
Trapping Issues for Weight-dependent Walks in the Weighted Extended Cayley Networks

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Abstract: The weighted extended Cayley networks are an extension of extended Cayley networks, which are the structures constructed by introducing power spaces into traditional Cayley trees. The weighted extended Cayley networks are constructed depending on two structural parameters of the network m, n and a weight factor r . Firstly, we used a new calculation method to calculate the exact analytic formula of the average weighted shortest path (AWSP). The obtained results show that: (1) For very large systems, the AWSPs for different value of weight factor r are less affected by the parameter m . (2) The AWSPs are less affected by the weight factor r when r is greater than 0 and less than or equal to n , while the AWSPs depend on the scaling factor r when r is greater than n . We have presented a trapping issue of weight-dependent walks in the weighted extended Cayley networks, focusing on a specific case with a perfect trap located at the central node. Then, the scaling expression of the average trapping time (ATT) is derived based on the layering of weighted extended Cayley networks. It was surprisingly found that (1) Regardless of the relationship between m and n , the dominant terms of ATTs are consistent. (2) ATTs are less affected by the structural parameter m and the weight factor r when r is less than or equal to the ratio of n to $m - 1$, indicating that the efficiency of the trapping process is independent of m and r . (3) When r is greater than the ratio of n to $m - 1$, the efficiency of the trapping process depends on three main parameters: two structural parameters of the networks m, n and a weight factor r , which means that the smaller the multiplier of three numbers r, n and $m - 1$ is, the more efficient the trapping process is. Therefore, the trapping efficiency of the weighted extended Cayley networks is not only affected by the underlying structures of the networks m and n , but also by the weight factor r .

Keywords: Trapping Time, Average Weighted Shortest Path, Weighted Extended Cayley Networks, Weight-dependent Walk

1. Introduction

In recent years, complex network have attracted attentions from various fields, including physics, chemistry, biology and computer science [1]. A large number of scientists in various fields are increasingly interested in transforming molecular, fractal and other structures into complex network.

These structures include various lattices [2–7], Sierpinski gasket [8–10], Sierpinski tower [11], Koch curve [12–15], T-fractals and their extensions[16–21], pseudofractal scale-free web [22–25], Apollonian packing [26–29], modular graphs [30–32], as well as macromolecules (dendrimers[33–35], hyperbranched polymers[36–40], etc). Dendrimers and

regular hyperbranched polymers are two classic families of macromolecules, which can be modeled by Cayley trees and Vicsek fractals [41–44], respectively. The main reason is that complex networks provide a good way to analyze their topological characteristics and dynamic processes.

Weighted networks have attracted increasing attention in various scientific fields[45, 46]. Weighted networks are extension of networks or graphs, in which each edge between nodes i and j is associated with a variable w_{ij} , called the weight[47, 48]. Taking the ecological networks for example, the intensity of predator-prey interactions can reflect the importance of edges in ecosystems[49]. Therefore, weighted networks not only reflect practical significance in real life, but also have high theoretical significance. The heterogeneity of weights affects dynamical processes taking place on the weighted networks. Carletti et al first defined a special class of weighted fractal networks[46]. Dai et al constructed weighted scale-free networks, weighted modular networks, and studied the impact of weights on the topological characteristics and dynamical processes of their networks[47, 48, 50].

Among various dynamical processes, random walks are related to other dynamics, which include transport in media [51], disease spreading [52], target search [53], and so on. There are three most general kinds of random walks: standard random walk, weight-dependent walk and strength-dependent walk [54]. For the classic random walk, a particle may choose one of its neighboring edges at the same probability in the unweighted networks. For the weight-dependent walk or strength-dependent walk, the particle will choose an edge according to its weight or the strength of the node connected by it in the weighted networks. Compared with standard random walks, weight-dependent walk not only affects the topological structure of weighted networks, but also has a significant impact on the dynamical processes in weighted networks. The weight-dependent walk is useful for studying the topological structure of weighted networks, such as the average weighted shortest path. In particular, as an integral theme of random walks, trapping is related to a wide variety of contexts [12], such as photon-harvesting processes in photosynthetic cells [55], lighting harvesting in antenna systems [33, 56, 57], energy or exciton transport in polymer systems [58, 59], and so on.

In the weighted networks, trapping process refers to the absorption of all particles accessing a deep trap positioned at a given location with the weight-dependent walk. A basic quantity related to the trapping problem is the trapping time (TT), commonly known as the mean first-passage time (MFPT) for weight-dependent walk[44]. The MFPT is defined as the expected time for a particle starting off from a source point to arrive at the trap for the first time. Then, The average trapping time (ATT), which is defined as the average of trapping time over all starting nodes, is usually used as an important indicator to measure the trapping efficiency. Dai et al studied the trapping time for weight-dependent walk in the weighted pseudofractal scale-free networks[60], the weighted scale-free triangulation networks[61], and the weighted tetrahedron Koch networks[62], respectively. In this

paper, we construct the weighted extended Cayley networks depending on two structural parameters of the network m, n and a weight factor r and study the influence of the parameters m, n, r on the topological characteristics and dynamical processes of the weighted extended Cayley networks.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we construct a model of the weighted extended Cayley networks depending on two structural parameters of the network m, n and a weight factor r . In Section 3, the average weighted shortest path (AWSP) is computed based on this division of weighted extended Cayley networks. Then, in Section 4, we calculate the the average trapping time (ATT) with weighted-dependent walk in the weighted extended Cayley networks. Finally, a conclusion is given in Section 5.

2. The Weighted Extended Cayley Networks

The purpose of this section is to construct the weighted extended Cayley networks. Intuited by Cayley trees[19, 43, 44], extended networks[37, 63] and weighted networks[46, 64], we can construct the weighted extended Cayley networks in an iterative manner.

Let us fix a positive real numbers $r > 1$, a positive integer $m \geq 3$ and a positive integer $0 \leq n \leq m - 1$. Denote by $C_g(m, n)$ the weighted extended Cayley networks after g iterations. Then, the weighted extended Cayley networks are built as follows.

1. At iteration $g = 0$, $C_0(m, n)$ consists of an isolated node, called the central node.
2. At iteration $g = 1$, m new nodes are generated connecting the central node to form $C_1(m, n)$. Let $C_1(m, n)$ be our base graph, composed by $m + 1$ nodes and m edges with unit weight. The $m + 1$ nodes in $C_1(m, n)$ are labeled by $0, 1, 2, \dots, m$. $C_1(m, n)$ has m segments (chains), which are expressed as $C_1^{1,0}(m, n), C_1^{2,0}(m, n), \dots, C_1^{m,0}(m, n)$, respectively. Each segment has two nodes $0, j (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ and a edge with unit weight.
3. At iteration $g = 2$, $C_2(m, n)$ is obtained from $C_1(m, n)$: Let $C_1^{(k)}(m, n) (k = 1, 2, 3)$ be made up of $m - 1$ segments of $C_1(m, n)$, whose weighted edges have been scaled by the weight factor r . The central node $0'$ of $C_1^{(k)}(m, n) (k = 1, 2, 3)$ is recorded as the labeled node $j (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$. The labeled node $j (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ of $C_1^{(k)}(m, n) (k = 1, 2, 3)$ is linked to the central node 0 with $n^{2-2} = n^0 = 1$ edge of unit weight.
Remark: $C_1^{(k)}(m, n) (k = 1, 2, 3) = C_1^{1,0}(m, n) \cup C_1^{2,0}(m, n) \cup \dots \cup C_1^{m-1,0}(m, n) = C_1^{2,0}(m, n) \cup C_1^{3,0}(m, n) \cup \dots \cup C_1^{m,0}(m, n) = C_1^{3,0}(m, n) \cup C_1^{4,0}(m, n) \cup \dots \cup C_1^{m,0}(m, n) \cup C_1^{1,0}(m, n)$.
4. At iteration $i (1 < i < g)$, $C_i(m, n)$ is obtained from $C_{i-1}(m, n)$: Let $C_{i-1}^{(k)}(m, n) (k = 1, 2, 3)$ be made up of $m - 1$ segments of $C_{i-1}(m, n)$, whose weighted edges have been scaled by the weight factor r . The

central node $0'$ of $C_{i-1}^{(k)}(m, n)$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$) is recorded as the labeled node j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$). The labeled node j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$) of $C_{i-1}^{(k)}(m, n)$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$) is linked to the central node 0 with n^{i-2} edges of unit weight.

Remark: $C_{i-1}^{(k)}(m, n)$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$) = $C_{i-1}^{1,0}(m, n) \cup C_{i-1}^{2,0}(m, n) \cup \dots \cup C_{i-1}^{m-1,0}(m, n)$ = $C_{i-1}^{2,0}(m, n) \cup C_{i-1}^{3,0}(m, n) \cup \dots \cup C_{i-1}^{m,0}(m, n)$ = $C_{i-1}^{3,0}(m, n) \cup C_{i-1}^{4,0}(m, n) \cup \dots \cup C_{i-1}^{m,0}(m, n) \cup C_{i-1}^{1,0}(m, n)$. Figure 1 illustrates the division of the weighted extended Cayley networks $C_g(4, 2)$ at the iteration $g = 3$ when $m = 4$ and $n = 2$. Figure 2 illustrates the construction process of the weighted extended Cayley networks $C_g(4, 2)$ from $g = 1$ to $g = 3$.

- At the last iteration g , $C_g(m, n)$ is obtained from $C_{g-1}(m, n)$ (see Figure 3): Let $C_{g-1}^{(k)}(m, n)$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$) be made up of $m - 1$ segments of $C_{g-1}(m, n)$, whose weighted edges have been scaled by the weight factor r . The central node $0'$ of $C_{g-1}^{(k)}(m, n)$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$) is recorded as the labeled node j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$). The labeled node j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$) of $C_{g-1}^{(k)}(m, n)$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$) is linked to the central node 0 with n^{g-2} edges of unit weight. Thus, the weighted extended Cayley networks is set up.

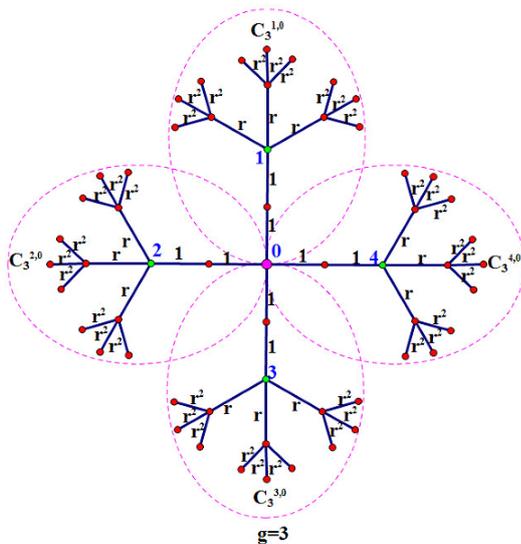


Figure 1. $C_g(4, 2)$ is regarded as merging $C_g^{1,0}(4, 2), C_g^{2,0}(4, 2), C_g^{3,0}(4, 2), C_g^{4,0}(4, 2)$ for $g = 3$. The pink dot represents the center node, while the green dots represent the labeled nodes.

This paper stipulates that: $0^{i-2} = i - 1$, so this special network is consistent with the extended dendrimers[63] when $m = 3, n = 0$ and $r = 1$. To calculate some intermediate parameters, we introduce this special extended dendrimers.

$$G_i(g) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } i = 0, \\ j | j \in (M_g - M_{g+1-j}, M_g - M_{g-j}] & , \text{ if } 0 < i < M_g, \\ g & , \text{ if } i = M_g. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

When $n = 1$ and $r = 1$, the network is the Cayley trees[43].

Based on the construction of the weighted extended Cayley network $C_g(m, n)$, all nodes at the iteration g can be divided into $M_g + 1$ levels, where M_g is defined as the minimum number of edges from an arbitrary peripheral node to the center. Then, it is easy to verify that

$$M_g = \sum_{j=0}^{g-2} n^j = \begin{cases} g & , \text{ if } n = 1, \\ \frac{n^{g-1} + n - 2}{n - 1} & , \text{ if } n > 1. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

More specifically, the central node 0 is located at level 0 and the peripheral nodes are located at level M_g .

