

# ON SKEW-RANDIĆ ENERGY OF DIGRAPHS

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**Abstract** In this paper we compute the skew-Randić energy of the star graph, the  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  graph and the Peterson graph.

## 1 Introduction

In 2010, Burcu Bozkurt, Dilek Güngör, Gutman and Sinan Çevik [2], have introduced the Randić energy of a graph as follows. Let  $G$  be a simple graph and let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be its vertices. For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , let  $d_i$  denote the degree of the vertex  $v_i$ . Then the Randić matrix of  $G$  is defined as  $R = (R_{ij})$ , where

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

The Randić energy of  $G$  is defined as the sum of absolute values of the eigenvalues of the Randić matrix.

In the same year 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, in 2013, D. D. Somashekara and C. R. Veena [6],[7] have introduced the concept of skew-Randić 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  $(v_j, v_i) \notin \Gamma(D)$ . Then the skew-Randić matrix of  $D$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A_{SR} = (r_{ij})$  where

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

Then the skew-Randić energy of  $D$  was defined as the sum of the absolute values of eigenvalues of  $A_{SR}$ . Further, they [6] found the skew-Randić energy of complete bipartite graph, crown graph and  $K_2 + \overline{K_{n-2}}$  graph. Recently, Ran Gu, Fie Huang, Xueliang Li [3] have studied the properties of digraphs and in particular the bounds for skew-Randić energy of certain connected graphs.

In this paper we find skew-Randić energy of the star graph,  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  graph and the Peterson graph.

We begin with some basic definitions and notations.

**Definition 1.1.** [4] 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 1.2.** [4] 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 1.3.** [5] 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  $\{(v_i, v_j)(v_k, v_l) | v_i v_k \in E(S_m) \text{ and } v_j v_l \in E(P_2) \text{ and } 1 \leq i, k \leq m + 1, 1 \leq j, l \leq 2\}$ .

## 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let the vertex set  $V(D)$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D)$  of  $S_n$  star digraph be respectively given by

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

Then the skew-Randić energy of  $D$  is 2.

*Proof.* The skew-Randić matrix of the star digraph  $D$  is given by

$$A_{SR} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \cdots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence the characteristic polynomial is given by

$$|\lambda I - A_{SR}| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \cdots & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \lambda & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \lambda & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}}\right)^n \begin{vmatrix} \mu & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & \mu & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \mu & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mu & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \mu \end{vmatrix},$$

where  $\mu = \lambda\sqrt{n-1}$ . Then  $|\lambda I - A_{SR}| = \phi_n(\mu)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}}\right)^n$

where  $\phi_n(\mu) = \begin{vmatrix} \mu & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & \mu & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \mu & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mu & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \mu \end{vmatrix}.$

Using the properties of the determinants, after some simplifications we obtain

$$\phi_n(\mu) = (\mu^{n-2} + \mu\phi_{n-1}(\mu)).$$

Iterating this, we obtain

$$\phi_n(\mu) = \mu^{n-2}(\mu^2 + n - 1).$$

Therefore

$$|\lambda I - A_{SR}| = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}}\right)^n \left[ ((n-1)\lambda^2 + (n-1)) (\lambda\sqrt{(n-1)})^{n-2} \right].$$

Thus the characteristic equation is given by

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

Hence

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

Hence the skew-Randić energy of  $D$  is

$$E_{SR}(D) = 2.$$

□

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let the vertex set  $V(D)$  and arc set  $\Gamma(D)$  of  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  digraph be respectively given by*

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

*Then the skew-Randić energy of  $D$  is 4.*

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

$$A_{SR} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \dots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \dots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n},$$

where  $m+1 = n$ . Its characteristic polynomial is given by

$$|\lambda I - A_{SR}| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \dots & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} \\ 0 & \lambda & \dots & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \dots & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & \lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \lambda & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda \end{vmatrix}_{2n \times 2n}.$$

