

## GOURAVA AND HYPER-GOURAVA INDICES OF SOME CACTUS CHAINS

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**Abstract.** The physico-chemical characteristics of molecules are theoretically explored using the theory of graphs and mathematical chemistry. A graph's topological index is a numerical value derived from the graph mathematically. The Gourava and hyper-Gourava indices of various cactus chains are determined in this study.

*Key words and Phrases:* Gourava indices, hyper-Gourava indices, cactus chains.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A molecular graph, also known as a chemical graph, is a graph in which the atoms are represented by the vertices, while the bonds are represented by the edges. Topological indices are numeric quantities obtained from a molecular graph that correlate the molecular graph's physico-chemical characteristics and have been shown to be beneficial in isomer discrimination, QSAR and QSPR analysis.

Only simple, finite, connected graphs with  $V(G)$  as vertex set and  $E(G)$  as edge set are considered throughout this study. The degree  $d_G(a)$  of a vertex  $a$  is the number of vertices adjacent to  $a$ .

A cactus graph is a connected graph in which no edge lies in more than one cycle. Every cactus graph cycle is chordless, and every cactus graph block is either an edge or a cycle. A cactus graph is said to be triangular if all of its blocks are triangular. A triangular cactus graph is described as a chain triangular cactus if all of its triangles have at most two cut-vertices and each cut-vertex is shared by precisely two triangles. A square cactus graph is a type of cactus graph and all of its blocks are square. A square cactus graph is said to be a chain square cactus if all of its squares have at most two cut-vertices and each cut-vertex is shared by precisely two squares. It's worth noting that the internal squares' connections

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to their neighbours may vary. A chain square cactus is called ortho-chain square cactus if the cut-vertices are nearby. A para-chain square cactus is one in which the cut-vertices are not contiguous in a chain square cactus. The Gourava and hyper-Gourava indices of various generic ortho and para cactus chains are studied in this paper, and particular situations such as the triangular chain cactus  $T_n$ , ortho-chain square cactus  $O_n$ , and para-chain square cactus  $Q_n$  are considered. Latest investigations on several cactus chains can be found in [1, 3, 13, 14] and references cited therein. For undefined terms and notations refer to [5].

The first and second Gourava indices of a molecular graph were introduced by Kulli [6] and are defined as:

$$GO_1(G) = \sum_{ab \in E(G)} [(d_G(a) + d_G(b)) + d_G(a)d_G(b)],$$

$$GO_2(G) = \sum_{ab \in E(G)} [(d_G(a) + d_G(b))(d_G(a)d_G(b))].$$

Kulli proposed the first and second hyper-Gourava indices of a molecular graph  $G$  in [7], and they are defined as

$$HGO_1(G) = \sum_{ab \in E(G)} [d_G(a) + d_G(b) + d_G(a)d_G(b)]^2,$$

$$HGO_2(G) = \sum_{ab \in E(G)} [(d_G(a) + d_G(b))(d_G(a)d_G(b))]^2.$$

Several topological indices were investigated. For further information, see [2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We look at two types of cactus chains in this section: the para cacti chain and the ortho cacti chain of cycles. We start with a para cacti chain of length  $n$  cycles  $C_m$ , where each block is a cycle  $C_m$ . Let  $C_m^n$  be the symbol for it. We compute an exact expression of  $GO_1$ ,  $GO_2$ ,  $HGO_1$  and  $HGO_2$  of  $C_m^n$  in the following theorem.

TABLE 1. Partitioning at the edge of  $C_m^n$ .

$d_{C_m^n}(a), d_{C_m^n}(b) : ab \in E(C_m^n)$	(2, 2)	(2, 4)
Edge count	$mn - 4n + 4$	$4(n - 1)$

**Theorem 2.1.** For a para cacti chain of cycles  $C_m^n$  ( $m \geq 4$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ),

1.  $GO_1(C_m^n) = 8[mn + 3(n - 1)]$ .

2.  $GO_2(C_m^n) = 16[mn + 8(n - 1)]$ .
3.  $HGO_1(C_m^n) = 16[4mn + 33(n - 1)]$ .
4.  $HGO_2(C_m^n) = 256[mn + 32(n - 1)]$ .

