

## CONNECTIVE ECCENTRICITY INDEX OF CERTAIN PATH-THORN GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph with  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  as the vertex set and edge set respectively. A topological index is a numeric quantity by which we can characterize the whole structure of a molecular graph or a network to predict the physical or chemical activities of the involved chemical compounds in the molecular graph or network. The connective eccentricity index of the graph  $G$  is defined as  $\xi^{ce}(G) = \sum_{v \in G} \frac{d(v)}{e(v)}$ , where  $d(v)$  and  $e(v)$  denote the degree and eccentricity of the vertex  $v \in G$  respectively. In this paper, we compute the connective eccentricity index of the various families of the path-thorn graphs and present the obtained results with the help of suitable mathematical expressions consisting on various summations. More precisely, the computed results are general extensions of the some known results.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Topological indices are numerical quantities of the graph which characterise the whole graph and these are isomorphic under the operation of graph isomorphism. Topological indices have found applications in a specific area of mathematical chemistry which is known as chemical graph theory. The combination of information science, mathematics, and chemistry leads to a new subject called cheminformatics. It studies the quantitative structure-property relationship (QSPR) and the quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) that are used to predict the biological activities in the chemical compounds of

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the underlying molecular graph. There are some main classes of topological indices such as degree-based, distance-based and polynomial related indices of the graphs.

For the first time in 1947, Harold Wiener made the use of a topological index in chemistry while working on the boiling point of paraffin which later named the Wiener index, see [23]. He introduced the notion of path number of the graph as the sum of distance between any two carbon atoms in molecules. The Wiener index is equal to the count of all shortest distances in the graph. After the Wiener index, the theory of topological indices is started. In the progressive studies of indices, various topological indices have been introduced by different chemists and mathematicians. A large numbers of such indices depend on degrees of vertices and some others depend on distance property of the vertices. The distance-based index such as the total eccentricity index, eccentric connectivity index, eccentric distance sum index, average eccentricity index, reformed eccentric connectivity index, adjacent eccentric distance sum index and supraugmented eccentric connectivity index are studied in [7, 8, 15, 18, 20, 17, 10, 14, 16, 21, 22, 24]. The connective eccentricity index (CEI) is most familiar among the distance-based indices which is defined by Gupta, Singh and Madan, see [9].

In order to explore the potential of the CEI in predicting biological activity, the authors used non-peptide N-benzimidazole derivatives to investigate the predictability of the CEI with respect to antihypertensive activity. It is noted that the results obtained by using CEI were better than the corresponding values obtained by using Balanan's mean square distance index and accuracy of prediction was found to be about 80 percent in the active range for details, see [9]. De [3] reported some bounds for CEI in term of some graph invariants such as maximum and minimum degree, radius, diameter, first Zagreb index and first Zagreb eccentricity index, etc. Ashrafi et al. [1, 2] determined the closed formulas for the CEI of nanotubes and nanotori.

Ghorbani and Malekjani [12] computed the CEI of an infinite family of fullerenes. Yu and Feng in [25] derived some lower or upper bounds for the CEI of graphs in term of several graph invariants such as independence number, radius, vertex connectivity, the numbers of vertices with eccentricity 1 and investigated the maximal and minimal value of CEI among all  $n$ -vertex graphs with fixed numbers of pendent vertices. Nilanjan, Pal and Nayeem have also studied CEI on some graph operations. Nilanjan presented some bounds for this CEI in terms of different graph invariants [4, 5]. In [11], Ghorbani calculated some bounds of CEI and explicit expression for this index for two infinite classes of dendrimers. Nilanjan et al. compute the CEI of complete thorny graph,

bipartite thorny graph, star thorny graph, cycle thorny graph and path thorny graph in [6].

