

# ***Eccentric Connectivity Index of Some Dendrimer Graphs***

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## **ABSTRACT**

The eccentricity connectivity index of a molecular graph  $G$  is defined as  $\xi(G) = \sum_{a \in V(G)} \deg(a)\varepsilon(a)$ , where  $\varepsilon(a)$  is defined as the length of a maximal path connecting  $a$  to other vertices of  $G$  and  $\deg(a)$  is degree of vertex  $a$ . Here, we compute this topological index for some infinite classes of dendrimer graphs.

**Keywords:** Eccentricity, topological index, dendrimer graphs.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

By a graph means a set of vertices and edges which denotes by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$ , 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. Throughout this paper all graphs are simple and connected.

Molecular descriptors play a prominent map in chemistry, pharmacology, etc. Among them, topological indices are very important, [1]. Let  $\Sigma$  be the class of finite graphs. A topological index is a function  $Top$  from  $\Sigma$  into real numbers with this property that  $Top(G) = Top(H)$ , if  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic. Obviously, the number of vertices and the number of edges are topological index. If  $x, y \in V(G)$  then the distance  $d_G(x, y)$  between  $x$  and  $y$  is defined as the length of any shortest path in  $G$  connecting  $x$  and  $y$ . For a vertex  $u$  of  $V(G)$ , its eccentricity  $\varepsilon(u)$  is the largest distance between  $u$  and any other vertex  $v$  of  $G$ ,

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$\varepsilon(u) = \max_{v \in V(G)} d_G(u, v)$ . The maximum eccentricity over all vertices of  $G$  is called the diameter of  $G$  and denoted by  $D(G)$ . The eccentric connectivity index [2-6]  $\xi^C(x)$  of a graph  $G$  is defined as  $\xi^C(x) = \sum_{u \in V(G)} \deg(u)\varepsilon(u)$ , where  $\deg(u)$  denotes the degree of vertex  $u$  in  $G$ , *i. e.*, the number of its neighbors in  $G$ . The aim of this paper is to compute the eccentric of some infinite families of dendrimers. Then by using this value we can compute eccentric connectivity index and diameter of these dendrimer graphs. Throughout this paper our notations are standard and mainly taken from standard books of graph theory such as [7, 8]. The reader is encouraged to consult the Refs [9 – 16], for background materials as well as basic computational techniques.

## 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Before going to calculate this polynomial for an infinite class of fullerenes, we must compute  $\xi^C(x)$ , for some well-known class of graphs.

**Lemma 1.** The  $\xi$  - index for a  $k$ - regular graph is:  $\xi^C(x) = k \sum_{a \in V(G)} \varepsilon(a)$ .

**Example 2.** Suppose  $K_n$  denotes the complete graph on  $n$  vertices. Then for any vertex  $v \in V(K_n)$ ,  $\deg(v) = n-1$  and  $\varepsilon(v) = 1$ . So,  $\xi^C(x) = (n-1) \sum_{a \in V(G)} 1 = n(n-1)$ .

An automorphism of the graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a bijection  $\sigma$  on  $V$  which preserves the edge set  $E$ , *i. e.*, if  $e = uv$  is an edge, then  $\sigma(e) = \sigma(u)\sigma(v)$  is an edge of  $E$ . Here the image of vertex  $u$  is denoted by  $\sigma(u)$ . The set of all automorphisms of  $G$  under the composition of mappings forms a group which is denoted by  $Aut(G)$ .  $Aut(G)$  acts transitively on  $V$  if for any vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V$  there is  $\alpha \in Aut(G)$  such that  $\alpha(u) = v$ . Similarly  $G = (V, E)$  is called edge-transitive graph if for any two edges  $e_1 = uv$  and  $e_2 = xy$  in  $E$  there is an element  $\beta \in Aut(G)$  such that  $\beta(e_1) = e_2$ , where  $\beta(e_1) = \beta(u)\beta(v)$ . By means of group action the proof of the following Lemma is clear:

**Lemma 3.** If  $Aut(G)$  on  $V$  has orbits  $V_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ) and  $u_i$  be an arbitrary vertex of  $V_i$ , then:

$$\xi^C(G[1]) = \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{u \in V_i} \deg(u_i)\varepsilon(u_i) = \sum_{i=1}^s |V_i| \deg(u_i)\varepsilon(u_i).$$

**Example 4.** Consider the dendrimer graph  $G[1]$  depicted in Figure 1. It is easy to see that:

$$\xi^C(G) = 2 \times 2 \times 7 + 2 \times 2 \times 8 + 2 \times 3 \times 9 + 4 \times 2 \times 10 + 4 \times 2 \times 11 + 4 \times 2 \times 12 + 4 \times 1 \times 13 = 430$$

