

## Some degree based connectivity indices of nano-structures

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A topological index of a molecular graph  $G$  is a numeric quantity related to  $G$  which is invariant under symmetry properties of  $G$ . In the present study, several topological indices are computed in linear  $[n]$ -anthracene,  $V$ -anthracene nanotube and nanotori: Zagreb, Randić, Sum-connectivity,  $GA$ ,  $ABC$  indices and Zagreb polynomials.

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### INTRODUCTION

A graph is a collection of points and lines connecting a subset of them. The points and lines of a graph are called vertices and edges of the graph, respectively. A simple graph is an unweighed, undirected graph without loops or multiple edges. All graphs in this paper are simple. A molecular graph is a simple graph such that its vertices correspond to the atoms and the edges to the bonds. Note that hydrogen atoms are often omitted. In the past years, nano-structures involving carbon have been the focus of an intense research activity which is driven to a large extent by the quest for new materials with specific applications. A topological index is a real number that is derived from molecular graphs of chemical compounds. In organic chemistry, topological indices have been found to be useful in chemical documentation, isomer discrimination, structure-property relationships, structure-activity relationships (SAR) and pharmaceutical drug design. There has been considerable interest in the general problem of determining topological indices [1, 2, 3]. The main goal of this paper is to compute some topological indices and polynomials for a family of linear  $[n]$ -anthracene, lattice of  $V$ -anthracene nanotube and nanotori. The paper is organized as follows: firstly we give the necessary definitions and secondly we compute some topological indice values for the above mentioned nanotubes and nanotori.

### DEFINITIONS

We now recall some algebraic definitions related to the topological indices chosen for the present study. A graph  $G$  consists of a set of

vertices  $V(G)$  and a set of edges  $E(G)$ . The vertices in  $G$  are connected by an edge if there exists an edge  $uv \in E(G)$  connecting the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$  such that  $u, v \in V(G)$ . The degree  $d_u$  of a vertex  $u \in V(G)$  is the number of vertices of  $G$  adjacent to  $u$ . There are several topological indices already defined.

The *first Zagreb index* and the *second Zagreb index* have been introduced more than thirty years ago by Gutman and Trinajstić [4]. They respectively are defined as:

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{u \in V(G)} (d_u)^2, M_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d_u d_v$$

In fact, one can rewrite the *first Zagreb index* as:

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_u + d_v)$$

The product-connectivity index, also called *Randić index* of a graph  $G$  and is defined such as:

$$\chi(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_u d_v}}$$

This topological index was first proposed by Randić [5] in 1975. In 2009, Zhou and Trinajstić [6] proposed another connectivity index, named the *Sum-connectivity index*. This index is defined as follows:

$$X(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_u + d_v}}$$

The *geometric-arithmetic (GA) index* is another topological index based on degrees of vertices defined by Vukičević and Furtula [7]:

$$GA(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{2\sqrt{d_u d_v}}{d_u + d_v}$$

Estrada et al. [8] introduced the *atom-bond connectivity (ABC) index*, which has been applied

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to study the stability of alkanes and the strain energy of cycloalkanes. This index is defined as follows:

$$ABC(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{d_u + d_v - 2}{d_u d_v}}$$

Recently, Fath-Tabar [9] put forward the *first and the second Zagreb polynomials* of the graph  $G$ , defined respectively as:

$$ZG_1(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_u + d_v},$$

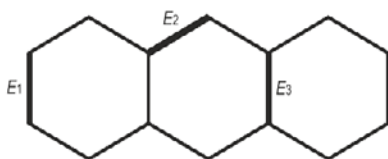
$$ZG_2(G, x) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} x^{d_u d_v}$$

where  $x$  is a dummy variable.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, at first, we compute index for anthracene graph. Anthracene is a solid polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon of formula  $C_{14}H_{10}$ , consisting of three fused benzene rings. It is a component of coal tar. Anthracene is used in the production of the red dye alizarin and other dyes.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $G$  be the anthracene graph (Figure 1), there are three types of edges, e. g. edges with endpoints 2 [ $E_1$ ], edges with endpoints 2, 3 [ $E_2$ ] and edges with endpoints 3 [ $E_3$ ].



