B(n, k, l)$.

We know

$$B'_C(u) = \frac{B_C(u)}{\text{Max}B_C(u)}.$$

Now, using the result for the star graph with $n + nkl$ vertices, we can write

$$\text{Max}B_C(u) = \frac{(n + nkl - 1)(n + nkl - 2)}{2}.$$

Therefore,

$$B'_C(u) = \frac{2B_C(u)}{(n + nkl - 1)(n + nkl - 2)}.$$

Corollary 4.4. *The relative betweenness centrality $B'_C(u)$ of any vertex u of $B(n, k, l)$ is given by*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{4(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)} + \frac{2\{kl(kl+1)(n-1)+k^2\binom{l}{2}\}}{(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ & n \text{ is odd and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{4(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)} + \frac{2\{\frac{kl(kl+1)(2n-3)}{2}+k^2\binom{l}{2}\}}{(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ & n \text{ is even and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \frac{2(j-1)\{n(kl+1)-j\}}{(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)}, & \text{if } u = v_{i,j}^{(p)} \in P_k, i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, \\ & 2, \dots, k; p = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

4.3 Betweenness centrality of a unicyclic graph $D(n, k, l)$

Another type of unicyclic graph is $D(n, k, l)$. It is a unicyclic graph of order n having a cycle C_n and each of l copies of star graph S_k (having k vertices) attached by an edge with only one vertex of the cycle C_n , where $n \geq 3, k \geq 1$ and $l \geq 1$. The number of vertices of the unicyclic graph $D(n, k, l)$ is $n+kl$. Let $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n}{2}-1}, u_{\frac{n}{2}}, u_{\frac{n}{2}+1}, \dots, u_{n-1}, u_n\}$ be the vertices of C_n , where n is even. From the vertex u_n of C_n , the vertices u_1 and u_{n-1} , u_2 and $u_{n-2}, \dots, u_{\frac{n}{2}-1}$ and $u_{\frac{n}{2}+1}$ lie at the same distances. Therefore, the betweenness centrality of u_1 and u_{n-1} are equal. Similarly, the betweenness centrality of each pair of vertices (the distance of both vertices that are situated at the same distance from u_n) are equal. If n is odd, then let the vertex set of C_n be $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n-1}{2}}, u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \dots, u_{n-1}, u_n\}$. In this case, the betweenness centrality of u_1 and u_{n-1} , u_2 and $u_{n-2}, \dots, u_{\frac{n-1}{2}}$ and $u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$ are equal. And also let $\{v_i, v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, \dots, v_{i,k-1}\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ be the set of vertices of the i th copy of star graph S_k (where v_i is the central vertex of S_k) attached with $u_n \in C_n$. A unicyclic graph $D(3, 4, 2)$ is shown in Figure 9.

Theorem 4.5. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of unicyclic graph $D(n, k, l)$, where l copies of S_k attached with $u_n \in C_n$ is given by*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8} + kl\left(\frac{n-1}{2} - i\right), & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is odd and} \\ & i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ and } B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}) \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + kl\left(\frac{n-1}{2} - i\right), & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even} \\ & \text{and } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1 \text{ and } B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}) \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{8}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even and } i = \frac{n}{2} \\ \\ \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8} + kl(n-1) + k^2\binom{l}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_n \in C_n, n \text{ is odd} \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + kl(n-1) + k^2\binom{l}{2}, & \text{if } u = u_n \in C_n, n \text{ is even} \\ \\ \binom{k-1}{2} + (k-1)\{n + k(l-1)\}, & \text{if } u \text{ is central vertex} \\ & \text{of any copy of } S_k \\ \\ 0, & \text{if } u \text{ is pendant vertex of the star graph } S_k. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let us consider $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be the node points of the cycle C_n of $D(n, k, l)$ and $\{v_i, v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, \dots, v_{i,k-1}\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ be the node points of the i th copy of the star graph S_k (where v_i is the central vertex of S_k) attached with $u_n \in C_n$. First, we calculate the B-centrality of each vertex of C_n where n is either even or odd.

