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**GENERAL ZAGREB INDEXES OF A HYDROCARBON MOLECULAR GRAPH
“POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAH_k)”**

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ABSTRACT

The *Zagreb index* is one of the most useful and thoroughly studied topological indexes. For a graph G , it is defined as $M_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)^2$. The *general Zagreb index* is defined as

$M_1^\alpha(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)^\alpha$, α is any real number. In this article, we computed the general Zagreb

index of the *Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH_k)*.

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INTRODUCTION

Let $G(V,E)$ be a simple connected graph, where V and E represent the set of vertices and the set of edges. The number of elements in V is called the *order* of the graph G and the number of elements in E is called the *size* of the graph G . The number of vertices adjacent to the vertex $v \in V$ is called the *degree* of v and is denoted as $d(v)$.

A *topological index* (molecular structure descriptor) is a numerical value related with chemical constitution for correlation of chemical structure with various physical properties, chemical reactivity or biological activity. A *molecular graph* is a simple graph representing the carbon atom skeleton of an organic molecule. In molecular graphs, the vertices represents the carbon atoms and the

edges represents the carbon-carbon bonds. Usually, the hydrocarbons are considered as molecular graphs. *Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH_k)* are composed of two or more benzene (aromatic) rings which are fused together when a pair of carbon atoms is shared between them. The resulting structure is a molecule where all carbon and hydrogen atoms lie in one plane. PAH_k are formed during the incomplete burning of coal, gas, oil, garbage, wood, or other organic substances. First three members of this family is shown in Fig. 1.

The first degree based topological index was proposed in 1975 by *Milan Randić*. He defined this topological index as;

$$R(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d(u)d(v)}}$$

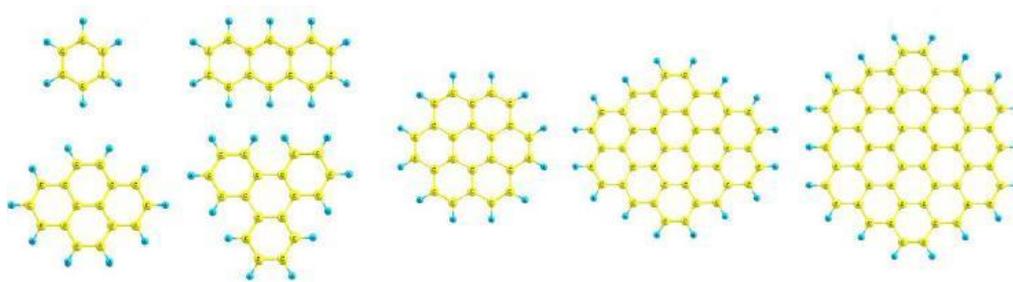


Figure 1: First three members of the Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons family

The Randić index is the most studied and most popular among all topological indices. A lot of papers and a few books are dedicated to this graph invariant [1-8].

Bollobás and *Erdős* [9] defined the *general Randić index* as follows

$$R_\alpha(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d(u)d(v))^\alpha$$

where α is a real number. For further history and details of general Randić index see [10-13].

Zhou et. al. [14] replaced the term $d(u)d(v)$ by $d(u)+d(v)$ in Randić index and introduced the *sum-connectivity index* as

$$\chi(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d(u)+d(v)}}$$

In 2010, the concept of sum-connectivity index was extend to the *general sum-connectivity index* in [15].

$$\chi_\alpha(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} (d(u)+d(v))^\alpha$$

where α is any real number. Several properties of the general sum-connectivity index were discussed in [16-19].

These topological indices were introduced by Gutman and Trinajstić [20]. These are defined as

The first and second *Zagreb indices* are among the oldest and most famous

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)^2$$

$$M_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d(u)d(v)$$

A lot of research papers have published on these important topological indices few of them are [21-23].

In 2005, Li and Zheng [24] proposed the *first general Zagreb index*

$$M_1^\alpha(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)^\alpha$$

where α is any real number. Some results on first general Zagreb index can be seen in [25,26].

In this paper, we computed the first general Zagreb index of the *Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH_k)*.