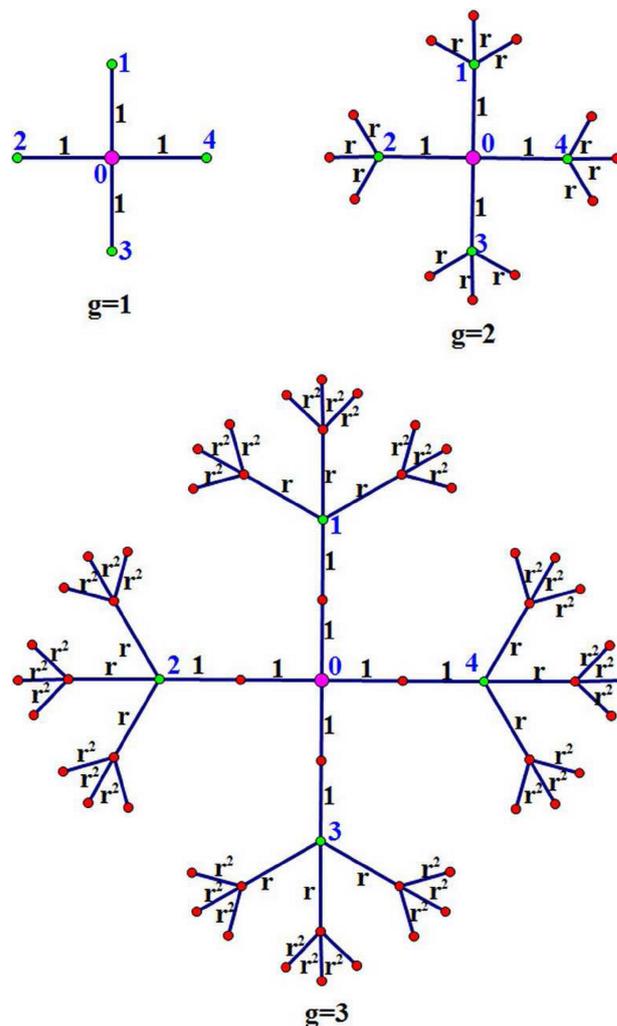


Figure 2. Iterative construction method for the weighted extended Cayley networks $C_g(4, 2)$ from $g = 1$ to $g = 3$. The pink dot represents the center node, while the green dots represent the labeled nodes.

$G_i(g)$ is defined as the iteration at which all nodes at level i are created. Then

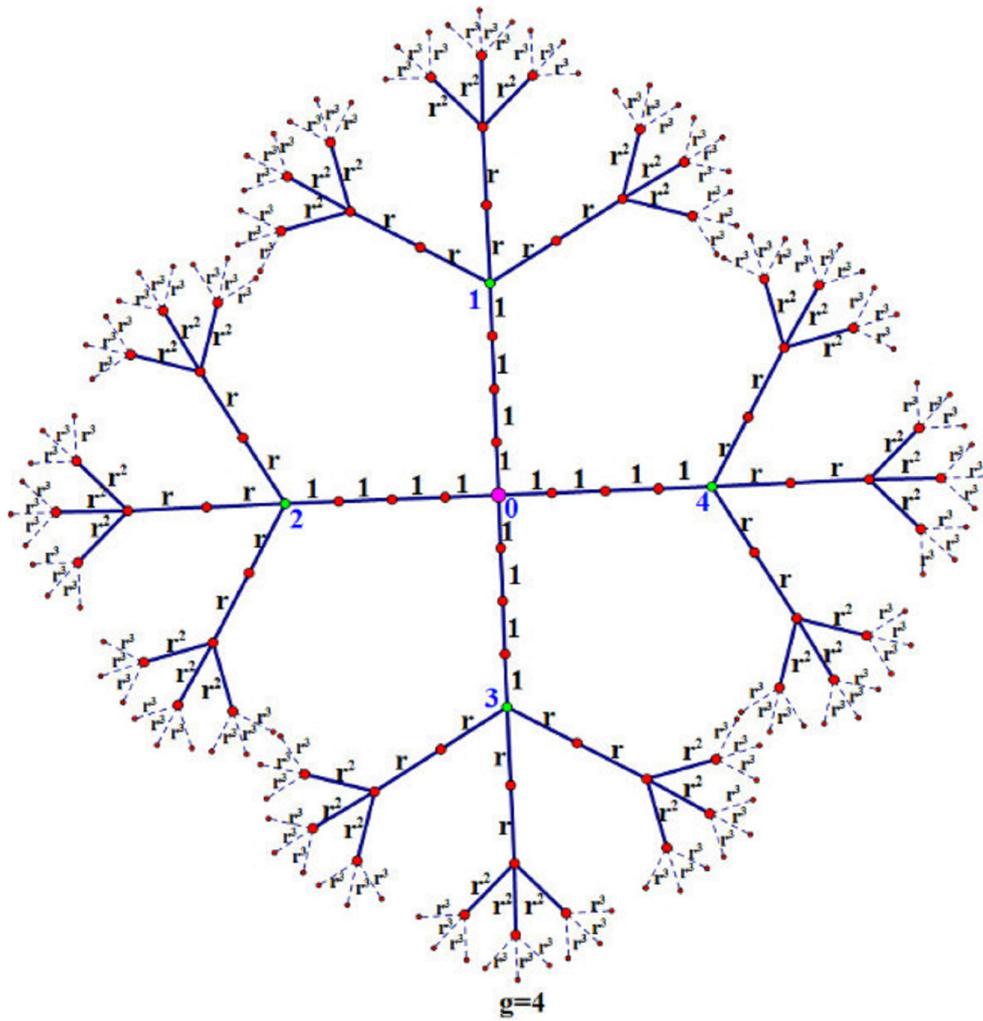


Figure 3. Structure of an weighted extended Cayley network $C_4(4, 2)$ when $m = 4$ and $n = 2$. The pink dot represents the center node, while the green dots represent the labeled nodes.

$L_i(g)$ represents the value of levels i at which the degree of nodes changes, and $L_i(g)$ is defined to be

$$L_i(g) = \begin{cases} M_g - M_{g-i}, & \text{if } 0 \leq i < g, \\ M_g, & \text{if } i = g. \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

Let $N_i(g)$ denote the number of nodes at level i . According to the construction approach, it is easy to derive that $N_i(g)$ is

$$N_i(g) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ m \times (m - 1)^{G_i(g)-1}, & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq M_g. \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

Let N_g denote the total number of nodes at the generation g . By construction, the derivation formula for N_g is

$$N_g = m \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (m - 1)^i \cdot n^{g-2-i} + m(m - 1)^{g-1} + 1. \tag{5}$$

Then Eq. (5) can be solved to yield

$$N_g = \begin{cases} (n + 1)(g + n - 1)n^{g-2} + 1, & \text{if } n = m - 1, \\ m \times \frac{(m - n)(m - 1)^{g-1} - n^{g-1}}{m - 1 - n} + 1, & \text{if } n \neq m - 1, \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

and the total number of edges in C_g is $E_g = N_g - 1$.

3. Average Weighted Shortest Path of the Weighted Extended Cayley Networks

The aim of this section is to determine average weighted shortest path of the weighted extended Cayley networks. Average weighted shortest path (AWSP) is defined as the average of the weighted shortest path between two nodes over all node pairs[46, 65–67]. The AWSP of the weighted extended Cayley networks $C_g(m, n)$ is given by

$$\bar{d}_g = \frac{D_{tot}(g)}{N_g(N_g - 1)/2}, \tag{7}$$

where

$$D_{tot}(g) = \sum_{i,j \in C_g(m,n)} d_{ij}(g). \tag{8}$$

Let $d_{ij}(g)$ represent the weighted shortest path linking nodes i and j in $C_g(m, n)$.

In order to calculate the accurate numerical value of $D_{tot}(g + 1)$, we will split the weighted extended Cayley network $C_{g+1}(m, n)$ into $m + 1$ groups, which

$$\begin{aligned} D_{tot}(g + 1) &= \sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n)} d_{ij} + \sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(2)}(m,n)} d_{ij} + \dots + \sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(m)}(m,n)} d_{ij} + \sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{ij} + \Omega_g, \\ &= m \sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n)} d_{ij} + \sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{ij} + \Omega_g. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where Ω_g is the sum over all weighted shortest paths whose nodes are not in the same copy of $C_g^{(j)}(m, n)(j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m)$. Note that the weighted paths that contribute to Ω_g must all go through the central node 0. Thus, the problem of determining $D_{tot}(g + 1)$ is reduced to calculating $\sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{ij}$, Ω_g and $\sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n)} d_{ij}$. (see Appendix).

For $n = m - 1$, Eq. (9) can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} D_{tot}(g + 1) &= (n + 1) \sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} + [(ng + n^2 + 1)n^{g-1} + 1] \cdot nr \cdot [(n + 1)(nr)^{g-1} + \frac{n + 1}{n^4}] \\ &\times \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (g - i)(n^2)^{g-i}(nr)^i + \frac{(n + 1)(2n - 3)}{2n^4} \times \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (n^2)^{g-i}(nr)^i + \frac{n + 1}{2n^2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{g-i}(nr)^i \\ &+ (n + 1)(g + n - 1)^2 n^{3g-2} + (n + 1)(g + n - 1) \times \frac{(3n + 1)n^{3(g-1)} + (n + 1)n^{2(g-1)}}{2} \\ &+ \frac{(n + 1)(3n + 1)n^{3(g-1)}}{6} + \frac{(n + 1)^2 n^{2(g-1)}}{2} + \frac{(n + 1)n^{g-1}}{3}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Inserting Eq. (10) into Eq. (7), \bar{d}_g can be obtained as

$$\bar{d}_g \sim \begin{cases} n^g, & \text{if } r < n, \\ g \cdot n^g, & \text{if } r = n, \\ \frac{r^g}{g}, & \text{if } r > n, \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

are $C_g^{(0)}(m, n), C_g^{(1)}(m, n), \dots, C_g^{(m)}(m, n)$. Each group $C_g^{(j)}(m, n)(j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ is $m - 1$ segments of $C_g(m, n)$, whose weighted edges have been scaled by a weight factor r . The labeled node $j(j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ of $C_g^{(j)}(m, n)(j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ is linked to the central node 0 with n^{g-1} edges of unit weight. The group $C_g^{(0)}(m, n)$ have $m \cdot n^{g-1} + 1$ nodes, including m labeled nodes of $C_g^{(j)}(m, n)(j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$. Figure 4 shows the division of the weighted extended Cayley network $C_3(4, 2)$ when $m = 4$ and $n = 2$.

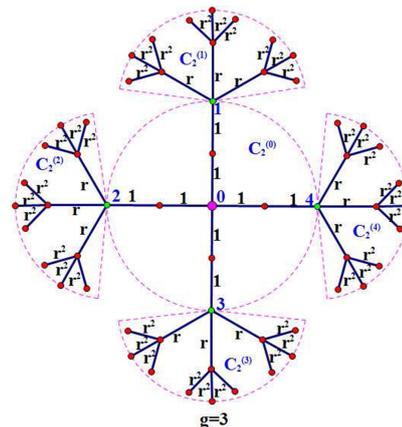


Figure 4. The division method of the weighted network $C_3(4, 2)$ is to divide it into 5 branches, namely $C_2^{(0)}(4, 2), C_2^{(1)}(4, 2), C_2^{(2)}(4, 2), C_2^{(3)}(4, 2)$ and $C_2^{(4)}(4, 2)$.