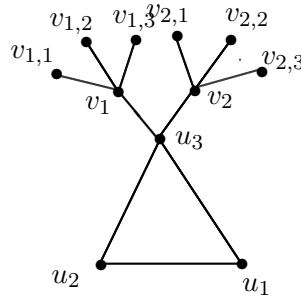


Figure 9: Unicyclic graph $D(3, 4, 2)$

When n is even:

Let l copies of star graph S_k attached with the vertex u_n of C_n . We label the remaining vertices of C_n by $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n}{2}-1}, u_{\frac{n}{2}}, u_{\frac{n}{2}+1}, \dots, u_{n-1}$ according to the clockwise direction of the vertex u_n . If $u = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1$ be any vertex of C_n , then the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. Now for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1$ the shortest paths between each pair whose one vertex in $\{v_i, v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and other vertex in $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n}{2}}\} - \{u_s : s = 1, 2, \dots, i\}$ passes through u . Each of such pair contributes the value 1 to $B_C(u)$ and total number of such pair is $kl(\frac{n}{2} - 1 - i)$. Again each pair of vertices between a vertex of $\{v_i, v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and the vertex $u_{\frac{n}{2}}$ contribute the value $\frac{1}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$ and the total number of such pairs is kl .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } B_C(u) &= \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + kl(\frac{n}{2} - 1 - i) \cdot 1 + kl \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + kl(\frac{n}{2} - 1 - i) + \frac{kl}{2} \\ &= kl(\frac{n-1}{2} - i). \end{aligned}$$

Since u_i and $u_{n-i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1$ are situated at the same distance from u_n , so,

$$B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}).$$

If $u = u_n$, then the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. The shortest path between the pairs whose two vertices lie in different S_k 's must pass through u and the number of such pairs is $k^2 \binom{l}{2}$. As there exist only one shortest path between each such pair, so, these pairs contribute the value $k^2 \binom{l}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$. Again, the shortest path between a vertex of $\{v_i, v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}\}$ passes through u_n and the number of such pair is $kl(n-1)$. Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{(n-2)^2}{8} + k^2 \binom{l}{2} + kl(n-1)$.

If $u = u_{\frac{n}{2}}$, then the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. No shortest path between a vertex $\{v_i, v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\} - \{u_{\frac{n}{2}}\}$ passes through u . Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$.

When n is odd:

Let l copies of S_k attached with $u_n \in C_n$. We label the remaining vertices of C_n by $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n-1}{2}}, u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \dots, u_{n-1}$ according to the clockwise direction of the vertex

u_n . Since u_i and $u_{n-i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1$ are situated at the same distance from u_n , so, $B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i})$. If $u = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ be any vertex of C_n , then the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. Now, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ the shortest paths between the pairs of a vertex of $\{v_i, v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\frac{n-1}{2}}\} - \{u_s : s = 1, 2, \dots, i\}$ pass through u and each pairs of vertices contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. The total number of such pairs is $kl(\frac{n-1}{2} - i)$. Therefore,

$$B_C(u) = \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8} + kl(\frac{n-1}{2} - i).$$

If $u = u_n$, then the pairs of vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$ [51] to $B_C(u)$. The pairs whose vertices lie in different S_k 's contribute the value $k^2 \binom{l}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$ (see the proof of even case). Also, from the even case, the pairs between a vertex of $\{v_i, v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}\}$ contribute the value $kl(n-1)$ to $B_C(u)$. Therefore, $B_C(u) = \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8} + k^2 \binom{l}{2} + kl(n-1)$.