PROOF. 1. By utilizing the definition of  $GO_1$  and entries in Table 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} GO_1(C_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(C_m^n)} [(d_{C_m^n}(a) + d_{C_m^n}(b)) + (d_{C_m^n}(a)d_{C_m^n}(b))] \\ &= (mn - 4n + 4)(4 + 4) + 4(n - 1)(2 + 4 + 8) \\ &= 8[mn + 3(n - 1)]. \end{aligned}$$

2. By making use the definition of  $GO_2$  and values in Table 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} GO_2(C_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(C_m^n)} [(d_{C_m^n}(a) + d_{C_m^n}(b))(d_{C_m^n}(a)d_{C_m^n}(b))] \\ &= (mn - 4n + 4)(4 \times 4) + 4(n - 1)(6 \times 8) \\ &= 16[mn + 8(n - 1)]. \end{aligned}$$

3. By the usage of the definition of  $HGO_1$  and facts in table 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} HGO_1(C_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(C_m^n)} [(d_{C_m^n}(a) + d_{C_m^n}(b)) + (d_{C_m^n}(a)d_{C_m^n}(b))]^2 \\ &= (mn - 4n + 4)(4 + 4)^2 + 4(n - 1)(6 + 8)^2 \\ &= 16[4mn + 33(n - 1)]. \end{aligned}$$

4. By using the concept of  $HGO_2$  as well as the data in Table 1, we have

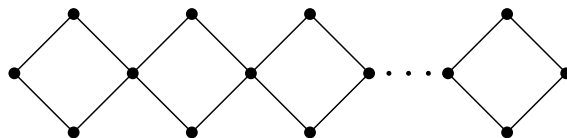
$$\begin{aligned} HGO_2(C_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(C_m^n)} [(d_{C_m^n}(a) + d_{C_m^n}(b))(d_{C_m^n}(a)d_{C_m^n}(b))]^2 \\ &= (mn - 4n + 4)(4 \times 4)^2 + 4(n - 1)(6 \times 8)^2 \\ &= 256[mn + 32(n - 1)]. \end{aligned}$$

□

The graph  $Q_n$  is pictured in Figure 1.

**Corollary 2.2.** For a para-chain square cactus graph  $Q_n (n \geq 2)$ ,

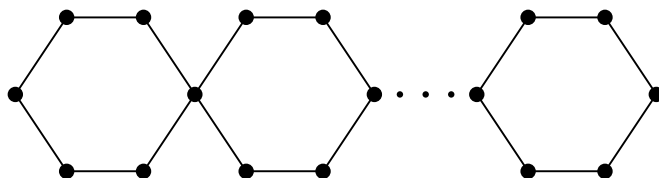
1.  $GO_1(Q_n) = 8(7n - 3)$ .

FIGURE 1. The graph  $Q_n$ .

2.  $GO_2(Q_n) = 3n^3 + 9n^2 + 60n$ .
3.  $HGO_1(Q_n) = 16(49n - 33)$ .
4.  $HGO_2(Q_n) = 1024(9n - 8)$ .

PROOF. Replace  $m = 4$  in Theorem 2.1 to complete the proof. □

The graph  $L_n$  is indicated in Figure 2.

FIGURE 2. The graph  $L_n$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** For a para-chain hexagonal cactus graph  $L_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ),

1.  $GO_1(L_n) = 24(3n - 1)$ .
2.  $GO_2(L_n) = 32(7n - 4)$ .
3.  $HGO_1(L_n) = 16(57n - 33)$ .
4.  $HGO_2(L_n) = 512(19n - 16)$ .

PROOF. We get the required outcome if we set  $m = 6$  in the Theorem 2.1. □

The ortho-chain cacti of cycles with neighbouring cut-vertices is now considered. Let  $CO_m^n$  be an ortho-chain cactus graph, where  $m$  is the cycle length and  $n$  is the chain length.  $|V(CO_m^n)| = mn - n + 1$  and  $|E(CO_m^n)| = mn$  are self-evident.  $GO_1$ ,  $GO_2$ ,  $HGO_1$  and  $HGO_2$  of  $CO_m^n$  are obtained by utilizing the following theorem.

