

# Terminal Wiener Index of Fibonacci trees

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**Abstract:** The terminal Wiener index of a tree is defined as the sum of distances between all leaf pairs of  $T$ . We derive closed form expression for the terminal Wiener index of fibonacci trees. We also describe a linear time algorithm to compute terminal Wiener index of a tree.

**Keywords:** Terminal Wiener index, fibonacci tree, Pendent vertex, distance in graphs.

## I. INTRODUCTION

For a tree  $T$ , the terminal Wiener index  $TW(T)$  [7] of  $T$  is defined as the sum of the distances between all pairs of leaves of  $T$ . That is

$$TW(T) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} d_T(v_i, v_j)$$

where  $v_i, v_j$  are leaves in  $T$ .

Let  $T$  be an  $n$ -vertex tree with  $k$  leaves. Then  $TW(T)$  can be expressed as

$$TW(T) = \sum_e p(e)p'(e) \quad (1)$$

where  $p(e)$  and  $p'(e)$  are the number of leaves in two components of  $T - e$  [6]. Section 2 outline an algorithmic approach to compute terminal Wiener index of fibonacci trees and binary fibonacci trees. Section 3 explain an algorithm to compute TWI of a tree. The paper [9] describe a method to compute terminal Wiener index of balanced trees.

## II. PROPOSED METHOD

We propose a method to compute terminal Wiener index of fibonacci trees.

### 2.1 Fibonacci trees and Binary fibonacci trees

We begin with lemma 1 below.

Lemma 1:

Let  $T$  be a tree composed of two disjoint trees  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively. Let  $x \in V(T_1)$ ,  $y \in V(T_2)$  and  $xy$  be a cutedge in  $T$ . Let  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  be the number of leaves in  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively.

For any vertex  $u \in V(T)$  let  $d^+(u)$  denote the sum of the distances from  $u$  to every leaf in  $T$ . Then

$TW(T) = TW(T_1) + TW(T_2) + l_1 d^+(y) + l_2 d^+(x) + l_1 l_2$ .  
(2) Let  $F_k$  denote the  $k^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number. The Fibonacci tree  $T_{fk}$  of order  $k$  [2,10], is defined recursively in the following way:

$T_{f-1}$  and  $T_{f0}$  are both fibonacci trees consisting of a single node. For  $k \geq 1$ ,  $T_{fk}$  consist of two fibonacci trees  $T_{fk-1}$  and  $T_{fk-2}$  of orders  $k-1$  and  $k-2$  respectively, where  $T_{fk-2}$  is the rightmost child of the root of the other.

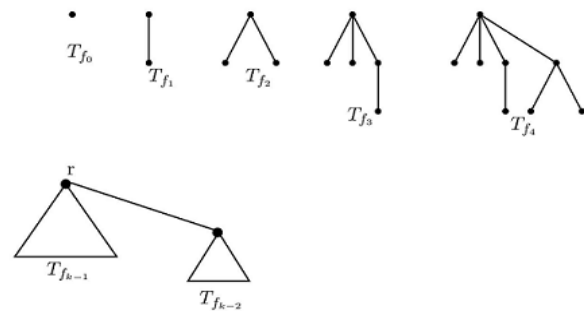


Figure 1. A Fibonacci tree  $T_{fk}$

Let  $T_{fk}^b$  denote the binary Fibonacci tree of order  $k$  [2,10], is defined recursively in the following way:

$T_{f0}^b$  and  $T_{f1}^b$  are both rooted trees consisting of no nodes and a single node respectively.

For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $T_{fk}^b$  consist of a root with two fibonacci trees,  $T_{fk-1}^b$  and  $T_{fk-2}^b$  as left and right child respectively.

Figure 2 shows binary fibonacci trees  $T_{f1}^b$  through  $T_{f4}^b$ .

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### Theorem 2.1

Let  $T_{fk}$  be a fibonacci tree. Then its terminal Wiener index is given by

$$TW(T_{fk}) = TW(T_{fk-1}) + TW(T_{fk-2}) + F_k d_{Tf}^+(k-2) + F_{k-1} d_{Tf}^+(k-1) + F_k F_{k-1}, \quad k \geq 3 \quad (3)$$

where  $k$  is its order.