Now, we calculate the betweenness centrality of the central vertex of any copy of the star graph S_k . Let $u = v_p$ be the central vertex of the p th copy of star graph S_k . There exist only one shortest path between a vertex of $\{v_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ which pass through u . The total number of such pairs is $n(k-1)$ and each pair contributes the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. Also, the shortest path between the pairs of vertices of $\{v_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ pass through u and the number of pairs is $\binom{k-1}{2}$. Each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. Again, the shortest path between a vertex of $\{v_{p,j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and a vertex of $\{v_i, v_{i,j} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ pass through u and in this case the total number of such pairs is $(k-1)k(l-1)$. These pairs of vertices contribute the value $(k-1)k(l-1)$ to $B_C(u)$. Therefore, $B_C(u) = n(k-1) + \binom{k-1}{2} + (k-1)k(l-1) = \binom{k-1}{2} + (k-1)\{n+k(l-1)\}$. If u is pendant vertices of $D(n, k, l)$, then it is obvious that the betweenness centrality of u is 0.

Relative betweenness centrality for the graph $D(n, k, l)$:

Here, $B'_C(u) = \frac{B_C(u)}{\text{Max}B_C(u)} = \frac{2B_C(u)}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}$ [using the result for the star graph with $n+kl$ vertices].

Corollary 4.6. *The relative betweenness centrality $B'_C(u)$ of any vertex*

u of $D(n, k, l)$ is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} + \frac{2kl(\frac{n-1}{2}-i)}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is odd} \\ \text{and } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ and } B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}) \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} + \frac{2kl(\frac{n-1}{2}-i)}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even} \\ \text{and } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1 \text{ and } B_C(u_i) = B_C(u_{n-i}) \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even and } i = \frac{n}{2} \\ \\ \frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} + \frac{2\{kl(n-1)+k^2\binom{l}{2}\}}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_n \in C_n, n \text{ is odd} \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2}{4(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)} + \frac{2\{kl(n-1)+k^2\binom{l}{2}\}}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u = u_n \in C_n, n \text{ is even} \\ \\ \frac{2\left[\binom{k-1}{2}+(k-1)\{n+k(l-1)\}\right]}{(n+kl-1)(n+kl-2)}, \text{ if } u \text{ is central vertex} \\ \text{of any copy of } S_k \\ \\ 0, \text{ if } u \text{ is pendant vertex of the star graph } S_k. \end{array} \right.$$

4.4 Betweenness centrality of a unicyclic graph $E(n, k, l)$

The unicyclic graph $E(n, k, l)$, $n \geq 3, k \geq 1$ and $l \geq 1$ having a cycle C_n and each of l copies of star graph S_k attached by an edge with each node points of C_n . The number of node points of unicyclic graph $E(n, k, l)$ is $nkl + n = n(kl + 1)$. Let the vertices of C_n be $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$. And also let $\{v_i^{(p)}, v_{i,1}^{(p)}, v_{i,2}^{(p)}, \dots, v_{i,k-1}^{(p)}\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ be the set of vertices of the i th copy of star graph S_k attached to the vertex u_p of C_n , where $v_i^{(p)}$ is the central vertex of S_k . The Figure 10 shows the unicyclic graph $E(3, 4, 1)$.

