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Infinite family of 2-connected transmission irregular graphs

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ABSTRACT

Distance between two vertices is the number of edges in the shortest path connecting them in a connected graph *G*. The transmission of a vertex v is the sum of distances from v to all the other vertices of *G*. If transmissions of all vertices are mutually distinct, then *G* is a transmission irregular graph. It is known that almost no graphs are transmission irregular. Infinite families of transmission irregular trees were presented in [4]. The following problem was posed in [4]: do there exist infinite families of 2-connected transmission irregular graphs? In this paper, an infinite family of such graphs is constructed.

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1. Introduction

All graphs considered in this paper are undirected, connected, without loops and multiple edges. The vertex set of a graph *G* is denoted by *V*(*G*). Under distance d(u, v) between vertices $u, v \in V(G)$ we mean the standard distance of a simple graph *G*, i. e., the number of edges on a shortest path connecting these vertices in *G*. The transmission, Tr(*v*), of vertex $v \in V(G)$ is defined as the sum of distances from *v* to all the other vertices of *G*. A half of the sum of vertex transmissions gives the Wiener index that has found important applications in chemistry (see books [7,12–14,20] and selected papers [6,8–10,15–19]). Transmissions of vertices are used for design of distance-based information topological indices [5]. The number of different vertex transmissions is known as the Wiener complexity of a graph [1–3]. A graph is called transmission irregular if it has the largest possible Wiener complexity over all graphs of a given order, i. e., vertices of the graph have pairwise different transmissions.

It was shown that almost all graphs are not transmission irregular [4]. This follows from the facts that almost every graph has diameter 2 and a graph with diameter 2 is not transmission irregular. Transmission irregular graphs and their Wiener index were studies in [4]. In particular, infinite families of transmission irregular trees were described and the following problem was formulated: do there exist infinite families of 2-connected transmission irregular graphs? In this paper, an infinite family of such graphs is constructed.

2. Infinite family of transmission irregular graphs

Transmission irregular graphs of small order without cut-vertices can be found by computer calculations. Smallest graphs of this class have order 9 (see Fig. 1). There are 25 and 817 transmission irregular 2-connected graphs of order 10 and 11, respectively (see Fig. 2). The number of non-planar graphs of order 11 among them is 161. The first graph in the sixth row of

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Fig. 1. 2-connected transmission irregular graphs of order 9.



Fig. 2. 2-connected transmission irregular graphs of order 10.

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