

# ON SKEW-GENERALISED ENERGY OF DIGRAPHS

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## Abstract

In this paper we introduce the concept of skew-generalised energy of directed graphs. We then obtain upper and lower bounds for skew-generalised energy of digraphs. Then we compute the skew-generalised energy of some graphs such as star digraph, complete bipartite digraph, the  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  digraph,  $(n, 2n - 3)$  strong vertex graceful digraph and a crown digraph.

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## 1 Introduction

In 2010, Bo Zhou and Nenad Trinajstić [4] have introduced the sum-connectivity energy of a graph. In the same year, Burcu Bozkurt, Dilek Güngör, Gutman and Sinan Çevik [3], have introduced the Randić energy of a graph. Recently in [7] we gave a common generalization of the sum-connectivity energy and the Randić energy. We called it as the generalised energy and introduced as follows. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two nonnegative real numbers with  $a + b \neq 0$ . The generalised adjacency matrix of  $G$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A_g = (a_{ij})$ , where

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = j, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(d_i+d_j)+b(d_i d_j)}}, & \text{if the vertices } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are adjacent,} \\ 0, & \text{if the vertices } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are not adjacent.} \end{cases}$$

The generalised energy of  $G$  is defined as the sum of absolute values of the eigenvalues of the generalised adjacency matrix of  $G$ . Note that  $a = 1, b = 0$  gives the sum-connectivity energy and  $a = 0, b = 1$  gives the Randić energy of the graph.

In 2010, Adiga, Balakrishnan and Wasin So [1] have introduced the skew energy of a digraph as follows. Let  $D$  be a digraph of order  $n$  with vertex set  $V(D) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D) \subset V(D) \times V(D)$  where  $(v_i, v_i) \notin \Gamma(D)$  for all  $i$  and  $(v_i, v_j) \in \Gamma(D)$  implies  $(v_j, v_i) \notin \Gamma(D)$ . The skew-adjacency matrix of  $D$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix  $S(D) = (s_{ij})$  where  $s_{ij} = 1$  whenever  $(v_i, v_j) \in \Gamma(D)$ ,  $s_{ij} = -1$  whenever  $(v_j, v_i) \in \Gamma(D)$  and  $s_{ij} = 0$  otherwise. Hence  $S(D)$  is a skew symmetric

matrix of order  $n$  and all its eigenvalues are of the form  $i\lambda$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $\lambda$  is a real number. The skew energy of  $G$  is the sum of the absolute values of eigenvalues of  $S(D)$ .

Motivated by these works, we introduce the concept of skew-generalised energy of a digraph as follows. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two nonnegative real numbers with  $a + b \neq 0$  and  $D$  be a digraph of order  $n$  with vertex set  $V(D) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D) \subset V(D) \times V(D)$  where  $(v_i, v_i) \notin \Gamma(D)$  for all  $i$  and  $(v_i, v_j) \in \Gamma(D)$  implies  $(v_j, v_i) \notin \Gamma(D)$ . Then the skew-generalised adjacency matrix of  $D$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A_{sg} = (a_{ij})$  where

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(d_i+d_j)+b(d_i d_j)}}, & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \in \Gamma(D), \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a(d_i+d_j)+b(d_i d_j)}}, & \text{if } (v_j, v_i) \in \Gamma(D), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then the skew-generalised energy  $E_{sg}(D)$  of  $D$  is defined as the sum of the absolute values of eigenvalues of  $A_{sg}$ .

In section 2 of this paper we obtain the upper and lower bounds for skew-generalised energy of digraphs. In Section 3 we compute the skew-generalised energy of some directed graphs such as complete bipartite digraph, star digraph, the  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  digraph,  $(n, 2n - 3)$  strong vertex graceful digraph and a crown digraph.

## 2 Upper and lower bounds for skew-generalised energy

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $D$  be a simple digraph of order  $n$  and  $a, b$  be as defined above. Then*

$$E_{sg}(D) \leq \sqrt{2n \sum_{j \sim k} \frac{1}{a(d_j + d_k) + b(d_j d_k)}}. \quad (1)$$

*Proof.* On using the identities,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (i\lambda_j)^2 = \text{tr}(A_{sg}^2) = -\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk}^2 = -2 \sum_{j \sim k} \frac{1}{a(d_j + d_k) + b(d_j d_k)} \quad (2)$$

and Cauchy-Schwartz inequality

$$\left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_j b_j \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^2 \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^n b_j^2 \right),$$

we obtain (1). □

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $D$  be a simple digraph of order  $n$  with  $a, b$  be as defined above. Then*

$$E_{sg}(D) \geq \sqrt{2 \sum_{j \sim k} \frac{1}{a(d_j + d_k) + b(d_j d_k)} + n(n-1)p^{\frac{2}{n}}}, \text{ where } p = |\det A_{sg}| = \prod_{j=1}^n |\lambda_j|. \tag{3}$$

*Proof.* On using again (2) and a special case of the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality, we obtain (3). □

### 3 Skew- generalised energies of some families of graphs

We begin with some basic definitions and notations.

