



## The second eccentric Zagreb index of the nanostar dendrimer $D_3[n]$

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**Abstract.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. We denote a vertex by  $v$ , where  $v \in V(G)$  and edge by  $e$ , where  $e = uv \in E(G)$ . We denote degree of vertex  $v$  by  $d_v$  which is defined as the number of vertices adjacent with vertex  $v$ . The distance between two vertices of  $G$  is the length of the shortest path connecting these two vertices which is denoted by  $d(u, v)$ , where  $u, v \in V(G)$ . The eccentricity  $ecc(v)$  of a vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is the distance between vertex  $v$  and vertex farthest from  $v$  in  $G$ . In this paper, we consider an infinite family of nanostar dendrimers and we compute its second eccentric Zagreb index. Ghorbani and Hosseinzadeh introduced the second eccentric Zagreb index as  $EM_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (ecc(u) \times ecc(v))$ , that  $ecc(u)$  denotes the eccentricity of vertex  $u$  and  $ecc(v)$  denotes the eccentricity of vertex  $v$  of  $G$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Chemical graph theory is a branch of mathematical chemistry which has an important effect on the development of the chemical sciences. A topological index is a numerical value associated with the chemical constitution of a certain chemical compound aiming to correlate various physical and chemical properties, or some biological activity in it. Carbon nanostructures have found many potential industrial applications such as energy storage, gas sensors, biosensors, nanoelectronic devices and chemical probes [23], just to name a few. Carbon allotropes such as carbon nanocones and carbon nanotubes have been proposed as possible molecular gas storage devices [1, 32].

The nanostar dendrimer is a part of a new group of macromolecules that seem like photon funnels just like artificial antennas, and also is a great resistant of photo bleaching. Recently, the mathematical properties of these nanostructures nanostructures have been investigated in [24, 29–31].

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple connected molecular graph with the vertex and edge set denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$ , respectively. Throughout this paper, graph means simple connected graph [17, 18, 28]. If  $x, y \in V(G)$  then the distance  $d(u, v)$  between  $u$  and  $v$  is defined as the length of a minimum path connecting  $u$  and  $v$ . The eccentricity  $ecc(u)$  of a vertex  $u$  in  $G$  is the largest distance between  $u$  and any other vertex of  $G$ . The *eccentric connectivity index* of the molecular graph  $G$ , was proposed by Sharma, Goswami and Madan [27] as,

$$\xi(G) = \sum_{u \in V(G)} d_u ecc(u),$$

where  $d_u$  is the degree of the vertex  $u$  and  $ecc(u)$  is the eccentricity of the vertex  $u$ .

The Zagreb topological indices was introduced by I. Gutman and N. Trinajstić in 1972 [17, 18]. The first and second zagreb indices are defined as

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

$$M_2(G) = \sum_{e=uv \in E(G)} (d_u \times d_v),$$

where  $d_v$  denotes the degree of  $v$ . Mathematical properties of the first Zagreb index for general graphs can be found in [17, 18, 26, 28].

In 2012, the *second eccentric Zagreb index* was introduced by Ghorbani and Hosseinzadeh, where the eccentric version of second Zagreb index of the molecular graph  $G$  and it is equal to [15]

$$EM_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [ecc(u) \times ecc(v)],$$

where  $ecc(u)$  is the eccentricity of the vertex  $u$  and  $ecc(v)$  is the eccentricity of the vertex  $v$ .

In this study, we consider an infinite family of nanostar dendrimers and compute its second eccentric Zagreb index.

## 2 Results and Discussion

Here, we compute the second eccentric Zagreb index of an infinite family of nanostar dendrimers. We denote the  $n^{\text{th}}$  growth of nanostar dendrimer for all  $n \geq 1$  by  $D_3[n]$ . From Figure 1, one can see that the general representation of this family of nanostar has  $21(2^{n+1}) - 20$  vertices/atoms and  $24(2^{n+1} - 1)$  bonds/edges [11–13]. Also, the nanostar dendrimer  $D_3[n]$  has a core depicted in Figure 2 and the repeated element cycle  $C_6$  that we named by *leaf*. The  $n^{\text{th}}$  growth of nanostar dendrimer has

$$\zeta_n^3 \sum_{i=0}^n (2^i) = 3 \left( \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2 - 1} \right),$$

of leaves, see Figure 2.

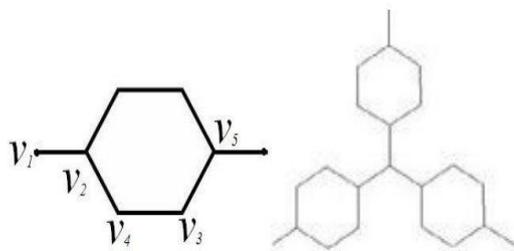


Figure 1. An example of the nanostar dendrimer  $D_3[n]$ , for  $n = 3$  [11–14].

