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# APEX OF FUZZY VERTICES AND BOTTOM OF FUZZY VERTICES IN A FUZZY GRAPH

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, apex of fuzzy vertices and bottom of fuzzy vertices are introduced, and also theorems related to these concepts are stated and proved.

#### 1. Introduction

In 1965, Zadeh [8] introduced the notion of fuzzy set as a method of presenting uncertainty. Since complete information in science and technology is not always available. Thus we need mathematical models to handle various types of systems containing elements of uncertainty. After that Rosenfeld [6] introduced fuzzy graphs. Yeh and Bang [7] also introduced fuzzy graphs independently. Fuzzy graphs are useful to represent relationships which deal with uncertainty and it differs greatly from classical graph. Nagoor Gani and Ratha [3] introduced fuzzy regular graphs, total degree and totally regular fuzzy graphs. Ramakrishnan and Lakshmi [4,5] introduced depth of  $\mu$ , height of  $\mu$ . In this paper, some results on apex of P and bottom of P are given.

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## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [7] Let S be any nonempty set. A mapping  $X: S \to [0,1]$  is called a fuzzy subset of X.

**Example 1.** A fuzzy subset  $B = \{(p, 0.3), (q, 0.4), (r, 0.6)\}$  of a set  $S = \{p, q, r\}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [9] Let S be a fuzzy subset in a set M, the strongest fuzzy relation on M, that is a fuzzy relation T with respect to S given by  $T(x,y) = \min \{S(x), S(y)\}$  for all x and y in M.

**Definition 2.3.** [1] Let M be any nonempty set, N be any set and  $f: N \to M \times M$  be any function. Then P is a fuzzy subset of M, T is a fuzzy relation on M with respect to P and Q is a fuzzy subset of N such that

$$Q(n) \le T(x,y)_{n \in f^{-1}(x,y)}.$$

Then the ordered triple  $F_g = (P,Q,f)$  is called a fuzzy graph  $(f_g,)$  where the elements of P are called fuzzy points  $(f_ps)$  or fuzzy vertices and the elements of Q are called fuzzy lines or fuzzy edges of the fuzzy graph F. If f(n) = (x,y), then the fuzzy points (x,P(x)),(y,P(y)) are called fuzzy adjacent points and fuzzy point (x,P(x)), fuzzy line (n,Q(n)) are called incident with each other. If two district fuzzy lines  $(n_1,Q(n_1))$  and  $(n_2,Q(n_2))$  are incident with a common fuzzy point, then they are called fuzzy adjacent lines.

**Definition 2.4.** [1] A fuzzy line joining a fuzzy point to itself is called a fuzzy loop.

**Definition 2.5.** [1] Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a fuzzy graph. If more than one fuzzy line joining two fuzzy vertices is allowed, then the fuzzy graph  $F_g$  is called a fuzzy pseudo graph.

**Definition 2.6.** [1]  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  is called a fuzzy simple graph  $(f_{sig})$  if it has neither fuzzy multiple lines nor fuzzy loops.

**Example 2.**  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$ , where  $M = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$  N = (a, b, c, d, e, h, g) and  $f: N \to M \times M$  is defined by  $f(a) = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $f(b) = (x_2, x_2)$ ,  $f(c) = (x_2, x_3)$ ,  $f(d) = (x_3, x_4)$ ,  $f(e) = (x_3, x_4)$ ,  $f(h) = (x_4, x_5)$ ,  $f(g) = (x_1, x_5)$ . A fuzzy subset  $A = \{(x_1, 0.3), (x_2, 0.5), (x_3, 0.6), (x_4, 0.7), (x_5, 0.9)\}$  of X.

**Definition 2.7.** [1] The fuzzy graph  $F_{g_1} = (P_1, Q_1, f)$  is called a fuzzy subgraph  $(f_{sg})$  of  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  if  $P_1 \subseteq P$  and  $Q_1 \subseteq Q$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [1] Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a fuzzy graph. Then the degree of a fuzzy vertex is defined by

$$deg(x) = \sum_{n \in f^{-1}(x,y)} Q(n) + 2 \sum_{n \in f^{-1}(x,x)} Q(n).$$

**Definition 2.9.** [1] Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a fuzzy graph. The total degree of fuzzy vertex x is defined by  $deg_T(x) = deg(x) + P(x)$  for all x in M.

**Definition 2.10.** [1] The minimum degree of the fuzzy graph  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  is  $\delta(F_g) = \bigcap \{deg(x) : x \in M\}$  and the maximum degree of  $F_g$  is  $\Delta(F_g) = \bigcup \{deg(x) : x \in M\}$ .

**Definition 2.11.** [2] Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a fuzzy graph. Then the order of fuzzy graph  $F_g$  is defined to be  $O(F_g) = \sum_{x \in M} P(x)$ .