**Definition 3.1.** [5] *A graph  $G$  is said to be complete if every pair of its distinct vertices are adjacent. A complete graph on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $K_n$ .*

**Definition 3.2.** [5] *A bigraph or bipartite graph  $G$  is a graph whose vertex set  $V(G)$  can be partitioned into two subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every line of  $G$  joins  $V_1$  with  $V_2$ .  $(V_1, V_2)$  is a bipartition of  $G$ . If  $G$  contains every line joining  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , then  $G$  is a complete bigraph. If  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  have  $m$  and  $n$  points, we write  $G = K_{m,n}$ . A star is a complete bigraph  $K_{1,n}$ .*

**Definition 3.3.** [2] *The Crown graph  $S_n^0$  for an integer  $n \geq 3$  is the graph with vertex set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edge set  $\{u_i v_j; 1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j\}$ .  $S_n^0$  is therefore  $S_n^0$  coincides with complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  with the horizontal edges removed.*

**Definition 3.4.** [6] *The conjunction  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  of  $S_m = \overline{K}_m + K_1$  and  $P_2$  is the graph having the vertex set  $V(S_m) \times V(P_2)$  and edge set  $\{(v_i, v_j)(v_k, v_l) | v_i v_k \in E(S_m) \text{ and } v_j v_l \in E(P_2) \text{ and } 1 \leq i, k \leq m+1, 1 \leq j, l \leq 2\}$ .*

**Definition 3.5.** [8] *A graph  $G$  is said to be strong vertex graceful if there exists a bijective mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that for the induced labeling  $f^+ : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $f^+(e) = f(u) + f(v)$ , where  $e = uv$ , the set  $f^+(E(G))$  consists of consecutive integers.*

Now we compute skew- generalised energies of some directed graphs such as complete bipartite digraph, star digraph, the  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  digraph,  $(n, 2n - 3)$  strong vertex graceful digraph and a crown digraph.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let the vertex set  $V(D)$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D)$  of  $K_{m,n}$  complete bipartite digraph be respectively given by*

$$V(D) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \text{ and} \\ \Gamma(D) = \{(u_i, v_j) | 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}.$$

*Then the skew-generalised energy of the complete bipartite digraph is*  
 $2\sqrt{\frac{mn}{a(m+n)+b(mn)}}.$

*Proof.* The skew-generalised matrix of complete bipartite digraph is given by

$$A_{sg} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \gamma & \gamma & \cdots & \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \gamma & \gamma & \cdots & \gamma \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \gamma & \gamma & \cdots & \gamma \\ -\gamma & -\gamma & \cdots & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -\gamma & -\gamma & \cdots & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\gamma & -\gamma & \cdots & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(m+n)+b(mn)}}$ . Then its characteristic polynomial is

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda I - A_{sg}| &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -\gamma & -\gamma & \cdots & -\gamma \\ 0 & \lambda & \cdots & 0 & -\gamma & -\gamma & \cdots & -\gamma \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda & -\gamma & -\gamma & \cdots & -\gamma \\ \gamma & \gamma & \cdots & \gamma & \lambda & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \gamma & \gamma & \cdots & \gamma & 0 & \lambda & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma & \gamma & \cdots & \gamma & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda I_m & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a(m+n)+b(mn)}} J^T \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(m+n)+b(mn)}} J & \lambda I_n \end{vmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $J$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix with all the entries are equal to 1. Hence the characteristic equation is given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda I_m & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a(m+n)+b(mn)}} J^T \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(m+n)+b(mn)}} J & \lambda I_n \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

This can be written as

$$|\lambda I_m| \left| \lambda I_n - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(m+n)+b(mn)}} J \right) \frac{I_m}{\lambda} \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a(m+n)+b(mn)}} J^T \right) \right| = 0.$$

On simplification, we obtain

$$\frac{\lambda^{m-n}}{a(m+n)+b(mn)} |(a(m+n)+b(mn))\lambda^2 I_n + J J^T| = 0,$$

which can be written as

$$\frac{\lambda^{m-n}}{a(m+n)+b(mn)} P_{JJ^T} (-(a(m+n)+b(mn))\lambda^2) = 0,$$

where  $P_{JJ^T}(\lambda)$  is the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $mJ_n$ . Thus, we have

$$\frac{\lambda^{m-n}}{a(m+n)+b(mn)}((a(m+n)+b(mn))\lambda^2+mn)((a(m+n)+b(mn))\lambda^2)^{n-1}=0,$$

which is same as

$$\lambda^{m+n-2}\left(\lambda^2+\frac{mn}{a(m+n)+b(mn)}\right)=0.$$

Hence,

$$\text{Spec}(D)=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sqrt{\frac{mn}{a(m+n)+b(mn)}} & -i\sqrt{\frac{mn}{a(m+n)+b(mn)}} \\ m+n-2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

from which the theorem follows. □

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let the vertex set  $V(D)$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D)$  of  $S_n$  star digraph be respectively given by*

$$V(D)=\{v_1,v_2,\dots,v_n\} \text{ and } \Gamma(D)=\{(v_1,v_j) \mid 2 \leq j \leq n\}.$$