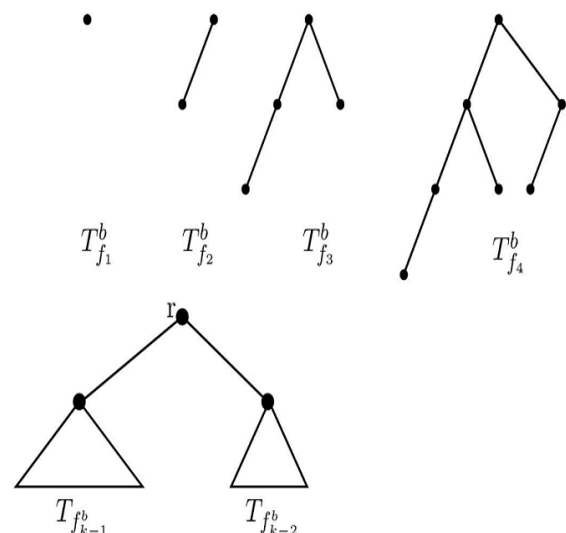


Figure 2. Binary Fibonacci tree  $T_{fk}^b$

Proof.

In order to compute  $TW(T_{fk})$ , we first obtain a closed form expression for  $d_{Tf}^+(k)$ , sum of the distance between root of  $T_f(k)$  and its leaves.

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From fig.1, we have

$$d_{Tf}^+(k) = d_{Tf}^+(k-1) + d_{Tf}^+(k-2) + F_{k-1}, \quad (4)$$

with  $d_{Tf}^+(0)=0$ ,  $d_{Tf}^+(1)=1$ , and  $d_{Tf}^+(2)=2$ .

We introduce the generating function  $G(z)$  as

$$G(z) = d_{Tf}^+(1)z + d_{Tf}^+(2)z^2 + d_{Tf}^+(3)z^3 + d_{Tf}^+(4)z^4 + \dots \quad (5)$$

## 2.2

From (eq:4) and (eq:5) we get

$$(1-z-z^2)G(z) = 1 + F_1z + F_2z^2 + F_3z^3 + F_4z^4 + \dots = 1 + \frac{z}{1-z-z^2} \quad (6)$$

$G(z)$  can be obtained from (eq:6) as

$$G(z) = 1/(1-z-z^2) + (1-z-z^2)^{-2} = 1/5z(1/(1-\varphi z)^2 + 1/(1-\varphi'z)^2) + 4z/(1-z-z^2)$$

where  $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  and  $\varphi' = (1 - \sqrt{5})/2$ .

It follows (see [8]) that  $k+1$

$$[z^k]G(z) = d_{Tf}^+(k) = F_k + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} F_{j-1} F_{k-j+1} = \frac{1}{5} [(k+4)F_k + 2kF_{k-1}].$$

substituting  $l_1 = F_k$  and  $l_2 = F_{k-1}$  in *lemma1* we get

$$TW(T_{fk}) = TW(T_{fk-1}) + TW(T_{fk-2}) + F_k d_{Tf}^+(k-2) + F_{k-1} d_{Tf}^+(k-1) + F_k F_{k-1}, \quad k \geq 3$$

with  $TW(T_{f1})=0$  and  $TW(T_{f2})=2$ .

The following algorithm computes  $TW(T_{fk})$ .

1. Procedure TWI-FIB(k)

2. For  $i=1$  to  $k$  do

3. Compute  $F_i$

4.  $TW_1 = 0$

5.  $TW_2 = 2$

6. For  $j=3$  to  $k$  do

7.  $D = 0.2((j+3)F_{j-1} + 2(j-1)F_{j-2})$

8.  $D' = 0.2((j+2)F_{j-2} + 2(j-2)F_{j-3})$

9.  $TW = TW_1 + TW_2 + F_{j-1}D + F_jD'$

10.  $TW_1 = TW_2$

11.  $TW_2 = TW$

12. return  $TW$

13. EndProcedure

Theorem 2.2

For a fibonacci tree of order  $k$  denoted by  $T_{fk}$  we can compute  $TW(T_{fk})$  in  $O(\log F_k)$  time.

Proof.

It is easy to see that in TWI-FIB(k) step 2 requires atmost  $\log F_k$  additions and steps 7-12 require atmost  $\log F_k$  multiplications and additions.

## 2.3 Terminal Wiener index of a Binary fibonacci tree

Theorem 2.3

Let  $T_{fk}^b$  be a binary fibonacci tree of order  $k$  [10]. Then its terminal Wiener index is given by

$$TW(T_{fk}^b) = TW(T_{fk-1}^b) + TW(T_{fk-2}^b) + F_{k-1}d_{Tf}^{b+}(k-2) + F_{k-2}d_{Tf}^{b+}(k-1) + F_{k-1}F_{k-2}, \quad k \geq 4. \quad (7)$$

Proof.

Consider the Fibonacci tree  $T_{fk}$  of fig.2. In computing  $TW(T_{fk})$ , we first obtain a closed form expression for  $d_{Tf}^b(k)$ . From fig.\ref{fig:7}, we have

$$d_{Tf}^b(k) = d_{Tf}^b(k-1) + d_{Tf}^b(k-2) + F_k, \quad (8)$$

with  $d_{Tf}^b(0)=0$ ,  $d_{Tf}^b(1)=0$ , and  $d_{Tf}^b(2)=1$ .