**Definition 2.12.** [2] Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a fuzzy graph. Then the size of the fuzzy graph  $F_g$  is defined to be  $S(F_g) = \sum_{x \in N} Q(n)$ .

**Definition 2.13.** [3] A fuzzy graph  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  is called fuzzy  $k_1$ -regular graph if  $deg(v) = k_1$  for all  $v \in V$ .

**Definition 2.14.** [3] A fuzzy graph  $F_g$  is fuzzy  $k_1$ — totally regular graph if each vertex of  $F_g$  has the same total degree  $k_1$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** [1] The sum of the degree of all fuzzy vertices in a fuzzy graph is equal to twice the sum of the membership value of all fuzzy edges. That is  $\sum_{x \in M} deg(x) = 2S(F_g)$ .

**Definition 2.15.** [1] A fuzzy graph  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  is called a fuzzy complete graph  $(f_{cg})$  if every pair of distinct fuzzy vertices are fuzzy adjacent and

$$Q(n) = T(x,y)_{n \in f^{-1}(x,y)}$$

for all x and y in M.

**Definition 2.16.** [1] A fuzzy graph  $F_q = (P, Q, f)$  is a fuzzy strong graph if

$$Q(n) = T(x, y)_{n \in f^{-1}(x,y)}$$

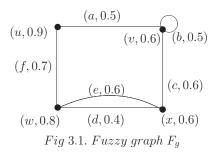
for all  $n \in N$ .

# 3. Apex of P and botom of P

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a  $f_g$ . Then the bottom of P is defined by  $d(P) = min \{P(x) : x \in M\}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a  $f_g$ . Then the apex of P is defined by  $h(P) = max \{P(x) : x \in M\}$ .

# **Example 3.** *In Figure 3.1. we have:*



Here d(P) = 0.6, h(P) = 0.9.

**Remark 3.1.** Clearly  $d(P) \le h(P)$  and  $Q(n) \le h(P)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be any  $f_g$  with respect to set M and N where |M| = v and |N| = e. Then  $S(F_g) \le eh(P)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $F_g = (P,Q,f)$  is any  $f_g$  with v- fuzzy vertices. Obviously,  $Q(n) \leq h(P) \Rightarrow \sum_{n \in N} Q(n) \leq \sum_{n \in N} h(P) \Rightarrow S(F_g) \leq eh(P)$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be any  $f_g$  with respect to set M and N where |M| = v and |N| = e. Then  $\sum_{x \in M} deg(x) \leq 2eh(P)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be any  $f_{sig}$  v-fuzzy vertices. Then

$$\frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} \le h(P).$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1 we have:

$$S(F_g) \ge eh(P) \Rightarrow \frac{S(F_g)}{e} \ge h(P) \Rightarrow \frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} \le h(P).$$

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be any  $f_{sig}$  v-fuzzy vertices. Then

$$\sum_{x \in M} deg(x) \le v(v-1)h(P).$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be any  $f_{cg}$  with v-fuzzy vertices. Then

$$\frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} \le h(P).$$

Proof. By Theorem 3.1 ,  $\frac{S(F_g)}{e} \leq h(P) \Rightarrow S(F_g) \leq eh(P)$ . Since  $F_g$  is  $f_{cg}$ ,  $S(F_g) \leq \frac{v(v-1)h(P)}{2}$  which implies that  $\frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} \leq h(P)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $F_g=(P,Q,f)$  be a  $f_{cg}$  with v-fuzzy vertices and P be constant function if and only if  $d(P)=\frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)}=h(P)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $F_g$  is a  $f_{cg}$  with p- fuzzy vertices and let P(x)=t for all x in M. That is  $Q(n)=T(x,y)_{n\in f^{-1}(x,y)}$  for all x and y in M. Then:  $Q(n)=P(x)\cap P(y)=t$  for all x and y in M, so

$$d(P) = Q(n) = h(P)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n \in N} d(P) = \sum_{n \in N} Q(n) = \sum_{n \in N} h(P)$$

$$\Rightarrow ed(P) = S(F_g) = eh(P)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v(v-1)}{2}d(P) = S(F_g) = \frac{v(v-1)}{2}h(P).$$

Hence  $d(P) = \frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} = h(P)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $d(P) = \frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} = h(P)$ . Suppose  $F_g$  is not  $f_{cg}$ . By

Theorem 3.2,  $\frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} \le h(P)$ , which is a contradiction.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $F_g = (P,Q,f)$  be a  $f_{cg}$  with v- fuzzy vertices and P be t-constant function. Then  $\frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} = t$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $F_g = (P,Q,f)$  be a  $f_{cg}$  with v- fuzzy vertices and P be a constant function. Then  $\sum_{x \in M} deg(x) = v(v-1)h(P) = v(v-1)d(P)$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be any  $f_g$  with respect to set M and N where |M| = v and |N| = e. Then

