

THE EDGE VERSION OF ATOM-BOND CONNECTIVITY INDEX OF CONNECTED GRAPH

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ABSTRACT. The atom-bond connectivity index is a topological index was defined as $ABC(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{d_u + d_v - 2}{d_u d_v}}$, in which degree of a vertex v denoted by d_v . Now we define a new version of ABC index as $ABC_e(G) = \sum_{ef \in E(L(G))} \sqrt{\frac{d_e + d_f - 2}{d_e d_f}}$, where d_e denotes the degree of an edge e in G . The goal of this paper is to further the study of the ABC_e index of graphs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A graph is a collection of points and lines connecting them. The points and lines of a graph are also called vertices and edges respectively. If e is an edge of G , connecting the vertices u and v , then we write $e = uv$ and say " u and v are adjacent". A connected graph is a graph such that there is a path between all pairs of vertices. The distance $d(u, v)$ between two vertices u and v is the length of the shortest path between u and v in G . A simple graph is an unweighted, undirected graph without loops or multiple edges. A single number that can be used to characterize some property of the graph is called a *Topological Index* for that graph. Obviously, the number of vertices and the number of edges are topological indices. The *Wiener index* is the first graph invariant reported (distance based) topological index and is defined as a half sum of the distances between all the pairs of vertices in a graph [1]. Also, the edge version of Wiener index which were based on distance between edges introduced by A. *Iranmanesh et al.* in 2008 [2]. These topological indices are formulated as follow:

$$W_v(G) = \sum_{\{u,v\} \subset V(G)} d(u, v) \quad (1)$$

$$W_e(G) = \sum_{\{e,f\} \subset E(G)} d(e, f) \quad (2)$$

in which degree of vertex v and edge e denoted by d_v and d_e .

The degree of a vertex v is the number of vertices joining to v . Also, the degree of an edge $e \in E(G)$ is the number of its adjacent vertices in $V(L(G))$, where the line graph $L(G)$ of a graph G is defined to be the graph whose vertices are the edges of G , with two vertices being adjacent if the corresponding edges share a vertex in G .

A class of atom-bond connectivity indices may be defined as

$$ABC_{general}(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{Q_u + Q_v - 2}{Q_u \times Q_v}} \quad (3)$$

where Q_v is some quantity that in a unique manner can be associated with the vertex v of the graph G . The first member of this class was considered by *E. Estrada et al.* [3], by setting Q_v and Q_u to be the degree of a vertex v and u :

$$ABC_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{d_u + d_v - 2}{d_u \times d_v}} \quad (4)$$

The second member of this class was considered by *A. Graovac and M. Ghorbani* [4] in 2010 by setting Q_u to be the number n_u of vertices of G lying closer to the vertex u than to the vertex v for the edge uv of the graph G ($n_u = \{y | y \in V(G), d(u, y) < d(y, v)\}$):

$$ABC_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{n_u + n_v - 2}{n_u \times n_v}} \quad (5)$$

The third member of this class was considered by *M.R. Farahani* [5]

$$ABC_3(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{m_u + m_v - 2}{m_u \times m_v}} \quad (6)$$

where m_u denotes the number of vertices of G whose distances to vertex u are smaller than those to other vertex v of the edge $e = uv$ and m_v is defined analogously. The fourth member of this class was considered by *M. Ghorbani et al.* [6] as:

$$ABC_4(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{S_u + S_v - 2}{S_u \times S_v}} \quad (7)$$

in which $S_u = \sum_{v \in N_G(u)} d_v$ and $N_G(u) = \{v \in V(G) | uv \in E(G)\}$. The fifth member

of this class was introduced by *M.R. Farahani* [7] by setting Q_u to be the number ϵ_u the eccentricity of vertex u :

$$ABC_5(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_u + \epsilon_v - 2}{\epsilon_u \times \epsilon_v}} \quad (8)$$

Here, we define the new member (*edge version of atom-bond connectivity index*) of this class on the ground of the end-vertex degree d_e and d_f of edges e and f in a line graph of G as follows:

$$ABC_e(G) = \sum_{ef \in E(L(G))} \sqrt{\frac{d_e + d_f - 2}{d_e \times d_f}} \quad (9)$$

where d_e denotes the degree of the edge e in G . The reader can find more information about the atom-bond connectivity index in [8-16]. The goal of this paper is to further the study of the ABC_e index.

2. MAIN RESULT

The goal of this section is to study and computing the ABC_e index of the complete graph K_n , path P_n , cycle C_n and star graph S_n . In continue we obtain a closed formula of this index for a famous molecular graph that is *Circumcoronene Series of Benzenoid H_k* . For every positive integer number k , the general form of circumcoronene series of benzenoid H_k is shown in Figure 1. Also, its line graph is shown in Figure 2. For more information of this family, see the paper series [7, 10, 16-23].

