

On the Edge Version of Zagreb Coindex

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Abstract: The first Zagreb coindex is the sum of degrees of non adjacent vertices of a graph G . In this paper the edge version of the first Zagreb coindex is defined as the reformulated Zagreb coindex. We explore here their basic mathematical properties and using these results, the reformulated Zagreb coindices of some classes of chemical graphs are computed.

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1. Introduction

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. The number of vertices of G we denote by n and the number of edges we denote by m , thus $|V(G)| = n$ and $|E(G)| = m$. The degree of a vertex v , denoted by $d_G(v)$. Specially, $\Delta = \Delta(G)$ and $\delta = \delta(G)$ are called the maximum and minimum degree of vertices of G respectively. G is said to be r -regular if $\delta(G) = \Delta(G) = r$ for some positive integer r . The complement of a graph G , denoted by \bar{G} , is a simple graph on the same set of vertices $V(G)$ in which two vertices u and v are connected by an edge uv , if and only if they are not adjacent in G . Obviously, $E(G) \cup E(\bar{G}) = E(K_n)$, and $\bar{m} = |E(\bar{G})| = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - m$. The line graph $L(G)$ of a graph is the graph derived from G in such a way that the edges in G are replaced by vertices in $L(G)$ and two vertices in $L(G)$ are connected whenever the corresponding edges in G are adjacent [14]. The jump graph $J(G)$ of a graph G is the complement of a line graph [15].

The Zagreb indices were first introduced by Gutman and Trinajstić [12]. They are important molecular descriptors and have been closely correlated with many chemical properties [23, 27, 28]. There was a vast research concerning the mathematical properties and bounds for Zagreb indices and also their various variants [3–6, 10, 13, 16–22, 29–32].

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{u \in V(G)} d_G(u)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad M_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d_G(u) d_G(v).$$

In fact, one can rewrite the first Zagreb index as

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d_G(u) + d_G(v)].$$

Noticing that contribution of non adjacent vertex pair should be taken into account when computing the weighted Wiener polynomials of certain composite graphs (see [8]) defined first Zagreb coindex and second Zagreb coindex as

$$\overline{M}_1(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [d_G(u) + d_G(v)] \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{M}_2(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [d_G(u) d_G(v)].$$

For more information on Zagreb coindices see [1, 2].

Miličević et. al [25] reformulated the Zagreb indices in terms of edge-degrees instead of vertex-degrees:

$$EM_1(G) = \sum_{e \in E(G)} d_G(e)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad EM_2(G) = \sum_{e \sim f \in E(G)} d_G(e) d_G(f),$$

where $d_G(e)$ denotes the degree of an edge $e = uv$ in G , which is defined by $d_G(e) = d_G(u) + d_G(v) - 2$ and $e \sim f$ means that the edges e and f are adjacent. The properties of the reformulated Zagreb indices are studied by several researchers [18, 32].

Noticing that the contribution of nonadjacent edge pairs should be taken into account, we define reformulated Zagreb coindices:

$$\overline{EM}_1(G) = \sum_{e \not\sim f \in E(G)} [d_G(e) + d_G(f)] \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{EM}_2(G) = \sum_{e \not\sim f \in E(G)} d_G(e) d_G(f).$$

where $d_G(e)$ denotes the degree of an edge $e = uv$ in $J(G)$, which is defined by $d_{J(G)}(e) = m + 1 - (d_G(u) + d_G(v))$ and $e \not\sim f$ means that the edges e and f are non adjacent.

2. Connection between original and reformulated Zagreb coindices

Because of the equalities that exist between the complement of a graph G and jump graph $J(G)$, the original and reformulated Zagreb coindices are related as follows:

$$\overline{EM}_1(G) = \overline{M}_1(J(G))$$

$$\overline{EM}_2(G) = \overline{M}_2(J(G))$$

The above relations can be easily verified.

Therefore, one can compute the edge-based Zagreb coindices of molecular graphs as the vertex based indices of corresponding jump graphs. Vertex-based Zagreb coindices appear to be easier to generate, because there is no ambiguities in assigning the vertex degrees. However, there is a price to pay: the jump graph is almost always a more complicated structure than the corresponding molecular graph, this can easily be confirmed by drawing a few simple graphs and the corresponding jump graphs. Thus, the user must decide whether it is simpler to construct the jump graph of a graph or to assign the edge-degrees to a graph.

