



## General Atom-Bond-Connectivity Index of Graphs

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### Abstract

The Atom-bond-connectivity index  $ABC$  of a graph  $G$  is determined by  $d_i$  and  $d_j$ . In this paper, sharp results for the general  $ABC$  index which has chemical applications are found using different methods. These new results for  $ABC$  index are investigated in terms of its edges, its vertices and its degrees. In particular, some relations for general  $ABC$  index are obtained involving different Topological indices; Randic index, Zagreb index, Harmonic index and Narumi-Katayama index. Indeed, general  $ABC$  index is improved by the help of the maximum and minimum degrees.

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### 1. Introduction

A topological index is a popular number involved to graph which is used in chemical graph theory, particularly. Topological index also contributes to the design of pharmacologically active compounds and the identification of environmentally hazardous substances. The most important topological indices base on vertex and edge distances. Randic index is used to model the arms of the carbon atom framework of the alkanes. Randic index is described as [2]

$$R(G) = \sum_{v_i v_j \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}}$$

where  $v_i v_j$  indicates the edge of the graph  $G$  and  $d_i$  is the degree of the vertex  $v_i$ . During many years, different indices are improved. Among them, first and second Zagreb indices are recognized by [4,7]

$$Z_1(G) = \sum_{v_i v_j \in E(G)} (d_i + d_j), Z_2(G) = \sum_{v_i v_j \in E(G)} (d_i d_j).$$

Another topological identifier is the Harmonic index that has a prominent place is described in [11]

$$H(G) = \sum_{v_i v_j \in E(G)} \frac{1}{d_i + d_j}$$

A survey of properties of Harmonic index is given in [10,13]. Also the modified Narumi-Katayama index is introduced in [8],

$$NK^*(G) = \prod_{i \in V(G)} (d_i)^{d_i} = \prod_{v_i v_j \in E(G)} (d_i d_j).$$

Nowadays, it is found the atom-bond connectivity index  $ABC$  which is a good example of linear and branched alkanes with tensile energy of cycloalkanes.  $ABC$  index is an important degree based topological index in [9] such that

$$ABC = ABC(G) = \sum_{v_i v_j \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j}}$$

The  $ABC$  index plays a significant role in temperature studies in alkanes. [1,3,6] For example,  $ABC$  index of ethene ( $C_2H_4$ ) is  $4\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3}}$ .

Recently, much attention is being paid to the general  $ABC$  index  $ABC_\alpha$  is described as

$$ABC_\alpha = ABC_\alpha(G) = \sum_{v_i v_j \in E(G)} \left(\frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j}\right)^\alpha$$

The narrative order of this study is as follows: In Section 2, some results for general  $ABC$  index of graphs with some fixed parameters are obtained. In the sequel, some special bounds are outlined and some inequalities using the vertices, the edges and the degrees are

improved. In addition, some novel results for the general  $ABC$  index of graphs are pointed out related to Randic index, Zagreb index, Harmonic index and Narumi-Katayama index.

## 2. Main Results

Let  $G$  be a simple, finite, connected graphs with the vertex set  $V(G)$  and the edge set  $E(G)$ . In this section,  $\sum_{i,j \in E(G)}$  and  $\prod_{i,j \in E(G)}$  is represented by  $\sum_{ij}$  and  $\prod_{ij}$  respectively.

The article [12] is referred to reader for a classical lemma, the Ozeki's inequality. Also, the following lemma is used to find the bound on general  $ABC$  index.

**Theorem 2.1.** [10] If  $\alpha \geq 1$  is an integer and  $0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_k \leq k - 1$ , then

$$(k - 1)^{1-\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^k (x^j)^\alpha \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^k (x^j) \right)^\alpha$$

For details, see [5,14,15].

