

## Computing fifth geometric-arithmetic index for nanostar dendrimers

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**ABSTRACT.** The geometric-arithmetic index is a topological index was defined as  $GA(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{d_u d_v}}{d_u + d_v}$ , in which degree of vertex  $u$  denoted by  $d_u(u)$ . Now we define a new version of  $GA$  index as  $GA_5(G) = \sum_{e=uv \in E(G)} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_u \delta_v}}{\delta_u + \delta_v}$ , where  $\delta_u = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d_v$ . The goal of this paper is to further the study of the  $GA_5$  index.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Mathematical chemistry is a branch of theoretical chemistry for discussion and prediction of the molecular structure using mathematical methods without necessarily referring to quantum mechanics. Chemical graph theory is a branch of mathematical chemistry which applies graph theory to mathematical modeling of chemical phenomena. This theory has an important effect on the development of the chemical sciences.

A molecular graph is a simple graph such that its vertices correspond to the atoms and the edges to the bonds. Note that hydrogen atoms are often omitted. By IUPAC terminology, a topological index is a numerical value associated with chemical

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constitution purporting for correlation of chemical structure with various physical properties, chemical reactivity or biological activity.

A graph is a collection of points and lines connecting a subset of them. The points and lines of a graph also called vertices and edges of the graph, 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.

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. The Wiener [1] index is the first reported distance based topological index and is defined as half sum of the distances between all the pairs of vertices in a molecular graph. 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  $y$ .

A class of geometric–arithmetic topological indices [2] may be defined as  $GA_{general} = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{Q_u Q_v}}{Q_u + Q_v}$ , where  $Q_u$  is some quantity that in a unique manner can be associated with the vertex  $u$  of the graph  $G$ . The first member of this class was considered by Vukicevic and Furtula [3], by setting  $Q_u$  to be the

$$GA(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{d_G(u)d_G(v)}}{d_G(u) + d_G(v)},$$

in which degree of vertex  $u$  denoted by  $d_G(u)$ . The second member of this class was considered by Fath-Tabar et al. [4] 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  $G$ :

$$GA_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{n_u n_v}}{n_u + n_v}.$$

The third member of this class was considered by Bo Zhou et al. [5] by setting  $Q_u$  to be the number  $m_u$  of edges of  $G$  lying closer to the vertex  $u$  than to the vertex  $v$  for the edge  $uv$  of the graph  $G$ :

$$GA_3(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{m_u m_v}}{m_u + m_v}.$$

The fourth member of this class was considered by Ghorbani et al. [6] by setting  $Q_u$  to be the number  $\varepsilon_u$  the eccentricity of vertex  $u$ :

$$GA_4(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{\varepsilon(u)\varepsilon(v)}}{\varepsilon(u) + \varepsilon(v)}.$$

Here, we define the fourth member of this class as follows:

$$GA_5(G) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)},$$

in which  $\delta_G(u) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d_G(v)$ .

The Zagreb indices have been introduced more than thirty years ago by Gutman and Trinajstić [7]. They are defined as:

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

Now we define a new version of Zagreb indices as follows:

$$M'_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v) \text{ and } M'_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \delta_G(u)\delta_G(v).$$

Here our notations are standard and mainly taken from [8 – 13].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The goal of this section is the study of  $GA_5$  index. Furthermore we compute some bounds for this new topological index.

**Example 1.** Let  $K_n$  be the complete graph on  $n$  vertices. Then for every  $v \in V(K_n)$  and  $\deg_G(v) = n - 1$  and so  $\delta_G(v) = (n - 1)^2$ . This implies that  $GA_5(K_n) = n(n - 1) / 2$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $C_n$  denote the cycle of length  $n$ . Then  $d_G(v) = 2$  and  $\delta_G(v) = 4$ . Hence,  $GA_5(C_n) = n$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $P_n$  be a path of length  $n$ . Then one can see that

$$GA_5(P_n) = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{5} + \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{7}(n - 3).$$

