



# SOMBOR AND SECOND ZAGREB INDICES OF TOTAL GENERALIZED SIERPIŃSKI GASKET GRAPH

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## Abstract

Sierpiński fractals and Sierpiński gasket graphs have many applications in diverse areas like dynamical systems, chemistry and problem. In this paper, we study and determine the Sombor index and second Zagreb index for the total generalized Sierpiński gasket of paths, Cycles and Complete Graphs.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, we consider simple connected graphs. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $n = |V(G)|$  vertices and  $m = |E(G)|$  edges. In mathematical chemistry and chemical graph theory, a topological index is a numerical parameter (a real number) that is measured based on the molecular graph of a chemical constitution [1]. One of the important topological indices introduced about forty years ago by Ivan Gutman and Trinajstić [2] is second Zagreb index  $M_2(G)$  which is defined as:

$$M_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \deg(u) \deg(v).$$

Also Gutman in [3] defined a new vertex-degree-based graph invariant, named "Sombor index" for a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $SO(G)$ , as

$$SO(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{\deg(u)^2 + \deg(v)^2}$$

Mathematical properties and applications of SO index were established in [3]. Decomposition into special substructures that inherit remarkable features is an important method used for the investigation of some mathematical structures, specifically when the regarded structures have self-similarity features. In these cases, we usually only need to study the substructures and the way that they are related to each other. Klavžar et al. for the first time, introduced the Sierpiński graph  $S(K_n, t)$ , see [4] and [5]. One of the most important families of these self similar graphs is the family of Sierpiński gasket graphs, see [6].

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**Definition 1.1.** Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n \geq 2$ , with the vertex set  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $t$  be a positive integer. If  $l$  is adjacent to  $j$  in  $G$ , then by contracting the new edge between two copies  $l$  and  $j$  (the linking edge) in the generalized Sierpiński graph, the total generalized Sierpiński gasket graph is obtained. In other words, when  $j$  is adjacent to  $l$  in  $G$ , the vertex  $\mathbf{u} = v_1 v_2 \dots v_r j l \dots l$  is adjacent to  $\mathbf{v} = v_1 v_2 \dots v_r l j \dots j$ , in  $S(G, t)$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq t - 2$ , the edge  $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}$  will be contracted in  $SG[G, t]$ , and this new vertex will be denoted by  $v_1 v_2 \dots v_r \{j, l\}_{t-r}$  or shortly by  $v_{(r)}\{j, l\}_{t-r}$ , see Figure 1.

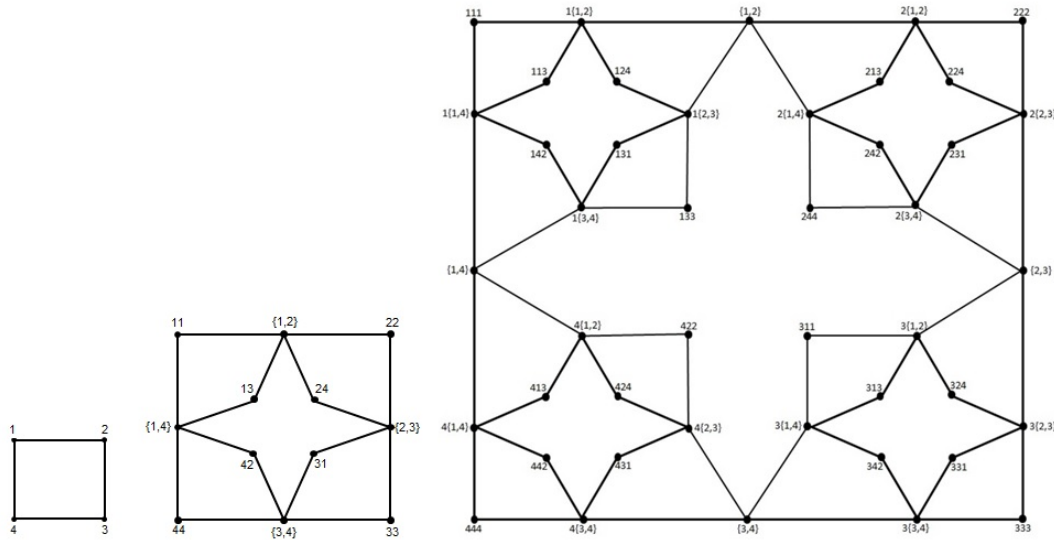


Figure 1: Total generalized Sierpiński gasket graphs  $C_4$ ,  $SG[C_4, 2]$  and  $SG[C_4, 3]$ .