Through this division of $C_{g+1}(m, n)$, $D_{tot}(g + 1)$ satisfies the iterative formula as follows:

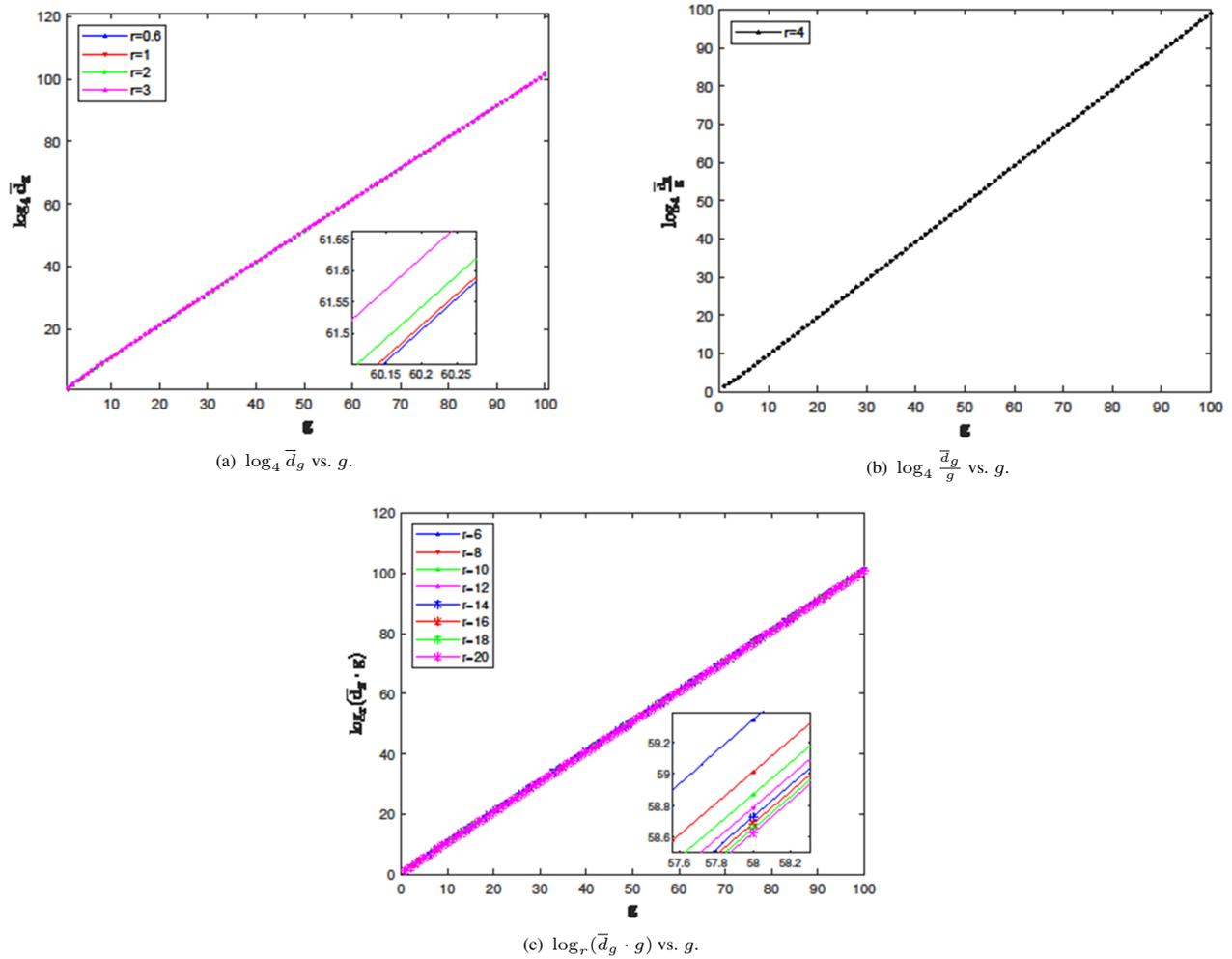


Figure 5. The average weighted shortest path for different value of weight factor r when $m = 5$ and $n = 4$.

For $n \neq m - 1$, Eq. (9) can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{tot}(g+1) &= m \sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} + [m \cdot n^{g-1} + 1 + \frac{(m-n)(m-1)^{g+1} - (m-1)^2 \cdot n^{g-1}}{m-1-n}] \times (mr-r)[m(mr-r)^{g-1}] \\
 &+ \frac{m(m-1)(m-n)}{m-1-n} \times \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (mn-n)^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i - \frac{m(m+n-1)}{2(m-1-n)} \times \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (n^2)^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i \\
 &+ \frac{m}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{g-2-i} \times (mr-r)^i + \frac{(m-1)^3 \cdot n^{g-1}}{(m-1-n)^2} [(m-n)(m-1)^{g-1} - n^{g-1}]^2 \\
 &+ m(m-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} [(3m-2)n^{2(g-1)} + m \cdot n^{g-1}] \cdot \frac{(m-n)(m-1)^{g-1} - n^{g-1}}{m-1-n} \\
 &+ \frac{(3m^2-2m)n^{3g-3}}{6} + \frac{m^2 \cdot n^{2g-2}}{2} + \frac{m \cdot n^{g-1}}{3}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Inserting Eq. (12) into Eq. (7), \bar{d}_g can be obtained as

$$\bar{d}_g \sim \begin{cases} n^g, & \text{if } r < n, \\ g \cdot n^g, & \text{if } r = n, \\ r^g, & \text{if } r > n, \end{cases} \tag{13}$$

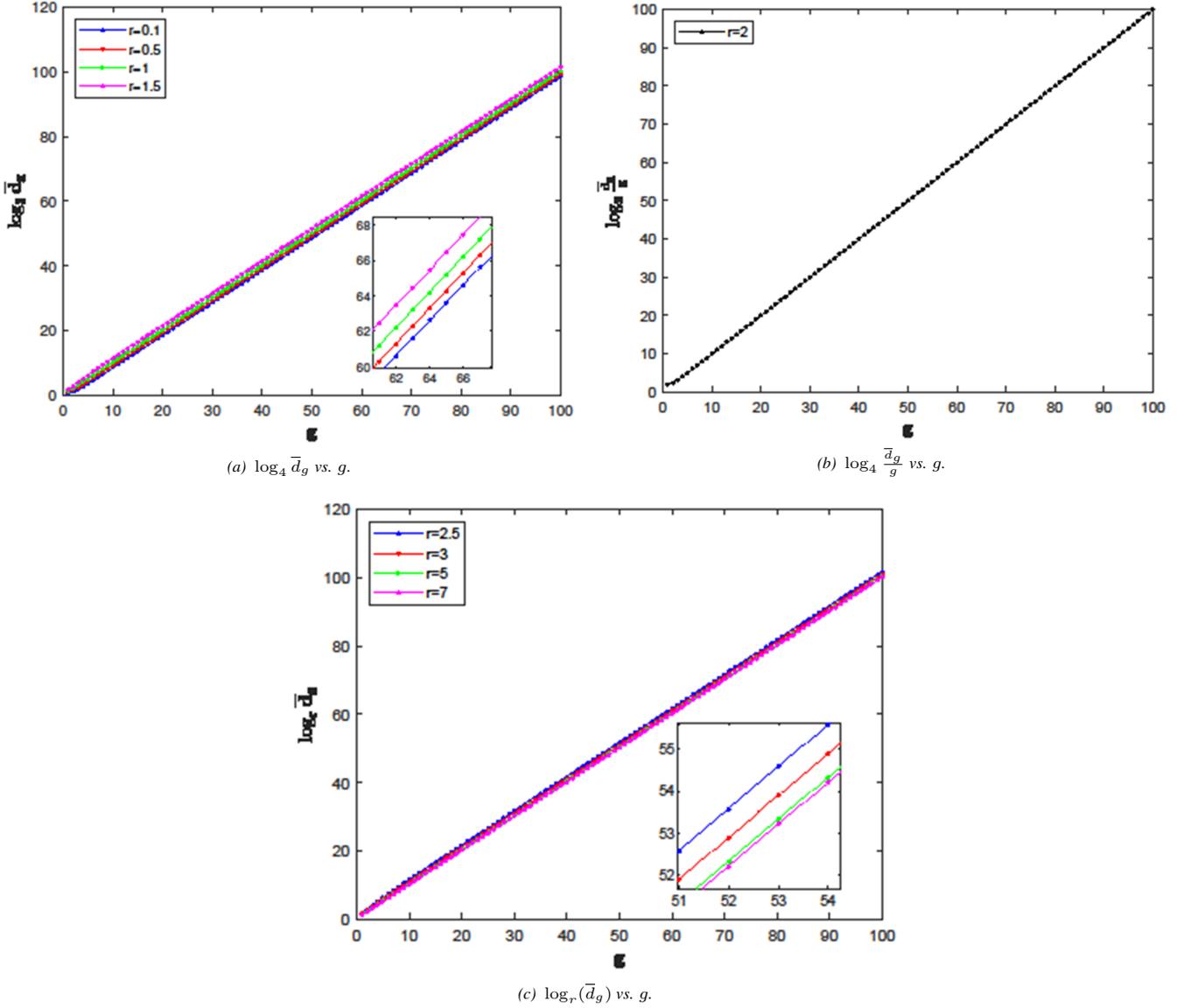


Figure 6. The average weighted shortest path for different value of weight factor r when $m = 5$ and $n = 2$.

For very large systems, the average weighted shortest paths (AWSPs) for different value of weight factor r are less affected by the parameter m . When $0 < r \leq n$, the dominant terms of the AWSPs are consistent according to Eqs. (11) and (13), regardless of the relationship between m and n . when $0 < r < n$, the AWSP grows with the g power of n in Figures 5(a) and 6(a). When $r = n$, $\frac{\bar{d}_g}{g}$ scales with the g power of n in Figures 5(b) and 6(b). Therefore, the AWSPs are less affected by the weight factor r when $0 < r \leq n$. When $n = m - 1$, $\bar{d}_g \cdot g$ for $r > n$ grows as a power-law function of the weight factor r with the exponent, represented by the network iteration g (see Figure 5(c)). When $n \neq m - 1$, the AWSP for $r > n$ grows as a power-law function of the weight factor r with the exponent g (see Figure 6(c)). Thus, the weighted extended Cayley networks cannot show the characteristics of the small-world systems.

4. Average Trapping Time of the Weighted Extended Cayley Networks

The main focus of this section is to study the trapping problem of weight-dependent walks with a single trap located on the central node in the weighted extended Cayley networks C_g . The purpose of our research on trapping problems is to explore the impact of network structural characteristics and weights on trapping efficiency.

The trapping problem of weight-dependent walks in the weighted networks requires introducing some basic concepts, including the weight, the strength of the node and the transition probability from the node to its neighbor node. The weight is defined as a variable w_{ij} assigned to the edges between nodes i and j in the weighted network [68, 69]. The variable w_{ij} between nodes i and j is assigned by the n th power of r , which is called the weight factor. The strength of the node is the sum

of edge weights of all edges connected to the node[70]. For weight-dependent walk, a walker chooses one of its nearest neighbors with probability proportional to the weight of edge linking them[54, 71]. The transition probability from node i to its neighbor j is

$$P_{i \rightarrow j}^w = \frac{w_{ij}}{s_i} = \frac{w_{ij}}{\sum_{j \in \nu(i)} w_{ij}}, \tag{14}$$

where s_i is the strength of node i and $\nu(i)$ is the set of neighbor nodes of node i .

Next, we will introduce a parameter indicator (the average trapping time) to evaluate and describe many important dynamic processes of the weighted network, such as trapping efficiency. The trapping time (TT) is known as the mean first-passage time (MFPT), which is the expected time for a walker starting off from a source point to first reach the trap[72, 73]. Let T_{ij} be the TT from the node i to the trap node j . The average trapping time (ATT) is defined as the average of trapping time over all starting nodes. $\langle T \rangle_g$ is represented as the ATT to the trap positioned on the central node in the weighted extended Cayley networks C_g . By definition, $\langle T \rangle_g$ is given by

$$\langle T \rangle_g = \frac{1}{N_g - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} T_{ij}(g) = \frac{T_{tot}(g)}{N_g - 1}, \tag{15}$$

where $T_{tot}(g)$ represents the sum of the TTs for all nodes to the trap located on the central node.

Let $F_i(g)$ denote the TT for a node at level i in C_g . Based on the layering of C_g , $F_i(g)$ is given by

$$F_i(g) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ \frac{1}{(m-1)r+1} [F_{i-1}(g) + 1] + \frac{(m-1)r}{(m-1)r+1} [F_{i+1}(g) + 1], & \text{if } 0 < i < M_g \text{ and } i = L_{G_i(g)}(g), \\ \frac{1}{2} [F_{i-1}(g) + 1] + \frac{1}{2} [F_{i+1}(g) + 1], & \text{if } 0 < i < M_g \text{ and } i \neq L_{G_i(g)}(g), \\ F_{M_g-1}(g) + 1. & \text{if } i = M_g. \end{cases} \tag{16}$$

Eq. (16) can be elaborated as follows:

1. When $i = 0$, $F_0(g) = 0$.
2. When $i \neq L_{G_i(g)}(g)$, the strength of one node at level i is $r^{G_{i+1}} + r^{G_i}$. With probability $\frac{r^{G_i}}{r^{G_{i+1}} + r^{G_i}} = \frac{1}{2}$, the walker takes one time step from a node at level i to a neighbor node at level $i - 1$, and then makes $F_{i-1}(g)$ jumps to reach the trap for the first time; with probability $\frac{r^{G_{i+1}}}{r^{G_{i+1}} + r^{G_i}} = \frac{1}{2}$, the walker takes one time step from a node at level i to a neighbor node at level $i + 1$ and then takes $F_{i+1}(g)$ steps to visit the trap for the first time.
3. When $i = L_{G_i(g)}(g)$, the strength of one node at level i is $r^{G_{i-1}} + (m-1)r^{G_i}$. With probability

$\frac{r^{G_{i-1}}}{r^{G_{i-1}} + (m-1)r^{G_i}} = \frac{1}{(m-1)r+1}$, the particle, starting from a node at level i , walks one time step to arrive at a neighbor node at level $i - 1$, and then jumps $F_{i-1}(g)$ to more steps to reach the trap for the first time; with probability $\frac{(m-1)r^{G_i}}{r^{G_{i-1}} + (m-1)r^{G_i}} = \frac{(m-1)r}{(m-1)r+1}$, the particle walks one time step from a node at level i to a neighbor node at level $i + 1$ and then takes $F_{i+1}(g)$ steps to visit the trap for the first time.