TABLE 2. Partitioning at the edge of  $CO_m^n$ .

$d_{CO_m^n}(a), d_{CO_m^n}(b) : ab \in E(CO_m^n)$	(2, 2)	(2, 4)	(4, 4)
Edge count	$mn - 3m + 2$	$2n$	$n - 1$

**Theorem 2.4.** For a ortho cacti chain of cycles  $CO_m^n$  ( $m \geq 3, n \geq 2$ ),

1.  $GO_1(CO_m^n) = 8mn - 24m + 52n - 8$ .

2.  $GO_2(CO_m^n) = 16mn - 48m + 224n - 96$ .
3.  $HGO_1(CO_m^n) = 64mn - 192m + 968n - 448$ .
4.  $HGO_2(CO_m^n) = 256mn - 768m + 20992n - 15872$ .

PROOF. 1. By using the concept of  $GO_1$  as well as the data in Table 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 GO_1(CO_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(CO_m^n)} [(d_{CO_m^n}(a) + d_{CO_m^n}(b)) + (d_{CO_m^n}(a)d_{CO_m^n}(b))] \\
 &= (mn - 3m + 2)(4 + 4) + 2n(6 + 8) + (n - 1)(8 + 16) \\
 &= 8mn - 24m + 52n - 8.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. By making use the definition of  $GO_2$  and values in Table 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 GO_2(CO_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(CO_m^n)} [(d_{CO_m^n}(a) + d_{CO_m^n}(b)) + (d_{CO_m^n}(a)d_{CO_m^n}(b))] \\
 &= (mn - 3m + 2)(4 \times 4) + 2n(6 \times 8) + (n - 1)(8 \times 16) \\
 &= 16mn - 48m + 224n - 96.
 \end{aligned}$$

3. By utilizing the description of  $HGO_1$  and entries in Table 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 HGO_1(CO_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(CO_m^n)} [(d_{CO_m^n}(a) + d_{CO_m^n}(b)) + (d_{CO_m^n}(a)d_{CO_m^n}(b))]^2 \\
 &= (mn - 3m + 2)(4 + 4)^2 + 2n(6 + 8)^2 + (n - 1)(8 + 16)^2 \\
 &= 64mn - 192m + 968n - 448.
 \end{aligned}$$

4. By the usage of the definition of  $HGO_2$  and facts in table 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 HGO_2(CO_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(CO_m^n)} [(d_{CO_m^n}(a) + d_{CO_m^n}(b)) + (d_{CO_m^n}(a)d_{CO_m^n}(b))]^2 \\
 &= (mn - 3m + 2)(4 \times 4)^2 + 2n(6 \times 8)^2 + (n - 1)(8 \times 16)^2 \\
 &= 256mn - 768m + 20992n - 15872.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Then, as illustrated in Figure 3, we consider a chain triangular cactus, designated by  $T_n$ , where  $n$  is the length of the  $T_n$ . For  $m = 3$ ,  $T_n$  is a special case of  $CO_m^n$ .

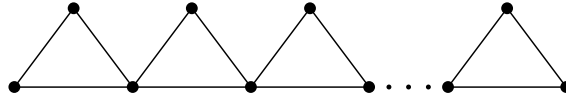


FIGURE 3. The graph  $T_n$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** For a chain triangular cactus  $T_n (n \geq 2)$ ,

1.  $GO_1(T_n) = 76n - 80$ .
2.  $GO_2(T_n) = 272n - 240$ .
3.  $HGO_1(T_n) = 1160n - 1024$ .
4.  $HGO_2(T_n) = 21760n - 18176$ .

PROOF. Replace  $m = 3$  in Theorem 2.4 to complete the proof. □

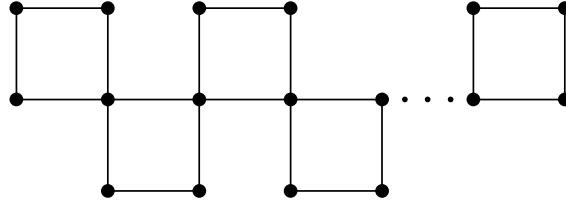


FIGURE 4. The graph  $O_n$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** For the ortho-chain square cactus  $O_n (n \geq 2)$ ,

1.  $GO_1(O_n) = 84n - 104$ .
2.  $GO_2(O_n) = 288(n - 1)$ .
3.  $HGO_1(O_n) = 1224n - 1216$ .
4.  $HGO_2(O_n) = 22016n - 18944$ .