**Remark 1.2.** Similar to the structure of the generalized Sierpiński graph  $S(G, t)$ ,  $SG[G, t]$  is constructed inductively by inserting a copy of  $SG[G, t - 1]$  instead of each vertex of  $G$  ( $SG_i[G, t]$  for  $i \in V(G)$ ) and then by contracting the new  $|E(G)|$  linking edges (of  $S(G, t)$ ). More precisely, when  $i$  is adjacent to  $j$  in the graph  $G$ , then the linking edge between  $ijj \dots j$  and  $jii \dots i$  is contracted and the new vertex is shown by  $\{i, j\}_t$  in  $SG[G, t]$ . Note that the vertex  $\{i, j\}_t$  is the unique common shared vertex between two copies  $SG_i[G, t]$  and  $SG_j[G, t]$ .

**Remark 1.3.** The Total Generalized Sierpiński Gasket graph is the graph with vertex set  $V^t$  and the non-contracted vertices  $\mathbf{u} = u_1 u_2 \dots u_t$  and  $\mathbf{v} = v_1 v_2 \dots v_t$  are adjacent in  $SG[G, t]$  if and only if

- (i)  $u_i = v_i$  for  $i \neq t$ ,
- (ii)  $u_t \neq v_t$  and  $u_t v_t \in E(G)$ .

For contracted vertices, it is enough to consider the expanded forms of these vertices. When  $\mathbf{u} = u_1 u_2 \dots u_t$  and  $\mathbf{v} = v_1 v_2 \dots v_t$ , then the edge  $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}$  is contracted in  $SG[G, t]$ , if and only if there exists  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$  such that:

- (i)  $u_j = v_j$  if  $j < i$ ,
- (ii)  $u_i \neq v_i$  and  $u_i v_i \in E(G)$ ,  $i \neq t$ ,
- (iii)  $u_j = v_i$  and  $v_j = u_i$  if  $j > i$ .

In what follows, we determine some of the topological indices of  $SG[G, t]$  for special graphs  $G$  in step  $t$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** *The second Zagreb index of total generalized Sierpiński gasket graph of  $K_n$  in step  $t$  is given by*

$$M_2(SG[K_n, t]) = 2n(-n^3 + 3n^2 - 3n + 1) + 4mn^{t-1}(n^2 - 2n + 1).$$

**Theorem 1.5.** *For the Sombor index of  $SG[K_n, t]$  we have*

$$SO(SG[K_n, t]) = (n^2 - n)(\sqrt{5n^2 - 10n + 5}) + 2\sqrt{2}n(mn^{t-1} - mn^{t-2} - n^2 + 2n - 1).$$

**Theorem 1.6.** *If  $n \geq 3$  and  $t \geq 2$ , then*

$$M_2(SG[C_n, t]) = \frac{4n(n^t + 3n^{t-1} + 4n^{t-2} - 8)}{n - 1}.$$

**Theorem 1.7.** *For each  $t \geq 2$ , the Sombor index of  $SG[C_n, t]$  is obtained*

$$SO(SG[C_n, t]) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}n(n^t - 5n^{t-1} + 12n^{t-2} - 8) + 8\sqrt{5}n(n^{t-1} - 2n^{t-2} + 1)}{n - 1}.$$

**Theorem 1.8.** *If  $n \geq 4$ , then the second Zagreb index of total generalized Sierpiński gasket graph of the path  $P_n$  in step 2 is determined by*

$$M_2(SG[P_n, 2]) = 94 + 4(n - 3)(n - 4) + 4(n - 5) + 32(m - 4).$$

**Theorem 1.9.** *If  $n \geq 4$ , then the Sombor index of  $SG[P_n, 2]$  is equal to*

$$SO(SG[P_n, 2]) = 2\sqrt{10} + 2\sqrt{17} + 2\sqrt{2}(n - 3)(n - 4) + 4\sqrt{13} + 2\sqrt{5}(4m + n - 13)$$

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