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## Fourth Order and Fourth Sum Connectivity Indices of Polyphenylene Dendrimers

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**Abstract:** The  $m$ -order connectivity index  ${}^m\chi(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is  ${}^m\chi(G) = \sum_{v_1 v_2 \dots v_{m+1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{v_1} d_{v_2} \dots d_{v_{m+1}}}}$ , where,  $v_1 v_2 \dots v_{m+1}$  runs over all paths of length  $m$  in  $G$  and  $d_i$  denotes the degree of vertex  $v_i$ . Also  ${}^m\chi(G) = \sum_{v_1 v_2 \dots v_{m+1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{v_1} + d_{v_2} + \dots + d_{v_{m+1}}}}$  is its  $m$ -sum connectivity index. A dendrimer is an artificially manufactured or synthesized molecule built up from branched units called monomers. In this study, the 4-connectivity and 4-sum connectivity indices of an infinite family of polyphenylene dendrimer are computed.

**Key words:** 4-connectivity index, 4-sum connectivity index, dendrimer, graph

### INTRODUCTION

A graph  $G$  is a finite nonempty set  $V(G)$  of objects called vertices together with a (possibly empty) set  $E(G)$  of 2-element subsets of  $V(G)$  called edges. In a chemical graph, vertices represents atoms and edges represents bonds (Trinajstic, 1983).

A single number which characterizes the graph of a molecular is called a graph theoretical invariant or topological index. The connectivity index is one of the most popular topological indices introduced by (Randic, 1975). This index has been used in a wide spectrum of applications ranging from predicting physicochemical properties such as boiling point and solubility partition. The molecular connectivity index  $\chi$  provides a quantitative assessment of branching of molecules. Randic (1975) first addressed the problem of relating the physical properties of alkanes to the degree of branching across an isomeric series. The degree of branching of a molecule was quantified using a branching index which subsequently became known as first-order molecular connectivity index  $\chi$ . Kier and Hall (1986) extended this to higher orders and introduced modifications to account for heteroatoms.

Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph of order  $n$ . For an integer  $m = 1$ , the  $m$ -order connectivity index of an organic molecule whose molecule graph  $G$  is defined as:

$${}^m\chi(G) = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_{m+1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{i_1} \dots d_{i_{m+1}}}} \quad (1)$$

where,  $i_1 \dots i_{m+1}$  (for simplicity) runs over all paths of length  $m$  in  $G$  and  $d_i$  denote the degree of vertex  $v_i$ . In particular, 4-order connectivity index is defined as follows:

$${}^4\chi(G) = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_5} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{i_1} d_{i_2} d_{i_3} d_{i_4} d_{i_5}}} \quad (2)$$

Recently, a closely related variant of the Randic connectivity index called the sum-connectivity index was introduced by Zhou and Trinajstic (2009, 2010). For a simple connected graph  $G$ , its sum-connectivity index  $X(G)$  is defined as the sum over all edges of the graph of the terms  $(d_u + d_v)^{-1/2}$ , that is:

$$X(G) = \sum_{uv} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_u + d_v}} \quad (3)$$

where,  $d_u$  and  $d_v$  are the degrees of the vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , respectively. It is a graph-based molecular structure descriptor. It has been found that the sum-connectivity index correlates well with  $\pi$ -electronic energy of benzenoid hydrocarbons and it is frequently applied in quantitative structure property and Structure-activity studies (Kier and Hall, 1986; Todeschini and Consonni, 2000).