In this paper, we compute the results related to CEI of complete path-thorn graph, complete bipartite path-thorn graph, star path-thorn graph, cycle path-thorn graph and path path-thorn graph. In general, these constructed graphs and their mathematical expressions with respect to CEI are the extensions of some known results. The rest of the paper is organised as; Section 2 contains the basic definitions related to graphs theoretic concepts. Mainly thorny graph and path-thorn graph are distinguished. Section 3 contains the main results of this paper.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph with  $E(G)$  and  $V(G)$  as the edge set and vertex set respectively. We also let  $m$  and  $n$  be the number of vertices and edges of the given graph  $G$ . For a vertex  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $d(v)$  denote the degree of vertex  $v$ . For vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ , the distance is denoted by  $d(u, v)$  and is defined as the length of a shortest path between vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ . The eccentricity of a vertex  $v$  is the maximum distance from  $v$  to any other vertex of graph  $G$  and is denoted by  $e(v)$ . The diameter of a graph  $G$  is the maximum eccentricity of any vertex in the graph and is denoted by  $\text{diam}(G)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a graph then the total eccentricity index, eccentric connectivity index, eccentric distance sum index, and supraugmented eccentric connectivity index are defined as

$$\xi(G) = \sum_{v \in G} e(v), \quad \xi^c(G) = \sum_{v \in G} e(v)d(v), \quad \xi^d(G) = \sum_{v \in G} e(v)D(v), \quad \text{and}$$

$\xi^{ac}(G) = \sum_{v \in G} \frac{M(v)}{e(v)}$  respectively, where  $d(v)$  denotes the degree,  $e(v)$  shows eccentricity and  $M(v)$  presents the product of degrees of all neighbors of vertex  $v$  of the graph  $G$  and  $D(v) = \sum_{u \in G} d(u, v)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $G$  be a graph then connective eccentricity index of graph  $G$  is defined as  $\xi^{ce}(G) = \sum_{v \in G} \frac{d(v)}{e(v)}$ , where  $d(v)$  and  $e(v)$  denote the degree and eccentricity of the vertex.

Let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $\{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $\{p_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the set of positive integers then the thorn graph of any graph  $G$  denoted by  $G_{\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}}^*$  is obtained by attaching  $p_i$  pendant vertices to  $v_i$  for each  $i$ . This notation is given by Gutman, for detail see [13]. Now, we extend this

definition and define path-thorn graph. Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the vertex set of  $G$  and  $\{p_1^q, p_2^q, \dots, p_n^q\}$  be the set of positive numbers which present the number of paths such that the length of each path is fixed by  $q$ . The path-thorn graph of the graph  $G$  is denoted by  $G_{\{p_1^q, p_2^q, \dots, p_n^q\}}^*$  and obtained by attaching  $p_i^q$  paths to the vertices  $v_i$  for each  $i$ .

Let  $K_\nu$  be a complete graph with  $\nu$  vertices. The complete path-thorn graph  $K_n^*$  is obtained by attaching  $p_i^q$  paths each of length  $q$  to the vertex  $v_i$  of  $K_\nu$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \nu$ . Let  $K_{\nu_1, \nu_2}$  be the complete bipartite graph with  $\nu_1 + \nu_2$  vertices such that  $\nu_1$  vertices have degree  $\nu_2$ ,  $\nu_2$  vertices have degree  $\nu_1$  and eccentricity of each vertex is 2. Therefore, connective eccentricity index (CEI) of complete bipartite  $K_{\nu_1, \nu_2}$  is  $\nu_1 \nu_2$ . Let  $K_{m, n}^*$  be the complete bipartite path-thorn graph obtained by attaching  $p_i^q$  number of paths each of length  $q$  to each vertex of  $K_{\nu_1, \nu_2}$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq \nu_1 + \nu_2$ . Similarly, we obtain path path-thorn graph  $P_n^*$ , cycle path-thorn graph  $C_n^*$  and star path-thorn graph  $S_n^* = K_{1, (n-1)}$  from path  $P_\nu$ , cycle  $C_\nu$  and star  $S_\nu = K_{1, (\nu-1)}$  by joining  $p_i^q$  paths each of length  $q$  to each vertex  $v_i$  of  $P_\nu$ ,  $C_\nu$  and  $S_\nu = K_{1, (\nu-1)}$  respectively, where  $1 \leq i \leq \nu$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we present the main results of the connective eccentricity index (CEI) for the various families of the path-thorn graphs such as complete path-thorn, complete bipartite path-thorn, star path-thorn, cycle path-thorn and path path-thorn graphs.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $K_\nu$  be a complete graph and  $K_n^*$  be its complete path-thorn graph. Then, CEI of complete path-thorn graph is given by