Theorem 4.7. *The $B_C(u)$ of any vertex u of unicyclic graph $E(n, k, l)$ is*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(kl+1)(n-1) + k^2 \binom{l}{2}, & \text{if} \\ u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is odd and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \\ \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + \frac{kl(kl+1)(2n-3)}{2} + k^2 \binom{l}{2}, & \text{if} \\ u = u_i \in C_n, n \text{ is even and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \\ \binom{k-1}{2} + (k-1)\{n + k(nl-1)\}, & \text{if } u \text{ is central vertex} \\ & \text{of any copy of } S_k \\ \\ 0, & \text{if } u \text{ is pendant vertex of the star graph } S_k. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be the node point of the cycle C_n of $E(n, k, l)$ and $\{v_i^{(r)}, v_{i,j}^{(r)} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ be the node points of the i th copy of the star graph S_k (where $v_i^{(r)}$ is the central node of S_k) attached with $u_r \in C_n$. First, we calculate the betweenness centrality of the central vertex of any copy of S_k attached at u_r . Let $u = v_p^{(r)}$ then there is only one shortest path between each pair of vertices of $\{v_{p,j}^{(r)} : j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and passes through $v_p^{(r)}$ and the number of such pairs is $\binom{k-1}{2}$. Each pair of vertices contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. Again, the shortest path between a vertex of $\{v_{p,j}^{(r)} : j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ pass also through u . In this case the number of such pairs is $n(k-1)$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. As each vertex of C_n attached l copies of S_k so, there are total nl copies of S_k in $E(n, k, l)$. The shortest path between a vertex of $\{v_{p,j}^{(r)} : j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ and a vertex from the remaining $(nl-1)$ copies of S_k of $E(n, k, l)$ pass through u . In this case, the number of pairs of vertices is $(k-1)k(nl-1)$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. Therefore, $B_C(u) = \binom{k-1}{2} \cdot 1 + n(k-1) \cdot 1 + (k-1)k(nl-1) \cdot 1$
 $= \binom{k-1}{2} + n(k-1) + (k-1)k(nl-1)$
 $= \binom{k-1}{2} + (k-1)\{n + k(nl-1)\}.$

If u is pendant vertices of S_k , then it is obvious that $B_C(u) = 0$.

Now we calculate the betweenness centrality of any vertex $u = u_p$ of

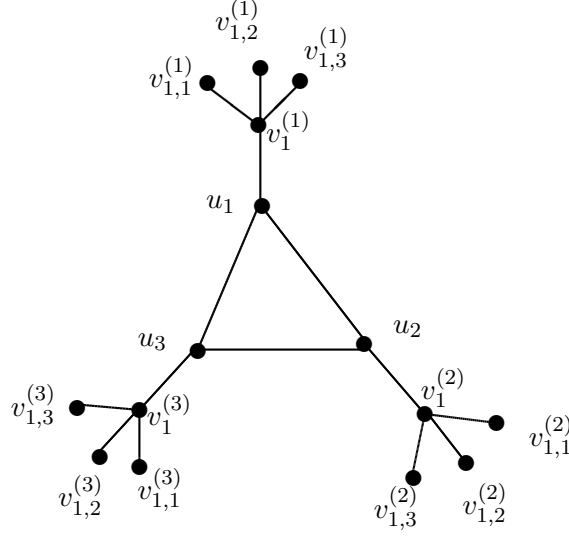


Figure 10: Unicyclic graph $E(3, 4, 1)$

C_n . If n is odd and $u = u_p$ be any vertex of C_n then the shortest path between a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u) and a vertex of $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-1}, u_{p+1}, \dots, u_n\}$ pass through u . The total number of pairs is $kl(n-1)$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$. Again, the each pairs of vertices between a vertex of $\{v_i^{(p)}, v_{i,j}^{(p)} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ (attached with u_p) and a vertex from $kl(n-1)$ (kl vertices are attached with $n-1$ vertices, other than the vertex u_p of C_n) contribute the centrality 1 to u . In this case the total number of pairs is $kl \cdot kl(n-1) = k^2 l^2 (n-1)$.

Let n is even and u_q be the vertex of C_n situated at the opposite of u_p . If $u = u_p$, then there exist only one shortest path between a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u) and a vertex of

$\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-1}, u_{p+1}, \dots, u_n\} - \{u_q\}$ pass through u . The total number of pair is $kl(n-2)$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$.

There exist two shortest paths between a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u) and the vertex u_q - one of them passes through u . Therefore, these pairs of vertices of $E(n, k, l)$ contribute the value $kl \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{kl}{2}$

to u . Again, the each pairs of vertices between a vertex in $\{v_i^{(p)}, v_{i,j}^{(p)} : i = 1, 2, \dots, l; j = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$ (attached with u_p) and a vertex from $kl(n - 2)$ (kl vertices are attached with $n - 2$ vertices, other than the vertex u_p and u_q of C_n) contribute the centrality 1 to u . In this case the total number of pairs is $kl \cdot kl(n - 2) = k^2l^2(n - 2)$. Also, the each pair between a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u) and a vertex from kl vertices (attached with u_q) contribute the value $\frac{1}{2}$ to $B_C(u)$ and the total number of pair is $kl \cdot kl = k^2l^2$.