The m-sum connectivity index of G is defined as:

$${}^m\chi(G) = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_{m+1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{i_1} + d_{i_2} + \dots + d_{i_{m+1}}}} \quad (4)$$

where,  $i_1 i_2 \dots i_{m+1}$  runs over all paths of length n in G. In particular, 4-sum connectivity index are defined as:

$${}^4\chi(G) = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_5} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{i_1} + d_{i_2} + d_{i_3} + d_{i_4} + d_{i_5}}} \quad (5)$$

Dendrimers are hyper-branched macromolecules, with a rigorously tailored architecture. They can be synthesized, in a controlled manner, either by a divergent or a convergent procedure. Dendrimers have gained a wide range of applications in supra-molecular chemistry, particularly in host guest reactions and self-assembly processes. Their applications in chemistry, biology and nano-science are unlimited. Recently, some researchers investigated m-order connectivity indices of some dendrimer nanostars, where,  $m = 2$  and  $3$  (Ashrafi and Nikzad, 2009; Ahmadi and Sadeghimehr, 2009; Chen and Yang, 2011; Madanshekar and Ghaneei, 2011; Yang *et al.*, 2011). In this study, the 4-connectivity and 4-sum connectivity of an infinite families of polyphenylene dendrimers are computed.

#### FOURTH-ORDER CONNECTIVITY INDEX OF DENDRIMER

We consider polyphenylene dendrimer by construction of dendrimer generations  $G_n$  has grown n stages. We denote this graph by  $D_4[n]$ . Figure 1 shows the generations  $G_2$  has grown 2 stages.

The following theorem gives the fourth-order connectivity index of polyphenylene dendrimer.

**Theorem 1:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The fourth-order connectivity index of  $D_4[n]$  is:

$${}^4\chi(D_4[n]) = \frac{1}{27}(438\sqrt{2} + 386\sqrt{3} + 126) + \frac{1}{18}\left(\frac{271\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{353\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)(2^{n+1} - 4)$$

**Proof:** First we compute  ${}^4\chi(D_4[n])$ . Let  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}$  denote the number of 4-paths whose five consecutive vertices are of degree  $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5$ , respectively. In the same way, we use  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(n)}$  to mean  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}$  in nth stages. Particularly,  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(n)} = d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(n-1)}$ .

We can see that:

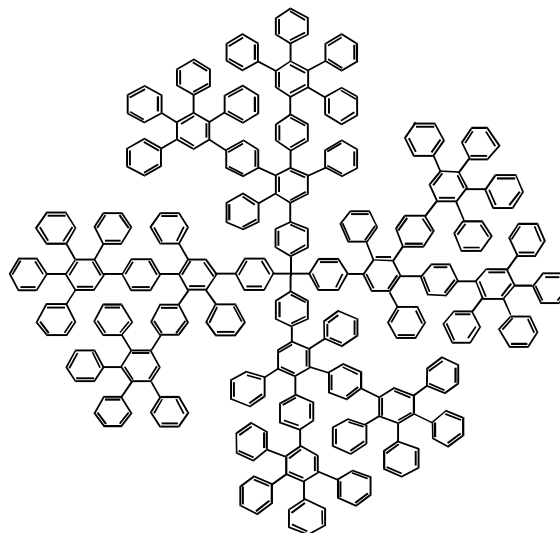


Fig. 1: Polyphenylene dendrimer of generations  $G_n$  has grown 2 stages

$$\begin{aligned} d_{2222}^{(1)} &= 16, d_{2223}^{(1)} = 32, d_{2232}^{(1)} = 32, d_{2233}^{(1)} = 32, d_{2322}^{(1)} = 24, d_{2332}^{(1)} = 16, \\ d_{2333}^{(1)} &= 64, d_{3223}^{(1)} = 16, d_{3232}^{(1)} = 16, d_{3233}^{(1)} = 16, d_{3323}^{(1)} = 128, d_{3333}^{(1)} = 16, \\ d_{3322}^{(1)} &= 8, d_{3323}^{(1)} = 16, d_{3333}^{(1)} = 32, d_{3224}^{(1)} = 8, d_{2243}^{(1)} = 24, d_{2343}^{(1)} = 24 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Eq. 2, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^4\chi(D_4[1]) &= \frac{16}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}} + \frac{32}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3}} + \frac{32}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 2}} + \\ &\frac{32}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{24}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 2}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{64}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3}} + \\ &\frac{16}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2}} + \frac{128}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}} + \\ &\frac{16}{\sqrt{3 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3}} + \frac{32}{\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}} + \\ &\frac{8}{\sqrt{3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4}} + \frac{24}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 3}} + \frac{24}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we construct the relation between  ${}^4\chi(D_4[n])$  and  ${}^4\chi(D_4[n-1])$  for  $n \leq 2$ . By simple reduction, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{2222}^{(n)} &= d_{2222}^{(n-1)} + 6 \times 2^n, d_{2223}^{(n)} = d_{2223}^{(n-1)} + 12 \times 2^n, d_{2232}^{(n)} = d_{2232}^{(n-1)} + 12 \times 2^n, \\ d_{2233}^{(n)} &= d_{2233}^{(n-1)} + 12 \times 2^n, d_{2322}^{(n)} = d_{2322}^{(n-1)} + 10 \times 2^n, d_{2332}^{(n)} = d_{2332}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, \\ d_{2333}^{(n)} &= d_{2333}^{(n-1)} + 32 \times 2^n, d_{3223}^{(n)} = d_{3223}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, d_{3232}^{(n)} = d_{3232}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, \\ d_{3233}^{(n)} &= d_{3233}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, d_{3323}^{(n)} = d_{3323}^{(n-1)} + 64 \times 2^n, d_{3333}^{(n)} = d_{3333}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, \\ d_{3322}^{(n)} &= d_{3322}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, d_{3333}^{(n)} = d_{3333}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, d_{3333}^{(n)} = d_{3333}^{(n-1)} + 16 \times 2^n \end{aligned}$$

and for any:

$$\begin{aligned} (i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5) \neq &(22222), (22223), (22232), 22322, (22332), \\ &(22333), (23223), (23323), (23332), (23333), (32333), \\ &(33223), (33333), (32234), (22343), (23432) \end{aligned}$$

we have  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5}^{(n)} = 0$ .

Therefore, by Eq. 2, we have:

$${}^4\chi(D_4[n]) = {}^4\chi(D_4[n-1]) + \frac{6 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}} + \frac{12 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3}} + \frac{12 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 2}} + \frac{12 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{10 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2}} + \frac{32 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{64 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{3 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3}} + \frac{16 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}} = {}^4\chi(D_4[n-1]) + \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{271\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{353\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) \times 2^n$$

From above recursion formula, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^4\chi(D_4[n]) &= {}^4\chi(D_4[n-1]) + \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{271\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{353\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) \times 2^n \\ &= {}^4\chi(D_4[n-2]) + \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{271\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{353\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) (2^n + 2^{n-1}) \\ &\vdots \\ &= {}^4\chi(D_4[1]) + \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{271\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{353\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) (2^n + 2^{n-1} + \dots + 2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{27} (438\sqrt{2} + 386\sqrt{3} + 126) + \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{271\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{353\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) (2^n + 2^{n-1} + \dots + 2^2) \\ {}^4\chi(D_4[n]) &= \frac{1}{27} (438\sqrt{2} + 386\sqrt{3} + 126) + \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{271\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{353\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) (2^{n+1} - 4) \end{aligned}$$

The proof is now complete.

#### FOURTH-SUM CONNECTIVITY INDEX OF DENDRIMER $D_4[N]$

In this section, we will study the 4-sum connectivity index of the same family of dendrimers as shown in Fig. 1.

The following theorem gives the fourth-sum connectivity index of polyphenylene dendrimers.