$$\xi^{ce}(K_n^*) = \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{q+1} + \left[ \frac{3q+2}{(q+1)(2q+1)} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{q+1+j} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q,$$

where  $\nu \geq 3$ ,  $q \geq 1$ ,  $p_i \geq 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \nu$  and  $n = \nu + q \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i$ .

**Proof.** Let  $K_\nu$  be a complete graph with vertices  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu$  and the complete path-thorn graph  $K_n^*$  is obtained by attaching  $p_i^q$  path-thorn each of length  $q$  to the vertex  $v_i$  of  $K_\nu$ . The vertices of newly attached path-thorn are  $v_{ij}^t$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q$  and  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^q$ . The degrees and eccentricities of the vertices of  $K_n^*$  are  $d_{k_n^*}(v_i) = \nu - 1 + p_i^q$ ,  $e_{k_n^*}(v_i) = q + 1$ ,  $d_{k_n^*}(v_{ij}^t) = 2$ ,  $d_{k_n^*}(v_{iq}^t) = 1$  and  $e_{k_n^*}(v_{ij}^t) = q + 1 + j$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1$  and  $t = 1, 2, \dots, p_i^q$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi^{ce}(K_n^*) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d(v_i)}{e(v_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{d(v_i)}{e(v_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^q} \frac{d(v_{ij}^t)}{e(v_{ij}^t)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^q} \frac{d(v_{iq}^t)}{e(v_{iq}^t)} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{\nu-1+p_i^q}{q+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^q} \frac{2}{q+1+j} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^q} \frac{1}{2q+1} \\
&= \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{q+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{p_i^q}{q+1} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{q+1+j} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q + \frac{1}{2q+1} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q \\
&= \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{q+1} + \frac{1}{q+1} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{q+1+j} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q + \frac{1}{2q+1} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q \\
&= \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{q+1} + \left[ \frac{1}{q+1} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{q+1+j} + \frac{1}{2q+1} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q \\
\xi^{ce}(K_n^*) &= \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{q+1} + \left[ \frac{3q+2}{(q+1)(2q+1)} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{q+1+j} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q.
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $K_{\nu_1, \nu_2}$  be a complete bipartite graph and  $K_{m,n}^*$  be its complete bipartite path-thorn graph. Then, CEI of  $K_{m,n}^*$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi^{ce}(K_{m,n}^*) &= \frac{2\nu_1\nu_2}{(q+2)} + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} p_i^q + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} p_i^{*q} \right] \frac{(3q+4)}{(q+2)(2q+2)} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{1}{q+2+j} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} p_i^q + \\
&\quad 2 \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{1}{q+2+j} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} p_i^{*q},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu_1, \nu_2 \geq 2$ ,  $q \geq 1$ ,  $p_i \geq 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \nu_1 + \nu_2$  and  $|V(K_{m,n}^*)| = (\nu_1 + \nu_2) + q \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i = m + n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\nu_1}, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{\nu_2}\}$  be the vertex set of graph  $K_{\nu_1, \nu_2}$ . The path-thorn  $p_i^q$  and  $p_i^{*q}$  each of length  $q$  are attached to  $v_i$  and  $u_i$  respectively to get  $K_{m,n}^*$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \nu_1$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \nu_2$  respectively. The vertices of the newly attached path-thorn are  $v_{ij}^t$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu_1$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q$ ,  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^q$  and  $u_{ij}^t$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu_2$ , where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q$ ,  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^{*q}$ . The eccentricities and degrees of the vertices of the graph  $K_{m,n}^*$  are given by  $d(v_i) = \nu_2 + p_i^q$ ,  $e(v_i) = q + 2$ ,  $e(u_i) = q + 2$ ,  $d(u_i) = \nu_1 + p_i^{*q}$ ,  $e(u_i) = q + 2$ ,  $d(v_{ij}^t) = q + 2 + j$ ,  $e(v_{ij}^t) = q + 2 + j$ , for  $v_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, \nu_1$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, p_i^q$ , and for  $u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, \nu_2$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, p_i^{*q}$ ,  $d(u_{ij}^t) = 2$ ,  $e(u_{ij}^t) = 2$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \nu_2$ ,  $j =$