A general representation of the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH_k) is shown in Fig. 2. The outer layers are *Hydrogen* atoms and all the inner are *Carbon* atoms. There are $6k^2$ Carbon atoms and $6k$ Hydrogen atoms. So, a PAH_k structure contains $6k^2+6k$ atoms and there are $9k^2+3k$ bonds between Carbon-

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Carbon and Carbon-Hydrogen atoms. Many of topological indices of these important hydrocarbons have found [27-32]. In the continual of this, we computed the first general Zagreb index of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

Theorem: Let the graph of the *Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons* (PAH_k), the general Zagreb index of Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons is as

$$M_1^\alpha(PAH_k) = \begin{cases} 6k(9k+1); & \text{for } \alpha = 2 \\ 6k(27k+1); & \text{for } \alpha = 3 \\ 2k(k+3); & \text{for } \alpha = -1 \end{cases}$$

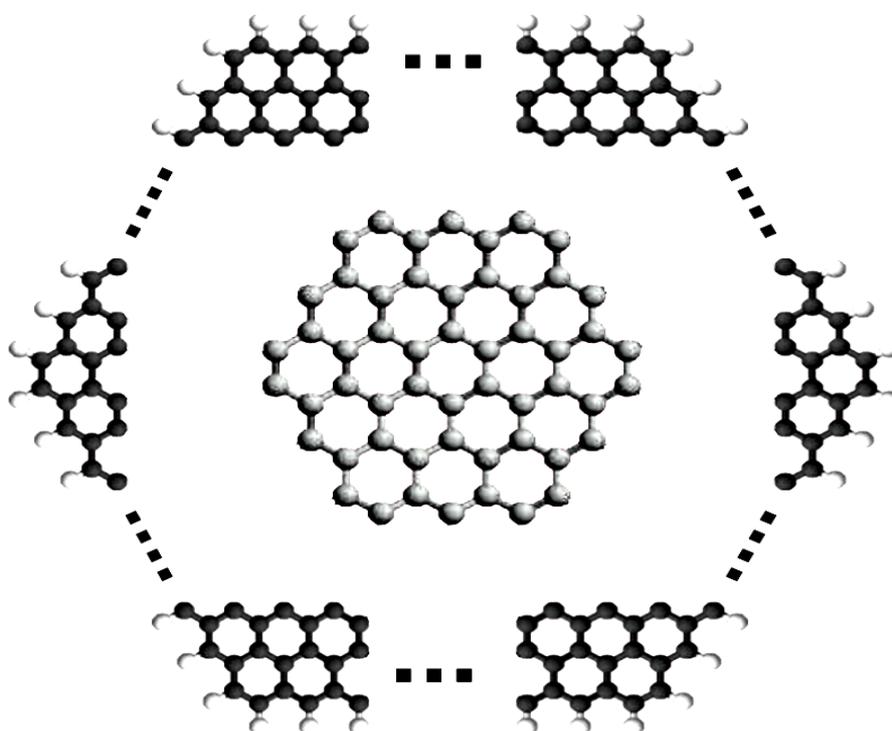


Figure 2: A general representation of the Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

Proof. From Fig. 2, we can notice that in the structure of Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH_k) all the Carbons atoms have degree 3 and all the Hydrogen atoms have degree 1. So,

$$\begin{aligned} M_1^\alpha(PAH_k) &= \sum_{v \in V(PAH_k)} d(v)^\alpha \\ &= \sum_{c \in V(PAH_k)} d(c)^\alpha + \sum_{h \in V(PAH_k)} d(h)^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{c \in V(PAH_k)} 3^\alpha + \sum_{h \in V(PAH_k)} 1^\alpha \\
 &= 6k^2 \cdot 3^\alpha + 6k \cdot 1
 \end{aligned}$$

For $\alpha = 2$, we have

$$M_1^2(PAH_k) = 6k(3^2k + 1)$$

For $\alpha = 3$, we have

$$M_1^3(PAH_k) = 6k(3^3k + 1)$$

For $\alpha = -1$, we have

$$M_1^{-1}(PAH_k) = 2k(k + 3)$$

So, we have

$$M_1^\alpha(PAH_k) = \begin{cases} 6k(9k + 1); & \text{for } \alpha = 2 \\ 6k(27k + 1); & \text{for } \alpha = 3 \\ 2k(k + 3); & \text{for } \alpha = -1 \end{cases}$$

which is the required result. ■

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