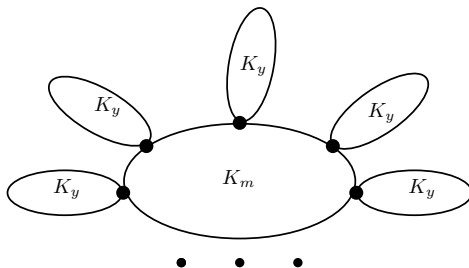
PROOF. We get the required outcome if we set  $m = 4$  in the Theorem 2.4. □

By identifying every node of  $K_m$  with a node of one  $K_y$ , the graph  $Q(m, y)$  is formed from  $K_m$  and  $m$  copies of  $K_y$ .  $GO_1, GO_2, HGO_1$  and  $HGO_2$  of  $Q(m, y)$  are computed in the following theorem. Figure 5 depicts the graph  $Q(m, y)$ .

TABLE 3. Partitioning at the edge of  $Q(m, y)$ .

$d_{Q(m,y)}(a), d_{Q(m,y)}(b) : ab \in E(Q(m, y))$	Edge count
$(y - 1, y - 1)$	$\frac{m(y-1)(y-2)}{2}$
$(y - 1, m + y - 2)$	$m(y - 1)$
$(m + y - 2, m + y - 2)$	$\frac{m(y-1)}{2}$

**Theorem 2.7.** For a ortho-chain  $Q(m, y) (m, y \geq 2)$ ,

FIGURE 5. The graph  $Q(m, y)$ .

1.  $GO_1(Q(m, y)) = \frac{m(y-1)(y-2)(y^2-1)}{2} + m(y-1)(y^2 + ym - y - 1) + \frac{m(y-1)(m+y-2)(m+y)}{2}$ .
2.  $GO_2(Q(m, n)) = m(y-1)^4(y-2) + m(y-1)[(2y^2 - 9y + 13) + m(5-m) + my(3y + m - 8) - 6] + m(y-1)[(m+y-2)^3]$ .
3.  $HGO_1(Q(m, y)) = \frac{m(y-1)(y-2)(y^2-1)^2}{2} + m(y-1)(y^2 + ym - y - 1)^2 + \frac{m(y-1)(m+y-2)(m+y)^2}{2}$ .
4.  $HGO_2(Q(m, y)) = 2m(y-1)[(y-1)^6(y-2) + (m+y-2)^6] + m(n-1)[(m+2y-3)(y-1)(m+y-2)]^2$ .

PROOF. 1. By using the concept of  $GO_1$  as well as the data in Table 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} GO_1(Q(m, y)) &= \sum_{ab \in E(Q(m, y))} [(d_{Q(m, y)}(a) + d_{Q(m, y)}(b)) + (d_{Q(m, y)}(a)d_{Q(m, y)}(b))] \\ &= \frac{m(y-1)(y-2)(y^2-1)}{2} + m(y-1)(y^2 + ym - y - 1) \\ &\quad + \frac{m(y-1)(m+y-2)(m+y)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

2. By utilizing the description of  $GO_2$  and entries in Table 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} GO_2(Q(m, n)) &= \sum_{ab \in E(Q(m, n))} [(d_{Q(m, y)}(a) + d_{Q(m, y)}(b))(d_{Q(m, y)}(a)d_{Q(m, y)}(b))] \\ &= m(y-1)^4(y-2) + m(n-1)[(2y^2 - 9y + 13) + m(5-m) \\ &\quad + my(3y + m - 8) - 6] + m(y-1)[(m+y-2)^3]. \end{aligned}$$

3. By the usage of the definition of  $HGO_1$  and facts in Table 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 HGO_1(Q(m, y)) &= \sum_{ab \in E(Q(m, y))} [(d_{Q(m, y)}(a) + d_{Q(m, y)}(b)) + (d_{Q(m, y)}(a)d_{Q(m, y)}(b))]^2 \\
 &= \frac{m(y-1)(y-2)(y^2-1)^2}{2} + m(y-1)(y^2 + ym - n - 1)^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{m(y-1)(m+y-2)(m+y)^2}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