### 2.2. On The General $ABC$ Index For $\alpha = 1$ and $\alpha = 2$

In this subsection,  $G$  may have several connected components but  $G$  does not contain isolated vertices. Here, general  $ABC$  index for  $\alpha = 1$  is found by adding an edge to  $G$  and by deleting an edge from  $G$ . Also, special inequalities for general  $ABC$  index are established associated with different topological indices.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $i$  and  $j$  be nonadjacent vertices of graph  $G$  and let  $G + ij$  be the graph obtained from  $G$  by adding edge  $ij$  to it. Then,

- i)  $ABC_1(G + ij) \leq ABC_1(G); d_i \geq 2,$
- ii)  $ABC_1(G + ij) \geq ABC_1(G); 0 \leq d_i \leq 2.$

Proof: Let  $d_i = \mu$  and  $d_j = \rho$ . For  $x, y > 0$ ,

$$\frac{(\mu + 1) + \rho - 2}{(\mu + 1)y} - \frac{\mu + \rho - 2}{\mu\rho} = \frac{-\rho + 2}{\mu\rho(\mu + 1)}$$

There are two cases in this expression: i)  $\rho \geq 2,$   
 ii)  $0 < \rho \leq 2.$

Let  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$  be the neighbours of  $i$  in  $G$  for  $k = d_i$  and let  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_l$  be the neighbours of  $j$  in  $G$  for  $l = d_j$ . Let  $\alpha = 1$  in general  $ABC$  index.

i) For  $\rho \geq 2$ ; the inequality gives

$$ABC_1(G + ij) - ABC_1(G) = \frac{(d_i+1)+(d_j+1)-2}{(d_i+1)(d_j+1)} + \sum_{m=1}^k \left[ \frac{(d_i+1)+d_{i_m}-2}{(d_i+1)(d_{i_m})} - \frac{d_i+d_{i_m}-2}{d_i d_{i_m}} \right] + \sum_{n=1}^l \left[ \frac{(d_j+1)+d_{j_n}-2}{(d_j+1)(d_{j_n})} - \frac{d_j+d_{j_n}-2}{d_j d_{j_n}} \right] \leq 0$$

ii) Similarly case (i),  $ABC_1(G + ij) - ABC_1(G) \geq 0$  for  $0 < \rho \leq 2.$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $i$  and  $j$  be nonadjacent vertices of graph  $G$  and let  $G - ij$  be the graph obtained from  $G$  by deleting edge  $ij$  to it. Then,

- i)  $ABC_1(G) \geq ABC_1(G - ij); d_i \leq 2,$
- ii)  $ABC_1(G) \leq ABC_1(G - ij); d_i \geq 2.$

Proof: Let  $d_i = \mu$  and  $d_j = \rho$ . For  $x > 1, \rho > 0$ ,

$$\frac{\mu + \rho - 2}{\mu\rho} - \frac{(\mu - 1) + \rho - 2}{(\mu - 1)\rho} = \frac{-\rho + 2}{\mu\rho(\mu - 1)}$$

There are two cases in the above expression:

- i)  $\rho \geq 2,$  ii)  $\rho \leq 2.$

Let  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$  be the neighbours of  $i$  in  $G$  for  $k = d_i$  and let  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_l$  be the neighbours of  $j$  in  $G$  for  $l = d_j$ , similar to Theorem 3.1.

Let  $\alpha = 1$  in general  $ABC$  index.

i) For  $\rho \geq 2$ ; the inequality shows

$$ABC_1(G) - ABC_1(G - ij) = \sum_{m=1}^k \left[ \frac{d_i + d_{i_m} - 2}{d_i(d_{i_m})} - \frac{(d_i - 1) + d_{i_m} - 2}{(d_i - 1)d_{i_m}} \right] + \sum_{n=1}^l \left[ \frac{d_j + d_{j_n} - 2}{d_j(d_{j_n})} - \frac{(d_j - 1) + d_{j_n} - 2}{(d_j - 1)d_{j_n}} \right] - \frac{(d_i - 1) + (d_j - 1) - 2}{(d_i - 1)(d_j - 1)} \leq 0$$

ii) Similarly case (i),  $ABC_1(G) - ABC_1(G - ij) \geq 0$  for  $\rho \leq 2.$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $G$  be a nontrivial graph with the minimum degree  $\delta$  and the maximum degree  $\Delta$ . Then,

$$ABC_1(G) \geq \frac{\delta m}{\Delta} + (\delta^2 - 2)R^2(G)$$

Proof: It is seen that  $(d_i - \delta)(\Delta - d_j) \geq 0$ . Thus,  $\Delta d_i + \delta d_j \geq d_i d_j$ . It implies that

$$d_i d_j + \Delta \delta \geq \frac{\Delta}{\delta} (d_i + d_j - 2) + \frac{2\Delta}{\delta}$$

