

# On Vertex-Edge Eccentric Connectivity Index of Wheel related and Windmill Graphs

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**Abstract-***In a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a vertex  $v \in V$ ,  $ve$ -dominates every edge incident to it as well as every edge adjacent to these incident edges. The vertex-edge degree of a vertex  $v$ , is denoted by  $d_{ve}(v)$  and is the number of edges  $ve$ -dominated by  $v$ . In this paper, we introduce the vertex-edge eccentric connectivity index of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\xi_{vee}^c(G)$  and is equal to the sum of the product of the connectivity and  $ve$ -degree of the vertices of  $G$ . We calculate the vertex-edge eccentric connectivity index of if certain graphs. More specifically, we obtain the vertex-edge eccentric connectivity index of some wheel related graphs and windmill graphs. Finally, we obtain some upper and lower bounds on  $\xi_{vee}^c(G)$ .*

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, by  $G = (V, E)$  we mean an undirected simple graph with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E$ . As usual, we denote the number of vertices and edges in a graph  $G$  by  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. The distance  $d_G(u, v)$  between any two vertices  $u, v \in V$  of  $G$  is equal to the length of a shortest path between  $u$  and  $v$ . For a vertex  $v$  of  $G$ , the eccentricity of  $v$  is  $e(v) = \max\{d_G(v, u) : u \in V(G)\}$ . The diameter of  $G$  is  $diam(G) = \max\{e(v) : v \in V(G)\}$  and the radius of  $G$  is  $rad(G) = \min\{e(v) : v \in V(G)\}$ . For a vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , the open neighborhood of  $v$  in  $G$  is denoted by  $N(v)$  and is defined as  $N(v) = \{u \in V(G) : d_G(u, v) = 1\}$  and the closed neighbourhood of  $v$  is defined as  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . If  $e(v) = rad(G) = diam(G)$ , then  $G$  is called a self-centered graph. The wheel graph  $W_n$  with  $n + 1$  vertices is defined to be the join of  $K_1$  and  $C_n$ . The vertex corresponding to  $K_1$  is known as the apex vertex while the vertices corresponding to  $C_n$  are known as rim vertices [12]. The helm graph  $H_n$  is a graph obtained from wheel graph  $W_n$  by attaching a pendant edge to each rim vertex. The helm

graph contains three types of vertices, the vertex of degree  $n$  called apex,  $n$  pendant vertices and  $n$  rim vertices of degree four. Thus the helm graph  $H_n$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges. The gear graph  $G_n$  also sometimes known as a bipartite wheel graph, is a graph obtained from wheel graph  $W_n$  by adding a vertex between each pair of adjacent rim vertices. It contains three type of vertices, the vertex of degree  $n$  called apex,  $n$  vertices of degree three and  $n$  vertices of degree two. Thus gear graph  $G_n$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges. The Flower graph  $FL_n$  is the graph obtained from a helm graph by joining each pendant vertex to the apex of the helm graph. There are three types of vertices, the apex of degree  $2n$ ,  $n$  vertices of degree four and  $n$  vertices of degree two. Thus the Flower graph  $FL_n$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $4n$  edges. The Sunflower graph  $SF_n$  is the graph obtained from the Flower graph  $FL_n$  by attaching  $n$  pendant edges to the apex vertex. Hence  $SF_n$  has four types of vertices, the apex vertex of degree  $3n$ ,  $n$  vertices of degree four,  $n$  vertices of degree two and  $n$  pendant vertices. The French windmill graph  $F_n^m$ [7] is the graph obtained by taking  $m \geq 2$  copies of the complete graph  $K_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  with a vertex in common. That is  $F_n^m = K_1 + \cup_{j=1}^m K_{n-1}$ . Note that  $F_2^m = K_{1,m}$ . For any terminology or notation not mentioned here, we refer to [12]. A topological index of a  $G$  is a graph invariant number calculated from  $G$ . Various topological indices represent molecule structures and have got greater applications in chemistry. The Zagreb indices have been introduced, more than fifty years ago by Gutman and Trinajestic [9], in 1972, and studied by various authors in [1, 4, 10, 11, 13, 17]. Recently several graph invariants are defined based on vertex eccentricities and studied by so many authors. Analogously to Zagreb indices, Ghorbani et al.[8] and Vukićević et al.[16], defined the Zagreb eccentricity indices by replacing degrees by the eccentricity of vertices. A vertex  $v$ ,  $ve$ -dominates every edge incident to  $v$ , as well as every edge adjacent with vertices in  $N(v)$ . That is, each edge incident to a vertex in  $N[v]$ . The concept of  $ve$ -degree of vertices in a graph  $G$  is defined by authors in [2]. Recently, Chellali et al.[3] studied properties of  $ve$  degrees of vertices in graphs. In [5], Ediz defined  $ve$ -degree atom-bond connectivity,  $ve$ -degree geometric-arithmetic,  $ve$ -degree harmonic and  $ve$ -degree sum-connectivity indices as parallel to their corresponding classical degree versions. Let us present some of the  $ve$ -degree based indices of graphs. The first  $ve$ -degree Zagreb alpha index [6] of  $G$  is defined as