$1, 2, \dots, q-1$ ,  $d(v_{iq}^t) = 1$ ,  $d(u_{iq}^t) = 1$ , for vertices of  $v$  path-thorn are  $t = 1, 2, \dots, p_i^q$  and for vertices of  $u$  thorn paths are  $t = 1, 2, \dots, p_i^{*q}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi^{ce}(K_{m,n}^*) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} \frac{d(v_i)}{e(v_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} \frac{d(u_i)}{e(u_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i} \frac{d(v_{ij}^t)}{e(v_{ij}^t)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^*} \frac{d(u_{ij}^t)}{e(u_{ij}^t)} \\
&+ \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i} \frac{d(v_{iq}^t)}{e(v_{iq}^t)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^*} \frac{d(u_{iq}^t)}{e(u_{iq}^t)} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} \frac{\nu_2 + p_i^q}{q+2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} \frac{\nu_1 + p_i^{*q}}{q+2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n\nu_1} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^q} \frac{2}{q+q2+j} + \sum_{i=1}^{n\nu_2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^{*q}} \frac{2}{q+2+j} \\
&+ \frac{1}{2q+2} \sum_{i=1}^{n\nu_2} p_i^q + \frac{1}{2q+2} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} p_i^{*q} \\
&= \frac{(\nu_1)(\nu_2)}{q+2} + \frac{(\nu_1)(\nu_2)}{q+2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} \frac{p_i^q}{q+2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} \frac{p_i^{*q}}{q+2} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{q+2+j} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} p_i^q \\
&+ \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{q+2+j} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} p_i^{*q} + \frac{1}{2q+2} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} p_i^q + \frac{1}{2q+2} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} p_i^{*q} \\
&= \frac{2(\nu_1)(\nu_2)}{(q+2)} + \left[ \frac{1}{q+2} + \frac{1}{2q+2} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{1}{q+2+j} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} p_i^q + \left[ \frac{1}{q+2} + \frac{1}{2q+2} \right. \\
&\left. + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{1}{q+2+j} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} p_i^{*q} \\
\xi^{ce}(K_{m,n}^*) &= \frac{2(\nu_1)(\nu_2)}{(q+2)} + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} p_i^q + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} p_i^{*q} \right] \frac{(3q+4)}{(q+2)(2q+2)} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{1}{q+2+j} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} p_i^q \\
&\quad + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{1}{q+2+j} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_2} p_i^{*q}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $S_\nu$  be a star graph and  $\xi^{ce}(S_n^*)$  be its star path-thorn graph. Then, CEI of  $\xi^{ce}(S_n^*)$  is given by

$$\xi^{ce}(S_n^*) = \frac{(\nu-1)(2q+3)}{(q+1)(q+2)} + \frac{7T}{12} + \frac{5p_1^q}{6} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2p_1^q}{q+1+j} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2T}{q+2+j}.$$

where  $q \geq 1$ ,  $p_i \geq 1$  and  $p_1^q$  is attached to central vertex of  $S_\nu$ .  $|V(S_n^*)| = \nu + q \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i$ .

