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## 1 Abstract

The set of nodes which do not belong to any  $s$ -geodetic basis of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is the Pseudo  $s$ -geodetic set of  $G$  and its cardinality is called the Pseudo  $s$ -geodetic number of  $G$ . In this paper, fuzzy graphs having Pseudo  $s$ -geodetic number zero are termed as Perfect  $s$ -geodetic fuzzy graphs and some examples of Perfect  $s$ -geodetic fuzzy graphs are exhibited. It is proved that complete fuzzy graphs on 2 nodes and fuzzy cycles having each arc of same strength are Perfect  $s$ -geodetic fuzzy graphs.

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## 1 Introduction

Zadeh in 1965 [18] developed a mathematical phenomenon for describing the uncertainties prevailing in day-to-day life situations by introducing the concept of fuzzy sets. The theory of fuzzy graphs was later on developed by Rosenfeld in the year 1975 [11] along with Yeh and Bang [17]. Rosenfeld also obtained the fuzzy analogue of several graph theoretic concepts like paths, cycles, trees and connectedness along with some of their properties [11] and the concept of fuzzy trees [10], fuzzy interval graphs [7], cycles and co-cycles of fuzzy graphs [8] etc has been established by several authors during the course of time. Fuzzy groups and the notion of a metric in fuzzy graphs was introduced by Bhattacharya [1]. The concept of strong arcs [4] was introduced by Bhutani and Rosenfeld in the year 2003. The definition of fuzzy end nodes and some of their properties were established by the same authors in [2]. The concept of geodesic distance was introduced by Bhutani and Rosenfeld in [3] and using this geodesic distance, Suvarna and Sunitha in [16] brought the concept of

geodesic iteration number and geodesic number of a fuzzy graph into existence and studied some of the properties satisfied by them. The same concepts using  $\mu$ -distance was introduced by Linda and Sunitha in [5]. The concept of sum distance and some of its metric aspects were introduced by Mini Tom and Sunitha in [6]. s-Geodesic iteration number and s-geodesic number of a fuzzy graph based on sum distance was introduced by Sameeha and Sunitha in [13]. The set of nodes of a fuzzy graph  $G : (V, \sigma, \mu)$  which do not belong to any s-geodesic basis of  $G$  is the pseudo s-geodesic set of  $G$  and its cardinality is called the pseudo s-geodesic number of  $G$  [14]. In this paper, fuzzy graphs having pseudo s-geodesic number zero are termed as perfect s-geodesic fuzzy graphs and some examples of perfect s-geodesic fuzzy graphs are exhibited along with some of their properties. Complete fuzzy graphs and fuzzy cycles are proved to be perfect s-geodesic fuzzy graphs.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, a brief summary of some basic definitions in fuzzy graphs taken from [3, 4, 9, 10, 16] are given.

A fuzzy graph [9] is a triplet  $G : (V, \sigma, \mu)$  where  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy sub set of a set  $V$  of nodes and  $\mu$  is a fuzzy relation on  $\sigma$ . ie,  $\mu(u, v) \leq \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v), \forall u, v \in V$ . We assume that  $V$  is finite and non-empty,  $\mu$  is reflexive (i.e.,  $\mu(x, x) = \sigma(x), \forall x$ ) and symmetric (i.e.,  $\mu(x, y) = \mu(y, x), \forall (x, y)$ ). Also we denote the underlying crisp graph by  $G^* : (\sigma^*, \mu^*)$  where  $\sigma^* = \{u \in V / \sigma(u) > 0\}$  and  $\mu^* = \{(u, v) \in V \times V / \mu(u, v) > 0\}$ . Here we assume  $\sigma^* = V$ . A fuzzy graph is called a complete fuzzy graph [9] if  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v) \forall u, v \in \sigma^*$ . A sequence of distinct nodes  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n$  such that  $\mu(u_{i-1}, u_i) > 0, i=1, 2, \dots, n$  is called a path  $P_n$  [9] of length  $n$ . An arc of  $G$  with least non-

Zero membership value is the weakest arc of  $G$ . The degree of membership of a weakest arc in the path is defined as the strength of the path. The path becomes a cycle if  $u_0 = u_n$ ,  $n \geq 3$  and a cycle is called a fuzzy cycle [10] if it contains more than one weakest arc. The strength of connectedness [9] between two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  is the maximum of the strengths of all paths between  $u$  and  $v$  and is denoted by  $CONN_G(u, v)$ . The fuzzy graph  $G$  is said to be connected if  $CONN_G(u, v) > 0$  for every  $u, v$  in  $\sigma^*$ . An arc  $(u, v)$  of a fuzzy graph is called strong [4] if its weight is at least as great as the strength of connectedness of its end nodes  $u, v$  when the arc  $(u, v)$  is deleted and a  $u-v$  path  $P$  is called a strong path if  $P$  contains only strong arcs.