3. Mathematical properties of first reformulated Zagreb coindex

In this section we present upper and lower bounds for the first reformulated Zagreb coindex.

We begin with the following straightforward, previously known, auxiliary result.

Lemma 1. [1] Let G be any nontrivial graph of order n and size m . Then

$$M_1(G) + \overline{M}_1(G) = 2m(n-1). \quad (1)$$

Lemma 2. [9] Let a_i and b_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ be a real numbers such that $ma_i \leq b_i \leq Ma_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 + m \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \leq (M+m) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \quad (2)$$

with equality if and only if either $b_i = ma_i$ or $b_i = Ma_i$ for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Lemma 3. [24] Let $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n$ and $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n$ be a real numbers. Then

$$n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \quad (3)$$

with equality if and only if $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$ or $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_n$.

Proposition 1. Let G be any nontrivial graph of order n and size m . Then

$$\overline{EM}_1(G) = 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 4m(n-1) - 2M_1(G) \quad (4)$$

where \overline{m} is the number of edges in \overline{G} .

Proof. It is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{EM}_1(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} (m+1 - (d_G(u) + d_G(v))) + (m+1 - (d_G(u) + d_G(v))) \\
&= 2(m+1)\overline{m} - 2\overline{M}_1(G) \\
&= 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 2[2m(n-1) - M_1(G)] \\
&= 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 4m(n-1) + 2M_1(G)
\end{aligned}$$

As asserted.

Theorem2. Let G be any nontrivial graph of order n and size m . Then

$$\overline{EM}_1(G) \leq 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 4m(\Delta + \delta + n - 1) - 2n\delta\Delta. \quad (5)$$

Proof. By setting $b_i = d_G(v_i)$ and $a_i = 1$ in Lemma 2, we have $\delta a_i \leq b_i \leq \Delta a_i$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n d_G(v_i)^2 + \delta\Delta \sum_{i=1}^n 1 &\leq (\Delta + \delta)2m \\
M_1(G) &\leq (\Delta + \delta)2m - \Delta\delta n.
\end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 1, it follows that

$$\overline{EM}_1(G) \leq 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 4m(\Delta + \delta + n - 1) - 2n\delta\Delta$$

Theorem3. Let G be any nontrivial graph of order n and size m . Then

$$\overline{EM}_1(G) \geq 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 4m(n-1) + \frac{8m^2}{n} \quad (6)$$

with equality if and only if G is regular.

Proof. By setting $a_i = b_i = d_G(v_i)$ in Lemma 3, we have $M_1(G) \geq \frac{4m^2}{n}$

Therefore, by proposition 1, it follows that

$$\overline{EM}_1(G) \geq 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 4m(n-1) + \frac{8m^2}{n}$$

4. Mathematical properties of second reformulated Zagreb coindex

Proposition4. Let G be any nontrivial graph of order n and size m . Then

$$\overline{EM}_2(G) = \overline{m}(m+1)^2 + \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} (d_G(u)^2 + d_G(v)^2) + 2\overline{M}_2(G) - 2(m+1)\overline{M}_1(G). \quad (7)$$

where \overline{m} is the number of edges in \overline{G} .

Proof. It is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{EM}_2(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} (m+1 - (d_G(u) + d_G(v)))^2 \\
&= \overline{m}(m+1)^2 + \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} (d_G(u)^2 + d_G(v)^2) - 2(m+1) \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} (d_G(u) + d_G(v)) \\
&= \overline{m}(m+1)^2 + \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} (d_G(u)^2 + d_G(v)^2) + 2\overline{M}_2(G) - 2(m+1)\overline{M}_1(G)
\end{aligned}$$

as asserted.

Theorem5. Let G be any nontrivial graph of order n and size m . Then

$$\overline{EM}_2(G) \leq 2m\Delta'(m+1) - \Delta'M_1(G) - \Delta'\overline{M}_2(G) \quad (8)$$

where Δ' is the maximum degree of an edge.