4. By making use the definition of  $HGO_2$  and values in Table 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 HGO_2(Q(m, y)) &= \sum_{ab \in E(Q(m, y))} [(d_{Q(m, y)}(a) + d_{Q(m, y)}(b))(d_{Q(m, y)}(a)d_{Q(m, y)}(b))]^2 \\
 &= 2m(y-1)^7(y-2) + m(y-1)[(m+2y-3)(y-1)(m+y-2)]^2 \\
 &\quad + 2m(y-1)(m+y-2)^6.
 \end{aligned}$$

The join of each cycle of length  $m \geq 3$  and a new vertex in  $C_m^n$ . That is  $(C_m + K_1)$ . We term it a wheel chain.  $W_m^n$  is the symbol for it.  $GO_1, GO_2, HGO_1$  and  $HGO_2$  of  $W_m^n$  are derived in the following theorem.

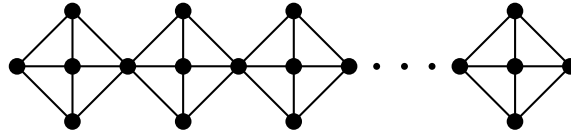


FIGURE 6. The graph  $W_4^n$ .

TABLE 4. Partitioning at the edge of  $W_m^n$ .

$d_{W_m^n}(a), d_{W_m^n}(b) : ab \in E(W_m^n)$	Edge count
(3, 3)	$mn - 4n + 4$
(3, 6)	$4(n - 1)$
(3, $m$ )	$mn - 2n + 2$
(6, $m$ )	$2(n - 1)$

**Theorem 2.8.** For wheel chain  $W_m^n$  ( $m \geq 3, n \geq 2$ ),

1.  $GO_1(W_m^n) = 4m^2n + 24mn + 54n - 6m - 54$ .
2.  $GO_2(W_m^n) = 3m^3n + 15m^2n - 6m^2 + 108mn + 432n - 54m - 432$ .
3.  $HGO_1(W_m^n) = 16m^3n + 354nm + 2070n + 90m^2n - 66m^2 - 120m - 2070$ .
4.  $HGO_2(W_m^n) = 9nm^5 + 108nm^4 + 837nm^3 + 2430nm^2 - 72m^4 - 864m^3 - 2592m^2 + 2916nm + 93312n - 93312$ .



PROOF. 1. By making use the definition of  $GO_1$  and values in Table 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} GO_1(W_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(W_m^n)} [(d_{W_m^n}(a) + d_{W_m^n}(b)) + (d_{W_m^n}(a)d_{W_m^n}(b))] \\ &= (mn - 4n + 4)[6 + 9] + 4(n - 1)[9 + 18] \\ &\quad + (mn - 2n + 2)[3 + m + 3m] + 2(n - 1)[6 + m + 6m] \\ &= 4m^2n + 24mn + 54n - 6m - 54. \end{aligned}$$

2. By the usage of the definition of  $GO_2$  and facts in Table 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} GO_2(W_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(W_m^n)} [(d_{W_m^n}(a) + d_{W_m^n}(b))(d_{W_m^n}(a)d_{W_m^n}(b))] \\ &= (mn - 4n + 4)[6 \times 9] + 4(n - 1)[9 \times 18] \\ &\quad + (mn - 2n + 2)[(3 + m)3m] + 2(n - 1)[(6 + m)6m] \\ &= 3m^3n + 15m^2n - 6m^2 + 108mn + 432n - 54m - 432. \end{aligned}$$

3. By using the expression for  $HGO_1$  and data in Table 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} HGO_1(W_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(W_m^n)} [(d_{W_m^n}(a) + d_{W_m^n}(b)) + (d_{W_m^n}(a)d_{W_m^n}(b))]^2 \\ &= (mn - 4n + 4)[6 + 9]^2 + 4(n - 1)[9 + 18]^2 \\ &\quad + (mn - 2n + 2)[3 + m + 3m]^2 + 2(n - 1)[6 + m + 6m]^2 \\ &= 16m^3n + 354nm + 2070n + 90m^2n - 66m^2 - 120m - 2070. \end{aligned}$$