4. When $i = M_g$, the walker only need to take time step from the outermost node to the second outermost node.

Thus, for $0 < i < M_g$, we have

$$F_i(g) - F_{i-1}(g) = (m-1)r[F_{i+1}(g) - F_i(g)] + [1 + (m-1)r], \quad i = L_{G_i(g)}(g), \tag{17}$$

and

$$F_i(g) - F_{i-1}(g) = [F_{i+1}(g) - F_i(g)] + 2, \quad i \neq L_{G_i(g)}(g). \tag{18}$$

Let $A_i(g) = F_i(g) - F_{i-1}(g)$, then

$$A_i(g) = \begin{cases} (m-1)rA_{i+1}(g) + [1 + (m-1)r], & \text{if } i = L_{G_i(g)}(g), \\ A_{i+1}(g) + 2. & \text{if } i \neq L_{G_i(g)}(g), \end{cases} \tag{19}$$

holds for all $0 < i < M_g$. Using the initial condition $A_{M_g}(g) = F_{M_g}(g) - F_{M_g-1}(g) = 1$, Eq. (19) can be solved to yield

$$\begin{aligned}
A_i(g) &= (mr-r)^{g-G_i(g)} + [1 + (m-1)r][(mr-r)^0 + (mr-r)^1 + (mr-r)^2 + \dots + (mr-r)^{g-1-G_i(g)}] \\
&+ 2[n^{g-1} - n^{g-1-G_i(g)} - i] + 2(mr-r)\{[(mr-r)^0 \cdot n^{g-2-G_i(g)} + (mr-r)^1 \cdot n^{g-3-G_i(g)} \\
&+ \dots + (mr-r)^{g-3-G_i(g)} \cdot n^1] - [(mr-r)^0 + (mr-r)^1 + \dots + (mr-r)^{g-3-G_i(g)}]\} \\
&= (mr-r)^{g-G_i(g)} + [1 + (m-1)r] \sum_{j=0}^{g-1-G_i(g)} (mr-r)^j + 2[n^{g-1} - n^{g-1-G_i(g)} - i] \\
&+ 2(mr-r) \left[\sum_{j=0}^{g-3-G_i(g)} (mr-r)^j \cdot n^{g-2-G_i(g)-j} - \sum_{j=0}^{g-3-G_i(g)} (mr-r)^j \right].
\end{aligned}$$

If $r \neq \frac{n}{m-1}$ and $r \neq \frac{1}{n(m-1)}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
A_i(g) &= 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{mr-r-1} + \frac{n}{(mr-r-n)(mr-r)} - \frac{1}{(mr-r-1)(mr-r)} \right] (mr-r)^{g-G_i(g)} \\
&+ 2 \cdot n^{g-1} - \frac{4(mr-r) - 2n}{mr-r-n} n^{g-1-G_i(g)} - 2i + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

If $r = \frac{n}{m-1}$, then we have

$$A_i(g) = 2(g-1-G_i(g))n^{g-1-G_i(g)} + 2(n-1)n^{g-1-G_i(g)} + 2 \cdot n^{g-1} - 2i + 1.$$

If $r = \frac{1}{m-1}$, then we have

$$A_i(g) = 2 \cdot n^{g-1} - \frac{2(n-2)}{n-1} n^{g-1-G_i(g)} - 2i + \frac{3n-5}{n-1}.$$

Using the obtained intermediate quantity $A_i(g)$, $F_i(g)$ ($0 \leq i \leq M_g$) can be calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
F_i(g) &= F_0(g) + \sum_{j=1}^i [F_j(g) - F_{j-1}(g)] \\
&= F_0(g) + \sum_{j=1}^i A_j(g).
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

When $r \neq \frac{n}{m-1}$, $r \neq \frac{1}{m-1}$ and $r \neq \frac{1}{n(m-1)}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
F_i(g) &= \frac{k_1}{n[n(mr-r)-1]} [n(mr-r)]^g + k_1 \cdot i(mr-r)^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{k_1}{n(n-1)} n^g (mr-r)^{g-G_i(g)} \\
&+ \frac{k_1(mr-r-1)}{(n-1)[n(mr-r)-1]} [n(mr-r)]^{g-G_i(g)} + 2i \cdot n^{g-1} - \frac{k_2}{n^2-1} n^{2(g-1)} - k_2 \cdot i \cdot n^{g-1-G_i(g)} \\
&+ \frac{k_2}{n-1} n^{2g-2-G_i(g)} - \frac{k_2}{n(n^2-1)} n^{2(g-G_i(g))} - i^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

where $k_1 = 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{mr-r-1} + \frac{n}{(mr-r-n)(mr-r)} - \frac{1}{(mr-r-1)(mr-r)} \right]$ and $k_2 = \frac{4(mr-r)-2n}{mr-r-n}$.

When $r = \frac{n}{m-1}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_i(g) &= \frac{2[(n^2 - 1)g + (n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 2)]}{(n^2 - 1)^2} n^{2(g-1)} + 2i(g + n - 2 - G_i(g))n^{g-1-G_i(g)} \\
 &+ \frac{2[(n^2 - 1)g - (n^2 - 1)G_i(g) + (n^3 - 2n^2 + 2)]}{n(n^2 - 1)^2} n^{2(g-G_i(g))} - \frac{2(g + n - 2 - G_i(g))}{n - 1} n^{2g-2-G_i(g)} \\
 &+ 2i \cdot n^{g-1} - i^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

When $r = \frac{1}{m-1}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_i(g) &= -2(n - 2) \left[\frac{n^{2(g-1)}}{(n + 1)(n - 1)^2} + \frac{i \cdot n^{g-1-G_i(g)}}{n - 1} + \frac{n^{2(g-G_i(g))}}{n(n + 1)(n - 1)^2} \right. \\
 &\left. - \frac{n^{2g-2-G_i(g)}}{(n - 1)^2} \right] + 2i \cdot n^{g-1} - i^2 + \frac{2(n - 2)}{n - 1}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

When $r = \frac{1}{n(m-1)}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_i(g) &= \frac{2(n^2 - n - 1)}{n^2 - 1} \left[\frac{G_i(g)}{n} + \frac{1}{n(n - 1)} + i \cdot n^{-g+G_i(g)} - \frac{n^{G_i(g)}}{n(n - 1)} \right] \\
 &- \frac{2(n^2 - 2)}{n^2 - 1} \left[\frac{n^{2g}}{n^2(n^2 - 1)} + \frac{n^{2(g-G_i(g))}}{n(n^2 - 1)} + \frac{i \cdot n^{g-G_i(g)}}{n} - \frac{n^{2g-G_i(g)}}{n^2(n - 1)} \right] + 2i \cdot n^{g-1} - i^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

$\langle T \rangle_g$ is the ATT to the trap located on the central node in C_g . According to Eqs. (15) and (21-24), $\langle T \rangle_g$ can be solved to obtain as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T \rangle_g &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{M_g} N_i(g) F_i(g)}{N_g - 1} \\
 &= \left\{ \frac{k_1 [n(mr - r)]^g}{n[n(mr - r) - 1]} \frac{m}{m - 1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (m - 1)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + (m - 1)^g \right] + \frac{k_1 m (mr - r)^g}{m - 1} \right. \\
 &\times \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot r^{-G_i(g)} - \frac{k_1 m [nr(m - 1)]^g}{n(n - 1)(m - 1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} r^{-i} \cdot n^{g-1-i} + r^{-g} \right] \\
 &+ \frac{k_1 m (mr - r - 1) [n(mr - r)]^g}{(m - 1)(n - 1) [n(mr - r) - 1]} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (nr)^{-i} \cdot n^{g-1-i} + (nr)^{-g} \right] + \frac{2m \cdot n^{g-1}}{m - 1} \\
 &\times \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot (m - 1)^{G_i(g)} - \frac{k_2 m \cdot n^{2(g-1)}}{(m - 1)(n^2 - 1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (m - 1)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + (m - 1)^g \right] \\
 &- \frac{k_2 m \cdot n^{g-1}}{m - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot \left(\frac{m - 1}{n} \right)^{G_i(g)} + \frac{k_2 m \cdot n^{2(g-1)}}{(m - 1)(n - 1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \left(\frac{m - 1}{n} \right)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} \right. \\
 &+ \left. \left(\frac{m - 1}{n} \right)^g \right] - \frac{k_2 m \cdot n^{2g-1}}{(m - 1)(n^2 - 1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \left(\frac{m - 1}{n^2} \right)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + \left(\frac{m - 1}{n^2} \right)^g \right] \\
 &\left. - \frac{m}{m - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i^2 \cdot (m - 1)^{G_i(g)} \right\} / (N_g - 1),
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

for $r \neq \frac{n}{m-1}$, $r \neq \frac{1}{m-1}$ and $r \neq \frac{1}{n(m-1)}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle T \rangle_g &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{M_g} N_i(g) F_i(g)}{N_g - 1} \\
&= \left\{ \frac{2m[(n^2 - 1)g + (n^3 - 3n^2 - n + 2)]n^{2(g-1)}}{(m-1)(n^2 - 1)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (m-1)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + (m-1)^g \right] \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{2m(g+n-2)n^{g-1}}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^{G_i(g)} - \frac{2m \cdot n^{g-1}}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot G_i(g) \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^{G_i(g)} \\
&\quad + \frac{2m[(n^2 - 1)g + (n^3 - 2n^2 + 2)]n^{2g-1}}{(m-1)(n^2 - 1)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \left(\frac{m-1}{n^2}\right)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + \left(\frac{m-1}{n^2}\right)^g \right] - \frac{2m \cdot n^{2g-1}}{(m-1)(n^2 - 1)} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} G_i(g) \cdot \left(\frac{m-1}{n^2}\right)^{G_i(g)} - \frac{2m(g+n-2)n^{2(g-1)}}{(m-1)(n-1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^g \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{2m \cdot n^{2(g-1)}}{(m-1)(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} G_i(g) \cdot \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^{G_i(g)} + \frac{2m \cdot n^{g-1}}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot (m-1)^{G_i(g)} \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{m}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i^2 \cdot (m-1)^{G_i(g)} \right\} / (N_g - 1), \tag{26}
\end{aligned}$$

for $r = \frac{n}{m-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle T \rangle_g &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{M_g} N_i(g) F_i(g)}{N_g - 1} \\
&= \left\{ \frac{-2m(n-2)n^{2(g-1)}}{(m-1)(n+1)(n-1)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (m-1)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + (m-1)^g \right] - \frac{2m(n-2)n^{g-1}}{(m-1)(n-1)} \right. \\
&\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^{G_i(g)} - \frac{2m(n-2)n^{2g-1}}{(m-1)(n+1)(n-1)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \left(\frac{m-1}{n^2}\right)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + \left(\frac{m-1}{n^2}\right)^g \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{2m(n-2)n^{2(g-1)}}{(m-1)(n-1)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^g \right] + \frac{2m \cdot n^{g-1}}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot (m-1)^{G_i(g)} \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{m}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i^2 \cdot (m-1)^{G_i(g)} + \frac{2m(n-2)}{(m-1)(n-1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (m-1)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + (m-1)^g \right] \right\} / (N_g - 1), \tag{27}
\end{aligned}$$

for $r = \frac{1}{m-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle T \rangle_g &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{M_g} N_i(g) F_i(g)}{N_g - 1} \\
&= \left\{ \frac{2(n^2 - n - 1)}{n^2 - 1} \left\langle \frac{m}{n(m-1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} i \cdot (m-1)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + g \cdot (m-1)^g \right] + \frac{m}{n(n-1)(m-1)} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \times \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (m-1)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + (m-1)^g \right] + \frac{mn^{-g}}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot (mn-n)^{G_i(g)} - \frac{m}{n(n-1)(m-1)} \\
&\quad \left. \times \left[n^{g-1} \sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (m-1)^i + (mn-n)^g \right] \right\rangle - \frac{2(n^2 - 2)}{n^2 - 1} \left\langle \frac{m \cdot n^{2g}}{n^2(n^2 - 1)(m-1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (m-1)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} \right. \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ (m-1)^g] + \frac{m \cdot n^{2g}}{n(n^2-1)(m-1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \left(\frac{m-1}{n^2}\right)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + \left(\frac{m-1}{n^2}\right)^g \right] + \frac{m \cdot n^g}{n(m-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^{G_i(g)} \\
 &+ \frac{m \cdot n^{2g}}{n^2(n-1)(m-1)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^i \cdot n^{g-1-i} + \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right)^g \right] + \frac{2m \cdot n^{g-1}}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i \cdot (m-1)^{G_i(g)} \\
 &- \frac{m}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M_g} i^2 \cdot (m-1)^{G_i(g)} \} / (N_g - 1),
 \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

for $r = \frac{1}{n(m-1)}$.

