

# Mathematical model for determining octanol-water partition coefficient of alkanes

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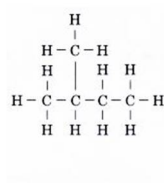
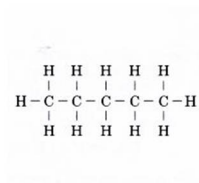
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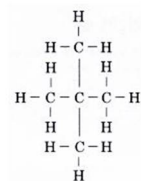
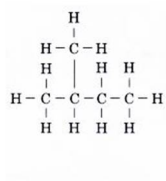
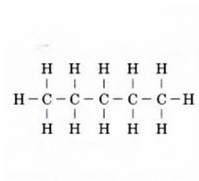
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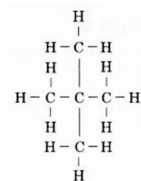
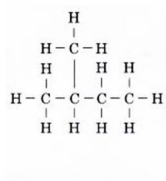
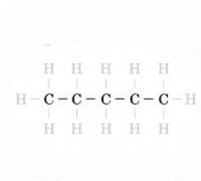




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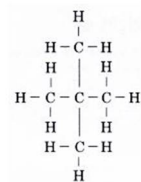
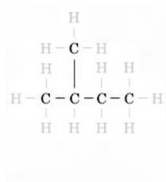
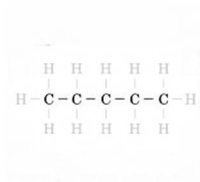
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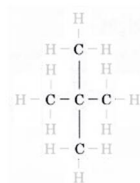
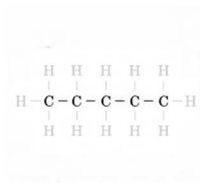
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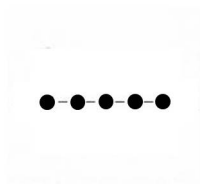
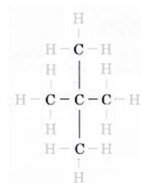
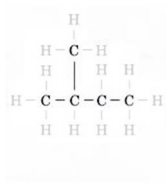
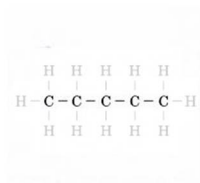
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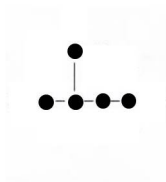
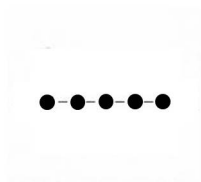
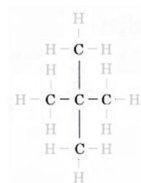
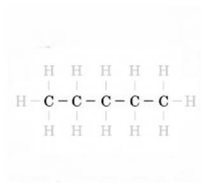
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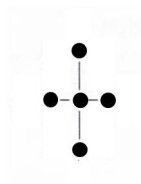
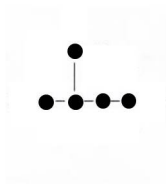
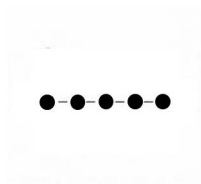
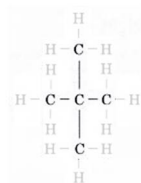
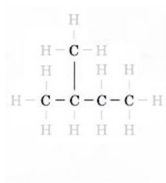
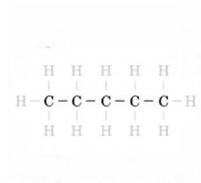
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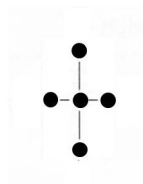
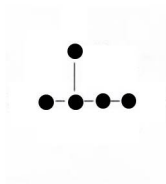
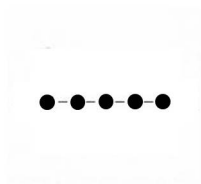
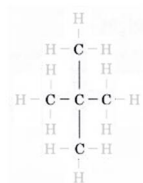
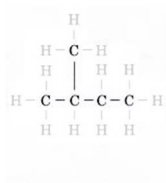
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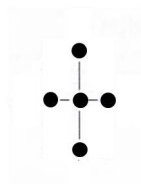
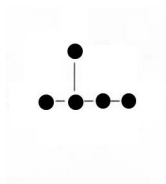
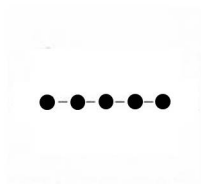
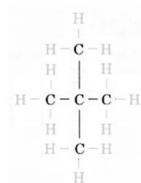
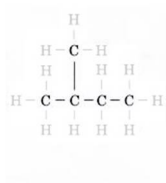
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- boiling point,
- melting point,
- heat capacities,
- density,
- heat of vaporization,
- enthalpy of formation,
- motor octane number,
- molar refraction,
- total surface area,
- octanol-water partition coefficient,
- molar volume,
- entropy,
- acentric factor.

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Chemical properties of molecules are usually presented in a table.