**Theorem 2:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The fourth-sum connectivity index of  $D_4[n]$  is:

$${}^4\chi(D_4[n]) = \frac{1}{105} (168\sqrt{10} + 840\sqrt{11} + 560\sqrt{12} + 840\sqrt{13} + 1575\sqrt{14} + 224\sqrt{15}) + \left( \frac{3}{5}\sqrt{10} + \frac{34}{11}\sqrt{11} + \frac{7}{3}\sqrt{12} + \frac{56}{13}\sqrt{13} + \frac{40}{7}\sqrt{14} + \frac{16}{15}\sqrt{15} \right) (2^{n+1} - 4)$$

**Proof:** First we compute  ${}^{4S}\chi(D_4[1])$ . Let  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5}$  denote the number of 4-paths whose five consecutive vertices are of degree  $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5$ , respectively. In the same way, we use  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(n)}$  to mean  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}$  in  $n$ th stages. Particularly,  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(n)} = d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{(n-1)}$ .

We note that:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{2222}^{(1)} &= 16, d_{2223}^{(1)} = 32, d_{2232}^{(1)} = 32, d_{2233}^{(1)} = 32, d_{2322}^{(1)} = 24, d_{2332}^{(1)} = 16, \\ d_{2333}^{(1)} &= 64, d_{2323}^{(1)} = 16, d_{23323}^{(1)} = 16, d_{23322}^{(1)} = 16, d_{23333}^{(1)} = 128, d_{23333}^{(1)} = 16, \\ d_{3223}^{(1)} &= 8, d_{3233}^{(1)} = 16, d_{3333}^{(1)} = 32, d_{32234}^{(1)} = 8, d_{23343}^{(1)} = 24, d_{23432}^{(1)} = 24 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Eq. 5, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^4\chi(D_4[1]) &= \frac{16}{\sqrt{2+2+2+2+2}} + \frac{32}{\sqrt{2+2+2+2+3}} + \frac{32}{\sqrt{2+2+2+3+2}} + \frac{32}{\sqrt{2+2+2+3+3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{2+2+3+2+2}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{2+2+3+3+2}} \\ &+ \frac{64}{\sqrt{2+2+3+3+3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{2+3+2+2+3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{2+3+3+2+3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{2+3+3+3+2}} \\ &+ \frac{128}{\sqrt{2+3+3+3+3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{3+2+3+3+3}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3+3+2+2+3}} \\ &+ \frac{16}{\sqrt{3+3+2+3+3}} + \frac{32}{\sqrt{3+3+3+3+3}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3+2+2+3+4}} + \frac{24}{\sqrt{2+2+3+4+3}} + \frac{24}{\sqrt{2+3+4+3+2}} \end{aligned}$$

Similar to that of Theorem 1, we can find the relation between  ${}^{4S}\chi(D_4[n])$  and  ${}^{4S}\chi(D_4[n-1])$  for  $n \leq 2$ .

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{2222}^{(n)} &= d_{2222}^{(n-1)} + 6 \times 2^n, d_{2223}^{(n)} = d_{2223}^{(n-1)} + 12 \times 2^n, d_{2232}^{(n)} = d_{2232}^{(n-1)} + 12 \times 2^n, \\ d_{2233}^{(n)} &= d_{2233}^{(n-1)} + 12 \times 2^n, d_{2322}^{(n)} = d_{2322}^{(n-1)} + 10 \times 2^n, d_{2332}^{(n)} = d_{2332}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, \\ d_{2333}^{(n)} &= d_{2333}^{(n-1)} + 32 \times 2^n, d_{2323}^{(n)} = d_{2323}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, d_{23323}^{(n)} = d_{23323}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, \\ d_{23332}^{(n)} &= d_{23332}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, d_{23333}^{(n)} = d_{23333}^{(n-1)} + 64 \times 2^n, d_{3223}^{(n)} = d_{3223}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, \\ d_{3233}^{(n)} &= d_{3233}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, d_{3333}^{(n)} = d_{3333}^{(n-1)} + 8 \times 2^n, d_{33233}^{(n)} = d_{33233}^{(n-1)} + 16 \times 2^n \end{aligned}$$

and for any:

$$(i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5) \neq (22222), (22223), (22232), (22322), (22332), (22333), (23223), (23323), (23332), (23333), (32333), (33223), (33233), (33333), (32234), (22343), (23432)$$

we have  $d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5}^{(n)} = 0$ .

