

## NEW BOUNDS ON RECENT TOPOLOGICAL INDICES OF GRAPHS

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**ABSTRACT.** The Geometric-Harmonic index  $GH(\zeta)$  of a simple graph  $\zeta$  is defined as the sum of the terms  $\frac{(d_\zeta(f)+d_\zeta(g))\sqrt{d_\zeta(f)\cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2}$  over all edges  $fg$  of  $\zeta$  and the modified first Kulli-Basava index  $KB_1^*$  of a simple graph  $\zeta$  is defined as the sum of the terms  $S_e(f)^2$  over all vertices  $f$  of  $\zeta$ . Using several molecular structural parameters, we establish some new bounds on the Geometric-harmonic index and the modified first Kulli-Basava index in this study and connect these indices to a number of well-known molecular descriptors.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Under the graph isomorphism condition, topological indices are graph invariants. Chemical graph theory uses these indices in a few different applications. For instance, see [3, 5, 6, 7, 9]. The bounds of a topological index are crucial data for a molecular graph because they define the topological indices approximative range in terms of molecular structural characteristics. Recent reports on the research of bounds can be found in [15, 17, 8]. In this study, we only take into account simple, undirected, finite graphs. Let  $\zeta = (V, E)$  be a simple graph of order  $n$  size  $m$ , with vertex set  $V(\zeta)$  and edge set  $E(\zeta)$ . The  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  stand for the maximum and minimum degrees of  $\zeta$ , respectively. The  $\delta_1$  represents the minimum non-pendent vertex degree of the graph  $\zeta$ . Additionally,  $p$  stands for the number of pendent vertices in  $\zeta$ . The degree  $d_\zeta(f)$  of a vertex  $f$  is the number of vertices adjacent to  $f \in V(\zeta)$ . The degree of an edge  $e = fg$  in  $\zeta$  is defined by  $d_\zeta(e) = d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g) - 2$ . Let  $S_e(f)$  denote the sum of the degrees of all edges incident to  $f \in V(\zeta)$  [2]. We provide a list of additional degree-based topological indices that are utilised throughout the sections.

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The below is a definition of the first Zagreb index [10].

$$M_1(\zeta) = \sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} d_\zeta(f)^2 = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)).$$

The below is a definition of the second Zagreb index [11].

$$M_2(\zeta) = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)).$$

The below is a definition of the Airthmetic-Geometric index [19].

$$AG(\zeta) = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)}{2\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}.$$

The below is a definition of the Randić connectivity index [16].

$$R(\zeta) = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}.$$

The below is a definition of the general Randić index (or product-connectivity index) [1].

$$R_\alpha(\zeta) = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g))^\alpha.$$

Where  $\alpha$  is a real number,  $R_{-\frac{1}{2}}$  is the classical Randić connectivity index.

The below is a definition of the Hyper-Zagreb index [18] as

$$HM(\zeta) = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))^2.$$

The below is a definition of the Geometric-Harmonic index [20].

$$GH(\zeta) = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2}.$$

The below is a definition of the modified first Kulli-Basava index [2].

$$KB_1^*(\zeta) = \sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} S_e(f)^2.$$

## 2. BOUNDS ON GEOMETRIC-HARMONIC INDEX OF CONNECTED GRAPHS

In this section, we establish some fresh bounds for the Geometric-Harmonic index of a connected graph  $G$  in terms of certain values of some graph parameters and other topological indices.

**Lemma 2.1.** [14] Suppose  $r_i$  and  $s_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are positive real numbers, then

$$\left| n \sum_{i=1}^n r_i s_i - \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \sum_{i=1}^n s_i \right| \leq \alpha(n)(R - r)(S - s).$$

Where  $r, s, R$  and  $S$  are real constants, such that for each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $r \leq r_i \leq R$  and  $s \leq s_i \leq S$ . Further,  $\alpha(n) = n \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil\right)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $\zeta$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges, then

$$GH(\zeta) \leq \frac{\alpha(m)(\Delta - \delta)^2}{m} + \frac{M_1(\zeta)R_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)}{2m}.$$

Where  $\alpha(m) = m\lceil\frac{m}{2}\rceil(1 - \frac{1}{m}\lceil\frac{m}{2}\rceil)$  with equality if and only if  $\zeta$  is regular.