When $g \rightarrow \infty$, $\langle T \rangle_g$ has the following dominant term:

$$\langle T \rangle_g = \begin{cases} (n^2)^g, & \text{if } r < \frac{n}{m-1}, \\ g \cdot (n^2)^g, & \text{if } r = \frac{n}{m-1}, \\ [nr(m-1)]^g. & \text{if } r > \frac{n}{m-1}. \end{cases} \tag{29}$$

In order to better analyze and understand the average trapping time (ATT), we have calculated the specific analytical expressions for ATTs under two scenarios: (1) $m=5, n=2$, and (2) $m=5, n=4$.

(1) When $m = 5$ and $n = 2$, we have

$$A_i(g) = \begin{cases} \frac{4r-1}{2r-1} [(4r)^{g-G_i(g)} - 2^{g-G_i(g)}] + 2^g - 2i + 1, & \text{if } r \neq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{g+1}{2} 2^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{G_i(g)}{2} 2^{g-G_i(g)} + 2^g - 2i + 1, & \text{if } r = \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases} \tag{30}$$

Then, $F_i(g)$ can be obtained as

$$F_i(g) = \begin{cases} \frac{4r-1}{2r-1} \left[\frac{(8r)^g}{2(8r-1)} + \frac{4r-1}{8r-1} (8r)^{g-G_i(g)} + i \cdot (4r)^{g-G_i(g)} - 2^{g-1} (4r)^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{4^g}{6} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{4^{g-G_i(g)}}{3} - i \cdot 2^{g-G_i(g)} + 2^{2g-1-G_i(g)} \right] + i \cdot 2^g - i^2, & \text{if } r \neq \frac{1}{2}, r \neq \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{3g-1}{36} 4^g + \frac{3g+5}{18} 4^{g-G_i(g)} + \frac{g+1}{2} i \cdot 2^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{g+1}{4} 2^{2g-G_i(g)} - \frac{G_i(g)}{6} 4^{g-G_i(g)} \\ - \frac{i}{2} G_i(g) 2^{g-G_i(g)} + \frac{G_i(g)}{4} 2^{2g-G_i(g)} + i \cdot 2^g - i^2, & \text{if } r = \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{G_i(g)+1}{3} + \frac{2i}{3} 2^{-g+G_i(g)} - \frac{2^{G_i(g)}}{3} - \frac{4^g}{9} - \frac{2 \cdot 4^{g-G_i(g)}}{9} - \frac{2i}{3} 2^{g-G_i(g)} \\ + \frac{2^{2g-G_i(g)}}{3} + i \cdot 2^g - i^2, & \text{if } r = \frac{1}{8}. \end{cases} \tag{31}$$

At last, $\langle T \rangle_g$ can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T \rangle_g &= \left\{ \frac{5(4r-1)}{8(2r-1)(8r-1)} \left[\frac{3}{2} \cdot (32r)^g - (16r)^g \right] + \frac{5(4r-1)}{4(2r-1)(8r-1)} \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot (16r)^g + (2r-1)4^g \right] \right. \\
 &+ \left[\frac{5(r-1)(4r-1)}{8(2r-1)^2} 8^g + \frac{5r(r-1)}{4(2r-1)^2} 4^g + \frac{5(4r-1)}{16(2r-1)^2} (8r)^g + \frac{5(2r+1)}{32(2r-1)^2} (16r)^g \right] \\
 &- \frac{5(4r-1)}{16(2r-1)^2} [2(r-1)8^g + (16r)^g] - \frac{5(4r-1)}{48(2r-1)} [3 \cdot 16^g - 2 \cdot 8^g] - \frac{5(4r-1)}{24(2r-1)} 8^g
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{5(4r-1)}{32(2r-1)} [(2g-1)8^g - 2(g+2)4^g] + \frac{5(4r-1)}{16(2r-1)} (g+1)8^g + [\frac{15}{16} \cdot 16^g - \frac{5(3g-1)}{32} \cdot 8^g \\
 & - \frac{5}{8} \cdot 4^g] - \frac{5}{4} [\frac{3}{8} \cdot 16^g - \frac{9g-16}{24} \cdot 8^g - \frac{3g+5}{8} \cdot 4^g - \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2^g] \} / (\frac{15}{2} \cdot 4^{g-1} - \frac{5}{2} \cdot 2^{g-1}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T \rangle_g & = \{ \frac{5(4r-1)}{8(2r-1)(8r-1)} [\frac{3}{2} \cdot (32r)^g - (16r)^g] + \frac{5(4r-1)}{4(2r-1)(8r-1)} [\frac{1}{2} \cdot (16r)^g + (2r-1)4^g] \\
 & + [\frac{5(r-1)(4r-1)}{8(2r-1)^2} 8^g + \frac{5r(r-1)}{4(2r-1)^2} 4^g + \frac{5(4r-1)}{16(2r-1)^2} (8r)^g + \frac{5(2r+1)}{32(2r-1)^2} (16r)^g] \\
 & - \frac{5(4r-1)}{16(2r-1)^2} [2(r-1)8^g + (16r)^g] - \frac{5(4r-1)}{48(2r-1)} [3 \cdot 16^g - 2 \cdot 8^g] - \frac{5(4r-1)}{24(2r-1)} 8^g \\
 & - \frac{5(4r-1)}{32(2r-1)} [(2g-1)8^g - 2(g+2)4^g] + \frac{5(4r-1)}{16(2r-1)} (g+1)8^g + [\frac{15}{16} \cdot 16^g - \frac{5(3g-1)}{32} \cdot 8^g \\
 & - \frac{5}{8} \cdot 4^g] - \frac{5}{4} [\frac{3}{8} \cdot 16^g - \frac{9g-16}{24} \cdot 8^g - \frac{3g+5}{8} \cdot 4^g - \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2^g] \} / (\frac{15}{2} \cdot 4^{g-1} - \frac{5}{2} \cdot 2^{g-1}),
 \end{aligned}$$

for $r \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and $r \neq \frac{1}{8}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T \rangle_g & = \{ \frac{5(3g-1)}{144} [\frac{3}{2} \cdot 16^g - 8^g] + \frac{5(3g+5)}{144} \cdot 8^g + \frac{5(g+1)}{64} [(2g-1)8^g + 2(g+2)4^g] \\
 & - \frac{5(g+1)^2}{32} \cdot 8^g - \frac{5}{24} (8^g - 4^g) - \frac{5}{64} [(g^2+3g-6)8^g + (g^2+5g+6)4^g] + \frac{5(g^2+3g)}{64} \cdot 8^g \\
 & + [\frac{15}{16} \cdot 16^g - \frac{5(3g-1)}{32} \cdot 8^g - \frac{5}{8} \cdot 4^g] - \frac{5}{4} [\frac{3}{8} \cdot 16^g - \frac{9g-16}{24} \cdot 8^g - \frac{3g+5}{8} \cdot 4^g \\
 & - \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2^g] \} / (\frac{15}{2} \cdot 4^{g-1} - \frac{5}{2} \cdot 2^{g-1}),
 \end{aligned}$$

for $r = \frac{1}{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T \rangle_g & = \{ \frac{5(3g+1)4^g}{24} + \frac{5}{144} (14 \cdot 8^g - 7 \cdot 4^g + 10 \cdot 2^g - 8) - \frac{5}{72} (7 \cdot 8^g - 2^{g+2}) \\
 & - \frac{5}{36} (\frac{3}{2} \cdot 16^g - 8^g) - \frac{5}{36} \cdot 8^g - \frac{5}{48} [(2g-1)8^g + 2(g+2)4^g] + \frac{5(g+1)8^g}{24} \\
 & + [\frac{15}{16} \cdot 16^g - \frac{5(3g-1)}{32} \cdot 8^g - \frac{5}{8} \cdot 4^g] - \frac{5}{4} [\frac{3}{8} \cdot 16^g - \frac{9g-16}{24} \cdot 8^g - \frac{3g+5}{8} \cdot 4^g \\
 & - \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2^g] \} / (\frac{15}{2} \cdot 4^{g-1} - \frac{5}{2} \cdot 2^{g-1}), \tag{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

for $r = \frac{1}{8}$.

(2) When $m = 5$ and $n = 4$, we have

$$A_i(g) = \begin{cases} \frac{4r-3}{2(r-1)} (4r)^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{2r-1}{2(r-1)} 4^{g-G_i(g)} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4^g - 2i + 1, & \text{if } r \neq 1, \\ \frac{g+2}{2} 4^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{G_i(g)}{2} 4^{g-G_i(g)} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4^g - 2i + 1, & \text{if } r = 1. \end{cases} \tag{33}$$

Then, $F_i(g)$ can be obtained as

$$F_i(g) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{4r-3}{2(r-1)} \left[\frac{(16r)^g}{4(16r-1)} + \frac{4r-1}{3(16r-1)} (16r)^{g-G_i(g)} + i \cdot (4r)^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{4^g}{12} \cdot (4r)^{g-G_i(g)} \right] \\ \quad - \frac{2r-1}{2(r-1)} \left[\frac{16^g}{60} + \frac{16^{g-G_i(g)}}{15} + i \cdot 4^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{4^{2g-G_i(g)}}{12} \right] + \frac{i}{2} \cdot 4^g - i^2, \text{ if } r \neq 1, r \neq \frac{1}{16} \\ \frac{15g+14}{8 \cdot 15^2} 16^g + \frac{15g+34}{2 \cdot 15^2} 16^{g-G_i(g)} + \frac{g+2}{2} i \cdot 4^{g-G_i(g)} - \frac{g+2}{24} 4^{2g-G_i(g)} - \frac{G_i(g)}{30} 16^{g-G_i(g)} \\ \quad - \frac{i}{2} G_i(g) 4^{g-G_i(g)} + \frac{G_i(g)}{24} 4^{2g-G_i(g)} + \frac{i}{2} \cdot 4^g - i^2, \text{ if } r = 1, \\ \frac{22}{15} \left[\frac{G_i(g)}{4} + \frac{1}{12} + i \cdot 4^{-g+G_i(g)} - \frac{4^{G_i(g)}}{12} \right] - \frac{7}{15} \left[\frac{16^g}{60} + \frac{16^{g-G_i(g)}}{15} + i \cdot 4^{g-G_i(g)} \right. \\ \quad \left. - \frac{4^{2g-G_i(g)}}{12} \right] + \frac{i}{2} \cdot 4^g - i^2, \text{ if } r = \frac{1}{16}. \end{array} \right. \tag{34}$$

At last, $\langle T \rangle_g$ can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T \rangle_g &= \left\{ \frac{5(4r-3)}{128(r-1)(16r-1)} (g+3)(64r)^g + \frac{5(4r-1)(4r-3)}{24(r-1)(16r-1)^2} \left[\frac{1}{4} \cdot (64r)^g + (12r-1)4^g \right] \right. \\ &+ \frac{5(4r-3)}{8(r-1)} \left[\frac{9(4r+1)}{32(4r-1)(16r-1)} (64r)^g + \frac{3}{8(4r-1)} (16r)^g + \frac{r-1}{4(4r-1)} \cdot 16^g + \frac{6r(r-1)}{(4r-1)(16r-1)} \cdot 4^g \right] \\ &- \frac{5(4r-3)}{96(r-1)(4r-1)} \left[\frac{1}{4} \cdot (64r)^g + (3r-1) \cdot 16^g \right] - \frac{(2r-1)(g+3)}{6 \cdot 4^3(r-1)} 64^g - \frac{2r-1}{24 \cdot 60(r-1)} [64^g + 44 \cdot 4^g] \\ &- \frac{5(2r-1)}{256(r-1)} [64^g + 4 \cdot 16^g] + \frac{5(2r-1)}{6 \cdot 4^3(r-1)} 64^g + \left[\frac{15(2g-1)64^g}{256} + \frac{5(3g-2)16^g}{64} \right] - \frac{1}{256} [3(5g-11)64^g \\ &+ 10(6g-1)16^g + 8(5g+6)4^g] \Big\} / (5(g+3)4^{g-2}) \end{aligned}$$

for $r \neq 1, r \neq \frac{1}{4}$ and $r \neq \frac{1}{16}$.