Therefore, by Eq. 5, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^4\chi(D_4[n]) &= {}^4\chi(D_4[n-1]) + \frac{6 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+2+2+2+2}} + \frac{12 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+2+2+2+3}} + \frac{12 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+2+2+3+2}} + \frac{12 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+2+2+3+3}} \\ &+ \frac{12 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+2+3+2+2}} + \frac{10 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+2+3+3+2}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+2+3+3+2}} + \frac{32 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+2+3+3+3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+3+2+2+3}} \\ &+ \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+3+3+2+3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+3+3+3+2}} + \frac{16 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{2+3+3+3+3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{3+2+3+3+3}} \\ &+ \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{3+3+2+2+3}} + \frac{8 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{3+3+2+3+3}} + \frac{16 \times 2^n}{\sqrt{3+3+3+3+3}} \\ &= {}^4\chi(D_4[n-1]) + \left( \frac{3}{5}\sqrt{10} + \frac{34}{11}\sqrt{11} + \frac{7}{3}\sqrt{12} + \frac{56}{13}\sqrt{13} + \frac{40}{7}\sqrt{14} + \frac{16}{15}\sqrt{15} \right) \times 2^n \end{aligned}$$

From above recursion formula, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^4\chi(D_4[n]) &= {}^4\chi(D_4[n-1]) + \left( \frac{3}{5}\sqrt{10} + \frac{34}{11}\sqrt{11} + \frac{7}{3}\sqrt{12} + \frac{56}{13}\sqrt{13} + \frac{40}{7}\sqrt{14} + \frac{16}{15}\sqrt{15} \right) \times 2^n \\ &= {}^4\chi(D_4[n-2]) + \left( \frac{3}{5}\sqrt{10} + \frac{34}{11}\sqrt{11} + \frac{7}{3}\sqrt{12} + \frac{56}{13}\sqrt{13} + \frac{40}{7}\sqrt{14} + \frac{16}{15}\sqrt{15} \right) (2^n + 2^{n-1}) \\ &\vdots \\ &= {}^4\chi(D_4[1]) + \left( \frac{3}{5}\sqrt{10} + \frac{34}{11}\sqrt{11} + \frac{7}{3}\sqrt{12} + \frac{56}{13}\sqrt{13} + \frac{40}{7}\sqrt{14} + \frac{16}{15}\sqrt{15} \right) (2^n + 2^{n-1} + \dots + 2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{105} (168\sqrt{10} + 840\sqrt{11} + 560\sqrt{12} + 840\sqrt{13} + 1575\sqrt{14} + 224\sqrt{15}) + \left( \frac{3}{5}\sqrt{10} + \frac{34}{11}\sqrt{11} + \frac{7}{3}\sqrt{12} + \frac{56}{13}\sqrt{13} + \frac{40}{7}\sqrt{14} + \frac{16}{15}\sqrt{15} \right) (2^n + 2^{n-1} + \dots + 2^2) \\ {}^4\chi(D_4[n]) &= \frac{1}{105} (168\sqrt{10} + 840\sqrt{11} + 560\sqrt{12} + 840\sqrt{13} + 1575\sqrt{14} + 224\sqrt{15}) + \left( \frac{3}{5}\sqrt{10} + \frac{34}{11}\sqrt{11} + \frac{7}{3}\sqrt{12} + \frac{56}{13}\sqrt{13} + \frac{40}{7}\sqrt{14} + \frac{16}{15}\sqrt{15} \right) (2^{n+1} - 4) \end{aligned}$$

The proof is now complete.

## CONCLUSION

In this study, the 4-connectivity and 4-sum connectivity indices for an infinite families of polyphenylene dendrimers were presented. The similar method can be extended to study of the m-connectivity and m-sum connectivity indices of other dendrimers or nano-structures.

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