**Fig.1.** Basic structure of an anthracene

These edges are enumerated as 6, 8 and 2 edges of types 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

$$(i) M_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_u + d_v) = \sum_{uv \in E_1} (2 + 2) + \sum_{uv \in E_2} (2 + 3) +$$

$$\sum_{uv \in E_3} (3 + 3) = 4 \times 6 + 5 \times 8 + 6 \times 2 = 76$$

$$(ii) M_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_u \times d_v) = \sum_{uv \in E_1} (2 \times 2) + \sum_{uv \in E_2} (2 \times 3) +$$

$$\sum_{uv \in E_3} (3 \times 3) = 4 \times 6 + 6 \times 8 + 9 \times 2 = 90$$

$$(iii) \chi(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_u d_v}} = \sum_{uv \in E_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \times 2}} + \sum_{uv \in E_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \times 3}} +$$

$$\sum_{uv \in E_3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3 \times 3}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \times 8 + \frac{1}{3} \times 2 = \frac{11 + 4\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

$$(iv) X(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_u + d_v}} = \sum_{uv \in E_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2+2}} + \sum_{uv \in E_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2+3}} +$$

$$\sum_{uv \in E_3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3+3}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \times 8 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \times 2 = 3 + \frac{8\sqrt{5}}{5} + \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{6}$$

$$(v) GA(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{2\sqrt{d_u d_v}}{d_u + d_v} = \sum_{uv \in E_1} \frac{2\sqrt{2 \times 2}}{2 + 2} + \sum_{uv \in E_2} \frac{2\sqrt{2 \times 3}}{2 + 3} +$$

$$\sum_{uv \in E_3} \frac{2\sqrt{3 \times 3}}{3 + 3} = 6 + \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5} \times 8 + 2 = 3 + \frac{40 + 16\sqrt{6}}{5}$$

$$(vi) ABC(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{d_u + d_v - 2}{d_u d_v}} + \sum_{uv \in E_1} \sqrt{\frac{2 + 2 - 2}{2 \times 2}} +$$

$$\sum_{uv \in E_2} \sqrt{\frac{2 + 3 - 2}{2 \times 3}} + \sum_{uv \in E_3} \sqrt{\frac{3 + 3 - 2}{3 \times 3}} =$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{4}} \times 6 + \sqrt{\frac{3}{6}} \times 8 + \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}} \times 2 = 7\sqrt{2} + \frac{4}{3}$$

Now we compute first Zagreb, second Zagreb, product-connectivity, sum-connectivity, geometric-arithmetic and atom-bond connectivity indices of a linear [ $n$ ]-anthracene, as described in Example 3.1.

It is seen that  $T = T[n]$  has  $14n$  vertices and  $18n - 2$  edges and the edge set of the graph can be divided in three partitions, e. g.  $E_1(T)$ ,  $E_2(T)$  and  $E_3(T)$ . The following table gives the three types and gives the number of edges in each type.

From table 1, we give an explicit formula for some indices of a linear [ $n$ ]-anthracene, as shown in Figure 2.

**Table 1.** Computing the Number of edges for a linear [ $n$ ]-Anthracene.

$(d_u, d_v)$ where $uv \in E(T)$	Total Number of edges
$E_1 = [2, 2]$	6
$E_2 = [2, 3]$	$12n - 4$
$E_3 = [3, 3]$	$6n - 4$

**Theorem 3.2.** Consider the graph  $T$  of a linear [ $n$ ]-Anthracene. Then

$$(i) M_1(T) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_u + d_v) = \sum_{uv \in E_1} 4 + \sum_{uv \in E_2} 5 + \sum_{uv \in E_3} 6 = 4 \times 6 + 5 \times (12n - 4) + 6 \times (6n - 4) = 96n - 20$$

$$(ii) M_2(T) = \sum_{uv \in E(T)} (d_u d_v) = \sum_{uv \in E_1} 4 + \sum_{uv \in E_2} 6 + \sum_{uv \in E_3} 9 = 4 \times 6 + 6 \times (12n - 4) + 9 \times (6n - 4) = 126n - 36$$

$$(iii) \chi(T) = \sum_{uv \in E(T)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_u d_v}} = \sum_{uv \in E_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \sum_{uv \in E_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \sum_{uv \in E_3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \times 6 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \times (12n - 4) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} \times (6n - 4) = (2 + 2\sqrt{6})n + \left(\frac{5 + 2\sqrt{6}}{3}\right)$$