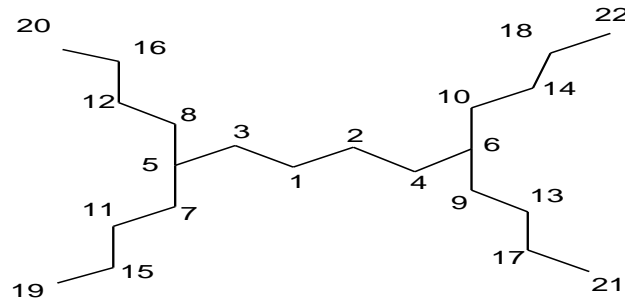


Figure 1. 2 – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $G[1]$ .

**Example 5.** Consider dendrimer graphs  $G[2]$  and  $G[3]$  depicted in Figures 2,3. By computing their eccentricity one can see that:

$$\xi^C(G[2]) = 2 \times 2 \times 11 + 2 \times 2 \times 12 + 2 \times 3 \times 13 + 4 \times 2 \times 15 + 4 \times 2 \times 16 + 4 \times 2 \times 12 + 4 \times 3 \times 17 + 8 \times 2 \times 18 + 8 \times 2 \times 19 + 8 \times 2 \times 20 + 8 \times 1 \times 21 = 1814,$$

and

$$\xi^C(G[3]) = 2 \times 2 \times 15 + 2 \times 2 \times 16 + 2 \times 3 \times 17 + 4 \times 2 \times 18 + 4 \times 2 \times 19 + 4 \times 2 \times 20 + 4 \times 3 \times 21 + 8 \times 2 \times 22 + 8 \times 2 \times 23 + 8 \times 2 \times 24 + 8 \times 3 \times 25 + 16 \times 2 \times 26 + 16 \times 2 \times 27 + 16 \times 2 \times 28 + 16 \times 1 \times 29 = 5694.$$

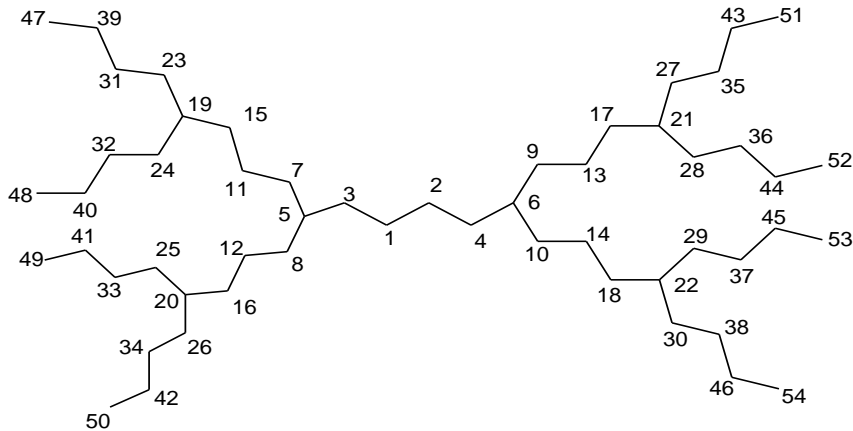


Figure 2. 2 – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $G[2]$ .

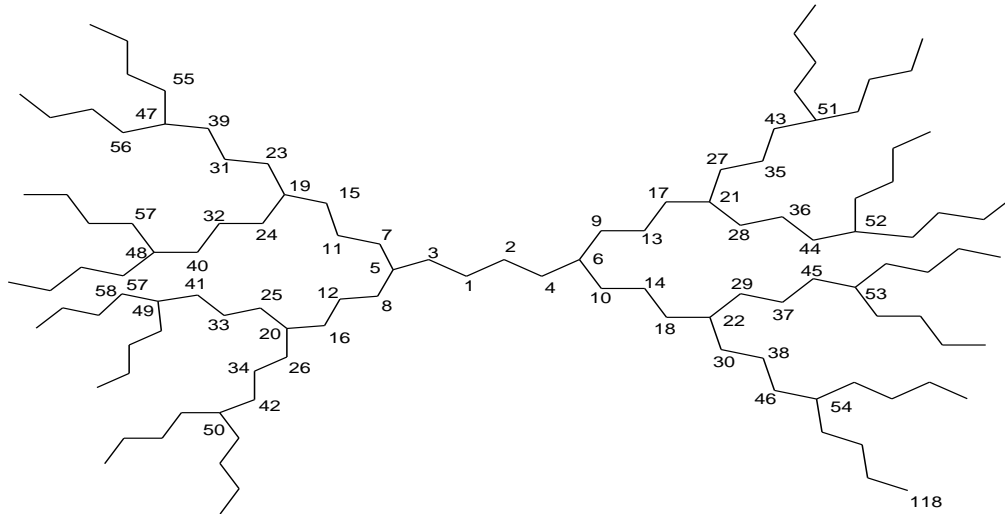
**Theorem 6.** Let  $G[n]$  be the dendrimer graph depicted in Figure 4, with exactly  $n$  levels.