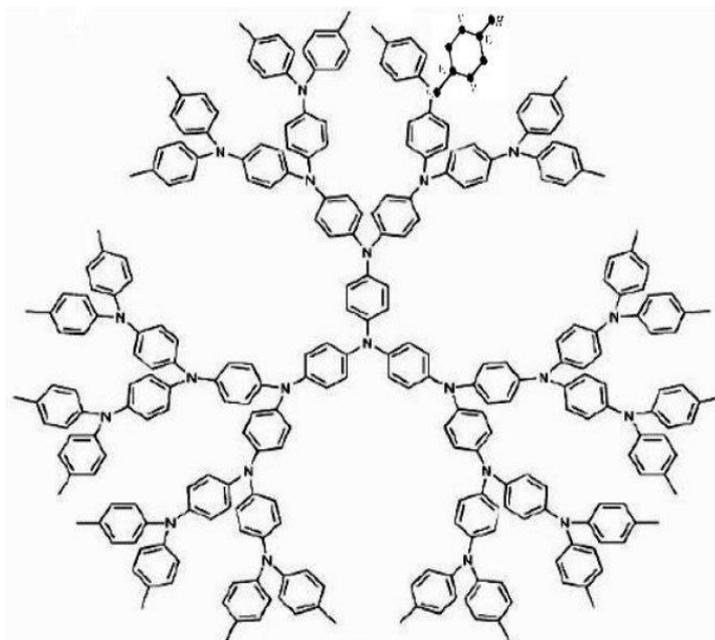


Figure 2. The added graph in each branch and  $D_3[0]$  is the primal structure of nanostar dendrimer  $D_3[n]$  [11–14].

Consider the  $(n - 1)^{th}$  growth of nanostar dendrimer in  $D_3[n - 1]$ . We would like to construct  $D_3[n]$ . In every branch of  $D_3[n]$ , the leaf graph added. From Figure 2, one can see that the maximum eccentricity of a leaf of  $D_3[n]$  is 6 and the eccentricity of previous vertices of core  $D_3[0]$  are equal to 10. Thus, for eccentric of vertices in added leaf of nanostar dendrimer  $D_3[n - 1]$  to  $D_3[n]$ , we can conclude the following results:

For all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we have  $3(2^{i-1})$  vertices of kind labeled  $V_1[i]$  with eccentricity  $5i + 5(i + 1)$  and  $3(2^i)$  vertices of kind labeled  $V_2[i]$  with eccentricity  $5i + 5(i + 1)$ . Also, there are  $3(2^{i+1})$  vertices of  $V_3[i]$  and  $V_4[i]$ , with eccentricities  $10i + 7$  and  $10i + 8$ , respectively. Moreover, for the vertices of  $V_5[i]$  have eccentricity of  $10i + 9$ .

Therefore, by using the mentioned results, we have the following computations for third Zagreb index of the  $n^{th}$  growth of nanostar dendrimer  $D_3[n]$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** We consider the graph of nanostar dendrimer  $D_3[n]$ . Then second eccentric Zagreb index is equal to

$$EM_2(D_3[n]) = EM_2(D_3[0]) + 3 \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 2^i(100i^2 + 110i + 30) + 6 \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 2^i(100i^2 + 130i + 42) + 6 \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 2^i(100i^2 + 150i + 56) + 6 \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 2^i(100i^2 + 170i + 72) + 3(2^n)(100n^2 + 190n + 90).$$

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be the graph of nanostar dendrimer  $D_3[n]$ . Hence, we have

$$EM_2(D_3[n]) = EM_2(D_3[0]) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n; uv \in E(D_3[n]) u \in V_1[i], v \in V_2[i]} (ecc(u) \times ecc(v)) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n; uv \in E(D_3[n]) u \in V_2[i], v \in V_3[i]} (ecc(u) \times ecc(v)) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n; uv \in E(D_3[n]) u \in V_3[i], v \in V_4[i]} (ecc(u) \times ecc(v)) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n; uv \in E(D_3[n]) u \in V_4[i], v \in V_5[i]} (ecc(u) \times ecc(v)) + \sum_{vH \in (D_3[n]), H \in V_1[n+1], v \in V_5[n]} (ecc(H) \times ecc(v)),$$

$$EM_2(D_3[n]) = EM_2(D_3[0]) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 3(2^i)(ecc(V_1[i]) \times ecc(V_2[i])) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 3(2^i)(ecc(V_2[i]) \times ecc(V_3[i])) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 3(2^i)(ecc(V_3[i]) \times ecc(V_4[i])) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 3(2^i)(ecc(V_4[i]) \times ecc(V_5[i])) + 3(2^n)(ecc(H) \times ecc(V_5[n])).$$

By using above values we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 EM_2(D_3[n]) &= EM_2(D_3[0]) + \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 3(2^i)((10i + 5) \times (10i + 6)) \\
 &+ \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 3(2^{i+1})((10i + 6) \times (10i + 7)) \\
 &+ \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 3(2^{i+1})((10i + 7) \times (10i + 8)) \\
 &+ \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 3(2^{i+1})((10i + 8) \times (10i + 9)) \\
 &+ 3(2^n)((10n + 10) \times (10n + 9)).
 \end{aligned}$$

After doing some calculations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 EM_2(D_3[n]) &= EM_2(D_3[0]) + 3 \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 2^i(100i^2 + 110i + 30) \\
 &+ 6 \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 2^i(100i^2 + 130i + 42) + 6 \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 2^i(100i^2 + 150i + 56) \\
 &+ 6 \sum_{\forall i=1, \dots, n} 2^i(100i^2 + 170i + 72) + 3(2^n)(100n^2 + 190n + 90).
 \end{aligned}$$

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### 3 Conclusion

In this paper, we examined the eccentric connectivity index, first Zagreb index and second Zagreb index. We have considered an infinite family of nanostar dendrimers and we computed its second eccentric Zagreb index.

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