Therefore, the inequality gets  $1 + \frac{\Delta \delta}{d_i d_j} \leq \frac{\Delta}{\delta} \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} + \frac{2\Delta}{\delta} \frac{1}{d_i d_j}$ . That is;  $\frac{\delta m}{\Delta} + (\delta^2 - 2) \sum_{ij} \frac{1}{d_i d_j} \leq \sum_{ij} \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j}$ . By the definition of  $ABC_\alpha(G)$  for  $\alpha = 1$  and  $R(G)$ ,  $ABC_1(G) \geq \frac{\delta m}{\Delta} + (\delta^2 - 2)R^2(G).$



**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $G$  be a nontrivial, regular graph with  $m$  edges. Then,

$$ABC_1(G) \geq m \frac{2(NK^*(G))^{\frac{1}{2m}} - 2}{NK^*(G)}$$

Proof: By the Aritmetic-Geometric Mean inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{ij} \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right) &\geq \frac{1}{m} \frac{\sum_{ij} (d_i + d_j) - 2m}{\sum_{ij} d_i d_j} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{m} \frac{\sum_{ij} 2\sqrt{d_i d_j} - 2m}{\sum_{ij} d_i d_j} \\ &\geq \frac{2(\prod_{ij} d_i d_j)^{\frac{1}{m}} - 2}{\prod_{ij} d_i d_j} \\ &\geq \frac{2(NK^*(G))^{\frac{1}{2m}} - 2}{NK^*(G)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$ABC_1(G) \geq m \frac{2(NK^*(G))^{\frac{1}{2m}} - 2}{NK^*(G)}$$

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Then,

$$ABC_2(G) \leq \frac{H^2(G) - 4M_2(G) - H(G) + 4m}{M_2(G)^2}$$

Proof: Using the definition of  $ABC_\alpha(G)$  for  $\alpha = 2$ ;  $ABC_2(G)$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} ABC_\alpha(G) &= \sum_{ij} \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^\alpha \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{ij} (d_i^2 + d_j^2) - 2 \sum_{ij} d_i d_j - 4 \sum_{ij} (d_i + d_j) + \sum 4}{\sum_{ij} (d_i d_j)^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{ij} (d_i + d_j)^2 - 4 \sum_{ij} d_i d_j - \sum_{ij} (d_i + d_j) + 4m}{M_2(G)^2} \\ &= \frac{H^2(G) - 4M_2(G) - H(G) + 4m}{M_2(G)^2} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2. On The General ABC Index

In this subsection,  $ABC$  index is generalized and some relations for general  $ABC$  index are obtained consepting the degrees.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $G$  be a nontrivial graph with  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} ABC_{x+y}(G)ABC_{x-y}(G) - \sigma_{x,y} &\leq ABC_x(G) \\ &\leq \sqrt{ABC_{x+y}(G)ABC_{x-y}(G)} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\sigma_{x,y} = \begin{cases} 2^{x-2}n^2 \left( \left( \frac{\delta-1}{\delta^2} \right)^x - \left( \frac{\Delta-1}{\Delta^2} \right)^x \right) & ; \text{if } |x| \geq |y| \\ 2^{x-2}n^2 \left( \left( \frac{\Delta-1}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left( \frac{\delta-1}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} - \left( \frac{\delta-1}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left( \frac{\Delta-1}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \right) & ; \text{if } |x| < |y| \end{cases}$$

Proof: The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality gives that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ij} \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^\alpha &= \sum_{ij} \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2} + \frac{x-y}{2}} \\ &\leq \sum_{ij} \left( \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{x+y} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{ij} \left( \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{x-y} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{ABC_{x+y}(G)ABC_{x-y}(G)} \end{aligned}$$

In this expression, there are four cases:

- 1) If  $x + y \geq 0$  then,  $\left( \frac{2\Delta-2}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{d_i+d_j-2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{2\delta-2}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}}$ .
- 2) If  $x + y \leq 0$  then,  $\left( \frac{2\delta-2}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{d_i+d_j-2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{2\Delta-2}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}}$ .
- 3) If  $x - y \geq 0$  then,  $\left( \frac{2\Delta-2}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{d_i+d_j-2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{2\delta-2}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}}$ .
- 4) If  $x - y \leq 0$  then,  $\left( \frac{2\delta-2}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{d_i+d_j-2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{2\Delta-2}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}}$ .