**Proof.** Let  $S_\nu$  be star graph and star path-thorn graph  $S_n^*$  obtained by attaching path-thorns  $p_i^q$  of length  $q$  to each vertex  $(v_i), i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu$  of  $S_\nu$ . The eccentricities and degrees of the vertices are

$$\begin{aligned} e(v_1) = q + 1, \quad d(v_1) = \nu - 1 + p_1^q, \quad e(v_i) = q + 2, \quad d(v_i) = 1 + p_i^q, \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, \nu, \\ e(u_{1j}^t) = q + 1 + j, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q, \quad d(u_{1j}^t) = 2, \quad t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_1^q, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1, \\ d(u_{1q}^t) = 1, \quad t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_1^q, \quad d(u_{ij}^t) = q + 2 + j, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q \\ i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu, \quad t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^q, \quad d(u_{ij}^t) = 2, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu, \\ t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^q, \quad d(u_{iq}^t) = 1, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu, \quad t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^q. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^{ce}(S_n^*) &= \frac{d(v_1)}{e(v_1)} + \sum_{i=2}^{\nu} \frac{d(v_i)}{ev(i)} + \sum_{t=1}^{p_1^q} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{d(u_{1j}^t)}{e(u_{1j}^t)} + \sum_{t=1}^{p_1^q} \frac{d(u_{1q}^t)}{e(u_{1q}^t)} + \\ &\quad \sum_{t=2}^{p_i^q} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{i=2}^{\nu} \frac{d(u_{ij}^t)}{e(u_{ij}^t)} + \sum_{t=2}^{p_i^q} \sum_{i=2}^{\nu} \frac{d(u_{iq}^t)}{e(u_{iq}^t)} \\ &= \frac{\nu - 1 + p_1^q}{q + 1} + \sum_{i=2}^{\nu} \frac{1 + p_i^q}{q + 2} + \sum_{t=1}^{p_1^q} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{q + 1 + j} + \sum_{t=1}^{p_1^q} \frac{1}{2q + 1} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{p_1^q} \sum_{i=2}^{\nu} \frac{2}{q + 2 + j} + \\ &\quad \sum_{i=2}^{\nu} \sum_{t=2}^{p_i^q} \frac{1}{2q + 2} \\ \xi^{ce}(S_n^*) &= \frac{(\nu - 1)(2q + 3)}{(q + 1)(q + 2)} + \frac{7T}{12} + \frac{5p_1^q}{6} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2p_1^q}{q + 1 + j} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2T}{q + 2 + j}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $C_\nu$  be a cycle graph with odd vertices and  $(C_n^*$  be its cycle path-thorn graph. Then, CEI of cycle path-thorn Graph is given by

$$\xi^{ce}(C_n^*) = \frac{4\nu}{n + 2q - 1} + \frac{4(\nu + 3q - 1)T}{(\nu + 4q - 1)(\nu + 2q - 1)} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4T}{\nu + 2q + 2j - 1}.$$

where  $q \geq 1, p_i \geq 1$  and  $|V(C_n^*)| = \nu + q \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i$ .

**Proof.** Let  $C_\nu$  be a cycle graph with odd vertices and  $(C_n^*$  be its cycle path-thorn graph obtained by attaching path-thorns  $p_i^q$  of length  $q$  to each vertex of  $C_\nu$ . The eccentricity and degrees of new cycle path thorn graph are  $(v_i) = \frac{\nu + 2q - 1}{2}, d(v_i) = 2 + p_i^q, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu, e(u_{ij}^t) = \frac{\nu + 2q + 2j - 1}{2}, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu, t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^q, d(u_{ij}^t) = 2, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu, t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^q, d(u_{iq}^t) = 1, e(u_{iq}^t) = \frac{\nu + 4q - 12}{2}, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu, t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p_i^q.$