4. By utilizing the description of  $HGO_2$  and entries in Table 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} HGO_2(W_m^n) &= \sum_{ab \in E(W_m^n)} [(d_{W_m^n}(a) + d_{W_m^n}(b))(d_{W_m^n}(a)d_{W_m^n}(b))] \\ &= (mn - 4n + 4)[6 \times 9]^2 + 4(n - 1)[9 \times 18]^2 \\ &\quad + (mn - 2n + 2)[(3 + m)3m]^2 + 2(n - 1)[(6 + m)6m]^2 \\ &= 9nm^5 + 108nm^4 + 837nm^3 + 2430nm^2 - 72m^4 - 864m^3 - 2592m^2 \\ &\quad + 2916nm + 93312n - 93312. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 3. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

The plotting of  $GO_1$ ,  $GO_2$ ,  $HGO_1$  and  $HGO_2$  for the cactus graphs are shown in Figures 7 and 8. We have built the figures using Origin software taking  $m=4$ .  $GO_1(C_m^n)$ ,  $GO_1(C_m^n)$ ,  $GO_1(CO_m^n)$ ,  $GO_1(W_m^n)$ ,  $GO_2(C_m^n)$ ,  $GO_2(CO_m^n)$ ,  $GO_2(W_m^n)$ ,  $HGO_1(C_m^n)$ ,  $HGO_1(CO_m^n)$ ,  $HGO_1(W_m^n)$ ,  $HGO_2(C_m^n)$ ,  $HGO_2(CO_m^n)$

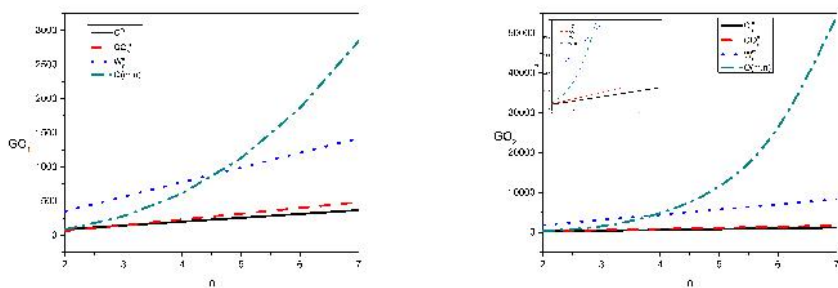


FIGURE 7. Plot of  $GO_1$ (left) and  $GO_2$ (right) for cactus chains.

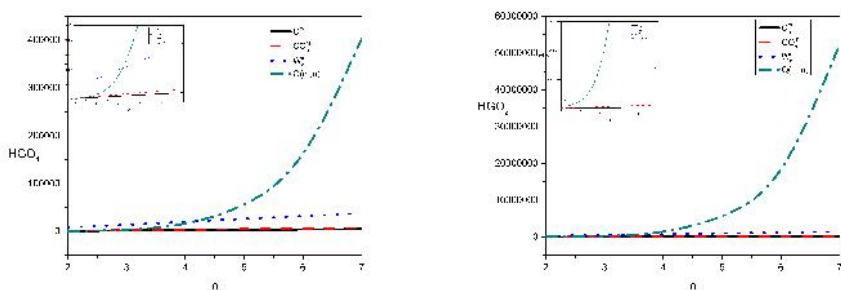


FIGURE 8. Plot of  $HGO_1$ (left) and  $HGO_2$ (right) for cactus chains.

and  $HGO_2(W_m^n)$  are linearly increasing and  $GO_1(Q(m, y))$ ,  $GO_2(Q(m, y))$ ,  $HGO_1(Q(m, y))$  and  $HGO_2(Q(m, y))$  are exponentially increasing.

#### 4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

In this paper, para cactus chain, ortho cactus chain and wheel cactus chain are discussed and explicit expressions of  $GO_1$ ,  $GO_2$ ,  $HGO_1$  and  $HGO_2$  are derived for them.

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