$$S^\alpha = S^\alpha(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d_{ve}(v)^2.$$

Further the first  $ve$ -degree Zagreb beta index [6] of  $G$  is defined as

$$S^\beta = S^\beta(G) = \sum_{uv \in V(G)} d_{ve}(u) + d_{ve}(v).$$

In this paper, motivated by connectivity index, we introduce the  $ve$ -degree eccentric connectivity index of a graph. For a connected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , the  $ve$ -degree of a vertex  $v$ , denoted by  $d_{ve}(v)$ , is the number of different edges which are incident with vertices in the closed neighborhood  $N[v]$  of  $v$  [2]. The  $ve$ -degree eccentric connectivity index of  $G$  is defined as

$$\xi_{vee}^c(G) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d_{ve}(v)e(v).$$

## 2 COMPUTATION OF $\xi_{vee}^c(G)$ OF SOME WHEEL RELATED GRAPHS AND WINDMILL GRAPHS

**Theorem 2.1.** For  $n \geq 3$ , let  $W_n$  be the wheel with  $n + 1$  vertices. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(W_n) = 2n(n + 5).$$

**Proof:** Let  $W_n$  be the wheel with  $v_0$  as the apex vertex and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  as the rim vertices. Then  $e(v_0) = 1$  and  $e(v_i) = 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Further  $d_{ve}(v_0) = 2n$  and  $d_{ve}(v_i) = n + 4$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . By definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{vee}^c(W_n) &= \sum_{i=0}^n d_{ve}(v_i)e(v_i) = d_{ve}(v_0)e(v_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(v_i)e(v_i) \\ &= 2n \cdot 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n (n + 4) \cdot 2 = 2n + 2n(n + 4) = 2n(n + 5). \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 2.2.** For  $n \geq 3$ , let  $G_n$  be the gear graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(G_n) = 3n(n + 12).$$

**Proof:** Let  $G_n$  be the gear graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices, and let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be the rim vertices with degree three and  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  be the rim vertices with degree two. Then  $d_{ve}(v_0) = 3n$ ,  $d_{ve}(v_i) = n + 4$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $d_{ve}(u_i) = 6$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Further  $e(v_0) = 2$ ,  $e(v_i) = 3$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $e(u_i) = 3$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . By definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{vee}^c(G_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(G_n)} d_{ve}(v)e(v) \\ &= d_{ve}(v_0)e(v_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(v_i)e(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(u_i)e(u_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3n \cdot 2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (n+4) \cdot 3 + \sum_{i=1}^n 6 \cdot 3 \\
 &= 6n + 3n(n+4) + 18n = 3n(n+12).
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 2.3.** For  $n \geq 3$ , let  $H_n$  be the helm graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(H_n) = n(3n + 43).$$

**Proof:** Let  $H_n$  be the helm graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices and let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be the rim vertices with degree four and  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  be the pendant vertices. Then  $d_{ve}(v_0) = 3n$ ,  $d_{ve}(v_i) = n + 7$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $d_{ve}(u_i) = 4$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Further  $e(v_0) = 2$ ,  $e(v_i) = 3$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $e(u_i) = 4$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . By definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \xi_{vee}^c(H_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(H_n)} d_{ve}(v)e(v) \\
 &= d_{ve}(v_0)e(v_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(v_i)e(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(u_i)e(u_i) \\
 &= 3n \cdot 2 + \sum_{i=1}^n 3(n+7) + \sum_{i=1}^n 4 \cdot 4 \\
 &= 6n + 3n(n+7) + 16n = n(3n + 43).
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $FL_n$  be the Flower graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(FL_n) = 8n(n + 3).$$