Let  $(x + y)(x - y) \geq 0$ . By the Ozeki's inequality, it is seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ij} \left( \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \right)^2 \sum_{ij} \left( \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \right)^2 \\ - \left( \sum_{ij} \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \right) \left( \sum_{ij} \left( \frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \right)^2 \\ \leq \frac{n^2}{4} \left( \left( \frac{2\delta-2}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left( \frac{2\delta-2}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \right. \\ \left. - \left( \frac{2\Delta-2}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left( \frac{2\Delta-2}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and thus,

$$\begin{aligned} ABC_{x+y}(G)ABC_{x-y}(G) - ABC_x(G) &\leq \\ 2^{x-2}n^2 \left( \left( \frac{\delta-1}{\delta^2} \right)^x - \left( \frac{\Delta-1}{\Delta^2} \right)^x \right). & \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$ABC_{x+y}(G)ABC_{x-y}(G) - \sigma_{x,y} \leq ABC_x(G).$$

Let  $(x + y)(x - y) < 0$ . It is represented that

$$ABC_{x+y}(G)ABC_{x-y}(G) - ABC_x(G) \leq \frac{n^2}{4} \left( \left( \frac{2\Delta - 2}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left( \frac{2\delta - 2}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} - \left( \frac{2\delta - 2}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left( \frac{2\Delta - 2}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \right)$$

And thus,

$$ABC_{x+y}(G)ABC_{x-y}(G) - 2^{x-2}n^2 \left( \left( \frac{\Delta-1}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left( \frac{\delta-1}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} - \left( \frac{\delta-1}{\delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left( \frac{\Delta-1}{\Delta^2} \right)^{\frac{x-y}{2}} \right) \leq ABC_x(G).$$

Hence,

$$ABC_x(G) \geq ABC_{x+y}(G)ABC_{x-y}(G) - \sigma_{x,y}.$$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $G$  be a nontrivial graph with  $m$  edges, maximum degree  $\Delta$  and  $2\Delta \leq m - 1$ . For any integer  $4\alpha \geq 1$ ,

$$ABC_\alpha(G) \leq \delta^\alpha R_\alpha(G) + \alpha \delta^{\alpha-2} R_{\alpha-1}(G).$$

Proof: It is seen that  $(d_i - \delta)(d_j - \delta) \geq 0$ . Hence,  $(d_i d_j + \delta^2) \geq \delta(d_i + d_j - 2)$ . That is;  $\left(\frac{d_i d_j}{\delta^2} + 1\right)^\alpha \geq \delta^{-\alpha} (d_i + d_j - 2)^\alpha$ .

By the Bernoulli inequality for  $x \geq -1$ , it gives that

$$\delta^{-\alpha} (d_i + d_j - 2)^\alpha \leq \left(\frac{d_i d_j}{\delta^2} + 1\right)^\alpha \leq 1 + \alpha \frac{d_i d_j}{\delta^2}. \text{ Thus, } \frac{(d_i + d_j - 2)^\alpha}{(d_i d_j)^\alpha} \leq \frac{\delta^\alpha + \alpha \delta^{\alpha-2} d_i d_j}{(d_i d_j)^\alpha} \\ \left(\frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j}\right)^\alpha \leq \frac{\delta^\alpha}{(d_i d_j)^\alpha} + \frac{\alpha \delta^{\alpha-2}}{(d_i d_j)^{\alpha-1}}. \\ \sum_{ij} \left(\frac{d_i + d_j - 2}{d_i d_j}\right)^\alpha \leq \delta^\alpha \sum_{ij} \frac{1}{(d_i d_j)^\alpha} + \alpha \delta^{\alpha-2} \sum_{ij} \frac{1}{(d_i d_j)^{\alpha-1}}.$$

Therefore,

$$ABC_\alpha(G) \leq \delta^\alpha R_\alpha(G) + \alpha \delta^{\alpha-2} R_{\alpha-1}(G).$$

### 3. Conclusion

**ABC** index is an important estimation index in chemical graph theory. In this paper, some effects for the **ABC** index and the general **ABC** index are formed by the help of degrees and different topological indices. This paper aims to contribute to the use of the **ABC** index.

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