*Then the skew-generalised energy of  $D$  is  $2\sqrt{\frac{n-1}{an+b(n-1)}}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof follows on replacing  $m$  by 1 and  $n$  by  $n-1$  in theorem 3.6. □

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let the vertex set  $V(D)$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D)$  of  $S_n^0$  crown digraph be respectively given by*

$$V(D)=\{u_1,u_2,\dots,u_n,v_1,v_2,\dots,v_n\} \text{ and } \Gamma(D)=\{(u_i,v_j) \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n, i \neq j\}.$$

*Then the skew-generalised energy of the crown digraph is  $\frac{4(n-1)}{\sqrt{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}}$ .*

*Proof.* The skew-generalised matrix of crown digraph is given by

$$A_{sg}=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \gamma & \dots & \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \gamma & 0 & \dots & \gamma \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \gamma & \gamma & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma & \dots & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\gamma & 0 & \dots & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\gamma & -\gamma & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

where  $\gamma=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}}$ . Then its characteristic polynomial is

$$|\lambda I - A_{sg}|=\begin{vmatrix} \lambda I_n & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}}K^T \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}}K & \lambda I_n \end{vmatrix},$$

where  $K$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. Hence the characteristic equation is given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda I_n & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}} K^T \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}} K & \lambda I_n \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Now, on using the technique similar to the one used in the proof of the theorem 3.6, theorem 3.8 follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let the vertex set  $V(D)$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D)$  of  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  digraph be respectively given by*

$$V(D) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2m+2}\} \text{ and } \Gamma(D) = \{(v_1, v_j), (v_{m+2}, v_k) \mid 2 \leq k \leq m+1, m+3 \leq j \leq 2m+2\}.$$

Then the skew-generalised energy of  $D$  is  $4\sqrt{\frac{n-1}{an+b(n-1)}}$ .

*Proof.* The skew-generalised matrix of  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  digraph is given by

$$A_{sg} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \gamma & \dots & \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -\gamma & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -\gamma & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & \dots & \gamma & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\gamma & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\gamma & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n},$$

where  $m+1 = n$  and  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{an+b(n-1)}}$ . Then the characteristic equation is given by

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{an+b(n-1)}}\right)^{2n} \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 0 & \Lambda & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & \dots & -1 & \Lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \Lambda & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda \end{vmatrix}_{2n \times 2n} = 0,$$

where  $\Lambda = \sqrt{an+b(n-1)}\lambda$ .

Using the usual properties of the determinants we obtain

$$Spec(D) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & i\sqrt{\frac{n-1}{an+b(n-1)}} & -i\sqrt{\frac{n-1}{an+b(n-1)}} \\ 2n-4 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right),$$

from which the theorem 3.9 follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let the vertex set  $V(D)$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D)$  of  $(n, 2n - 3)$  strong vertex graceful digraph  $D = K_2 + \overline{K}_{n-2}$  be respectively given by*

$$V(D) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \text{ and}$$

$$\Gamma(D) = \{(v_1, v_j) \mid 2 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{(v_j, v_n) \mid 2 \leq j \leq n - 1\}.$$

*Then the skew-generalised energy of  $D$  is  $2\sqrt{\frac{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)+2(n-2)(2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2)}{(a(n+1)+2b(n-1))(2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2)}}$ .*

*Proof.* The skew-generalised matrix is given by

$$A_{sg} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}} & \cdots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}} & 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}} & 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}} & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Its characteristics polynomial is

$$|\lambda I - A_{sg}| = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}} \right)^n \begin{vmatrix} \mu & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & -\gamma \\ 1 & \mu & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & \mu & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mu & -1 \\ \gamma & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & \mu \end{vmatrix},$$

where  $\mu = \lambda\sqrt{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}$  and  $\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)}{2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2}}$ . Using the properties of the determinants, we obtain

$$Spec(D) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\omega & -i\omega \\ n-2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{a(n+1)+2b(n-1)+2(n-2)(2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2)}{(a(n+1)+2b(n-1))(2a(n-1)+b(n-1)^2)}}$ . From this the theorem 3.10 follows. □

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