(i) 
$$\frac{O(F_g) + S(F_g)}{v + e} \le h(P)$$
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(ii) 
$$\frac{O(F_g) - S(F_g)}{v - e} \le h(P).$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1,  $S(F_g) \leq eh(P)$ . Obviously,

$$P(x) \le h(P) \Rightarrow \sum_{x \in M} P(x) \le \sum_{x \in M} h(P) \Rightarrow O(F_g) \le vh(P).$$

Hence  $\frac{O(F_g) + S(F_g)}{\sum_{g \in F_g} f(F_g)} \leq h(P)$ . Similarly, we can prove another part. 

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be any  $f_{sig}$  with v- fuzzy vertices. Then

(i) 
$$O(F_g) + S(F_g) \le \frac{v(v+1)h(P)}{2}$$
;

(ii) 
$$O(F_g) - S(F_g) \le \frac{v(3-v)h(P)}{2}$$

**Remark 3.2.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a  $f_{cg}$  with v- fuzzy vertices. Then

(i) 
$$O(F_g) + S(F_g) \le \frac{v(v+1)h(P)}{2}$$
;

(ii) 
$$O(F_g) - S(F_g) \le \frac{v(3-v)h(P)}{2}$$
.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $F_g = (P,Q,f)$  be a  $f_{cg}$  with v- fuzzy vertices and P be constant function. Then

(i) 
$$\frac{v(v+1)d(P)}{2} = O(F_g) + S(F_g) = \frac{v(v+1)h(P)}{2};$$
  
(ii)  $\frac{v(v-3)d(P)}{2} = O(F_g) - S(F_g) = \frac{v(3-v)h(P)}{2}.$ 

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.

Proof. By Theorem 3.4, we have

$$d(P) = \frac{2S(F_g)}{v(v-1)} = h(P) \Rightarrow \frac{v(v-1)d(P)}{2} = S(F_g) = \frac{v(v-1)h(P)}{2}.$$

Obviously,

$$\begin{split} d(P) &= P(x) = h(P) \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{x \in M} d(P) = \sum_{x \in M} P(x) = \sum_{x \in M} h(P) \\ &\Rightarrow v d(P) = O(F_g) = v h(P) \,. \end{split}$$

Hence 
$$\frac{v(v+1)d(P)}{2} = O(F_g) + S(F_g) = \frac{v(v+1)h(P)}{2}$$
. Similarly, we can prove another part.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a  $f_{cg}$  with v- fuzzy vertices and P be t-constant function. Then

(i) 
$$O(F_g) + S(F_g) = \frac{v(v+1)t}{2}$$
;

(ii) 
$$O(F_g) - S(F_g) = \frac{v(3-v)t}{2}$$
.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be any  $f_g$  with respect to set M and N where |M| = v and |N| = e. Then

$$\frac{\sum_{x \in M} deg_T(x) + O(F_g)}{v + e} \le 2h(P).$$

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a  $f_{sig}$  with v- fuzzy vertices. Then

$$\sum_{x \in M} deg_T(x) + O(F_g) \le v(v+1)h(P).$$

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be  $f_{cg}$  with v- fuzzy vertices and P be constant function. Then

$$\sum_{x \in M} deg_T(x) = v^2 h(P) = v^2 d(P).$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.7,

$$\frac{v(v+1)d(P)}{2} = O(F_g) + S(F_g) = \frac{v(v+1)h(P)}{2}$$

which implies that

$$\sum_{x \in M} deg_T(x) + O(F_g) = v(v+1)h(P)$$

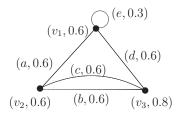
which implies that

$$\sum_{x \in M} deg_T(x) = v^2 h(P) = v^2 d(P).$$

**Theorem 3.11.** If  $F_g$  is a fuzzy  $k_1$ -regular graph with v-fuzzy vertices with  $e \le \frac{v(v-1)}{2}$ , then  $h(P) \ge \frac{k_1}{v-1}$ .

Proof. Suppose  $F_g$  is a fuzzy  $k_1$  – regular graph with v- fuzzy vertices. Here  $d(x)=k_1$  for all  $x\in M, \sum_{x\in M}d(x)=\sum_{x\in M}k_1=vk_1$ . We get  $2S(F_g)=vk_1$  implies that  $S(F_g)=\frac{vk_1}{2}$ . By Theorem 3.2,  $\frac{vk_1}{2}\leq \frac{v(v-1)h(P)}{2}$  which implies that  $\frac{k_1}{v-1}\leq h(P)$  implies that  $h(P)\geq \frac{k_1}{v-1}$ .