Lemma 1. *Let K_n be the complete graph on n vertices. Then $L(K_n)$ will be a $(2n - 2)$ -regular graph and for every $e \in E(K_n)$ (or $e \in V(L(K_n))$) $d_v = 2(n - 1)$. So $|E(L(K_n))| = \frac{1}{2}|E(K_n)|2(n - 1) = \frac{1}{2}n(n - 1)^2$. This implies that*

$$ABC_e(K_n) = \sum_{ef \in E(L(K_n))} \sqrt{\frac{d_e + d_f - 2}{d_e d_f}} = |E(L(K_n))| \sqrt{\frac{2(n - 1) + 2(n - 1) - 2}{2(n - 1) \times 2(n - 1)}} = \frac{n(n - 1)\sqrt{4n - 6}}{4} \quad (10)$$

Lemma 2. *Let C_n be the cycle of length n . Then one can see that $L(C_n) = C_n$ and for every $v \in V(C_n)$ and $e \in V(L(C_n))$ $d_v = d_e = 2$, So*

$$ABC_e(C_n) = |E(L(C_n))| \sqrt{\frac{2 + 2 - 2}{2 \times 2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}n \quad (11)$$

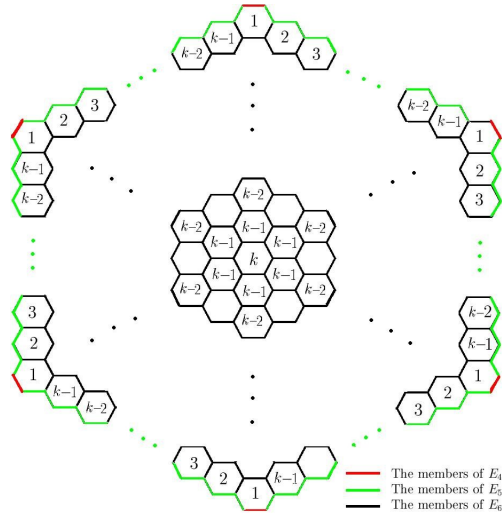


Figure 1: The Circumcoronene Series of Benzenoid $H_k (k \geq 1)$ with edges marking. [16]

Lemma 3. Let P_n be a path of length n . Then $L(P_n) = P_{n-1}$ and for all vertices of $L(P_n)$: $d_e = 2$, (except first and end vertices on path, that are as degree one), thus

$$ABC_e(P_n) = (n - 3)\sqrt{\frac{2 + 2 - 2}{2 \times 2}} + (2)\sqrt{\frac{1 + 2 - 2}{1 \times 2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(n - 1) \quad (12)$$

Lemma 4. Let S_n be a star graph with $n + 1$ vertices. Then $L(S_n)$ will be a $(n - 1)$ -regular graph (or a complete graph on n vertices) and for every $e \in E(S_n)$ (or $e \in V(L(S_n))$) $d_v = n - 1$. So $|E(L(S_n))| = |E(K_n)| = \frac{1}{2}n(n - 1)$. This implies that

$$ABC_e(S_n) = |E(L(S_n))|\sqrt{\frac{(n - 1) + (n - 1) - 2}{(n - 1) \times (n - 1)}} = \frac{n\sqrt{2n - 4}}{2} = ABC_1(K_n) \quad (13)$$

Theorem 5. Let G be the graphs from the circumcoronene series of benzenoid $H_k \forall k \geq 1$ with $6k^2$ vertices and $9k^2 - 3k$ edges, then

$$ABC_1(H_k) = 6k^2 + (6\sqrt{2} - 10)k + (4 - 3\sqrt{2}) \quad (14)$$

$$ABC_e(H_k) = \frac{9}{2}\sqrt{6}k^2 + (8 + 2\sqrt{15} - 9\sqrt{6})k + \left(\frac{9}{2}\sqrt{6} - 2\sqrt{15} + 6\sqrt{2} - 12\right) \quad (15)$$

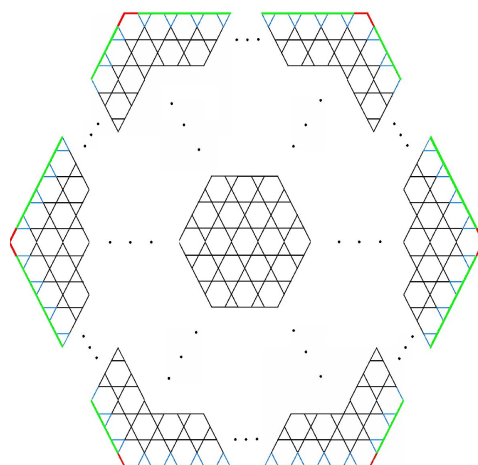


Figure 2: The general representation of line graph of Circumcoronene Series of Benzenoid H_k ($k \geq 1$) with edges marking. [19]