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi^{ce}(C_n^*) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{d(v_i)}{e(v_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^q} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{d(u_{ij}^t)}{e(u_{ij}^t)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{t=1}^{p_i^q} \frac{d(u_{iq}^t)}{e(u_{iq}^t)} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{2 + p_i^q}{\frac{\nu+2q-1}{2}} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{\frac{\nu+2q+2j-1}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q + \frac{1}{\frac{\nu+4q-1}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{4 + 2p_i^q}{\nu + 2q - 1} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4}{\nu + 2q + 2j - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q + \frac{2}{\nu + 4q - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q \\
&= \frac{4\nu}{\nu + 2q - 1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{2p_i^q}{\nu + 2q - 1} + \left[ \frac{2}{\nu + 4q - 1} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4}{\nu + 2q + 2j - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i^q \\
&= \frac{4\nu}{\nu + 2q - 1} + \frac{2T}{\nu + 2q - 1} + \frac{2T}{\nu + 4q - 1} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4T}{\nu + 2q + 2j - 1} \\
\xi^{ce}(C_n^*) &= \frac{4\nu}{\nu + 2q - 1} + \frac{4(\nu + 3q - 1)T}{(\nu + 4q - 1)(\nu + 2q - 1)} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4T}{\nu + 2q + 2j - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $C_\nu$  be a cycle graph with even vertices and  $(C_n^*$  be its cycle path-thorn graph. Then, CEI of Cycle path-thorn graph is given by

$$\xi^{ce}(C_n^*) = \frac{4\nu}{\nu + 2q} + \frac{4T(\nu + 3q)}{(\nu + 2q)(\nu + 4q)} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4T}{\nu + 4j}$$

where  $q \geq 1$ ,  $p_i \geq 1$  and  $|V(C_n^*)| = \nu + q \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i$ .

**Proof.** Let  $C_\nu$  be a cycle graph with odd vertices and  $(C_n^*$  be its cycle path-thorn graph obtained by attaching path-thorns  $p_i^q$  of length  $q$  to each vertex of  $C_\nu$ . The eccentricities and degrees of new cycle path thorn graph are  $C_n^*e(v_i) = \frac{\nu+2q}{2}$ ,  $d(v_i) = 2 + P_i^q$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu$ ,  $e(v_{ij}^t) = \frac{\nu+4q}{2}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu$ ,  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, P_i^q$ ,  $d(u_{ij}^t) = 2$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu$ ,  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, P_i^q$ ,  $d(u_{iq}^t) = 1$ ,  $e(u_{iq}^t) = \frac{\nu+4q}{2}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu$ ,  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, P_i^q$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi^{ce}(C_n^*) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{d(v_i)}{e(v_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{d(u_{ij}^t)}{e(u_{ij}^t)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{d(u_{iq}^t)}{e(u_{iq}^t)} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{2 + P_i^q}{\frac{\nu+2q}{2}} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2}{\frac{\nu+4j}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} P_i^q + \frac{1}{\frac{\nu+4q}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} P_i^q
\end{aligned}$$



$$= \frac{4\nu}{n+2q} + \frac{2T}{\nu+2q} + \frac{2T}{\nu+4q} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4T}{\nu+4j}$$

$$\xi^{ce}(C_n^*) = \frac{4\nu}{\nu+2q} + \frac{4T(\nu+3q)}{(\nu+2q)(n+4q)} + \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4T}{\nu+4j}.$$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $P_\nu$  be path graph with even vertices and  $P_m^*$  be its path path-thorn graph. Then, its CEI Graph is given by

$$\xi^{ce}(P_m^*) = \frac{2 + P_{\nu/2}^q + P_{\nu/2}'^q}{\nu + q - 1} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{4 + P_i^q + P_i'^q}{q + i - 1 + \nu/2} +$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4 + P_i^q + P_i'^q}{2j + i - 1 + \nu/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \frac{P_i^q + P_i'^q}{2q + i - 1 + \nu/2}$$

where  $q \geq 1$ ,  $p_i \geq 1$  and  $|V(P_n^*)| = \nu + q \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P_m$  be the paths of even vertices s.t  $m \geq 2$

