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**On the PI polynomial of a graph**
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The Padmakar-Ivan (PI) index of a graph  $G$  is defined as  $\text{PI}(G) = [n_{eu}(e|G) + n_{ev}(e|G)]$ , where  $n_{eu}(e|G)$  is the number of edges of  $G$  lying closer to  $u$  than to  $v$ ,  $n_{ev}(e|G)$  is the number of edges of  $G$  lying closer to  $v$  than to  $u$  and summation goes over all edges of  $G$ . In this paper, we define the PI polynomial of a graph and investigate some of the elementary properties of this polynomial and compute it for some well-known graphs. Finally, we generalize some of the properties of Wiener polynomial to PI polynomial.

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