Proof. Consider the circumcoronene series of benzenoid H_k , for all positive integer number k . The first part of theorem proved in ref. [16]. So we start the proof of second part, immediately. By refer to Proposition 1, the edge version of atom-bond connectivity index of H_k is equivalent with atom-bond connectivity index of its line graph. At first, we category the vertex set and edge set of H_k as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} V_3 &= \{v \in V(H_k) | d_v = 3\} \Rightarrow |V_3| = 6k(k-1) \\ V_2 &= \{v \in V(H_k) | d_v = 2\} \Rightarrow |V_2| = 6k \\ E_4 &= \{e = uv \in E(H_k) | d_u = d_v = 2\} \Rightarrow |E_4| = 6 \\ E_5 &= \{e = uv \in E(H_k) | d_u = 3 \& d_v = 2\} \Rightarrow |E_5| = 12(k-1) \\ E_6 &= \{e = uv \in E(H_k) | d_u = d_v = 3\} \Rightarrow |E_6| = 9k^2 - 15k + 6 \end{aligned}$$

In Figure 1, all edges belong to E_4 , E_5 and E_6 marked by red, green and black colors, respectively. It is easy to see that $\forall k \geq 1$; $L(H_k)$ has $9k^2 - 3k$ vertices and from $\frac{4(9k^2 - 15k + 6) + 3 \times 12(k-1) + 2 \times 6}{2} = 18k^2 - 12k$ edges. Alternatively, we can category the vertex set and edge set of $L(H_k)$ by using the results of ref.[19] as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} VL_2 &= \{e \in E(H_k) | d_e = 2\} \Rightarrow |VL_2| = |E_4| = 6 \\ VL_3 &= \{e \in E(H_k) | d_e = 3\} \Rightarrow |VL_3| = |E_5| = 12(k-1) \\ VL_4 &= \{e \in V(L(H_k)) \text{ or } e \in E(H_k) | d_e = 4\} \Rightarrow |VL_4| = |E_6| = 9k^2 - 15k + 6 \\ EL_5 &= \{\mu = ef \in E(L(H_k)) | d_e = 2, d_f = 3\} \Rightarrow |EL_5| = 2|VL_2| = 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 EL_6 &= \{\mu = ef \in E(L(H_k)) | d_e = d_f = 3\} \Rightarrow |EL_6| = |VL_3| - |VL_2| = 6(2k - 3) \\
 EL_7 &= \{\mu = ef \in E(L(H_k)) | d_e = 3, d_f = 3\} \Rightarrow |EL_7| = |VL_3| - |VL_2| = 12(k - 1) \\
 EL_8 &= \{\mu = ef \in E(L(H_k)) | d_e = d_f = 4\} \Rightarrow |EL_8| = |E(L(H_k))| - |EL_7| - |EL_6| - \\
 &|EL_5| \\
 \Rightarrow &= 18k^2 - 36k + 18 = 18(k - 1)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similar above, in Figure 2 all edges belong to EL_5 , EL_6 , EL_7 and EL_8 marked by red, green and black colors, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
 ABC_e(H_k) &= \sum_{ef \in E(L(H_k))} \sqrt{\frac{d_e + d_f - 2}{d_e d_f}} \\
 &= \sum_{ef \in EL_5} \sqrt{\frac{3 + 2 - 2}{3 \times 2}} + \sum_{ef \in EL_6} \sqrt{\frac{3 + 3 - 2}{3 \times 3}} + \sum_{ef \in EL_7} \sqrt{\frac{4 + 3 - 2}{4 \times 3}} + \sum_{ef \in EL_8} \sqrt{\frac{4 + 4 - 2}{4 \times 4}} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} |EL_5| + \frac{2}{3} |EL_6| + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6} |EL_7| + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} |EL_8| \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (12) + \frac{2}{3} (12k - 18) + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6} (12k - 12) + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} (18k^2 - 36k + 18) \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \sqrt{6} k^2 + (8 + 2\sqrt{15} - 9\sqrt{6}) k + \left(\frac{9}{2} \sqrt{6} - 2\sqrt{15} + 6\sqrt{2} - 12 \right) \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

And it completes the proof.

Example 1. Let H_3 be the Circumcoronene. Then the number of edges e_5 , e_6 , e_7 and e_8 in line graph H_3 are equal to 12, 18, 24 and 72, respectively (see Figure 3). So ABC_e index of H_3 is equal to $ABC_e(H_3) = ABC(L(H_3)) = 80.0681$.

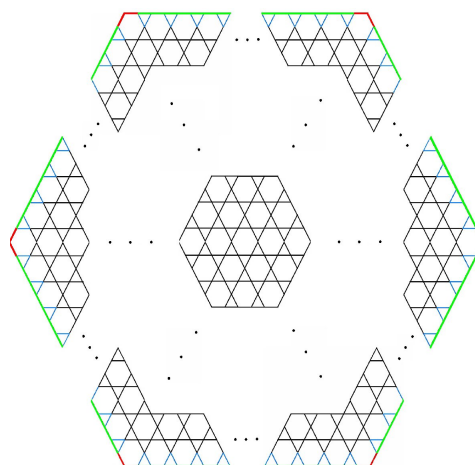


Figure 3: The representation of Circumcoronene H_3 and its line graph ($L(H_3)$). [19]

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