At last, $\langle T \rangle_g$ can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T \rangle_g &= \frac{(15g+14)(g+3)64^g}{90 \cdot 4^3} + \frac{15g+34}{24 \cdot 15^2} [64^g + 44 \cdot 4^g] + \frac{5(g+2)}{256} [64^g + 4 \cdot 4^g] \\ &- \frac{5(g+2)}{6 \cdot 4^3} 64^g - \frac{1}{24 \cdot 15^2} [4 \cdot 64^g + (165g-4)4^g] - \frac{1}{96} [3 \cdot 64^g + 5 \cdot 16^g - 8 \cdot 4^g] \\ &+ \frac{5}{27 \cdot 32} [64^g + (6g-1)16^g] + \left[\frac{15(2g-1)64^g}{256} + \frac{5(3g-2)16^g}{64} \right] - \frac{1}{256} [3(5g-11)64^g \\ &+ 10(6g-1)16^g + 8(5g+6)4^g] \Big\} / (5(g+3)4^{g-2}) \end{aligned}$$

for $r = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T \rangle_g &= \left\{ -\frac{(g+3)64^g}{9 \cdot 64} - \frac{1}{15 \cdot 12^2} [64^g + 44 \cdot 4^g] - \frac{5}{6 \cdot 4^3} [64^g + 4 \cdot 16^g] + \frac{5 \cdot 64^g}{4 \cdot 12^2} \right. \\ &+ \left[\frac{5(2g-1)}{32} 16^g + \frac{5(3g+2)}{24} 4^g \right] + \left[\frac{15(2g-1)64^g}{256} + \frac{5(3g-2)16^g}{64} \right] - \frac{1}{256} [3(5g-11)64^g \\ &+ 10(6g-1)16^g + 8(5g+6)4^g] \Big\} / (5(g+3)4^{g-2}) \end{aligned}$$

for $r = \frac{1}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle T \rangle_g = & \left\{ \frac{11(g^2 + 7g)4^g}{8 \cdot 24} + \frac{11(g + 3)4^g}{12 \cdot 24} + \frac{55}{192} [2 \cdot 16^g - 11(5g - 11)4^g - 176] - \frac{11}{6 \cdot 12^2} [13 \cdot 16^g - 4^{g+1}] \right. \\
& - \frac{7(g + 3)64^g}{45 \cdot 64} - \frac{7}{48 \cdot 15^2} [64^g + 44 \cdot 4^g] - \frac{7}{12 \cdot 32} [64^g + 4 \cdot 16^g] + \frac{7 \cdot 64^g}{9 \cdot 64} + \left[\frac{15(2g - 1)64^g}{256} \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{5(3g - 2)16^g}{64} \right] - \frac{1}{256} [3(5g - 11)64^g + 10(6g - 1)16^g + 8(5g + 6)4^g] \right\} / (5(g + 3)4^{g-2}) \quad (35)
\end{aligned}$$

for $r = \frac{1}{16}$.

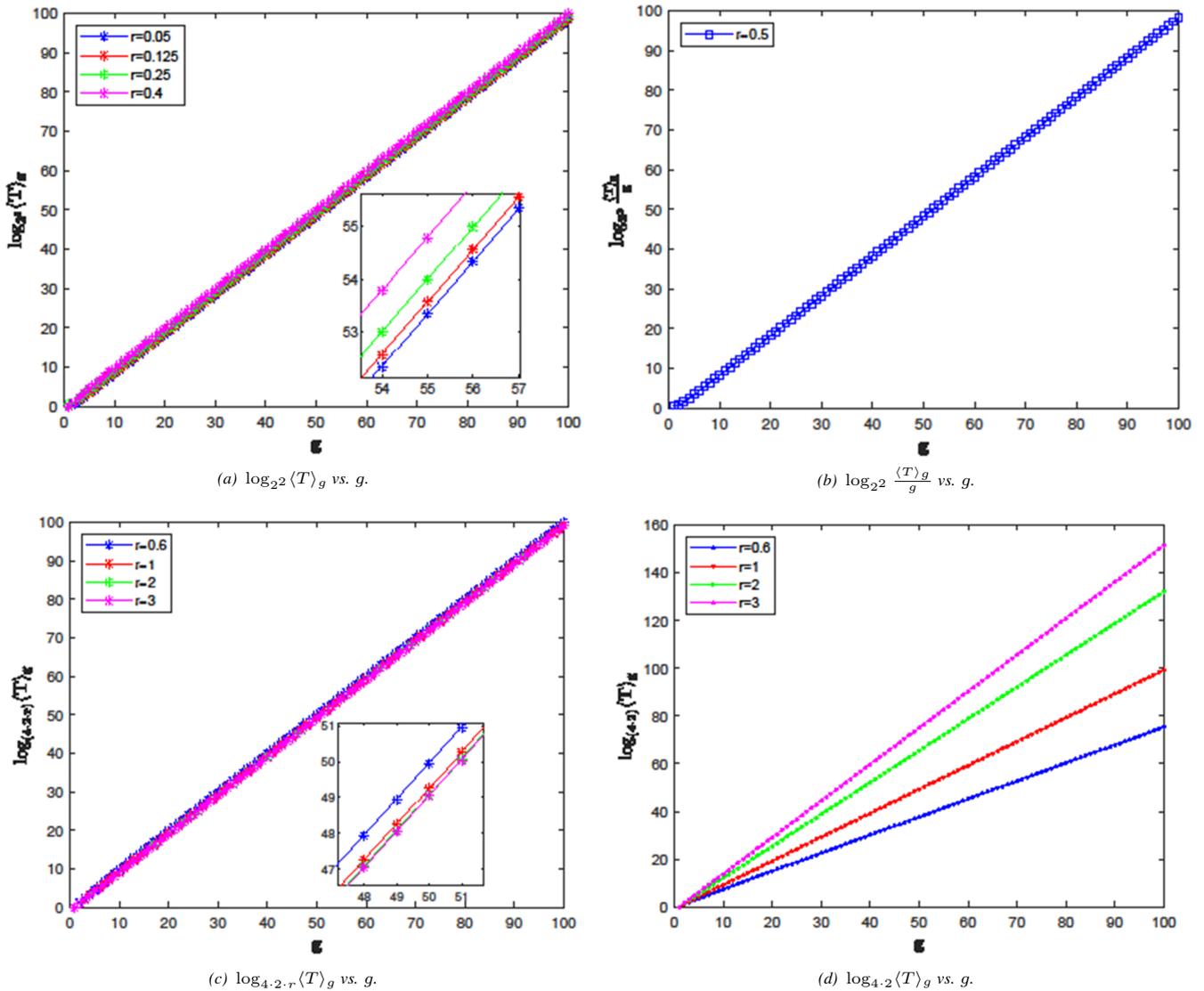


Figure 7. Average trapping time $\langle T \rangle_g$ or $\frac{\langle T \rangle_g}{g}$ versus g on a semilogarithmic scale when $m = 5$ and $n = 2$.

For the range of $g \leq 100$, the average trapping time $\langle T \rangle_g$ or $\frac{\langle T \rangle_g}{g}$ versus g on a semilogarithmic scale is shown in Figures 7 and 8. Regardless of the relationship between m and n , the dominant terms of ATTs are consistent according to Eq. (29).

1. When $r < \frac{n}{m-1}$, the main term of ATT is the g power of n^2 according to Eq. (29). $\langle T \rangle_g$ versus g on a semilogarithmic scale is basically a straight line, and the

slope of the fitted straight line is expressed as $k \approx 1$ in Figures 7(a) and 8(a), which is consistent with Eq. (29).

2. When $r = \frac{n}{m-1}$, the dominant term of $\frac{\langle T \rangle_g}{g}$ is the g power of n^2 based on Eq. (29). $\frac{\langle T \rangle_g}{g}$ versus g on a semilogarithmic scale is basically a straight line, and the slope of the fitted line is approximately 1 in Figures 7(b) and 8(b), which is consistent with Eq. (29). Therefore,

ATTs are less affected by the structural parameter m and the weight factor r when $r \leq \frac{n}{m-1}$, indicating that the efficiency of the trapping process is independent of m and r in Figures 7(a), 7(b), 8(a) and 8(b).

- When $r > \frac{n}{m-1}$, the main term of $\langle T \rangle_g$ is the g power of $nr(m-1)$ based on Eq. (29), Figures 7(c) and 8(c). m and n are two key parameters for constructing the internal structure of the networks. Figures 7(d) and 8(d) indicate that ATTs grow sublinearly with the network order, which also means that the efficiency of

the trapping process depends on the parameters m , n , and r . When m and n are kept fixed, the smaller the value of r is, the more efficient the trapping process is. When r is kept fixed, the smaller the value of m or n is, the more efficient the trapping process is. Therefore, the trapping efficiency of the weighted extended Cayley networks is not only affected by the underlying structures of the networks m and n , but also by the weight factor r .

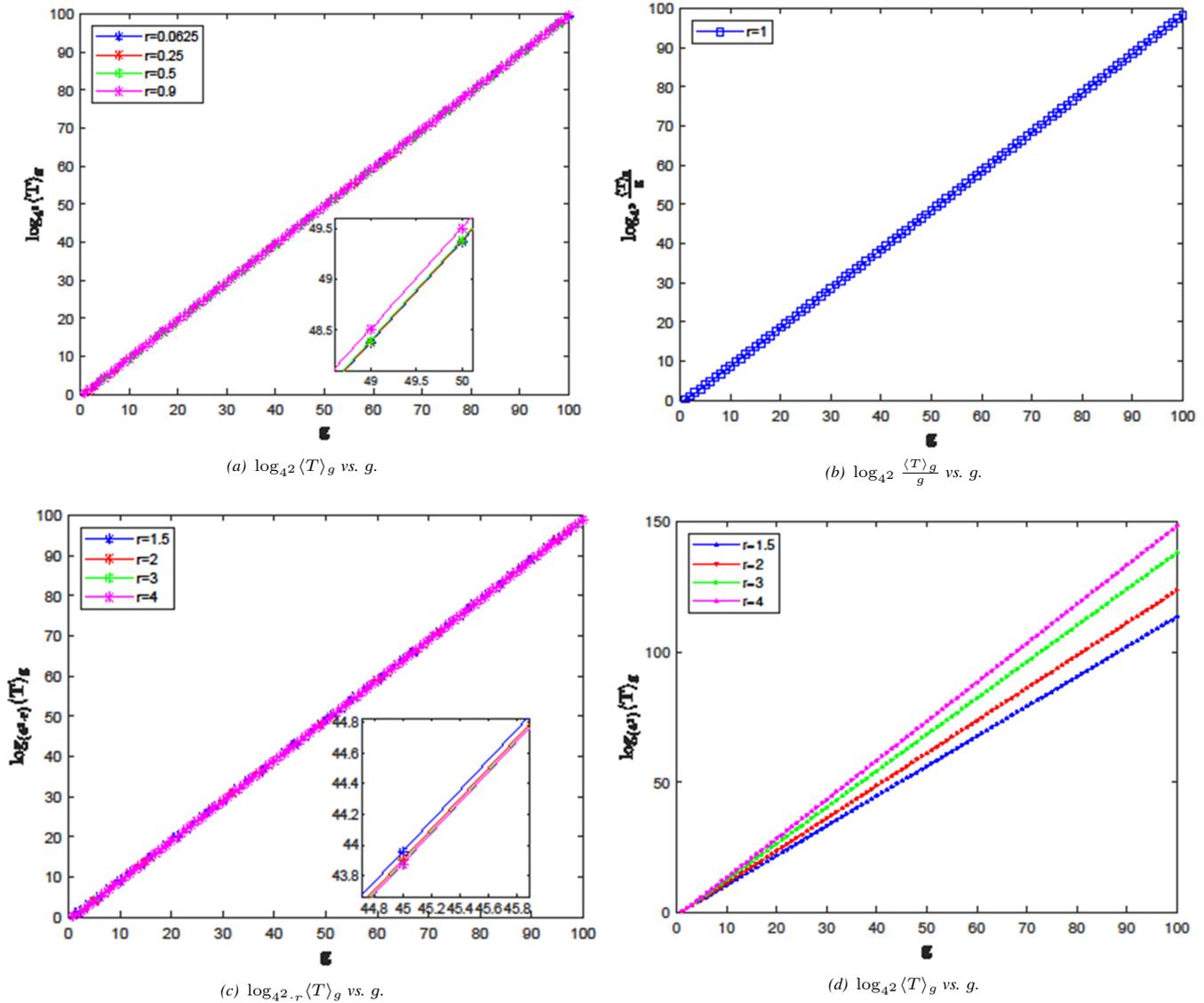


Figure 8. Average trapping time $\langle T \rangle_g$ or $\frac{\langle T \rangle_g}{g}$ versus g on a semilogarithmic scale when $m = 5$ and $n = 4$.