Proof. Let u and v be any two edges of a graph G . Then $d_{J(G)}(v) = m + 1 - (d_G(u) + d_G(v))$ and let Δ' is the maximum edge degree if a graph G . Then

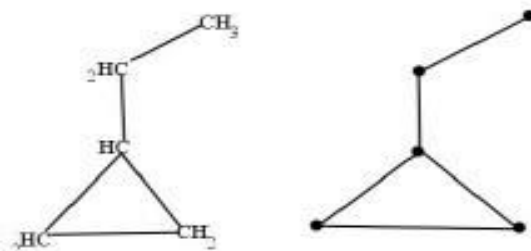
$$\begin{aligned} d_G(u)d_G(v) &\leq d_G(u) \left(m + 1 - (d_G(u) + d_G(v)) \right) \Delta' \\ \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_G(u)d_G(v)) &\leq \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_G(u) (m + 1 - (d_G(u) + d_G(v))) \Delta') \\ \overline{EM}_2(G) &\leq \Delta' (m + 1) 2m - \Delta' M_1(G) - \Delta' \overline{M}_2(G) \end{aligned}$$

5. Examples

In this section, we consider some simple molecular graphs and determine their reformulated Zagreb coindices.

Example 1.

Consider, ethylcyclopropane and its corresponding molecular graphs



The values of the first Zagreb index M_1 and the second Zagreb index M_2 for the graph representing ethylcyclopropane are $M_1 = 22$ and $M_2 = 24$, respectively. The values of the first Zagreb coindex and the second Zagreb coindex are $\overline{M}_1(G) = 18$ and $\overline{M}_2(G) = 15$ respectively.

Therefore, by Proposition 1 and Proposition 4, the values of reformulated first and second Zagreb coindex for the molecular graph G representing ethylcyclopropane are

$$\overline{EM}_1(G) = 2\overline{m}(m + 1) - 4m(n - 1) - 2M_1(G)$$

It is easily seen that $m = 5$, $\overline{m} = 5$, $n = 5$. Therefore,

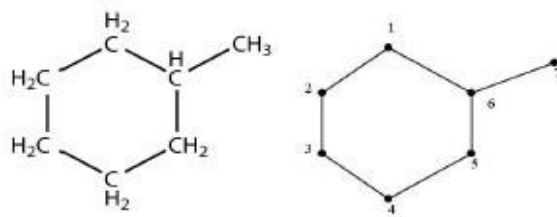
$$\overline{EM}_1(G) = 10(5 + 1) - 20(5 - 1) - 44 = 24.$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{EM}_2(G) &= \overline{m}(m + 1)^2 + \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d_G(u)^2 + d_G(v)^2) + 2\overline{M}_2(G) - 2(m + 1)\overline{M}_1(G) \\ &= 5(6)^2 + 36 + 2(6)(18) \\ &= 30. \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.

Consider, methylcyclohexane and its corresponding molecular graph is

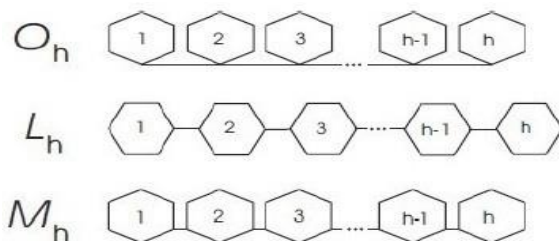


The values of the first Zagreb index M_1 and the second Zagreb index M_2 for the graph representing methylcyclohexane are $M_1 = 30$ and $M_2 = 31$, respectively. The values of the first Zagreb coindex and the second Zagreb coindex are $\overline{M}_1(G) = 54$ and $\overline{M}_2(G) = 52$ respectively.

Therefore, by Proposition 1 and Proposition 4, the values of reformulated first and second Zagreb coindex for the molecular graph G representing methylcyclohexane are $\overline{EM}_1(G) = 98$ and $\overline{EM}_2(G) = 96$.

Example 3.

Two vertices v and w of a hexagon H are said to be in ortho-position if they are adjacent in H . If two vertices v and w are at distance two then they are said to be in meta-position, and if two vertices v and w are at distance three then they are said to be in para-position. A polyphenyl chain of h hexagons is ortho- PPC_h and is denoted by O_h , if all its internal hexagons are ortho-hexagons. In fully analogous manner we define meta- PPC_h and is denoted by M_h and para- PPC_h and is denoted by L_h .



The value of first Zagreb index M_1 is given by $M_1(O_h) = M_1(M_h) = M_1(L_h) = 34h - 10$ see [3].

Therefore by Proposition 1, the value of reformulated first Zagreb coindex $\overline{EM}_1(G)$ is:

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{EM}_1(G) &= 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 4m(n-1) - 2M_1(G) \\ &= 2\overline{m}(m+1) - 4m(n-1) - 68h - 20\end{aligned}$$

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