**Example 4.** Let  $S_n$  be a star graph with  $n + 1$  vertices. Then  $GA_5(S_n) = n(n - 1) / 2$ .

**Lemma 5.** The first Zagreb index satisfies in the following equation:

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \delta_G(v).$$

**Proof.** By using definition one can see that:

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} \delta_G(v) = \sum_{u \in V(G)} \sum_{v \in N_G(u)} \deg_G(v) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} (\deg_G(v))^2 = M_1(G).$$

By using definition of  $GA_5$  index we can prove,  $0 \leq \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)} \leq 1$ . So, we can

conclude two following theorems:

**Theorem 6.** Let  $G$  be a non empty connected graph on  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$GA_5(G) \leq \sqrt{M'_2 + 2M_2^2}.$$

**Proof.** For every edge  $e = uv$  in  $E(G)$ ,  $\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v) \geq 2$  and so we have:

$$(GA_5(G))^2 \leq \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \delta_G(u)\delta_G(v) + 2 \sum_{uv \neq u'v'} \sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)} \sqrt{\delta_G(u')\delta_G(v')}$$

$$\Rightarrow (GA_5(G))^2 \leq M_2' + 2M_2'^2 \Rightarrow GA_5(G) \leq \sqrt{M_2' + 2M_2'^2}.$$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $T$  be a chemical tree with  $n \geq 2$  vertices. Then  $GA_5(T) \leq 256(n-1)$ .

**Proof.** For every vertex  $u \in V(T)$ ,  $\deg(u) \leq 4$  and so,  $\delta_G(u) \leq 4^4 = 256$ . On the other hand,  $\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v) \geq 2$  and this completes the proof.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\Delta$  be the maximum degree of graph  $G$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} GA(G) \leq GA_5(G) \leq \Delta GA(G).$$

**Proof.** For every vertex  $u$  in  $V(G)$  it is easy to see that  $du \leq \delta_G(u) \leq \Delta du$ .

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  $\text{Aut}(G)$ .  $\text{Aut}(G)$  acts transitively on  $V$  if for any vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V$  there is  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$  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  $\beta \in \text{Aut}(G)$  such that  $\beta(e_1) = e_2$  where  $\beta(e_1) = \beta(u)\beta(v)$ . Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. If  $\text{Aut}(G)$  acts edge-transitively on  $V$ , then we have the following Lemma:

**Lemma 9.**  $GA_5(G) = |E| \frac{\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)}$ , for every  $e = uv \in E(G)$ .

**Example 10.** Let  $S_n$  be the star graph with  $n + 1$  vertices. It is easy to see that  $S_n$  is edge-transitive. So we have:

$$GA_5(S_n) = n \times 1 = n.$$

**Lemma 11.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. If  $\text{Aut}(G)$  on  $E$  has orbits  $E_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , where  $e_i = u_i v_i$  is an edge of  $G$ . then:

$$GA_5(G) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^s |E_i| \frac{\sqrt{\delta_G(u_i)\delta_G(v_i)}}{\delta_G(u_i) + \delta_G(v_i)}.$$

In this section we compute the truncated  $GA_5$  index of the chain graphs. Then we use this method to compute the  $GA_5$  index for an infinite class of nanostar dendrimers.

### 3. APPLICATIONS

In this section we compute  $GA_5$  index of a class of nanostar dendrimer. To do this at first we introduce the concept of truncated  $GA_5$  index. Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  be a subset

of  $V(G)$ . We now define a new version of the  $GA_5$  index and name it the truncated  $GA_5$  index  $GA_5^{(U)}$  as

$$GA_5^{(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)}(G) = \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G) \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k N_G[u_i]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)}$$

i. e.,

$$GA_5^{(U)}(G) = \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G) \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n N_G[u_i]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)}.$$

Where  $N_G[u] = N_G(u) \cup \{u\}$ .

It should be noticed that in the case  $U = \emptyset$  then,  $GA_5^{(U)}(G) = GA_5(G)$ . Let  $G_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) be some graphs and  $v_i \in V(G_i)$ . A chain graph denoted by  $G = G(G_1, \dots, G_n, v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is obtained from the union of the graphs  $G_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) by adding the edges  $v_i v_{i+1}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ), see Fig. 1. Then  $|V(G)| = \sum_{i=1}^n |V(G_i)|$  and  $|E(G)| = (n-1) + \sum_{i=1}^n |E(G_i)|$ .