**Proof:** Let  $FL_n$  be the Flower graph with  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $4n$  edges and let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be the rim vertices with degree four and  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  be the extreme vertices with degree two. Then  $d_{ve}(v_0) = 4n$ ,  $d_{ve}(v_i) = 2n + 7$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $d_{ve}(u_i) = 2n + 3$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Further  $e(v_0) = 1$ ,  $e(v_i) = 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $e(u_i) = 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . By definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \xi_{vee}^c(FL_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(FL_n)} d_{ve}(v)e(v) \\
 &= d_{ve}(v_0)e(v_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(v_i)e(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(u_i)e(u_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4n.1 + \sum_{i=1}^n (2n + 7).2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (2n + 3).2 \\
 &= 4n + 2n(2n + 7) + 2n(2n + 3) = 8n(n + 3).
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $SFL_n$  be the Sunflower graph with  $3n + 1$  vertices. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(SFL_n) = n(18n + 25).$$

**Proof:** Let  $SFL_n$ , be the Sunflower graph with  $3n + 1$  vertices and let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be the rim vertices of degree four,  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  be the extreme vertices of degree two and  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  be the vertices of degree one. Then  $d_{ve}(v_0) = 5n$ ,  $d_{ve}(v_i) = 3n + 7$ ,  $d_{ve}(u_i) = 3n + 3$ ,  $d_{ve}(w_i) = 3n$ ,  $e(v_0) = 1$ ,  $e(v_i) = e(u_i) = e(w_i) = 2$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Be definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \xi_{vee}^c(SFL_n) &= \sum_{v \in V(Sf_n)} d_{ve}(v)e(v) \\
 &= d_{ve}(v_0)e(v_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(v_i)e(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(u_i)e(u_i) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(w_i)e(w_i) \\
 &= 5n.1 + \sum_{i=1}^n (3n + 7).2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (3n + 3).2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (3n).2 \\
 &= 5n + 2n(3n + 7) + 2n(3n + 3) + 2n.3n = n(18n + 25).
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $m, n \geq 2$  and let  $F_n^m$  be the French windmill graph. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(F_n^m) = m \frac{(n-1)}{2} (2n^2 + 4mn - 5n - 4m + 4).$$

**Proof:** Let  $F_n^m$  be the French windmill with  $v_0$  as the central common vertex and let  $v_{1j}, \dots, v_{(n-1)j}$  be the vertices of the  $j^{th}$  copy of  $K_{n-1}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . Then  $d_{ve}(v_0) = \frac{mn(n-1)}{2}$ ,  $d_{ve}(v_{ij}) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + (m-1)(n-1)$ ,  $e(v_0) = 1$ ,  $e(v_{ij}) = 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . By the definition, we have

$$\xi_{vee}^c(F_n^m) = \sum_{v \in V(F_n^m)} d_{ve}(v)e(v)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= d_{ve}(v_0)e(v_0) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^m d_{ve}(v_{ij})e(v_{ij}) \\
 &= \left(\binom{n(n-1)}{2}m\right) \cdot 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + (m-1)(n-1)\right) 2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2}\right)m + 2m(n-1)\left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + (m-1)(n-1)\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2}\right)m + m(n-1)(n^2 - n + 2mn - 2n - 2m + 2) \\
 &= m\frac{(n-1)}{2}(n + 2(n^2 - n + 2mn - 2n - 2m + 2)) \\
 &= m\frac{(n-1)}{2}(2n^2 + 4mn - 5n - 4m + 4).
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $C_{n+1}^m$  be the Kulli cycle windmill graph with,  $n \geq 3$  with a vertex  $K_1$ , in common. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(C_{n+1}^m) = \begin{cases} m(2n + n^2(n + 2)), & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ mn(2 + (n^2 + n - 2)), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $C_{n+1}^m$ , be the Kulli cycle windmill graph with,  $n \geq 3$  with a vertex  $K_1$ , in common, if  $n \geq 5$ ,  $m \geq 2$ . Let  $v_0$  be the central vertex (common) and  $C_n^j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  be the  $j^{th}$  copy of  $C_n$  in  $C_{n+1}^m$ , with vertex set  $V_j = \{V_{1j}, V_{2j}, \dots, V_{(n)j}\}$ . Then  $d_{ve}(v_0) = 2mn$ ,  $d_{ve}(v_i) = 2n + 4$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .  $e(v_0) = 1$ ,  $e(v_i) = \frac{n}{2}$ , if  $n$  is even  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $e(v_i) = \frac{n-1}{2}$ , if  $n$  is odd.  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . By the definition we have

