

## REDUCED RECIPROCAL RANDIĆ ENERGY OF A GRAPH

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we define reduced reciprocal Randić matrix of a graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices. It is denoted by  $RRR(G)$  and is defined as an  $n \times n$  matrix whose  $(i, j)$ th-entry is  $\sqrt{(d_{v_i} - 1)(d_{v_j} - 1)}$  if  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are adjacent, and 0 otherwise. The reduced reciprocal Randić energy is the sum of absolute values of the eigenvalues of  $RRR(G)$ . Reduced reciprocal Randić energy of some well-known and much studied graphs are reported. Also, an upper and lower bound for the reduced reciprocal Randić energy of a graph with respect to a vertex subset is presented.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Reduced reciprocal Randić index is one of the vertex-degree-based graph invariant, which was earlier considered in the chemical and/or mathematical literature, and somehow evaded the attention of most mathematical chemists. But in 2014, Gutman et al. [5] brought back this topological index into the main stream of the mathematical chemistry. It is defined as

$$RRR(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{(d_u - 1)(d_v - 1)},$$

where  $E(G)$  is the edge set of  $G$ ,  $d_u$  and  $d_v$  represents the degree of the vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , respectively.

The energy of a graph  $G$  is the sum of the absolute values of the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of  $G$  [4, 12]. It has a correlation with the total  $\pi$ -electron energy of a molecule in the quantum chemistry as calculated with the Hückel molecular orbital method. Studies on Randić indices can be found in [5, 13, 15–17]. In spectral graph theory, different kinds of energy of a graph  $G$  have been extensively studied by many researchers and some of them can be found in [3, 6–11, 14].

Motivated by the reduced reciprocal Randić index, we introduce the reduced reciprocal Randić matrix  $RRR(G)$  as  $RRR(G) = (r_{ij})_{n \times n}$ , where

$$r_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{(d_{v_i} - 1)(d_{v_j} - 1)}, & v_i v_j \in E(G) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The reduced reciprocal Randić energy is given by

$$RRRE(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|$$

where  $\alpha_i$  are the eigenvalues of reduced reciprocal Randić matrix.

Let  $\chi$  be a subset of vertex set of  $G$  (for example,  $\chi$  may be a minimum dominating, double dominating set, global dominating set, etc.). Then we define reduced reciprocal Randić matrix as  $RRR_\chi(G)$  with respect to the set  $\chi$  as  $RRR_\chi(G) = (r_{ij})_{n \times n}$ , where

$$r_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{(d_{v_i} - 1)(d_{v_j} - 1)}, & v_i v_j \in E(G) \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \in \chi \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The reduced reciprocal Randić energy with respect to the set  $\chi$ , denoted by  $RRRE_\chi(G)$ , is the sum of the absolute values of the eigenvalues of the matrix  $RRR_\chi(G)$ .

In Section 2 of the paper, reduced reciprocal Randić energy of some well-known graphs are computed. In Section 3, an upper and lower bound for the reduced reciprocal Randić energy of a graph with respect to a vertex subset  $\chi$  is obtained.

## 2. REDUCED RECIPROCAL RANDIĆ ENERGY OF SOME STANDARD GRAPHS

In this section, we obtain the reduced reciprocal Randić energy of some standard graphs.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Reduced reciprocal Randić energy of complete graph  $K_n$  is  $RRRE(K_n) = 2(n - 2)(n - 1)$ .*

*Proof.* The degree of a vertex in  $K_n$  is  $n - 1$ . Hence its reduced reciprocal Randić matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & n-2 & n-2 & \dots & n-2 & n-2 \\ n-2 & 0 & n-2 & \dots & n-2 & n-2 \\ n-2 & n-2 & 0 & \dots & n-2 & n-2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ n-2 & n-2 & n-2 & \dots & 0 & n-2 \\ n-2 & n-2 & n-2 & \dots & n-2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The spectrum of the above matrix consists of  $-(n - 2)$  with multiplicity  $n - 1$  and  $(n - 2)(n - 1)$  with multiplicity 1. Therefore,  $RRRE(K_n) = 2(n - 2)(n - 1)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.2.** [1] *The crown graph  $S_n^0$  is a graph whose vertex set can be partitioned into two sets  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  such that  $u_i v_j$  is an edge if and only if  $i \neq j$ .*