*Proof.* We choose  $r_i = \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))}{2}$ ,  $s_i = \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}$ ,  $r = \delta$ ,  $R = \Delta$ ,  $s = \delta$  and  $S = \Delta$  in Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| m \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} - \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))}{2} \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)} \right| \\ & \leq \alpha(m)(\Delta - \delta)(\Delta - \delta) \\ & \left| m \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} - \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))}{2} \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)} \right| \\ & \leq \alpha(m)(\Delta - \delta)^2 \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of the Geometric-Harmonic index  $GH(\zeta)$ , the general Randić index  $R_\alpha(\zeta)$  and the first Zagreb index  $M_1(\zeta)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} mGH(\zeta) - \frac{M_1(\zeta)R_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)}{2} & \leq \alpha(m)(\Delta - \delta)^2 \\ mGH(\zeta) & \leq \alpha(m)(\Delta - \delta)^2 + \frac{M_1(\zeta)R_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)}{2} \\ GH(\zeta) & \leq \frac{\alpha(m)(\Delta - \delta)^2}{m} + \frac{M_1(\zeta)R_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)}{2m}. \end{aligned}$$

The equality hold if and only if  $\delta = \Delta$ . Thus  $\zeta$  is regular.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** (Pólya-Szegő Inequality [13]). Let  $0 < m_1 \leq r_i \leq M_1$  and  $0 < m_2 \leq s_i \leq M_2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{M_1 M_2}{m_1 m_2}} + \sqrt{\frac{m_1 m_2}{M_1 M_2}} \right)^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n r_i s_i \right)^2.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality [13]). Let  $R = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\}$  and  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$  be two sequences of real numbers. then

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n r_i s_i \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2.$$

With equality if and only if the sequences  $R$  and  $S$  are proportional, i.e., there exists a constant  $c$  such that  $r_i = cs_i$ , for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** [15] Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  be a real numbers. Then  $(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i)^2 \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2$ , with equality if and only  $r_1 = r_2 = \dots = r_n$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** If  $\zeta$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges, and  $p$ ,  $\Delta$ ,  $\delta_1$  stands for the number of pendent vertices, the maximum vertex degree, and the minimum non-pendent vertex degree, respectively, then

$$GH(\zeta) \geq \frac{2\delta_1^3 \Delta(m - p)}{\delta_1^2 + \Delta^2} + \frac{p(\delta_1 + 1)\sqrt{\delta_1}}{2}.$$

*Proof.* For  $2 \leq \delta_1 \leq d_\zeta(f) \leq \Delta$ , we have  $\delta_1^2 \leq \frac{d_\zeta(f)+d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f)\cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \leq \Delta^2$  for any edge  $fg$  in  $\zeta$ . Setting  $m_1 = \delta_1^2, r_i = \left(\frac{(d_\zeta(f)+d_\zeta(g))\sqrt{d_\zeta(f)\cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2}\right)^2, 1 \leq i \leq m, M_1 = \Delta^2$  and  $m_2 = s_i = M_2 = 1, 1 \leq i \leq m$  in Pólya-Szegö Inequality (Lemma 2.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \left( \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\Delta^2}{\delta_1^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\delta_1^2}{\Delta^2}} \right)^2 \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 \\ & \quad 4(m-p)^2 \left( \frac{\delta_1^2 \Delta^2}{\delta_1^4 + \Delta^4 + 2\delta_1^2 \Delta^2} \right) \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \left( \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))^2 d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}{4} \right) \\ & \leq \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)^2$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} 4(m-p)^2 \left( \frac{\delta_1^2 \Delta^2}{\delta_1^4 + \Delta^4 + 2\delta_1^2 \Delta^2} \right) (\delta_1^4) & \leq \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 \\ & \quad \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 \\ & \geq 4(m-p)^2 \left( \frac{\delta_1^6 \Delta^2}{\delta_1^4 + \Delta^4 + 2\delta_1^2 \Delta^2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