Then

$$\xi^C(G[n]) = 50\varepsilon + 184 + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} 2^{i+1}[9\varepsilon + 36(i-1) + 42] + 2^{n+1}[7\varepsilon + 28(n-1) + 30],$$

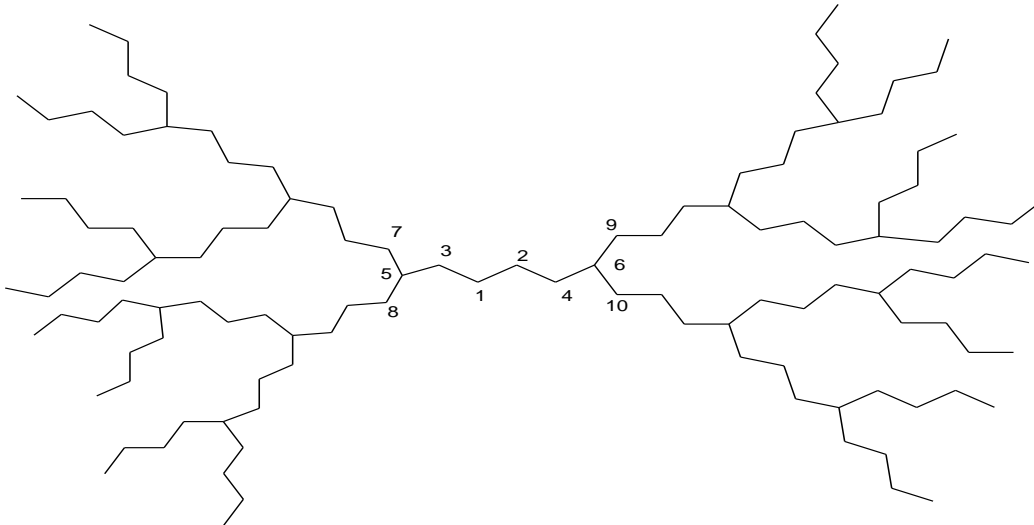
where  $\varepsilon = 4n+3$ .

**Proof.** Using Figure 4 and Table 1 one can see there are  $n$  types of vertices in  $V(G[n])$  and  $\varepsilon = 4n+3$ .



**Figure 3.** 2 – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $G[3]$ .

By summation the values of eccentricity listed in Table 1 the proof is completed.



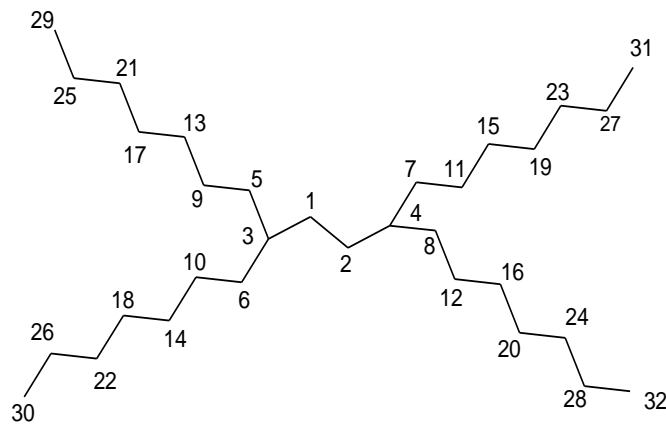
**Figure 4.** 2 – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $G[n]$ .