$$(iv) X(T) = \sum_{uv \in E(T)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_u + d_v}} = \sum_{uv \in E_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \sum_{uv \in E_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \sum_{uv \in E_3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \times 6 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \times (12n - 4) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \times (6n - 4) = (12\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{6})n + \left(3 - \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3} - \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{5}\right)$$

$$(v) GA(T) = \sum_{uv \in E(T)} \frac{2\sqrt{d_u d_v}}{d_u + d_v} = \sum_{uv \in E_1} \frac{2\sqrt{4}}{4} + \sum_{uv \in E_2} \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5} + \sum_{uv \in E_3} \frac{2\sqrt{9}}{6} = \frac{2\sqrt{4}}{4} \times 6 + \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5} \times (12n - 4) + \frac{2\sqrt{9}}{6} \times (6n - 4) = \left(6 + \frac{24\sqrt{6}}{5}\right)n + \left(2 - \frac{8\sqrt{6}}{5}\right)$$



Fig. 2. The molecular graph of a linear [n]-anthracene.

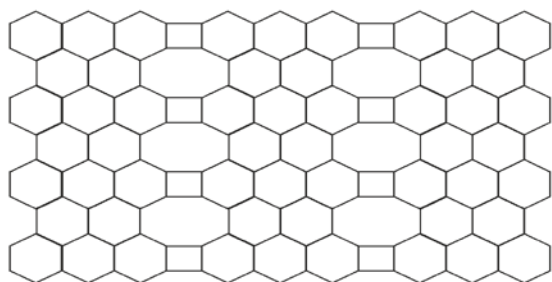


Fig.3. The 2-D graph lattice of  $G=G[p,q]$  with  $p=3$  and  $q=4$ .

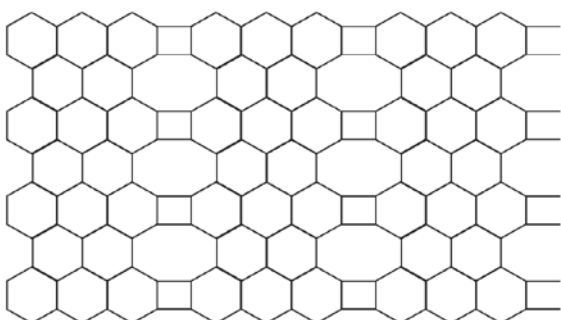


Fig. 4. The 2-D graph lattice of  $K=K[p,q]$  with  $p=3$  and  $q=4$

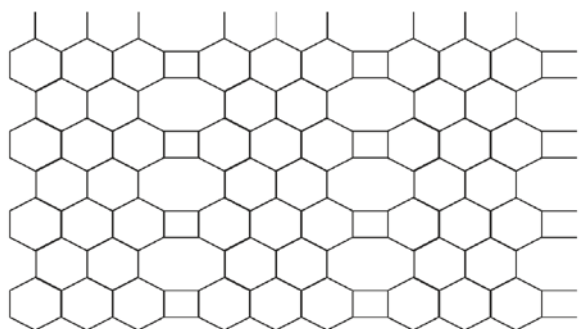


Fig. 5. The 2-D graph lattice of  $L=L[p,q]$  with  $p=3$  and  $q=4$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $G$  be a 2-dimensional lattice of  $V$ -anthracene (see Figure 3),  $K$  be a lattice of  $V$ -anthracene nanotube (see Figure 4) and  $L$  be a lattice of  $V$ -anthracene nanotori (see Figure 5). Then,  
 $|V(G)| = |V(K)| = |V(L)| = 14pq$ ,  $|E(G)| = 21pq - 3p - 2q$ ,  $|E(K)| = 21pq - 3p$  and  $|E(L)| = 21pq$ .

From table 2, we give an explicit computing formula for some indices of lattice of  $V$ -anthracene nanotube and nanotori, as shown in Figures 3, 4 and 5.