**Theorem 2.3.** *The reduced reciprocal Randić energy of crown graph  $S_n^0$  is*

$$RRRE(S_n^0) = 4(n - 1)(n - 2).$$

*Proof.* The reduced reciprocal Randić matrix of  $S_n^0$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & (n-2) & \dots & (n-2) & (n-2) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (n-2) & 0 & \dots & (n-2) & (n-2) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (n-2) & (n-2) & \dots & 0 & (n-2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (n-2) & (n-2) & \dots & (n-2) & 0 \\ 0 & (n-2) & (n-2) & \dots & (n-2) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ (n-2) & 0 & (n-2) & \dots & (n-2) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (n-2) & (n-2) & 0 & \dots & (n-2) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ (n-2) & (n-2) & (n-2) & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Characteristic equation is

$$(\alpha - (n-2))^{n-1}(\alpha + (n-2))^{n-1}(\alpha + (n-1)(n-2))(\alpha - (n-1)(n-2)) = 0.$$

Therefore the spectrum of  $RRR(S_n^0)$  is

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} (n-2)(n-1) & -(n-2)(n-1) & -(n-2) & (n-2) \\ 1 & 1 & n-1 & n-1 \end{array} \right).$$

Therefore,  $RRRE(S_n^0) = 4(n-1)(n-2)$ . □

**Theorem 2.4.** *The reduced reciprocal Randić energy of a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  is*

$$2\sqrt{mn}\sqrt{mn - m - n + 1}$$

*Proof.* The reduced reciprocal Randić matrix of complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & A & A & A & A \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & A & A & A & A \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & A & A & A & A \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & A & A & A & A \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A & A & A & A & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A & A & A & A & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A & A & A & A & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A & A & A & A & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here  $A = \sqrt{mn - m - n + 1}$ .

Therefore,  $Spec_{RRR}(K_{m,n}) =$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} \sqrt{mn}\sqrt{mn - m - n + 1} & 0 & -\sqrt{mn}\sqrt{mn - m - n + 1} \\ 1 & m+n-2 & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

Hence,  $RRRE(K_{m,n}) = 2\sqrt{mn}\sqrt{mn - m - n + 1}$ . □

**Definition 2.5.** [1] *The cocktail party graph, denoted by  $K_{n \times 2}$ , is a graph with vertex set  $V = \cup_{i=1}^n \{u_i, v_i\}$  and edge set  $E = \{u_i u_j, v_i v_j, u_i v_j, v_i u_j : 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$ .*

**Theorem 2.6.** *The reduced reciprocal Randić energy of  $K_{n \times 2}$  is*

$$RRRE(K_{n \times 2}) = 4(2n - 3)(n - 1).$$

*Proof.* The reduced reciprocal Randić matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & \dots & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & \dots & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 \\ 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 \\ 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 2n-3 & 2n-3 & \dots & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 0 & 0 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 \\ 2n-3 & 2n-3 & \dots & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 0 & 0 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 \\ 2n-3 & 2n-3 & \dots & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2n-3 & 2n-3 & \dots & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 2n-3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Spec}_{RRR}(K_{n \times 2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(2n-3)(n-1) & 0 & -2(2n-3) \\ 1 & n & n-1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $RRRE(K_{n \times 2}) = 4(2n-3)(n-1)$ . □

### 3. PROPERTIES OF REDUCED RECIPROCAL RANDIĆ ENERGY

The following result gives the first three coefficients of the reduced reciprocal Randić characteristic polynomial and can be easily proven using the definition of characteristic polynomial.

**Proposition 3.1.** *In the reduced reciprocal Randić characteristic polynomial  $\phi_{RRR}(G, \alpha)$ , the first three coefficients are 1, 0 and  $-\sum_{i=1}^n (d_u - 1)(d_v - 1)$ , respectively.*

*Proof.* (i) From the definition of the characteristic polynomial, we get  $a_0 = 1$ .

(ii) The sum of the determinants of all  $1 \times 1$  principal submatrices is equal to the trace.

$$a_1 = (-1)^1 \cdot \text{trace of } [RRR(G)] = 0.$$

(iii) We have

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^2 a_2 &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \begin{vmatrix} a_{ii} & a_{ij} \\ a_{ji} & a_{jj} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_{ii}a_{jj} - a_{ji}a_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_{ii}a_{jj} - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_{ji}a_{ij} \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^n (d_u - 1)(d_v - 1). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 3.2.** *We have*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n [(d_u - 1)(d_v - 1)],$$

where  $\alpha_i$  represents reduced reciprocal Randić eigenvalues.