Using method similar to section 2.2, we get

$$[z^k]G(z) = d_{Tf}^b(k) = \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} F_j F_{k-j+1} - F_k = \frac{1}{5} [kF_{k+2} + (k-3)F_k].$$

By taking  $l_1 = F_{k-1}$  and  $l_2 = F_{k-2}$ , by *lemma1* we get

$$TW(T_{fk}^b) = TW(T_{fk-1}^b) + TW(T_{fk-2}^b) + F_{k-1}d_{Tf}^{b+}(k-2) + F_{k-2}$$

$$d_{Tf}^{b+}(k-1) + F_{k-1}F_{k-2}, \quad k \geq 4. \quad (9)$$

with  $TW(T_{f2}^b)=0$  and  $TW(T_{f3}^b)=3$ .

Using eq:9 we can compute  $TW(T_{fk}^b)$  similar to the algorithm TWI-FIB(k).

## III. AN ALGORITHM TO COMPUTE TERMINAL WIENER INDEX

We outline an algorithm to compute TWI of a tree  $T$ , which uses tree reduction and vertex weighting. Each vertex  $u$  is assigned two weights,  $w[u]$  and  $w'[u]$ .

1. procedure TWI( $T$ ) ▷ This computes TWI of a tree using tree reduction
2.  $p \leftarrow 0$
3. for  $i = 1$  to  $|V(T)|$  do
4.  $w[i] \leftarrow 0$
5.  $f[i] \leftarrow 0$  ▷ Indicates whether vertex  $i$  is visited or not
6. if  $\text{degree}[v_i] = 1$  then
7.  $p \leftarrow p + 1$
8.  $f[i] \leftarrow 1$
9. end if
10. end for
11. for  $i = 1$  to  $|V(T)|$  do
12. if  $\text{degree}(v_i) = 1$  and  $f[i] = 1$  then ▷ Check whether  $v_i$  is pendent vertex or not
13. Choose a neighbor  $y$  of  $v_i$ .
14.  $w[y] \leftarrow w[y] + p - 1$
15. Remove the edge  $(v_i, y)$
16. Remove the vertex  $v_i$
17. end if
18. end for
19.  $w' = w$
20. while  $E$  is not empty do
21. Select a pendent vertex  $v$
22. Choose a neighbor  $u$  of  $v$ .
23.  $x \leftarrow w'[v]/(p-1)$
24.  $w'[u] \leftarrow w'[u] + w'[v]$
25.  $w[u] \leftarrow w[u] + w[v] + x(p-x)$
26. Remove the edge  $(u, v)$
27. Remove the vertex  $v$
28. end while
29. end procedure

The best case occurs if  $T$  is a star and the worst case occurs if  $T$  is a path. If the  $T$  is a star, the while loop in lines 20-28 is not executed at all. The maximum number of iterations for both while loops together can not exceed the number of vertices in  $T$ . Therefore, the complexity of the above algorithm is  $O(n)$ .

#### IV.RESULT ANALYSIS

The above algorithm is implemented using **Python 2.7** and **NetworkX**. The input to the algorithm is a tree and the tree is reduced by removing pendent vertices one at a time. Each time a pendent vertex is removed, the weights are updated. Finally the tree reduces to single vertex, in which case its weight gives TWI of the tree. Fig.3 shows a tree with terminal Wiener index=82 and Table 1 list the values of  $w$  and  $w'$  during the execution of the algorithm.

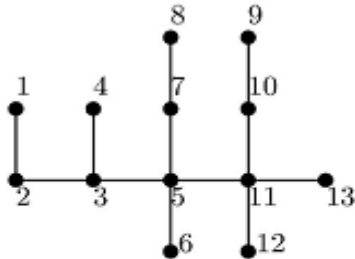


Figure 3. A tree  $T$  with  $TW(T) = 82$

vertex(v)	edge(v-u)	$w(u)$	$w'(u)$
1	1-2	6	-
4	4-3	6	-
8	8-7	6	-
6	6-5	6	-
9	9-10	6	-
12	12-11	6	-
13	13-11	12	-
2	2-3	18	12
3	3-5	34	18
7	7-5	46	24
10	10-11	24	18
5	5-11	82	42

Table 1. Steps for computing TWI of tree in fig.3

#### V.CONCLUSION

This paper introduces an efficient way to compute terminal Wiener index of Fibonacci trees and binary fibonacci trees. For fibonacci trees, we developed an algorithm to compute TWI in  $O(\log(F_k))$  time. We also introduced an algorithm for computing TWI of any tree in linear time.

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