**Example 7.** Consider the dendrimer graph  $H[1]$ , depicted in Figure 5. It is easy to see that

$$\xi^C(H[1]) = 2 \times 2 \times 9 + 2 \times 3 \times 10 + 4 \times 2 \times 11 + 4 \times 2 \times 12 + 4 \times 2 \times 13 + 4 \times 2 \times 14 + 4 \times 2 \times 15 + 8 \times 2 \times 16 + 4 \times 1 \times 17 = 812$$

**Table 1.** The Eccentricity of the Vertices of  $G[n]$ .

Step	Vertex	Num	$\delta(u)$	$\epsilon(u)$	$\sum \delta(u)\epsilon(u)$
1	$v_1$	2	2	$\epsilon$	$50\epsilon + 184$
	$v_3$	2	2	$\epsilon + 1$	
	$v_5$	2	3	$\epsilon + 2$	
	$v_7$	4	2	$\epsilon + 3$	
	$v_{11}$	4	2	$\epsilon + 4$	
	$v_{15}$	4	2	$\epsilon + 5$	
	$v_{19}$	4	3	$\epsilon + 6$	
2	$v_1$	8	2	$\epsilon + 7$	$72\epsilon + 624$
	$v_9$	8	2	$\epsilon + 8$	
	$v_{17}$	8	2	$\epsilon + 9$	
	$v_{25}$	8	3	$\epsilon + 10$	
$\vdots$	$v_1$	$2^{i+1}$	2	$\epsilon + 4(i-1) + 3$	$2^{i+1}[9\epsilon + 36(i-1) + 42]$
	$v_{2^{i+1}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	2	$\epsilon + 4(i-1) + 4$	
	$v_{2^{i+2}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	2	$\epsilon + 4(i-1) + 5$	
	$v_{3 \times 2^{i+1}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	3	$\epsilon + 4(i-1) + 6$	
$\vdots$	$v_1$	$2^{n+1}$	2	$\epsilon + 4(n-1) + 3$	$2^{n+1}[7\epsilon + 28(n-1) + 30]$
	$v_{2^{n+1}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	2	$\epsilon + 4(n-1) + 4$	
	$v_{2^{n+2}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	2	$\epsilon + 4(n-1) + 5$	
	$v_{3 \times 2^{n+1}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	1	$\epsilon + 4(n-1) + 6$	

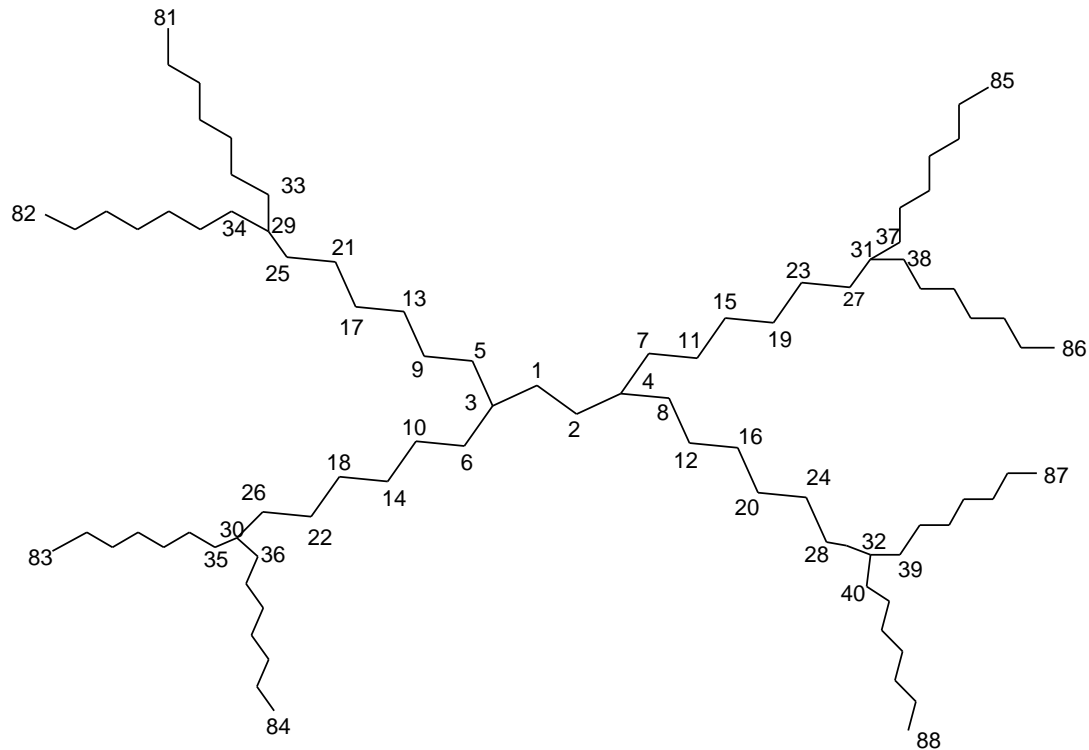


**Figure 5. 2** – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $H[1]$ .

Also, for  $n = 2, 3$   $H[2]$  and  $H[3]$  are depicted in Figures 6, 7 and we have:

$$\xi^C(H[2]) = 2 \times 2 \times 16 + 2 \times 3 \times 17 + 4 \times 3 \times 18 + 4 \times 2 \times 19 + 4 \times 2 \times 20 + 4 \times 2 \times 21 + 4 \times 2 \times 22 + 4 \times 2 \times 23 + 4 \times 3 \times 24 + 8 \times 2 \times 25 + 8 \times 2 \times 26 + 8 \times 2 \times 27 + 8 \times 2 \times 28 + 8 \times 2 \times 29 + 8 \times 2 \times 30 + 8 \times 1 \times 31 = 4326,$$

$$\xi^C(H[3]) = 2 \times 2 \times 23 + 2 \times 3 \times 24 + 4 \times 2 \times 25 + 4 \times 2 \times 26 + 4 \times 2 \times 27 + 4 \times 2 \times 28 + 4 \times 2 \times 29 + 4 \times 2 \times 30 + 4 \times 3 \times 31 + 8 \times 2 \times 32 + 8 \times 2 \times 33 + 8 \times 2 \times 34 + 8 \times 2 \times 35 + 8 \times 2 \times 36 + 8 \times 2 \times 37 + 8 \times 3 \times 38 + 16 \times 2 \times 39 + 16 \times 2 \times 40 + 16 \times 2 \times 41 + 16 \times 2 \times 42 + 16 \times 2 \times 43 + 16 \times 2 \times 44 + 16 \times 1 \times 45 = 14840.$$



**Figure 6. 2 – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $H[2]$ .**

In generally we have the following Theorem:

**Theorem 8.** Let  $H[n]$  be a dendrimer graph on  $n$  levels, see Figure 8. Then

$$\xi^C(H[n]) = 70\varepsilon + 286 + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} 2^{i+1}[15\varepsilon + 105(i-1) + 78] + 2^{n+1}[13\varepsilon + 91(n-1) + 62],$$

where  $\varepsilon = 7n+2$ .

**Proof.** Similar to proof of Theorem 6, one can see that we can divide the vertices of graph  $H[n]$  to  $n$  types, see Table 2:

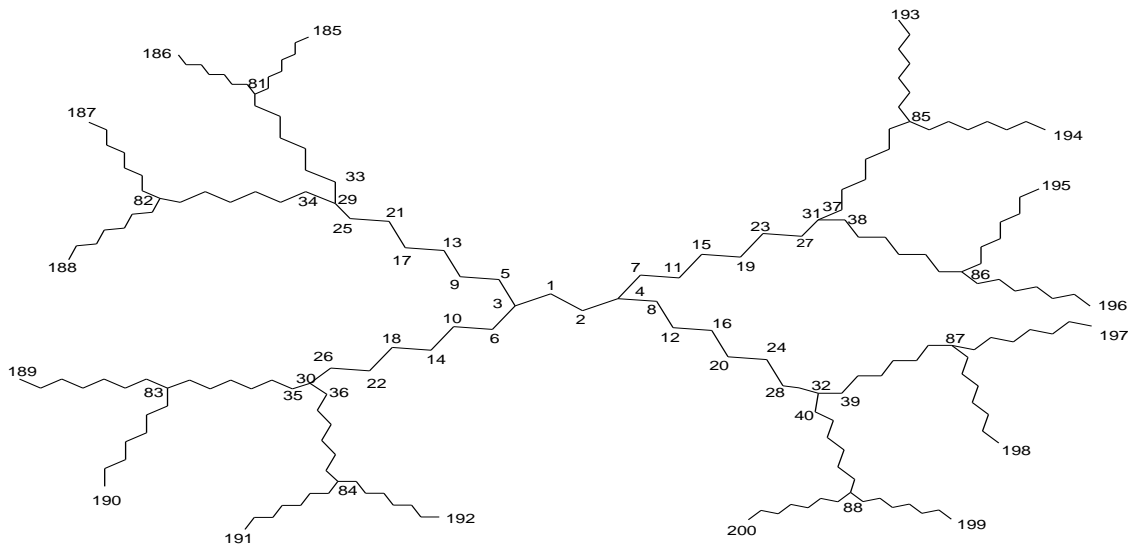
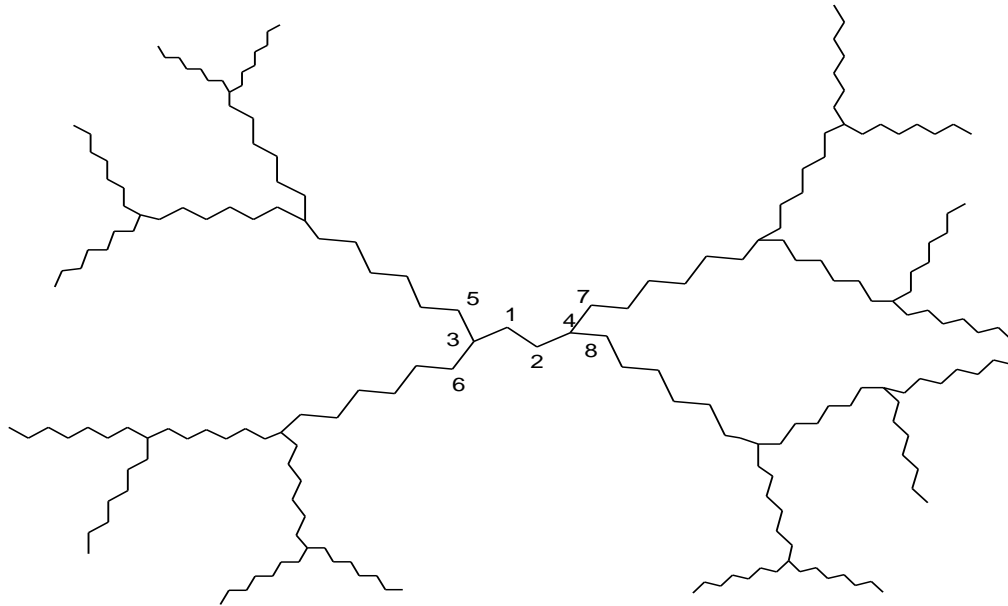