*Proof.* We know that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} a_{ji} \\ &= 2 \sum_{i < j} a_{ij}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{i < j} a_{ij}^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n [(d_u - 1)(d_v - 1)]. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices. Then*

$$RRRE_{\chi}(G) \leq \sqrt{2n \sum_{i=1}^n [(d_u - 1)(d_v - 1) - |\chi|]}.$$

*Proof.* From Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 \right).$$

Let  $x_i = 1$  and  $y_i = \alpha_i$ . Then

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i| \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^2 \right)$$

which implies that

$$RRRE_{\chi}(G) \leq \sqrt{2n \sum_{i=1}^n [(d_u - 1)(d_v - 1) - |\chi|]}$$

□

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices. Then*

$$RRRE_{\chi}(G) \geq \sqrt{|\chi| + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n [\sqrt{(d_u - 1)(d_v - 1)}]^2 + n(n - 1)[Det(RRR(G))]^{\frac{2}{n}}}.$$

*Proof.* By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} (RRRE_\chi(G))^2 &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i| \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i| \sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha_j| \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^2 \right) + \sum_{i \neq j} |\alpha_i| |\alpha_j|. \end{aligned}$$

Using arithmetic mean and geometric mean inequality, we have

$$\frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} |\alpha_i| |\alpha_j| \geq \left( \prod_{i \neq j} |\alpha_i| |\alpha_j| \right)^{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (RRRE_\chi(G))^2 &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^2 + n(n-1) \left( \prod_{i \neq j} |\alpha_i| |\alpha_j| \right)^{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}} \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^2 + n(n-1) \left( \prod_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^{2(n-1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}} \\ &= |\chi| + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(d_u - 1)(d_v - 1)} \right] + n(n-1) [RRR]^{\frac{2}{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$RRRE_\chi(G) \geq \sqrt{|\chi| + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(d_u - 1)(d_v - 1)} \right] + n(n-1) [RRR]^{\frac{2}{n}}}.$$

□

**Definition 3.5.** [12] Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two graphs. The join  $G \vee H$  of  $G$  and  $H$  is a graph obtained from  $G$  and  $H$  by joining each vertex of  $G$  to every vertex in  $H$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** [2] For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $M_i$  be a normal matrix of order  $n_i$  having all its row sums equal to  $r_i$ . Suppose  $r_i, \theta_{i2}, \theta_{i3}, \dots, \theta_{in_i}$  are the eigenvalues of  $M_i$ , then for any two constants  $a$  and  $b$ , the eigenvalues of

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & aJ_{n_1 \times n_2} \\ bJ_{n_2 \times n_1} & M_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

are  $\theta_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, j = 2, 3, \dots, n_i$  and the two roots of the quadratic equation  $(x - r_1)(x - r_2) - abn_1n_2 = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $G_1$  be a  $r_1$ -regular graph of order  $n_1$  and let  $G_2$  be a  $r_2$ -regular graph of order  $n_2$ . Then the spectrum of  $RRR(G_1 \vee G_2)$  consists of  $(r_1 + n_2 - 1)\lambda_i(G_1)$  and  $(r_2 + n_1 - 1)\lambda_j(G_2)$  and the two roots of the

quadratic equation  $(x - (r_1 + n_2 - 1)r_1)(x - (r_2 + n_1 - 1)r_2) - (r_1 + n_2 - 1)(r_2 + n_1 - 1)n_1n_2$

*Proof.* Since  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular graphs, the RRR matrix of  $G_1 \vee G_2$  can be obtained as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (r_1 + n_2 - 1)A(G_1) & [(r_1 + n_2 - 1)(r_2 + n_1 - 1)]^{1/2}J_{n_1 \times n_2} \\ [(r_1 + n_2 - 1)(r_2 + n_1 - 1)]^{1/2}J_{n_2 \times n_1} & (r_2 + n_1 - 1)A(G_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Setting  $a = b = [(r_1 + n_2 - 1)(r_2 + n_1 - 1)]^{1/2}$  in Lemma 3.6, we arrive at the desired result.  $\square$

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