2 For any path  $P: u_0 - u_1 - u_2 - \dots - u_n$ , length of  $P$ ,  $L(P)$ , is defined as the sum of the weights of the arcs in  $P$ . That is,  $L(P) = \sum^n \mu(u_{i-1}, u_i)$ . If  $n=0$ , define  $L(P)=0$  and for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $L(P) > 0$ .

For any two nodes  $u, v$  in  $G: (V, \sigma, \mu)$ , if  $P = \{P_i: P_i \text{ is a } u-v \text{ path, } i=1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , then the sum distance between  $u$  and  $v$  is defined as  $d_s(u, v) = \text{Min}\{L(P_i) : P_i \in P, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  [6].

3 Let  $S$  be a set of nodes of a connected fuzzy graph  $G$ . The  $s$ -geodetic closure [13] ( $S$ ) of  $S$  is the set of all nodes in  $S$  together with the nodes that lie on  $s$ -geodesics between nodes of  $S$ .  $S$  is said to be convex if  $S$  contains all nodes of every  $u-v$   $s$ -geodesic for all  $u, v$  in  $S$ . i.e, if  $(S) = S$ .  $S$  is said to be  $s$ -geodetic cover ( $s$ -geodetic set) of  $G$  if  $(S) = V(G)$  and any Cover of  $G$  with minimum number of nodes is called an  $s$ -geodetic basis for  $G$ . The  $s$ -geodetic number [13] of a fuzzy graph  $G: (V, \sigma, \mu)$  is the number of nodes in a  $s$ -geodetic basis of  $G$  and is denoted by  $s-gn(G)$ .

The following results have been taken from [16].

4 **Corollary 2.1.** [16] For a complete fuzzy graph  $G$  on 2 nodes,  $s-gn(G) = 2$ .

5 **Remark 2.2.** [13] Let  $C_n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , be fuzzy cycles each of whose arcs are having same strength. When  $n$  is even, the set of any two  $s$ -peripheral nodes is an  $s$ -geodetic set of  $C_n$ . But when  $n$  is odd, no 2 nodes form an  $s$ -geodetic set and in fact there exists an  $s$ -geodetic set on 3 nodes. Therefore, for cycles having each arc of same strength

$$s-gn(C_n) = \begin{cases} 2; & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \\ 3; & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

### 3 Perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph

In graph theory, the concept of Perfect edge geodetic graph was introduced by Stalin in [15] and in fuzzy graph theory, the concept of Perfect geodesic fuzzy graphs was developed using geodesic distance in [12].

In this paper, the vertex version of this concept in fuzzy graph theory is developed using sum distance and is termed as Perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph.

**Definition 3.1.** [14] Let  $G:(V,\sigma,\mu)$  be a connected fuzzy graph and  $S$  be an s-geodetic basis of  $G$ . Then the set of nodes which do not belong to any s-geodetic basis of  $G$  is the Pseudo s-geodetic set  $S$  of  $G$ .

The cardinality of Pseudo s-geodetic set  $S$  is called Pseudo s-geodetic number and is denoted by  $s-gn(G)$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A connected fuzzy graph  $G : (V,\sigma,\mu)$  is said to be a Perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph if every node of  $G$  lies in any one of the s-geodetic basis of  $G$ .

In other words,  $G$  is a Perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph if its pseudo s-geodetic numbers  $s-gn(G) = 0$ .