We know that the vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)}{8}$, if n is odd [51]. As each vertex of C_n attached kl vertices so, there are n sets of $(kl + 1)$ vertices. If $u = u_p$ then these n sets of $kl + 1$ vertices of C_n contribute the value $\frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8}$, if n is even and $\frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8}$, if n is odd to u . Again, the shortest path between the pairs whose two vertices lie in different S_k 's (attached with u_p) must pass through u_p and number of such pairs is $k^2\binom{l}{2}$ and each pair contribute the value 1 to $B_C(u)$.

Therefore, if n is even, then

$$\begin{aligned} B_C(u) &= \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(n-2) \cdot 1 + \frac{kl}{2} + k^2l^2(n-2) \cdot 1 + k^2l^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + k^2\binom{l}{2} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(n-2) + k^2l^2(n-2) + \frac{kl}{2} + \frac{k^2l^2}{2} + k^2\binom{l}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(kl+1)(n-2) + \frac{kl(kl+1)}{2} + k^2\binom{l}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{8} + \frac{kl(kl+1)(2n-3)}{2} + k^2\binom{l}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

and if n is odd then

$$\begin{aligned} B_C(u) &= \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(n-1) \cdot 1 + k^2l^2(n-1) \cdot 1 + k^2\binom{l}{2} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(n-1) + k^2l^2(n-1) + k^2\binom{l}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{8} + kl(kl+1)(n-1) + k^2\binom{l}{2}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Relative betweenness centrality for the graph $E(n, k, l)$:

We know

$$B'_C(u) = \frac{B_C(u)}{\text{Max}B_C(u)}.$$

Now, using the result for the star graph with $n + nkl$ vertices, we can write

$$\text{Max}B_C(u) = \frac{(n + nkl - 1)(n + nkl - 2)}{2}.$$

Therefore,

$$B'_C(u) = \frac{2B_C(u)}{(n + nkl - 1)(n + nkl - 2)}.$$

Corollary 4.8. *The relative betweenness centrality of any vertex u of $E(n, k, l)$ is given by*

$$B_C(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(kl+1)^2}{4(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)} + \frac{2\{kl(kl+1)(n-1)+k^2\binom{l}{2}\}}{(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ & n \text{ is odd and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \frac{(n-2)^2(kl+1)^2}{4(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)} + \frac{2\{\frac{kl(kl+1)(2n-3)}{2}+k^2\binom{l}{2}\}}{(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)}, & \text{if } u = u_i \in C_n, \\ & n \text{ is even and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \frac{2\left[\binom{k-1}{2}+(k-1)\{n+k(nl-1)\}\right]}{(n+nkl-1)(n+nkl-2)}, & \text{if } u \text{ is central vertex of any copy} \\ & \text{of the star graph } S_k \\ 0, & \text{if } u \text{ is pendant vertex of the star graph } S_k. \end{cases}$$

5 Conclusion

There are different centrality measurements to identify the critical vertices in networks. Betweenness centrality is an important variant of centrality measurement for recognizing a network's vertex characteristic. It is used to determine the important vertex in biological networks, sexual networks and AIDS, social networks, computer networks, urban networks, transportation networks, food web networks, supply chain networks, drug targets, organizational behavior, and terrorist networks. In this paper, we state and prove some theorems related to the betweenness centrality of corona graphs and unicyclic graphs. We also determine the relative betweenness centrality of these graphs. In the future, we shall try to determine the betweenness centrality of bicyclic graphs and cactus graphs based on the results of unicyclic graphs.

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