**Remark 3.3.** But the converse of the above theorem need not be true. For example, consider the fuzzy graph  $F_q$  given in Fig 3.2.



 $Fig 3.2 \ Fuzzy \ graph \ F_q$ 

h(P)=0.8,  $\frac{k_1}{v-1}=0.6$ ,  $F_g$  is a 1.8- regular graph and  $h(P)\geq \frac{k_1}{v-1}$  but  $e\succ \frac{v(v-1)}{2}$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** For any fuzzy graph  $F_g$ ,  $\delta(F_g) \leq \frac{2eh(P)}{v}$ .

*Proof.* For any fuzzy graph,  $\delta(F_g) \leq \frac{2S(F_g)}{v}$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $S(F_g) \leq eh(P)$ , which implies that  $\delta(F_g) \leq \frac{2eh(P)}{v}$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a  $f_{sig}$  with v-fuzzy vertices. Then

$$\delta(F_g) \le (v-1)h(P).$$

*Proof.* For any  $f_g$ , we have  $\delta(F_g) \leq \frac{2S(F_g)}{v}$ . By Theorem 3.2 ,

$$\frac{2S(F_g)}{v} \le (v-1)h(P),$$

which implies that  $\delta(F_g) \leq (v-1)h(P)$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  be a  $f_{cg}$  with v- fuzzy vertices and P be t-constant function. Then  $\Delta(F_g) = \delta(F_g) = (v-1)h(P) = (v-1)d(P)$ .

*Proof.* By corollary 3.4, deg(x) = (v-1)t for all  $x \in M$  and  $h(P) = d(P) = k_1$  also  $\Delta(F_g) = \delta(F_g) = (v-1)k_1$ , implies that:

$$\frac{\delta(F_g)}{(v-1)} = \frac{\Delta(F_g)}{(v-1)} = k_1$$

$$\Rightarrow h(P) = d(P) = \frac{\delta(F_g)}{v-1} = \frac{\Delta(F_g)}{v-1}$$

implies that  $\delta(F_q) = \Delta(F_q) = (v-1)h(P) = (v-1)d(P)$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** If  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  is a fuzzy  $c_1$  totally regular graph with v-fuzzy vertices. Then  $O(F_q) \ge v[c_1 - (v-1)h(P)]$ .

*Proof.* For any  $f_g$ , we have  $S(F_g) = \frac{vc_1 - O(F_g)}{2}$ . By Theorem 3.2,

$$S(F_g) \leq \frac{v(v-1)h(P)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{vc_1 - O(F_g)}{2} \leq \frac{v(v-1)h(P)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow vc_1 - v(v-1)h(P) \leq O(F_g).$$

Hence  $O(F_g) \ge v[c_1 - (v-1)h(P)].$ 

**Theorem 3.16.** If  $F_g=(P,Q,f)$  is a fuzzy  $c_1-$  totally regular graph with v- fuzzy vertices. Then  $S(F_g)\geq \frac{v(c_1-h(P))}{2}$ .

*Proof.* For any  $f_q$ ,

$$S(F_g) = \frac{(vc_1 - O(F_g))}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2S(F_g) + vc_1 = O(F_g)$$

$$\Rightarrow -2S(F_g) + vc_1 \le c_1 h(P)$$

$$\Rightarrow S(F_g) \ge \frac{v(c_1 - h(P))}{2}.$$

**Theorem 3.17.** If  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  is a fuzzy  $c_1$  – totally regular graph with v – fuzzy vertices. Then  $S(F_g) \leq \frac{v(c_1 - d(P))}{2}$ .

Proof. For any fuzzy graph,

$$S(F_g) = \frac{(vc_1 - O(F_g))}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2S(F_g) + vc_1 = O(F_g)$$

$$\Rightarrow -2S(F_g) + vc_1 \ge vd(P)$$

$$\Rightarrow S(F_g) \le \frac{v(c_1 - d(P))}{2}.$$

**Theorem 3.18.** If  $F_g = (P, Q, f)$  is both fuzzy  $k_1$  regular graph and fuzzy  $c_1$ -totally regular graph with v-fuzzy vertices. Then  $h(P) \ge \frac{k_1}{v-1}$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.15,  $O(F_g) \geq v[c_1 - (v-1)h(P)]$ . For any  $f_g$ ,

$$O(F_g) = v(c_1 - k_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow v[c_1 - (v - 1)h(P)] \le v(c_1 - k_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 - (v - 1)h(P) \le (c_1 - k_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 \le (v - 1)h(P)$$

$$\Rightarrow h(P) \ge \frac{k_1}{v - 1}.$$

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