**Example 3.3.** Consider the fuzzy graph  $G$  given in Fig.1.

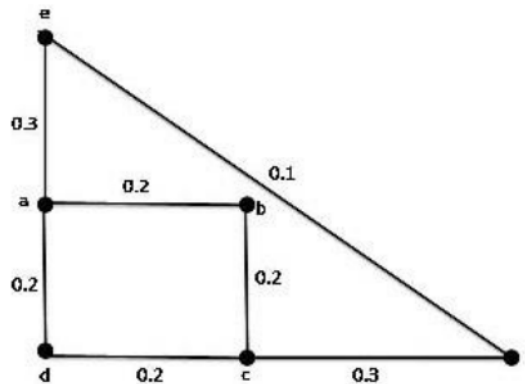


Fig.1

Here, the arc  $(e,f)$  is the weakest arc of  $G$ .  $S_1 = \{e,a,c,f\}$  and  $S_2 = \{e,b,d,f\}$  are both s-geodetic basis for  $G$  since  $(S_1) \cup (S_2) = V(G)$ .

Then the pseudo s-geodetic set  $S$  is  $V(G) - \{a,b,c,d,e,f\} = \emptyset$  and hence  $s-gn(G) = 0$ . Therefore  $G$  is a Perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph.

**Proposition 3.4.** If  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$  are the s-geodetic bases of a fuzzy graph

$G: (V, \sigma, \mu)$ , then the pseudos-geodetic numbers  $gn(G) = |\bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i|$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be the pseudos-geodetic set of  $G$ . To show that  $gn(G) = |\bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i^c|$ , it is enough to show that  $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i^c$ .

Let  $v$  be a node of  $G$  such that  $v \in S$ . Then by definition 3.1,  $v$  does not belong to any s-geodetic basis of  $G$ .

i.e.,  $v \notin S_i, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$\Rightarrow v \in S^c, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$\Rightarrow v \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i^c$  ..... (1)

Conversely, let  $u$  be a node of  $G$  such that  $u \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i^c$ .

Then  $u \in S^c, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$\Rightarrow u \notin S_i, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Hence by definition 3.1,  $u \in S$  and so  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i^c \subseteq S$  ..... (2)

From (1) and (2),  $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i^c$  □

**Proposition 3.5.** A complete fuzzy graph on 2 nodes is a perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph.

*Proof.* By Corollary 2.1, the s-geodetic number of a complete fuzzy graph  $G$  on 2 nodes is  $gn(G) = 2$ . Therefore  $S = V(G)$  is the unique s-geodetic basis of  $G$  and so by Proposition 3.4, the pseudos-geodetic set  $S = S^c = \emptyset$ . Thus we get  $gn(G) = 0$ . Hence by Definition 3.2,  $G$  is a perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph. □

**Proposition 3.6.** A fuzzy cycle  $G$  on  $n$  nodes, each of whose arcs are having same strength, is a perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph.

*Proof.* Consider the following Cases:

**Case (1):**  $n$  is even.

By Remark 2.2, the s-geodetic numbers  $gn(G) = 2$  if  $n$  is even. Clearly

$S_i = \{v_i, v_{(i+n/2) \bmod n}\}, (1 \leq i \leq n)$ , are the only s-geodetic bases of  $G$ . Then

by Proposition 3.4, the pseudos-geodetic set  $S = \emptyset$  and so  $gn(G) = 0$ . Hence  $G$  is a perfect s-geodetic fuzzy graph.

**Case (2):**  $n$  is odd.

By Remark 2.2, the s-geodetic numbers  $gn(G) = 3$  if  $n$  is odd. Clearly

<sup>1</sup>  $S_i = \{v_i, v_{(i+(n-1)) \bmod n}, v_{(i+(n+1)) \bmod n}\}, (1 \leq i \leq n)$  are the only  $s$ -geodetic bases of  $G$ . Then by Proposition 3.4, the pseudos-geodetic set  $S = \emptyset$  and  $\text{ps} - \text{gn}(G) = 0$ . Hence  $G$  is a perfect  $s$ -geodetic fuzzy graph.  $\square$

## 4 Conclusion

The pseudos-geodetic set of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is defined as the set of nodes <sup>1</sup> of  $G$  which do not belong to any  $s$ -geodetic basis of  $G$  and its cardinality is called the pseudo  $s$ -geodetic number of  $G$ . In this paper, perfect  $s$ -geodetic fuzzy graphs are defined to be those fuzzy graphs whose pseudo <sup>4</sup>  $s$ -geodetic number is 0. That is if all nodes of the fuzzy graph  $G$  lies in at least one of the  $s$ -geodetic bases of  $G$ . A complete fuzzy graph on 2 nodes and fuzzy cycles, each of whose arcs are having same strength, are found to be perfect  $s$ -geodetic fuzzy graphs.

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