$\{v'_{\nu/2}, v'_{\nu-1/2}, \dots, v'_2, v'_1, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{\nu/2}\}$  we attached path-thon  $P_i^q$  and  $P_i'^q$  of length  $q$  to all vertices of  $P_\nu$ . The degrees and eccentricities of  $P_m^*$  are  $d(v_{\nu/2}) = 1 + P_{\nu/2}^q$ ,  $d(v'_{\nu/2}) = 1 + P_{\nu/2}'^q$ ,  $e(v_{\nu/2}) = \nu - 1 + q$ ,  $e(v'_{\nu/2}) = \nu - 1 + q$  and  $d(v_i) = 2 + P_i^q$ ,  $d(v'_i) = 2 + P_i'^q$ ,  $e(v_i) = q - 1 + i + \nu/2$ ,  $d(v'_i) = q - 1 + i + \nu/2$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, [\nu/2] - 1$ ,  $d(v_{ij}^t) = 2$ ,  $d(v_{ij}'^t) = 2$ ,  $e(v_{ij}^t) = 2j + i - 1 + \nu/2$ ,  $e(v_{ij}'^t) = 2j + i - 1 + \nu/2$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, [\nu/2] - 1$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q - 1$  and  $d(v_{iq}^t) = 1$ ,  $d(v_{iq}'^t) = 1$ ,  $e(v_{iq}^t) = 2q + i - 1 + \nu/2$ ,  $e(v_{iq}'^t) = 2q + i - 1 + \nu/2$

$$\xi^{ce}(P_m^*) = \frac{d(v_{\nu/2})}{e(v_{\nu/2})} + \frac{d(v'_{\nu/2})}{e(v'_{\nu/2})} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{d(v_i)}{e(v_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{d(v'_i)}{e(v'_i)}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{d(v_{ij}^t)}{e(v_{ij}^t)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i'^q} \frac{d(v_{ij}'^t)}{e(v_{ij}'^t)}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{d(v_{iq}^t)}{e(v_{iq}^t)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i'^q} \frac{d(v_{iq}'^t)}{e(v_{iq}'^t)}$$

$$= \frac{1 + P_{\nu/2}^q}{\nu - 1 + q} + \frac{1 + P_{\nu/2}'^q}{\nu - 1 + q} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{2 + P_i^q}{q - 1 + i + \nu/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{2 + P_i^q}{q - 1 + i + \nu/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{2}{2j + i - 1 + \nu/2} \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{2}{2j + i - 1 + \nu/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{1}{2q + i - 1 + \nu/2} \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{1}{2q + i - 1 + \nu/2} \\
\xi^{ce}(P_m^*) & = \frac{2 + P_{\nu/2}^q + P_{\nu/2}^q}{\nu - 1 + q} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{4 + P_i^q + P_i^q}{q - 1 + i + \nu/2} \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{4 + P_i^q + P_i^q}{i - 1 + 2j + [\nu/2]} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{P_i^q + P_i^q}{i - 1 + 2j + [\nu/2]}
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $P_\nu$  be path graph with odd vertices and  $P_m^*$  be its path path-thorn graph. Then, its CEI is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi^{ce}(P_m^*) & = \frac{2 + P_o^q}{q + [\nu - 1]/2} + \frac{2 + P_{\nu/2}^q + P_{\nu/2}^q}{i - 1 + q + [\nu + 1]/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{4 + P_i^q + P_i^q}{q - 1 + i + [\nu + 1]/2} \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2P_i^q + 2P_i^q}{2j + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \frac{P_i^q + P_i^q}{2q + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

where  $q \geq 1$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$  and  $|V(P_n^*)| = \nu + q \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} p_i$