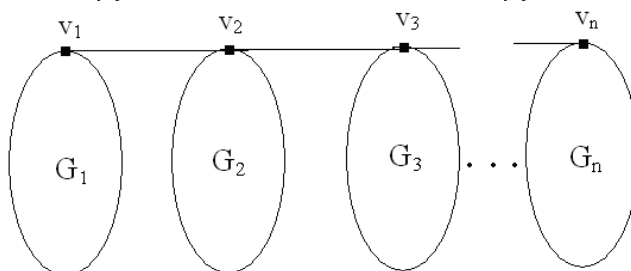


Fig. 1. The chain graph  $G = G(G_1, \dots, G_n, v_1, \dots, v_n)$ .

It is worth noting that the above specified class of chain graphs embraces, as special cases, all trees (among which are the molecular graphs of alkanes) and all unicyclic graphs (among which are the molecular graphs of monocycloalkanes). Also the molecular graphs of many polymers and dendrimers are chain graphs.

**Lemma 12.** Suppose that  $G = G(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  is a chain graph. Then:

(i)  $G = G(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  is connected if and only if  $G_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) are connected.

$$(ii) d_G(a) = \begin{cases} d_{G_i}(a) & a \in V(G_i) \text{ and } a \neq v_i \\ d_{G_i}(a) + 1 & a = v_i, i = 1, n \\ d_{G_i}(a) + 2 & a = v_i, 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \end{cases}.$$

(iii) if  $u \in V(G_i)$  and  $v_i \notin N_G[u]$  then  $\delta_G(u) = \delta_{G_i}(u)$ .

**Theorem 13.** If  $n \geq 2$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n \neq u_1, \dots, u_k$ , then for  $G = G(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  it holds:

$$GA_5^{(u_1, \dots, u_k)}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n GA_5^{(u_1, \dots, u_k, v_i)}(G_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G_i) \\ u \in N_{G_i}[v_i], \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k N_G[u_i]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(v_{i-1})\delta_G(v_i)}}{\delta_G(v_{i-1}) + \delta_G(v_i)}.$$

**Proof.** By using the definition of the truncated GA5 index one can see that

$$\begin{aligned} GA_5^{(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)}(G) &= \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G) \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k N_G[u_i]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)} = \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G) \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n N_G[v_i] \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^k N_G[u_j]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G_i) \\ u \in N_{G_i}[v_i], \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k N_G[u_i]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(v_{i-1})\delta_G(v_i)}}{\delta_G(v_{i-1}) + \delta_G(v_i)} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G) \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n N_G[v_i] \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^k N_G[u_j]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_{G_i}(u)\delta_{G_i}(v)}}{\delta_{G_i}(u) + \delta_{G_i}(v)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G_i) \\ u \in N_{G_i}[v_i], \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k N_G[u_i]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(v_{i-1})\delta_G(v_i)}}{\delta_G(v_{i-1}) + \delta_G(v_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^n GA_5^{(u_1, \dots, u_k, v_i)}(G_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G_i) \\ u \in N_{G_i}[v_i], \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k N_G[u_i]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(v_{i-1})\delta_G(v_i)}}{\delta_G(v_{i-1}) + \delta_G(v_i)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 14.** The truncated GA5 index of the chain graph  $G = G(G_1, G_2, v_1, v_2)$  ( $v_1, v_2 \neq u_1, \dots, u_k$ ) is:

$$GA_5^{(u_1, \dots, u_k)}(G) = \sum_{i=1}^2 GA_5^{(u_1, \dots, u_k, v_i)}(G_i) + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{\substack{uv \in E(G_i) \\ u \in N_{G_i}[v_i], \\ u, v \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k N_G[u_i]}} \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(u)\delta_G(v)}}{\delta_G(u) + \delta_G(v)} + \frac{2\sqrt{\delta_G(v_1)\delta_G(v_2)}}{\delta_G(v_1) + \delta_G(v_2)}.$$

We use from this corollary in the next section.