In graph theory, a regular graph is a graph where each vertex has the same number of neighbors, i.e. every vertex has the same degree or valency. A regular graph with vertices of degree  $k$  is called a  $k$ -regular graph or regular graph of degree  $k$ . Now, we need the following lemma to calculate the indices of  $L$ :

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $G$  be an arbitrary graph. Then  $G$  is  $k$ -regular if and only if one of the followings hold:

1.  $M_1(G) = 2\kappa |E(G)|$ .
2.  $M_2(G) = \kappa^2 |E(G)|$ .
3.  $\chi(G) = \frac{1}{\kappa} |E(G)|$ .
4.  $X(G) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\kappa}} |E(G)|$ .
5.  $GA(G) = |E(G)|$ .
6.  $ABC(G) = \frac{\sqrt{2(\kappa-1)}}{\kappa} |E(G)|$

Table 2. Computing the number of edges for molecular graph  $G$ ,  $K$  and  $L$ .

$(d_u, d_v)$ where $uv \in E$	Number of Edges $G$	Number of Edges $K$	Number of Edges $L$
$E_1 = [2, 2]$	$2q+4$	0	0
$E_2 = [2, 3]$	$12p+4q-8$	$12p$	0
$E_3 = [3, 3]$	$21pq-15p-8q+4$	$21pq-15p$	$21pq$

Table 3. Topological indices for the molecular graphs of Figures 3 and 4.

Index	Graph $G$	Graph $K$
$M_1$	$126pq-30p-20q$	$126pq-30p$
$M_2$	$189pq-63p-40q+4$	$189pq-63p$
$\chi$	$7pq+(2\sqrt{6}-5)p+(\frac{2\sqrt{6}-5}{3})q+(\frac{10-4\sqrt{6}}{3})$	$7pq+(2\sqrt{6}-5)p$
$X$	$\frac{7\sqrt{6}}{2}pq+(\frac{12\sqrt{5}}{5}-\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{2})p+(1+\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{5}-\frac{4\sqrt{6}}{3})q+(2-\frac{8\sqrt{5}}{5}+\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3})$	$\frac{7\sqrt{6}}{2}pq+(\frac{12\sqrt{5}}{5}-\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{2})p$
$GA$	$21pq+(\frac{24\sqrt{6}}{5}-15)p+(\frac{8\sqrt{6}}{5}-6)q+(8-\frac{16\sqrt{6}}{5})$	$21pq+(\frac{24\sqrt{6}}{5}-15)p$
$ABC$	$14pq+(6\sqrt{2}-10)p+(3\sqrt{2}-\frac{16}{3})q+(\frac{8}{3}-2\sqrt{2})$	$14pq+(6\sqrt{2}-10)p$

**Proof.** It is easy to check according to Figure 5. By using Lemma 3.4, consider the Figure 5. We can see that  $V$ -anthracene nanotori graph is 3-regular. So, we illustrate these results in the table below:

**Table 4.** Topological indices for the molecular graphs of Fig. 5.

Index	Graph $L$
$M_1$	$126 pq$
$M_2$	$189pq$
$\chi$	$7pq$
$X$	$\frac{7\sqrt{6}}{2} pq$
GA	$21pq$
ABC	$14pq$

Finally, we will calculate the first and second Zagreb polynomials of the above molecular graphs.

**Theorem 3.5.** The first and second Zagreb polynomials of the above graphs are computed as follows:

- (i)  $ZG_1(G, x) = (12pq - 15p - 8q + 4)x^6 + (12p + 4q - 8)x^5 + (2q + 4)x^4,$
- (ii)  $ZG_2(G, x) = (21pq - 15p - 8q + 4)x^9 + (12p + 4q - 8)x^6 + (2q + 4)x^4,$
- (iii)  $ZG_1(K, x) = (21pq - 15p)x^6 + (12p)x^5,$
- (iv)  $ZG_2(K, x) = (21pq - 15p)x^9 + (12p)x^6,$

$$(v) \quad ZG_1(L, x) = (21pq)x^6,$$

$$(vi) \quad ZG_2(L, x) = (21pq)x^9.$$

**Proof.** By definition of Zagreb polynomials, the proof is clear.

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## НЯКОИ СТЕПЕННО БАЗИРАНИ ИНДЕКСИ НА СВЪРЗВАНЕ НА НАНОСТРУКТУРИ

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Топологичният индекс на молекулен граф  $G$  е число, свързано с  $G$ , който е инвариантно по симетрични свойства на  $G$ . В настоящото проучване се изчисляват няколко топологични индекси за линеен  $[n]$  антрацен,  $V$ -антрацен, нанотръба и нанотори: Загреб, Рандич, сума на свързаност, GA, ABC индекси и Загреб полиноми.