**Proof.** Let path consist of  $\nu - 1$  vertices and there is one vertex fix named  $v_o$  that is the central vertex. Path will be of the form

$\{v'_{\nu/2}, v'_{\nu-1/2}, \dots, v'_2, v'_1, v_o, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{\nu/2}\}$ . We attached  $P_o^q$  path-thorn to central vertex  $P_i^q$  to  $v_{\nu/2}$ , and  $P_i^q$  to  $v'_{\nu/2}$ . The eccentricities and degrees of path-thorn graph are  $d(v_o) = 2 + P_o$ ,  $e(v_o) = q + [\nu - 1]/2$ ,  $d(v_{\nu/2}) = 1 + P_{\nu/2}^q$ ,  $d(v'_{\nu/2}) = 1 + P_{\nu/2}^q$ ,  $e(v_{\nu/2}) = i - 1 + q + [\nu + 1]/2$ ,  $e(v'_{\nu/2}) = i - 1 + q + [\nu + 1]/2$ ,  $d(v_i) = 2 + P_i^q$ ,  $d(v'_i) = 2 + P_i^q$ ,  $e(v_i) = q - 1 + i + [\nu + 1]/2$ ,  $e(v'_i) = q - 1 + i + [\nu + 1]/2$ ,  $e(v^t)_{ij} = 2j + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2$ ,  $e(v'^t)_{ij} = 2j + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2$ ,  $d(v^t)_{ij} = 2$ ,  $d(v'^t)_{ij} = 2$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu/2$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q-1$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, P_i$  and  $e(v^t)_{iq} = 2q + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2$ ,  $e(v'^t)_{iq} = 2q + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2$ ,  $d(v^t)_{iq} = 1$ ,  $d(v'^t)_{iq} = 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu/2$ ,  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, P_i$

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi^{ce}(P_m^*) &= \frac{d(v_o)}{e(v_o)} + \frac{d(v_{\nu/2})}{e(v_{\nu/2})} + \frac{d(v'_{\nu/2})}{e(v'_{\nu/2})} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{d(v_i)}{e(v_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{d(v'_i)}{e(v'_i)} \\
&+ \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{d(v^t)_{ij}}{e(v^t)_{ij}} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i'^q} \frac{d(v'^t)_{ij}}{e(v'^t)_{ij}} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{d(v^t)_{iq}}{e(v^t)_{iq}} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i'^q} \frac{d(v'^t)_{iq}}{e(v'^t)_{iq}} \\
&= \frac{2 + P_o^q}{q + [\nu - 1]/2} + \frac{1 + P_{\nu/2}^q}{i - 1 + q + [\nu + 1]/2} + \frac{1 + P_{\nu/2}'^q}{i - 1 + q + [\nu + 1]/2} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{2 + P_i^q}{q - 1 + i + [\nu + 1]/2} + \frac{2 + P_i'^q}{q - 1 + i + [\nu + 1]/2} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{2}{2j + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i'^q} \frac{2}{2j + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i^q} \frac{1}{2q + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{t=1}^{P_i'^q} \frac{1}{2q + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2} \\
\xi^{ce}(P_m^*) &= \frac{2 + P_o^q}{q + [\nu - 1]/2} + \frac{2 + P_{\nu/2}^q + P_{\nu/2}'^q}{i - 1 + q + [\nu + 1]/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{[\nu/2]-1} \frac{4 + P_i^q + P_i'^q}{q - 1 + i + [\nu + 1]/2} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{2P_i^q + 2P_i'^q}{2j + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu/2} \frac{P_i^q + P_i'}{2q + i - 1 + [\nu + 1]/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have computed the connective eccentricity index for the various families of the path-thorn graphs such as complete path-thorn, complete bipartite path-thorn, path path-thorn, cycle path-thorn and star path-thorn graphs. Moreover, the obtained results are shown in the suitable forms with the help of mathematical expressions consisting on various summations.

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