**Example 15.** Consider the graph  $G_1$  shown in Fig. 2. It is easy to see that

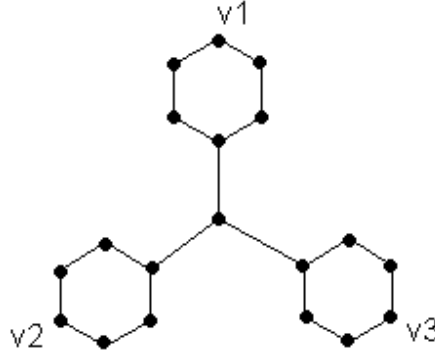
$$GA_5(G_1) = \sqrt{35} + \frac{9\sqrt{7}}{8} + \frac{8\sqrt{5}}{3} + 6,$$

$$GA_5^{(v_1)}(G_1) = GA_5^{(v_2)}(G_1) = GA_5^{(v_3)}(G_1) = GA_5^{(v)}(G_1) = \sqrt{35} + \frac{9\sqrt{7}}{8} + \frac{16\sqrt{5}}{9} + 4$$

and so,

$$GA_5^{(v,v)}(G_1) = GA_5^{(v_i,v_j)}(G_1) = \sqrt{35} + \frac{9\sqrt{7}}{8} + \frac{8\sqrt{5}}{9} + 2,$$

for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3, i \neq j$ .



**Fig. 2** The graph of nanostar  $G_n$  for  $n=1$ .

Consider now the chain graph  $G_n = G(G_{n-1}, H_1, v_1, u_1)$ , shown in Fig. 2 (for  $n = 1$ ) and Fig. 3, respectively. It is easy to see that  $H_i \cong G_1$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ) and

$$\begin{aligned} G_n &= G(G_{n-1}, H_1, v_1, u_1) \\ G_{n-1} &= G(G_{n-2}, H_2, v_2, u_2) \\ &\vdots \\ G_{n-i} &= G(G_{n-i-1}, H_{i+1}, v_{i+1}, u_{i+1}) \\ &\vdots \\ G_2 &= G(G_1, H_{n-1}, v_{n-1}, u_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Then by using corollary 3, we have the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} GA_5(G_n) &= GA_5^{(v_1)}(G_{n-1}) + GA_5^{(u_1)}(H_1) + \frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + 5 \\ GA_5^{(v_1)}(G_{n-1}) &= GA_5^{(v_2)}(G_{n-2}) + GA_5^{(v_1, u_2)}(H_2) + \frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + 5 \\ &\vdots \\ GA_5^{(v_i)}(G_{n-i}) &= GA_5^{(v_{i+1})}(G_{n-i-1}) + GA_5^{(v_i, u_{i+1})}(H_{i+1}) + \frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + 5 \\ &\vdots \\ GA_5^{(v_{n-2})}(G_2) &= GA_5^{(v_{n-1})}(G_1) + GA_5^{(v_{n-2}, u_{n-1})}(H_{n-1}) + \frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + 5. \end{aligned}$$

Summation of these relations yields

$$GA_5(G_n) = GA_5^{(v_{n-1})}(G_1) + GA_5^{(u_1)}(H_1) + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} GA_5^{(v_{i-1}, u_i)}(H_i) + (n-1)\left(\frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + 5\right),$$

and so by using Example 1, it is easy to obtain

$$GA_5(G_n) = 2GA_5^{(v_1)}(G_1) + (n-2)GA_5^{(v_1, v_2)}(G_1) + (n-1)\left(\frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + 5\right) \\ = \left(\frac{5\sqrt{35}}{3} + \frac{9\sqrt{7}}{8} + \frac{8\sqrt{5}}{9} + 7\right)n - \frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + \frac{16\sqrt{5}}{9} - 1.$$

In other words we arrived at the following:

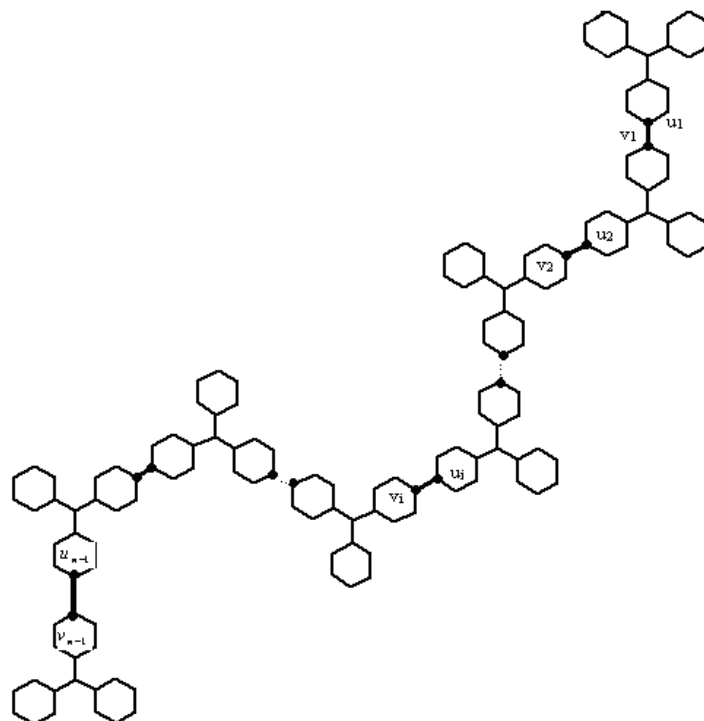
**Theorem 16.** Consider the chain graph  $G_n = G(G_{n-1}, H_1, v_1, u_1)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ), shown in Fig. 3. Then,

$$GA_5(G_n) = \left(\frac{5\sqrt{35}}{3} + \frac{9\sqrt{7}}{8} + \frac{8\sqrt{5}}{9} + 7\right)n - \frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + \frac{16\sqrt{5}}{9} - 1.$$

**Corollary 17.** Consider the nanostar dendrimer  $D$ , shown in Fig. 4. Then,

$$GA_5(D) = \left(\frac{5\sqrt{35}}{3} + \frac{9\sqrt{7}}{8} + \frac{8\sqrt{5}}{9} + 7\right)n - \frac{2\sqrt{35}}{3} + \frac{16\sqrt{5}}{9} - 1.$$

where  $n$  is the number of repetition of the fragment  $G_1$ .



**Fig. 3.** The chain graph  $G_n$  and the labeling of its vertices.



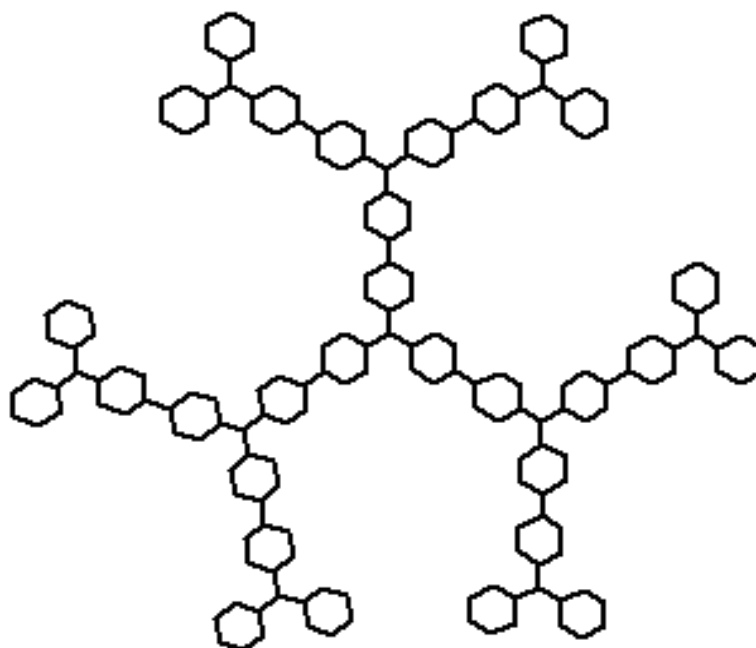


Fig. 4: The graph of the nanostar dendrimer  $D$ .

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