5. Conclusions

In this paper, the weighted extended Cayley networks are constructed depending on two structural parameters of the network m, n and a weight factor r . We have used a new calculation method to calculate the exact

analytic formula of the average weighted shortest path (AWSP). Firstly, the weighted extended Cayley network $C_{g+1}(m, n)$ should be split into $m + 1$ groups, including $C_g^{(0)}(m, n), C_g^{(1)}(m, n), \dots, C_g^{(m)}(m, n)$. Then, the sum of all the AWSPs with nodes which are not in the same branch of $C_{g+1}(m, n)$ in Appendix is obtained. The expressions of the

AWSPs with nodes belonging to $C_g^{(0)}(m, n)$ and $C_g^{(1)}(m, n)$ have also been deduced in Appendix. The expressions for AWSPs show that: (1) For $0 < r < n$, it grows with the g power of n . (2) For $r = n$, its dominant term is $g \times n^g$. (3) For $r > n$, AWSP $\times g$ grows as a power-law function of the weight factor r with the exponent, represented by the network iteration g when $n = m - 1$; AWSP grows as a power-law function of the weight factor r with an exponent of g when $n \neq m - 1$. For very large systems, the AWSPs for different value of weight factor r are less affected by the parameter m . Thus, the AWSPs are less affected by the weight factor r when $0 < r \leq n$, while the AWSPs depend on the weight factor r when $r > n$.

To explore the effect of the underlying structures and the weight factor on the trapping efficiency, we have studied the trapping problem for weighted-dependent walks taking place on a weighted extended Cayley network, concentrating on a particular case with the single trap fixed at the central node. Then, the exact analytic formula of the average trapping time (ATT) is derived based on the layering of weighted extended Cayley network. It was surprisingly found that (1) The main

term of ATT is the g power of n^2 when $r < \frac{n}{m-1}$. (2) The dominant term of $\frac{\langle T \rangle_g}{g}$ is the g power of n^2 . (3) The main term of $\langle T \rangle_g$ is the g power of $nr(m-1)$ when $r > \frac{n}{m-1}$. Regardless of the relationship between m and n , the dominant terms of ATTs are consistent. ATTs are less affected by the structural parameter m and the weight factor r when $r \leq \frac{n}{m-1}$, indicating that the efficiency of the trapping process is independent of m and r . When $r > \frac{n}{m-1}$, the efficiency of the trapping process depends on three main parameters: two structural parameters of the network m, n and a weight factor r , which means that the smaller the value of $nr(m-1)$ is, the more efficient the trapping process is. Therefore, the trapping efficiency of the weighted extended Cayley networks is not only affected by the underlying structures of the networks m and n , but also by the weight factor r .

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Appendix

Appendix I. Calculation Process of $\sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{ij}$

Making $S_g(m, n) = \sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{ij}$, we have

$$S_g(m, 1) = S_{g-1}(m, 1) + \frac{3m^2 - 2m}{2}g^2 - \frac{m^2 - 2m}{2}g. \quad (36)$$

Using the initial condition $S_1(m, 1) = m^2$, Eq. (36) can be solved to yield

$$\begin{aligned} S_g(m, 0) &= S_1(m, 0) + \frac{3m^2 - 2m}{2}(1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + g^2) - \frac{m^2 - 2m}{2}(1 + 2 + \dots + g) - \frac{3m^2 - 2m}{2} + \frac{m^2 - 2m}{2}, \\ &= \frac{3m^2 - 2m}{2}(1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + g^2) - \frac{m^2 - 2m}{2}(1 + 2 + \dots + g), \\ &= \frac{g(g+1)[(3m^2 - 2m)g + 2m]}{6}. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

By replacing g with n^{g-1} in Eq. (37), we can obtain

$$S_g(m, n) = \frac{(3m^2 - 2m)n^{3g-3} + 3m^2 \cdot n^{2g-2} + 2m \cdot n^{g-1}}{6} \quad (38)$$

Appendix II. Calculation Process of Ω_g

Let Ω_g^{ij} denote the sum of all shortest paths with nodes in $\Omega_g^{(i)}$ and $\Omega_g^{(j)}$ ($i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$). Using the structure of $C_g(m, n)$, the analytical expression for Ω_g can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_g &= \Omega_g^{10} + \Omega_g^{20} + \dots + \Omega_g^{m0} + \Omega_g^{12} + \Omega_g^{13} + \dots + \Omega_g^{1m}, \\ &+ \Omega_g^{23} + \Omega_g^{24} + \dots + \Omega_g^{2m} + \dots + \Omega_g^{(m-2)(m-1)} + \Omega_g^{(m-2)m} + \Omega_g^{(m-1)m} \\ &= m\Omega_g^{10} + \frac{m(m-1)}{2}\Omega_g^{12}. \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Due to the symmetry of network structure, $\Omega_g^{10} = \Omega_g^{20} = \dots = \Omega_g^{30}, \Omega_g^{12} = \Omega_g^{13} = \dots = \Omega_g^{1m} = \Omega_g^{23} = \Omega_g^{24} = \dots = \Omega_g^{2m} = \dots = \Omega_g^{(m-2)(m-1)} = \Omega_g^{(m-2)m} = \Omega_g^{(m-1)m}$.

In order to calculate Ω_g^{10} and Ω_g^{12} , we introduce the intermediate quantity Λ_g , where Λ_g represents the sum of $d_{i0}(g)$ starting off from the node $i(i \in C_g(m, n), i \neq 0)$ to the central node 0. By definition, we have

$$\Lambda_g = \sum_{i \in C_g(m, n), i \neq 0} d_{i0}.$$

Considering the self-similar network structure, Λ_g can evolve recursively as

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_g &= \frac{m-1}{m} r \Lambda_{g-1} \times m + [(N_{g-1} - 1) \times \frac{m-1}{m} \times n^{g-2}] \times m + [n^{g-2} + (n^{g-2} - 1) + \dots + 2 + 1] \times m \\ &= (m-1)r\Lambda_{g-1} + (m-1)(N_{g-1} - 1)n^{g-2} + m \cdot \frac{n^{2g-4} + n^{g-2}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$\Lambda_g = \begin{cases} nr\Lambda_{g-1} + (n+1)g \cdot n^{2g-4} + \frac{(n+1)(2n-3)}{2} n^{2g-4} + \frac{n+1}{2} n^{g-2}, & \text{if } n = m-1, \\ (m-1)r\Lambda_{g-1} + \frac{m(m-1)(m-n)}{m-1-n} (mn-n)^{g-2} - \frac{m(m+n-1)}{2(m-1-n)} n^{2(g-2)} + \frac{m}{2} n^{g-2}, & \text{if } n \neq m-1, \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

To reduce computational complexity, we chose the maximum and minimum values of n . The maximum and minimum values of n are $m-1$ and 2, respectively. When $m=3, n=0$ and $r=1$, this special network is consistent with the extended dendrimers[63]. When $n=1$ and $r=1$, the network is the Cayley trees[43]. So the minimum value of n is chosen as 2. When $n=m-1, \Lambda_g$ is inductively to obtain as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_g &= (nr)^{g-1} \Lambda_1 + \frac{n+1}{n^4} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (g-i)(n^2)^{g-i} (nr)^i + \frac{(n+1)(2n-3)}{2n^4} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (n^2)^{g-i} (nr)^i + \frac{n+1}{2n^2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{g-i} (nr)^i, \\ &= (n+1)(nr)^{g-1} + \frac{n+1}{n^4} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (g-i)(n^2)^{g-i} (nr)^i + \frac{(n+1)(2n-3)}{2n^4} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (n^2)^{g-i} (nr)^i + \frac{n+1}{2n^2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{g-i} (nr)^i, \end{aligned}$$

where the initial conditions $\Lambda_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} d_{i0} = n+1$.

When $n \neq m-1, \Lambda_g$ is inductively to obtain as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_g &= (mr-r)^{g-1} \Lambda_1 + \frac{m(m-1)(m-n)}{m-1-n} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (mn-n)^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i - \frac{m(m+n-1)}{2(m-1-n)} \\ &\times \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (n^2)^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i + \frac{m}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i, \\ &= m(mr-r)^{g-1} + \frac{m(m-1)(m-n)}{m-1-n} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (mn-n)^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i - \frac{m(m+n-1)}{2(m-1-n)} \\ &\times \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (n^2)^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i + \frac{m}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i, \end{aligned}$$

where the initial conditions $\Lambda_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m d_{i0} = m$.

Using the calculated results of Λ_g , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_g^{10} &= \sum_{\substack{i \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n) \\ j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)}} d_{ij} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{i \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n) \\ j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)}} (d_{i1} + d_{1j}) \\
&= (m \cdot n^{g-1} + 1) \sum_{i \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n)} d_{i1} + \frac{(m-1)(N_g-1)}{m} \sum_{j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{j1} \\
&= (m \cdot n^{g-1} + 1) \frac{(m-1)r\Lambda_g}{m} + \frac{(m-1)(N_g-1)}{m} \sum_{j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{j1}, \tag{41}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_g^{12} &= \sum_{\substack{i \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n) \\ j \in C_g^{(2)}(m,n)}} d_{ij} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{i \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n) \\ j \in C_g^{(2)}(m,n)}} (d_{i1} + d_{12} + d_{j2}) \\
&= \frac{(m-1)(N_g-1)}{m} \sum_{i \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n)} d_{i1} + \frac{(m-1)^2(N_g-1)^2}{m^2} 2 \cdot n^{g-1} + \frac{(m-1)(N_g-1)}{m} \sum_{j \in C_g^{(2)}(m,n)} d_{j2} \\
&= \frac{2(m-1)(N_g-1)}{m} \frac{(m-1)r\Lambda_g}{m} + \frac{(m-1)^2(N_g-1)^2}{m^2} 2 \cdot n^{g-1}, \tag{42}
\end{aligned}$$

where $d_{12} = 2 \cdot n^{g-1}$ have been used. In order to Ω_g^{10} , we need to deduce the result of $\sum_{j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{j1}$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,0)} d_{j1} &= g \sum_{j \in C_1^{(0)}(m,0)} d_{j1} + [1 + (2g-1) \times (m-1)] + [2 + (2g-2) \times (m-1)] + \dots \\
&\quad + [(g-1) + (2g-(g-1)) \times (m-1)] \\
&= (2m-1)g + \frac{g(g-1)}{2} + (m-1)(g-1) \cdot 2g - (m-1) \cdot \frac{g(g-1)}{2} \\
&= \frac{g[(3m-2)g+m]}{2}, \tag{43}
\end{aligned}$$

where $\sum_{j \in C_1^{(0)}(m,0)} d_{j1} = 2m-1$.

By replacing g with n^{g-1} in Eq. (43), we can obtain

$$\sum_{j \in C_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{j1} = \frac{(3m-2)n^{2g-2} + m \cdot n^{g-1}}{2}. \tag{44}$$

Substituting Eqs. (41), (42) and (44) into Eq. (39), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_g &= [m \cdot n^{g-1} + 1 + \frac{(m-1)^2(N_g-1)}{m}] \cdot (mr-r)\Lambda_g + \frac{(m-1)^3(N_g-1)^2}{m} n^{g-1} \\
&\quad + (m-1)(N_g-1) \frac{(3m-2)n^{2g-2} + m \cdot n^{g-1}}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Appendix III. Calculation Process of $\sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n)} d_{ij}$

In order to calculating $\sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n)} d_{ij}$, we first divide the network structure $C_g^{(1)}(m,n)$ into m branches, including $B_g^{(0)}, B_g^{(1)}, \dots, B_g^{(m-1)}$ (see figure 9). $B_g^{(1)}, B_g^{(2)}, \dots, B_g^{(m-1)}$ are the copies of B_{g-1} , whose weighted edges have been scaled by the weight factor r . The white nodes do not belong to B_g or $D_g^{(1)}(m,n)$; the green nodes belong to $B_g^{(0)}$; and the red nodes belong to $B_g^{(1)} + B_g^{(2)} + \dots + B_g^{(m-1)}$.

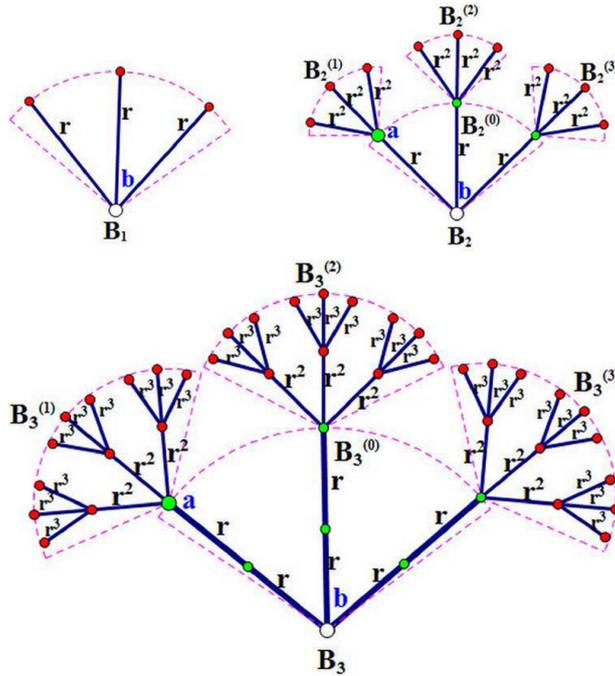


Figure 9. The structure of $C_g^{(1)}(m,n)$ is split into m branches, including $B_g^{(0)}, B_g^{(1)}, \dots, B_g^{(m-1)}$.