Figure 7. 2 – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $H[3]$ .

Table 2. The Eccentricity of the Vertices of  $H[n]$ .

Step	Vertex	Num	$\delta(u)$	$\varepsilon(u)$	$\sum \delta(u)\varepsilon(u)$
1	$v_1$	2	2	$\varepsilon$	$70\varepsilon + 256$
	$v_3$	2	3	$\varepsilon + 1$	
	$v_5$	4	2	$\varepsilon + 2$	
	$v_9$	4	2	$\varepsilon + 3$	
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
	$v_{25}$	4	2	$\varepsilon + 7$	
	$v_{29}$	4	3	$\varepsilon + 8$	
2	$v_1$	8	2	$\varepsilon + 9$	$120\varepsilon + 1464$
	$v_9$	8	2	$\varepsilon + 10$	
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
	$v_{41}$	8	2	$\varepsilon + 14$	
	$v_{49}$	8	3	$\varepsilon + 15$	
$\vdots$	$v_1$	$2^{i+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 7(i-1) + 2$	$2^{i+1}[15\varepsilon + 105(i-1) + 78]$
	$v_{2^{i+1}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 7(i-1) + 3$	
	$v_{2^{i+2}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 7(i-1) + 4$	
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
	$v_{6 \times 2^{i+1}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	3	$\varepsilon + 7(i-1) + 8$	
$n$	$v_1$	$2^{n+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 7(n-1) + 2$	$2^{n+1}[13\varepsilon + 91(n-1) + 62]$
	$v_{2^{n+1}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 7(n-1) + 3$	
	$v_{2^{n+2}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 7(n-1) + 4$	
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
	$v_{6 \times 2^{n+1}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	1	$\varepsilon + 7(n-1) + 8$	

where  $\varepsilon = 7n+2$ . By summation the eccentricities of vertices in Table 2 the proof is completed.



**Figure 8.2** – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $H[n]$ .

Finally, we are ready to compute the eccentric connectivity index of dendrimer graph  $K[n]$  depicted in Figure 11. To do this at the first step, we assume  $n = 1$ , see Figure 9 and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^C(G) &= 2 \times 2 \times 14 + 2 \times 3 \times 13 + 4 \times 2 \times 12 + 4 \times 3 \times 11 + 2 \times 3 \times 10 + 2 \times 3 \times 10 + 2 \times 3 \times 11 + \\ & 2 \times 3 \times 10 + 2 \times 2 \times 12 + 2 \times 2 \times 11 + 2 \times 2 \times 13 + 2 \times 2 \times 12 + 2 \times 2 \times 15 + 2 \times 3 \times 16 + 4 \times 2 \times 17 + \\ & 4 \times 3 \times 18 + 2 \times 2 \times 19 + 4 \times 1 \times 19 = 1460. \end{aligned}$$