It is easy to see that as (1).

$$\begin{aligned} GH(\zeta) &= \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(g)=1} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + 1\sqrt{d_\zeta(f)}}{2} \\ &\geq \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta), d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g) \neq 1} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} + \frac{p(\delta_1 + 1)\sqrt{\delta_1}}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

From the inequalities (1) and (2), we have

$$GH(\zeta) \geq \frac{2\delta_1^3 \Delta(m-p)}{\delta_1^2 + \Delta^2} + \frac{p(\delta_1 + 1)\sqrt{\delta_1}}{2}.$$

With equality if and only if  $\zeta$  is regular.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $\zeta$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges, then*

$$\frac{\delta \Delta M_1(\zeta) R_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)}{m(\Delta^2 + \delta^2)} \leq GH(\zeta).$$

*With equality if and only if  $\zeta$  is regular.*

*Proof.* One can observe that  $2\delta \leq d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g) \leq \Delta$  for any edge  $fg$  in  $\zeta$  and setting  $m_1 = 2\delta$ ,  $r_i = d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $M_1 = 2\Delta$  and  $m_2 = \frac{\delta}{2}$ ,  $r_i = \frac{\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $M_2 = \frac{\Delta}{2}$  in Pólya-Szegő Inequality (Lemma 2.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))^2 \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \left( \frac{\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\Delta^2}{\delta^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\delta^2}{\Delta^2}} \right)^2 \\ &\cdot \left( \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)) \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

By using Cauchy inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))^2 \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \left( \frac{\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 &\geq \frac{1}{m^2} \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)) \right)^2 \\ &\cdot \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above two inequalities, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m^2} \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)) \right)^2 \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\Delta^2}{\delta^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\delta^2}{\Delta^2}} \right)^2 \\ &\cdot \left( \frac{(d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)) \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(M_1(\zeta))^2 (R_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta))^2}{4m^2} &\leq \frac{(\Delta^2 + \delta^2)^2}{4\Delta^2 \delta^2} (GH(\zeta))^2. \\ \frac{4\Delta^2 \delta^2}{(\Delta^2 + \delta^2)^2} \left( \frac{(M_1(\zeta))^2 (R_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta))^2}{4m^2} \right) &\leq (GH(\zeta))^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\delta \Delta M_1(\zeta) R_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)}{m(\Delta^2 + \delta^2)} \leq GH(\zeta).$$

The equality holds if and only if  $d_\zeta(f) = d_\zeta(g) = \delta = \Delta$  for each  $fg \in E(\zeta)$  which implies that  $\zeta$  is regular.  $\square$

**Definition 1.** [13] Let  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  be positive real numbers.

- i. The arithmetic mean of  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  is equal to

$$AM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \frac{t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n}{n}.$$

- ii. The geometric mean of  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  is equal to

$$GM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \sqrt[n]{t_1 t_2 \dots t_n}.$$

- iii. The harmonic mean of  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  is equal to

$$HM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \frac{n}{\frac{1}{t_1} + \frac{1}{t_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{t_n}}.$$

**Lemma 2.8.** (AM-GM Inequality [13]). Let  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  be positive real numbers. Then,  $AM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \geq GM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ , with equality if and only if  $t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_n$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** (*AM-HM Inequality [13]*). Let  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  be positive real numbers. Then,  $AM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \geq HM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ , with equality if and only if  $t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_n$ .

**Lemma 2.10.** (*AM-GM-HM Inequality [13]*). Let  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  be positive real numbers. Then,  $AM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \geq GM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \geq HM(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ , with equality if and only if  $t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_n$ .