Based on the network division of B_g , $\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij}$ can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} &= \sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(0)}} d_{ij} + \sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(1)}} d_{ij} + \sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(2)}} d_{ij} + \dots + \sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(m-1)}} d_{ij} + \sum_{i \in B_g^{(0)}, j \in B_g^{(1)}} d_{ij} \\ &+ \dots + \sum_{i \in B_g^{(0)}, j \in B_g^{(m-1)}} d_{ij} + \sum_{i \in B_g^{(1)}, j \in B_g^{(2)}} d_{ij} + \dots + \sum_{i \in B_g^{(1)}, j \in B_g^{(m-1)}} d_{ij} + \sum_{i \in B_g^{(2)}, j \in B_g^{(3)}} d_{ij}, \\ &+ \dots + \sum_{i \in B_g^{(2)}, j \in B_g^{(m-1)}} d_{ij} + \dots + \sum_{i \in B_g^{(m-2)}, j \in B_g^{(m-1)}} d_{ij}, \\ &= \sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(0)}} d_{ij} + (m-1) \sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(1)}} d_{ij} + (m-1) \sum_{i \in B_g^{(0)}, j \in B_g^{(1)}} d_{ij} + \frac{(m-1)(m-2)}{2} \sum_{i \in B_g^{(1)}, j \in B_g^{(2)}} d_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\sum_{i,j \in C_g^{(1)}(m,n)} d_{ij} = \sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij}$.

Based on the structure of $B_g^{(0)}(m,0)$, we can obtain the iterative formula as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(0)}(m,0)} d_{ij} - \sum_{i,j \in B_{g-1}^{(0)}(m,0)} d_{ij} &= r \frac{(m-1)(g-1)[(3m-5)g - (4m-6)]}{2} \\ &= \frac{(m-1)(3m-5)r}{2} (g-1)^2 - \frac{(m-1)^2 r}{2} (g-1). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(0)}(m,0)} d_{ij} &= \frac{(m-1)(3m-5)r}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{g-1} i^2 - \frac{(m-1)^2 r}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{g-1} i + \frac{(m-1)^2 r}{2} - \frac{(m-1)(3m-5)r}{2} + \sum_{i,j \in B_2^{(0)}(m,0)} d_{ij} \\
&= \frac{(m-1)(3m-5)r}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{g-1} i^2 - \frac{(m-1)^2 r}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{g-1} i \\
&= \frac{(m-1)gr(g-1)[(3m-5)g - (3m-4)]}{6}, \tag{45}
\end{aligned}$$

where $\sum_{i,j \in B_2^{(0)}(m,0)} d_{ij} = 2C_{m-1}^2 \cdot r = (m-1)(m-2)r$.

By replacing $g-1$ with n^{g-2} in Eq. (45), we can obtain

$$\sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(0)}(m,n)} d_{ij} = \frac{(m-1)n^{g-2}r(n^{g-2}+1)[(3m-5)n^{g-2}-1]}{6}. \tag{46}$$

Let $\Delta_g = \sum_{i \in B_g^{(0)}, j \in B_g^{(1)}} d_{ij}$ denote the sum of all shortest paths with nodes in $B_g^{(0)}$ and $B_g^{(1)}$. $\nabla_g = \sum_{i \in B_g^{(1)}, j \in B_g^{(2)}} d_{ij}$ is expressed as the sum of all shortest paths with nodes in $B_g^{(1)}$ and $B_g^{(2)}$. Two intermediate quantities \top_g and \perp_g are introduced to calculate Δ_g and ∇_g , where $\top_g = \sum_{i \in B_g^{(0)}} d_{ia}$ and $\perp_g' = \sum_{i \in B_g} d_{ib}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\top_g(m,0) &= (m-2)r[g + (g+1) + \cdots + (2g-2)] + r[1 + 2 + \cdots + (g-2)] \\
&= \frac{r(g-1)[(3m-5)g - 2(m-1)]}{2}. \tag{47}
\end{aligned}$$

By replacing $g-1$ with n^{g-2} in Eq. (47), we have

$$\top_g(m,n) = \frac{r \cdot n^{g-2}[(3m-5)n^{g-2} + (m-3)]}{2}.$$

The iteration formula of \perp_g is written as follows:

$$\perp_g' = \begin{cases} nr \perp_{g-1}' + \frac{(2g+2n-3)r}{2} n^{2g-3} + \frac{r}{2} n^{g-1}, & n = m-1, \\ (mr-r) \perp_{g-1}' + (mr-r) \left[\frac{(m-n)(m-1)}{m-n-1} (mn-n)^{g-2} - \frac{m+n-1}{2(m-n-1)} n^{2g-4} + \frac{1}{2} n^{g-2} \right], & n \neq m-1. \end{cases}$$

When $n = m-1$, \perp_g' is inductively to obtain as follows:

$$\perp_g' = (nr)^{g-1} \perp_1' + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (g-1-i) n^{2(g-1-i)} (nr)^i + \frac{(2n-1)r}{2n} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{2(g-1-i)} (nr)^i + \frac{n^{g-1}r}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} r^i,$$

where $\perp_1' = nr$.

When $n \neq m-1$, \perp_g' is inductively to obtain as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\perp_g' &= (mr-r)^{g-1} \perp_1' + \frac{r(m-n)}{m-n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} (m-1)^{g-i} n^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i - \frac{r(m-1)(m+n-1)}{2(m-n-1)} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{2(g-2-i)} \\
&\quad \times (mr-r)^i + \frac{r(m-1)}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-2} n^{g-2-i} (mr-r)^i,
\end{aligned}$$

where $\perp_1' = mr-r$.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \perp_g &= \perp'_{g-1} \cdot r \\ &= r \cdot (nr)^{g-1} + \frac{r^2}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} (g-2-i)n^{2(g-2-i)}(nr)^i + \frac{r^2(2n-1)}{2n} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} n^{2(g-2-i)}(nr)^i \\ &\quad + \frac{r^2 \cdot n^{g-2}}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} r^i, \text{ if } n = m - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \perp_g &= \perp'_{g-1} \cdot r \\ &= r \cdot (mr-r)^{g-1} + \frac{r^2(m-n)}{m-n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} (m-1)^{g-1-i} n^{g-3-i} (mr-r)^i - \frac{r^2(m-1)(m+n-1)}{2(m-n-1)} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} n^{2(g-3-i)} \\ &\quad \times (mr-r)^i + \frac{r^2(m-1)}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} n^{g-3-i} (mr-r)^i, \text{ if } n \neq m - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

After calculating \top_g and \perp_g , we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_g &= \begin{cases} (g+n-2)n^{g-2}\top_g + n^{g-1}\perp_g, & n = m - 1, \\ F\top_g + (m-1)n^{g-2}\perp_g, & n \neq m - 1. \end{cases} \\ \nabla_g &= \begin{cases} 2(g+n-2)n^{g-2}\perp_g + (g+n-2)^2n^{2(g-2)} \cdot 2n^{g-2}r, & n = m - 1, \\ 2F\perp_g + F^2 \cdot 2n^{g-2}r, & n \neq m - 1, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $F = \frac{(m-n)(m-1)^{g-1} - (m-1)n^{g-2}}{m-n-1}$.

Using the initial conditions $\sum_{i,j \in D_1^{(1)}} d_{ij} = C_{m-1}^2 \cdot 2r = (m-1)(m-2)r$, $\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij}$ can be obtained as

$$\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} = (m-1)r \sum_{i,j \in B_{g-1}} d_{ij} + \sum_{i,j \in B_g^{(0)}} d_{ij} + (m-1)\Delta_g + \frac{(m-1)(m-2)}{2}\nabla_g.$$

When $n = m - 1$, $\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij}$ is inductively to obtain as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} &= nr \sum_{i,j \in B_{g-1}} d_{ij} + \frac{n^{g-1}r(n^{g-2} + 1)[(3n-2)n^{g-2} - 1]}{6} \\ &\quad + (g+n-2)n^{g-1}\top_g + n^g\perp_g + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}[2(g+n-2)n^{g-2}\perp_g + (g+n-2)^2n^{2(g-2)} \cdot 2n^{g-2}r] \\ &= nr \sum_{i,j \in B_{g-1}} d_{ij} + \frac{r(3n-2)}{6n^2}n^{3(g-1)} + \frac{r(n-1)}{2n}n^{2(g-1)} - \frac{r}{6}n^{g-1} + \frac{r(3n-2)}{2n^2}(g-1)n^{3(g-1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{r(3n-2)(n-1)}{2n^2}n^{3(g-1)} + \frac{r(n-2)}{2n}(g-1)n^{2(g-1)} + \frac{r(n-2)(n-1)}{2n}n^{2(g-1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{r(n-1)}{n^2}(g-1)^2n^{3(g-1)} + \frac{2r(n-1)^2}{n^2}(g-1)n^{3(g-1)} + \frac{r(n-1)^3}{n^2}n^{3(g-1)} + [(n-1)(g-2) + n^2] \\ &\quad \times [r \cdot (nr)^{g-1} + \frac{r^2}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} (g-2-i)n^{2(g-2-i)}(nr)^i + \frac{r^2(2n-1)}{2n} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} n^{2(g-2-i)}(nr)^i + \frac{r^2 \cdot n^{g-2}}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} r^i]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} \simeq \begin{cases} g^2n^{3g}, & 0 < r < n^2, \\ g^3 \cdot n^{3g}, & r \geq n^2, \\ g^2 \cdot (nr)^g, & r \geq n^2, \end{cases} \tag{50}$$

where $\sum_{i,j \in B_1} d_{ij} = nr$.

When $n \neq m - 1$, $\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij}$ is inductively to obtain as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} &= (m-1)r \sum_{i,j \in B_{g-1}} d_{ij} + \frac{(m-1)r[(3m-5)n^{3(g-2)} + (3m-6)n^{2(g-2)} - n^{g-2}]}{6} \\
&+ (m-1)F\top_g + [(m-1)^2n^{g-2} + (m-1)(m-2)F]\perp_g + (m-1)(m-2)F^2 \cdot n^{g-2}r \\
&= (m-1)r \sum_{i,j \in B_{g-1}} d_{ij} + \frac{r(m-1)(3m-5)}{6}n^{3(g-2)} + \frac{r(m-1)(m-2)}{2}n^{2(g-2)} - \frac{r(m-1)}{6}n^{g-2} \\
&+ \frac{r(m-n)(m-1)(3m-5)}{2n^2(m-n-1)}[n^2(m-1)]^{g-1} + \frac{r(m-n)(m-1)(m-3)}{2n(m-n-1)}[n(m-1)]^{g-1} \\
&- \frac{r(m-1)^2(3m-5)}{2(m-n-1)}n^{3(g-2)} - \frac{r(m-1)^2(m-3)}{2(m-n-1)}n^{2(g-2)} \\
&+ \frac{r(m-n)^2(m-1)^3(m-2)}{(m-n-1)^2}[n(m-1)^2]^{g-2} - \frac{2r(m-n)(m-1)^3(m-2)}{(m-n-1)^2}[n^2(m-1)]^{g-2} \\
&+ \frac{r(m-1)^3(m-2)}{(m-n-1)^2}n^{3(g-2)} + \left[\frac{(m-n)(m-2)}{m-n-1}(m-1)^g - \frac{(n-1)(m-1)^2}{m-n-1}n^{g-2} \right] \\
&\times [r \cdot (mr-r)^{g-1} + \frac{r^2(m-n)}{m-n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} (m-1)^{g-1-i} n^{g-3-i} (mr-r)^i - \frac{r^2(m-1)(m+n-1)}{2(m-n-1)} \\
&\times \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} n^{2(g-3-i)} (mr-r)^i + \frac{r^2(m-1)}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{g-3} n^{g-3-i} (mr-r)^i],
\end{aligned}$$

where $\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} = \sum_{i,j \in D_g^{(1)}} d_{ij}$.

$$\sum_{i,j \in B_g} d_{ij} \simeq \begin{cases} (m-1)^{2g}n^g, & 0 < r < n, \\ g \cdot [(m-1)^2 \cdot n]^g, & r = n, \\ [(m-1)^2 \cdot r]^g, & r > n, \end{cases} \quad (51)$$

where $\sum_{i,j \in B_1} d_{ij} = (m-1)r$.

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