By a similar way we can compute the eccentricity of vertices of  $K[n]$  depicted in Figure 9. A direct computation shows this topological index is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^C(G) &= 2 \times 2 \times 19 + 2 \times 3 \times 18 + 4 \times 2 \times 17 + 4 \times 3 \times 16 + 2 \times 3 \times 15 + 2 \times 3 \times 15 + 2 \times 3 \times 16 + \\ & 2 \times 3 \times 15 + 2 \times 2 \times 17 + 2 \times 2 \times 16 + 2 \times 2 \times 18 + 2 \times 2 \times 17 + 2 \times 2 \times 20 + 2 \times 3 \times 21 + 4 \times 2 \times 22 + \\ & 4 \times 3 \times 23 + 2 \times 2 \times 24 + 4 \times 2 \times 24 + 4 \times 2 \times 25 + 4 \times 3 \times 26 + 8 \times 2 \times 27 + 8 \times 3 \times 28 + 4 \times 2 \times 29 + \\ & 8 \times 1 \times 29 = 1460. \end{aligned}$$

By using the Table 3 and Figure 11, similar to the last Theorems one can see there are  $n$  types of vertices in graph  $K[n]$ , see Table 3. So, by summation of these values we can prove the following Theorem:



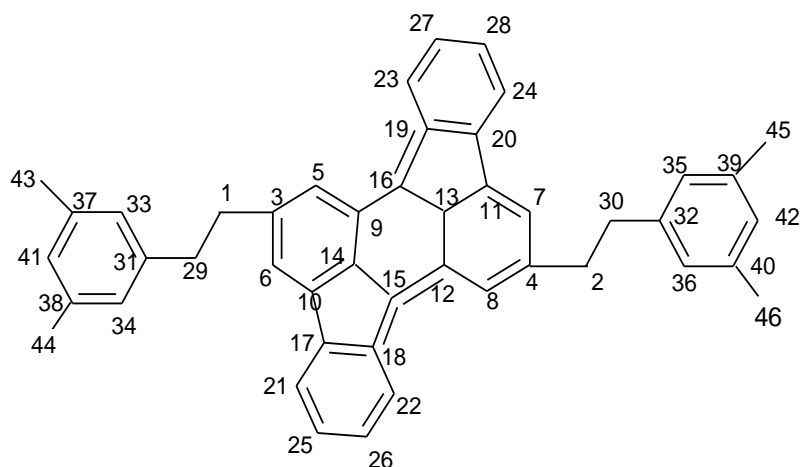


Figure 9. 2 – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $K[1]$ .

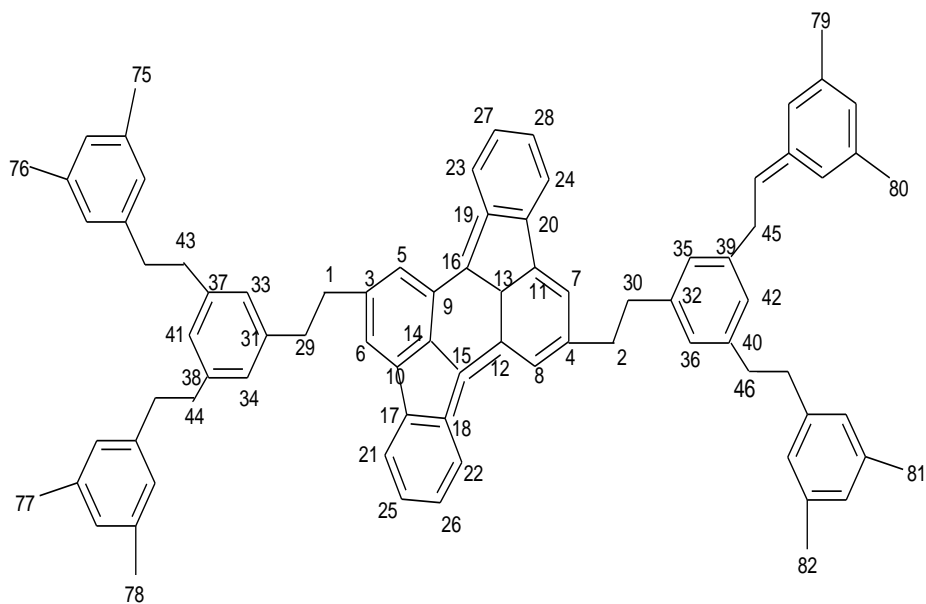


Figure 10. Dendrimer Graph  $K[2]$ .

**Theorem 9.**

$$\xi^C(G) = 112\varepsilon - 32 + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} 2^{i+1} [21\varepsilon + 105(i-1) + 74] + 2^{n+1} [19\varepsilon + 95(n-1) + 64],$$

where  $\varepsilon = 5n+9$ .