**Theorem 2.11.** For any graph  $\zeta$  with  $m$  edges, then

$$M_2(\zeta) \leq GH(\zeta).$$

With equality if and only if  $\zeta$  is regular.

*Proof.* By the definition of first Zagreb index,

$$\frac{M_1(\zeta)}{2} = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)}{2}$$

By Lemma 2.10 (AM-GM-HM Inequality), we get

$$\frac{M_1(\zeta)}{2} = \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)}{2} \geq \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)} \geq \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{2}{\frac{1}{d_\zeta(f)} + \frac{1}{d_\zeta(g)}}.$$

By taking last two expressions, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)} &\geq \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{2}{\frac{1}{d_\zeta(f)} + \frac{1}{d_\zeta(g)}} \\ \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)} &\geq \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{2d_\zeta(f)d_\zeta(g)}{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)} \\ \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} &\geq \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g) \\ \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g) &\leq \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$M_2(\zeta) \leq GH(\zeta).$$

With equality if and only if  $\zeta$  is regular.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $\zeta = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $|V| = n$  and  $|E| = m$ , then

$$GH(\zeta) \leq \frac{\sqrt{HM(\zeta) \cdot M_2(\zeta)}}{2}.$$

Further, equality holds if and only if  $\zeta$  is regular graph.

*Proof.* By setting  $r_i = d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g)$ ,  $s_i = \frac{\sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2}$  in Lemma 2.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} \frac{d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g) \sqrt{d_\zeta(f) \cdot d_\zeta(g)}}{2} \right)^2 &\leq \sum_{fg \in E(\zeta)} (d_\zeta(f) + d_\zeta(g))^2 \\ (GH(\zeta))^2 &\leq \frac{HM(\zeta) \cdot M_2(\zeta)}{4} \\ GH(\zeta) &\leq \frac{\sqrt{HM(\zeta) \cdot M_2(\zeta)}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

The equality holds in the above inequality if and only if  $\zeta$  is regular graph.  $\square$

### 3. BOUND ON MODIFIED FIRST KULLI-BASAVA INDEX OF CONNECTED GRAPHS

In this section we obtain bound on the modified first Kulli-Basava index of graphs.

**Lemma 3.1.** [4] *Let  $\zeta$  be a graph of order  $n$  and size  $m$ . Then*

$$M_1(\zeta) \geq 2m(2p+1) - pn(1+p) \text{ where } p = \left\lfloor \frac{2m}{n} \right\rfloor.$$

and the equality holds if and only if the difference of the degrees of any two vertices of graph  $\zeta$  is at most one.

**Lemma 3.2.** [2] *If  $\zeta$  is a  $(n, m)$  graph, then*

- (i)  $\sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} S_e(f) = 2(M_1(\zeta) - 2m)$ .
- (ii)  $\sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} S_e(f) \leq 2\Delta(\zeta)(2m - n)$ , equality holds if and only if  $\zeta$  is regular.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\zeta$  be the graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Then*

$$KB_1^*(\zeta) \geq \frac{4(M_1(\zeta) - 2m)^2}{n}$$

Equality holds if and only if  $\zeta$  is a regular graph with  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* By setting  $r_i = 1$ ,  $s_i = S_e(f)$  in Corollary 2.5, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} S_e(f) \right)^2 &\leq n \cdot \sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} S_e(f)^2 \\ \left( \sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} S_e(f) \right)^2 &\leq n \cdot KB_1^*(\zeta) \\ \left( \sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} S_e(f) \right) &\leq \sqrt{n \cdot KB_1^*(\zeta)} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

By Lemma 3.2 and Eq. (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{f \in V(\zeta)} S_e(f) &= 2(M_1(\zeta) - 2m) \leq \sqrt{n \cdot KB_1^*(\zeta)} \\ KB_1^*(\zeta) &\geq \frac{4(M_1(\zeta) - 2m)^2}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

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