Molecule	Entropy	AcenFac	HVAP	DHVAP
n-octane	111.70	0.39790	73.19	9.915
2-methyl-heptane	109.80	0.37792	70.30	9.484
3-methyl-heptane	111.30	0.37100	71.30	9.521
4-methyl-heptane	109.30	0.37150	70.91	9.483
3-ethyl-hexane	109.40	0.36247	71.70	9.476
2,2-dimethyl-hexane	103.40	0.33943	67.70	8.915
2,3-dimethyl-hexane	108.00	0.34825	70.20	9.272
2,4-dimethyl-hexane	107.00	0.34422	68.50	9.029
2,5-dimethyl-hexane	105.70	0.35683	68.60	9.051
3,3-dimethyl-hexane	104.70	0.32260	68.50	8.973
3,4-dimethyl-hexane	106.60	0.34035	70.20	9.316
2-methyl-3-ethyl-pentane	106.10	0.33243	69.70	9.209
3-methyl-3-ethyl-pentane	101.50	0.30690	69.30	9.081
2,2,3-trimethyl-pentane	101.30	0.30082	67.30	8.826
2,2,4-trimethyl-pentane	104.10	0.30537	64.87	8.402
2,3,3-trimethyl-pentane	102.10	0.29318	68.10	8.897
2,3,4-trimethyl-pentane	102.40	0.31742	68.37	9.014
2,2,3,3-tetramethylbutane	93.06	0.25529	66.20	8.410

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**Wiener index** of a graph is the first and maybe the best studied example, it is defined as

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and correlates well with a boiling point of paraffines.

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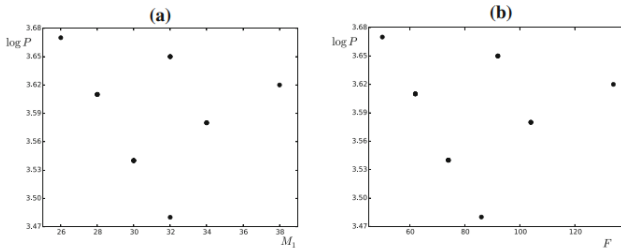
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The example of correlation of  $F$  and  $M_1$  with (log of) octanol-water partition coefficient is presented below (from [2]).



**Fig. 1** Logarithm of the octanol-water partition coefficient ( $P$ ) plotted versus the first Zagreb and the forgotten indices, **a**  $\log P$  versus  $M_1$ ; correlation coefficient is 0.079, **b**  $\log P$  versus  $F$ ; correlation coefficient is 0.0055



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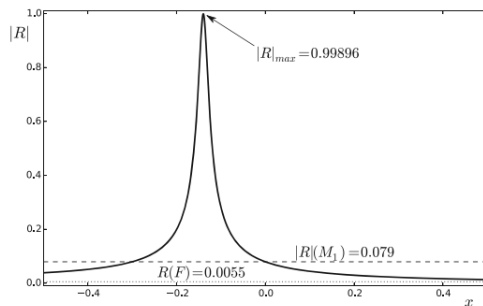
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**Fig. 2** Solid line shows the variation of the absolute value of the correlation coefficient with  $\lambda$ ; the dashed and dotted lines pertain to the correlation coefficients of  $\log P$  versus  $M_1$  and  $F$ , respectively

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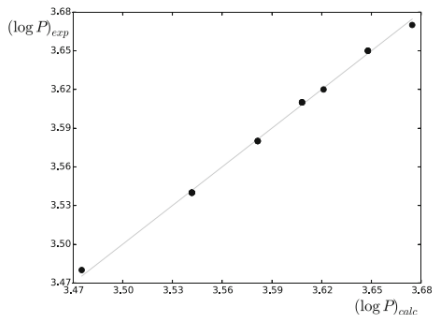


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	$M_1$	$F$	$M_1 - 0.140F$	$Lz$	$\overline{Lz}$
octanes	-0.07933	0.00550	-0.99876	-0.96693	0.16616
nonanes	-0.78729	-0.73379	-0.65970	-0.98869	0.82598

**Table 1.** Comparison of correlation coefficients of five indices for the octanol-water partition coefficient of octane and nonane isomers.



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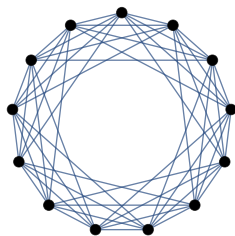
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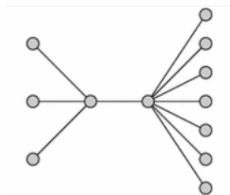
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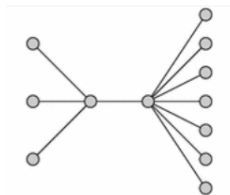
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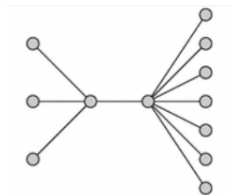


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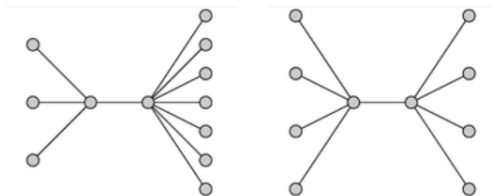
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5	3	1	1	1	30	26
6	6	2	2	1	56	52
7	11	7	6	6	90	84
8	23	16	12	1	138	132
9	47	29	24	2	196	188
10	106	21	2	2	270	264
11	235	14	6	1	360	350
12	551	4	4	2	464	460
13	1301	9	2	2	588	582
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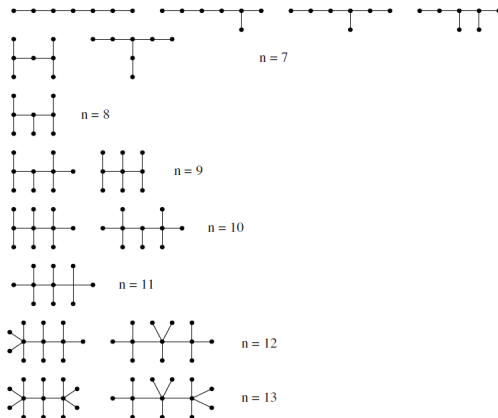


Figure 1. Excessive trees maximizing Lanzhou index.

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The details of the proofs can be seen in [3].

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# In the end

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