Case I: If  $n \geq 4$ , with a vertex  $K_1$ , if  $n$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \xi_{vee}^c(C_{n+1}^m) &= d_{ve}(v_0)e(v_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(v_i)e(v_i), \\
 &= (2mn)(1) + m \sum_{i=1}^n (2n + 4)\left(\frac{n}{2}\right), \\
 &= 2mn + m\left(2n(n + 2)\frac{n}{2}\right), \\
 &= m(2n + n^2(n + 2)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Case II: If  $n \geq 3$ , with a vertex  $K_1$ , if  $n$  is odd.

$$\xi_{vee}^c(C_{n+1}^m) = d_{ve}(v_0)e(v_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(v_i)e(v_i),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2mn)(1) + m \sum_{i=1}^n (2n + 4) \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right), \\
 &= 2mn + m \left( 2n(n+2) \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right) \right), \\
 &= 2mn + mn \left( (n^2 + n - 2) \right), \\
 &= mn \left( 2 + (n^2 + n - 2) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

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### 3 BOUNDS ON THE VE-DEGREE ECCENTRIC CONNECTIVITY INDEX OF GRAPHS

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(G) \geq \frac{1}{rad(G) + diam(G)} \left[ S^\alpha(G) + rad(G)diam(G)M_1(G) \right].$$

**Proof:** For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , let  $a_i = e(v_i)$  and  $b_i = d_{ve}(v_i)$ ,  $M = diam(G)$  and  $m = rad(G)$ . Then we get that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}^2(v_i) + rad(G)diam(G) \sum_{i=1}^n e^2(v_i) \leq (rad(G) + diam(G)) \sum_{i=1}^n e(v_i)d_{ve}(v_i)$$

which implies that,

$$S^\alpha(G) + rad(G)diam(G)M_1(G) \leq (rad(G) + diam(G))\phi(G).$$

Therefore,

$$\xi_{vee}^c(G) \geq \frac{1}{rad(G) + diam(G)} \left[ S^\alpha(G) + rad(G)diam(G)M_1(G) \right].$$

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Now, we have the following corollary from Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices whose  $\Delta \leq n - 1$  and  $\delta \geq 1$ . Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(G) \geq \frac{1}{n} \left[ S^\alpha(G) + M_1(G) \right].$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices. Then

$$\xi_{vee}^c(G) \geq \frac{\phi(G)}{n} \left[ M_1(G) - 3\eta(G) \right],$$

where  $\eta(G)$  is the total number of triangles in  $G$ . The bounds is sharp on the cycle  $C_n$ ,  $n \geq 3$  and the star  $K_{1,n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof:** Chebyshev's inequality states the following: For any non increasing sequences  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n$  and  $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n$ ,

$$n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \tag{3}$$

is true. Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $V(G) = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Now, by setting  $a_i = e(v_i)$  and  $b_i = d_{ve}(v_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  in (3), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} n \sum_{i=1}^n e(v_i) d_{ve}(v_i) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n e(v_i) \sum_{i=1}^n d_{ve}(v_i) \\ &\geq \phi(G) [M_1(G) - 3\eta(G)]. \end{aligned}$$

and so,

$$n \xi_{vee}^c(G) \geq \phi(G) [M_1(G) - 3\eta(G)].$$

Therefore

$$\xi_{vee}^c(G) \geq \frac{\phi(G)}{n} (M_1(G) - 3\eta(G)).$$

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#### 4 CONCLUSION

We have proposed new vertex edge eccentric connectivity topological index of graph G. We calculated of some wheel related graphs and windmill graphs and also we calculated some upper and lower bounds on  $\xi_{vee}^c(G)$ .

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