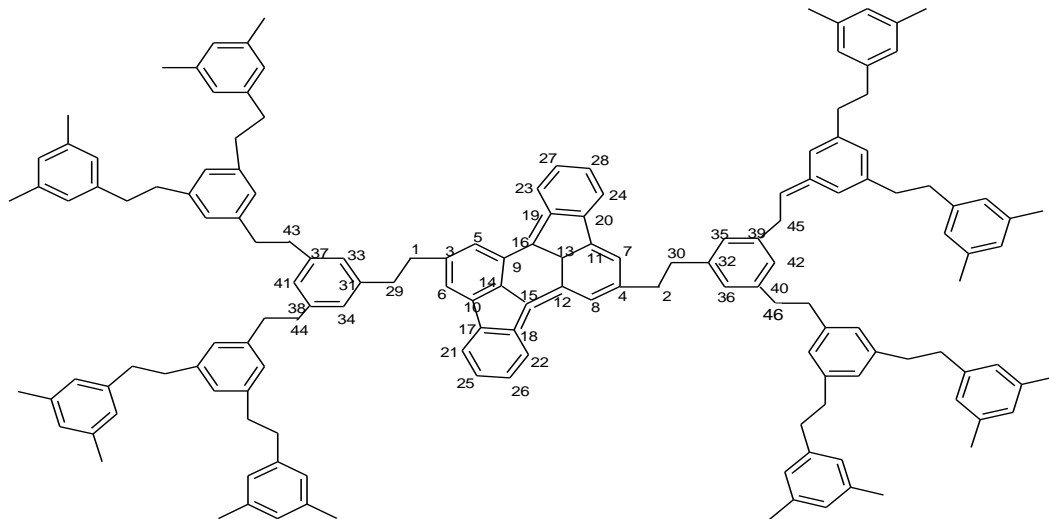


Figure 11. 2 – D Presentation of Dendrimer Graph  $K[n]$ .

Table 3. The Eccentricity of the Vertices of  $K[n]$ .

Step	Vertex	Num	$\delta(u)$	$\varepsilon(u)$	$\sum \delta(u)\varepsilon(u)$
1	$v_1$	2	2	$\varepsilon$	$112\varepsilon - 32$
	$v_3$	2	3	$\varepsilon - 1$	
	$v_5$	4	2	$\varepsilon - 2$	
	$v_9$	4	3	$\varepsilon - 3$	
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
	$v_{41}$	2	2	$\varepsilon + 5$	
	$v_{43}$	4	2	$\varepsilon + 5$	
2	$v_1$	4	2	$\varepsilon + 6$	$84\varepsilon + 716$
	$v_5$	4	3	$\varepsilon + 7$	
	$v_9$	8	2	$\varepsilon + 8$	
	$v_{17}$	8	3	$\varepsilon + 9$	
	$v_{25}$	4	2	$\varepsilon + 10$	
	$v_{29}$	8	3	$\varepsilon + 10$	
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
$i$	$v_1$	$2^i$	2	$\varepsilon + 5(i-1) + 1$	$2^i [21\varepsilon + 105(i-1) + 74]$
	$v_{2^{i+1}}$	$2^i$	3	$\varepsilon + 5(i-1) + 2$	
	$v_{2^{i+2}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 5(i-1) + 3$	
	$v_{2^{i+2}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	3	$\varepsilon + 5(i-1) + 4$	
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
$n$	$v_{3 \times 2^{i+2}+1}$	$2^i$	2	$\varepsilon + 5(i-1) + 5$	$2^n [19\varepsilon + 95(n-1) + 64]$
	$v_{3 \times 2^{i+2}+1}$	$2^{i+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 5(i-1) + 5$	
	$v_1$	$2^n$	2	$\varepsilon + 5(n-1) + 1$	
	$v_{2^n+1}$	$2^n$	3	$\varepsilon + 5(n-1) + 2$	
	$v_{2^{n+2}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	2	$\varepsilon + 5(n-1) + 3$	
	$v_{2^{n+2}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	3	$\varepsilon + 5(n-1) + 4$	
	$v_{3 \times 2^{n+2}+1}$	$2^n$	2	$\varepsilon + 5(n-1) + 5$	
$v_{3 \times 2^{n+2}+1}$	$2^{n+1}$	1	$\varepsilon + 5(n-1) + 5$		

### 3. CONCLUSIONS

By using the definition of the eccentric connectivity index, we computed this new topological index for some classes of dendrimer graphs.

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