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## A note on Zagreb indices inequality for trees and unicyclic graphs

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### Abstract

For a simple graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges, the inequality  $M_1(G)/n \leq M_2(G)/m$ , where  $M_1(G)$  and  $M_2(G)$  are the first and the second Zagreb indices of  $G$ , is known as Zagreb indices inequality. Recently Vukičević and Graovac [VG], and Caporossi, Hansen and Vukičević [CHV] proved that this inequality holds for trees and unicyclic graphs, respectively. Here, alternative and shorter proofs of these results are presented.

[VG] D. Vukičević and A. Graovac, Comparing Zagreb M1 and M2 indices for acyclic molecules, MATCH Commun. Math. Comput. Chem. 57 (2007), 587-590.

[CHV] G. Caporossi, P. Hansen and D. Vukičević, Comparing Zagreb indices of cyclic graphs, MATCH Commun. Math. Comput. Chem. 63 (2010), 441-451.

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## Opomba o neenakosti v zvezi z zagrebškima indeksoma za drevesa in enociklične grafe

### Povzetek

Za enostaven graf  $G$  z  $n$  vozlišči in  $m$  povezavami je neenakost  $M_1(G)/n \leq M_2(G)/m$ , kjer sta  $M_1(G)$  in  $M_2(G)$  prvi in drugi zagrebški indeks grafa  $G$ , znana pod imenom neenakost zagrebških indeksov. Nedavno sta Vukičević in Graovac [VG] dokazala, da ta neenakost velja za drevesa, Caporossi, Hansen in Vukičević [CHV] pa so dokazali, da ta neenakost velja za grafe, ki vsebujejo natanko en cikel. V članku so predstavljeni alternativni in krajši dokazi teh rezultatov.

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**Ključne besede:** Prvi zagrebški indeks, drugi zagrebški indeks.