Hence the characteristic equation is given by

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

where  $\Lambda = \sqrt{n-1}\lambda$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{2n}(\Lambda) &= \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 0 & \Lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & \Lambda & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \Lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda \end{vmatrix}_{2n \times 2n} \\ &= (-1)^{2n+2n} \Lambda \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 0 & \Lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & \Lambda & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \Lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda \end{vmatrix}_{(2n-1) \times (2n-1)} \\ &+ (-1)^{2n+1} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ \Lambda & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & \Lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \Lambda & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda & 0 \end{vmatrix}_{(2n-1) \times (2n-1)} \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\Psi_{2n-1}(\Lambda) = (-1)^{2n+1} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & -1 \\ \Lambda & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \Lambda & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & \Lambda & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \Lambda & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \Lambda & 0 \end{vmatrix}_{(2n-1) \times (2n-1)}$$

Using the properties of the determinants, we obtain, after some simplifications

$$\Psi_{2n-1}(\Lambda) = \Lambda^{n-2} \Theta_n(\Lambda),$$

where  $\Theta_n(\Lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & \Lambda & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & \Lambda \end{vmatrix}_{n \times n}$

Then

$$\phi_{2n}(\Lambda) = \Lambda^{n-2} \Theta_n(\Lambda) + \Lambda \phi_{2n-1}(\Lambda).$$

Now, proceeding as above, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{2n-1}(\Lambda) &= (-1)^{(2n-1)+1} \Psi_{2n-2}(\Lambda) + (-1)^{(2n-1)+(2n-1)} \Lambda \phi_{2n-2}(\Lambda) \\ &= \Lambda^{n-3} \Theta_n(\Lambda) + \Lambda \phi_{2n-2}(\Lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding like this, we obtain at the  $(n - 1)^{th}$  step

$$\phi_{2n}(\Lambda) = -(n - 1) \Lambda^{n-2} \Theta_n(\Lambda) + \Lambda^{(n-1)} \xi_{n+1}(\Lambda),$$

where  $\xi_{n+1}(\Lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & \Lambda \end{vmatrix}_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{2n}(\Lambda) &= (n - 1) \Lambda^{n-2} \Theta_n(\Lambda) + \Lambda^{n-1} \Lambda \Theta_n(\Lambda) \\ &= (n - 1) \Lambda^{n-2} \Theta_n(\Lambda) + \Lambda^n \Theta_n(\Lambda) \\ &= ((n - 1) \Lambda^{n-2} + \Lambda^n) \Theta_n(\Lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Using the properties of the determinants, we obtain

$$\Theta_n(\Lambda) = (n - 1) \Lambda^{n-2} + \Lambda^n.$$

Therefore

$$\phi_{2n}(\Lambda) = ((n - 1) \Lambda^{n-2} + \Lambda^n)^2.$$

Hence characteristic equation becomes

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}}\right)^{2n} \phi_{2n}(\Lambda) = 0,$$

which is same as

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n-1}}\right)^{2n}((n-1)\Lambda^{n-2} + \Lambda^n)^2 = 0.$$

This reduces to

$$\lambda^{2n-4}(1 + \lambda^2)^2 = 0.$$

Therefore

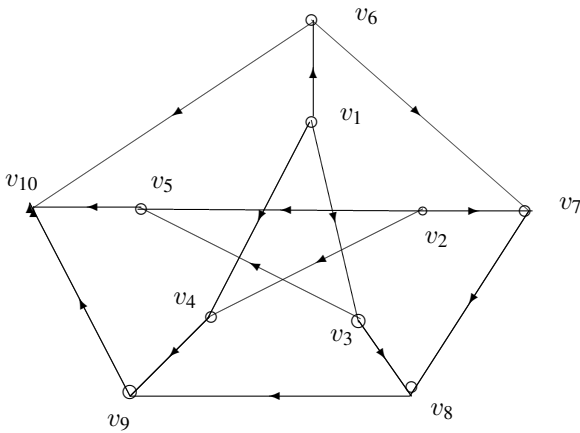
$$\text{Spec}((S_m \wedge P_2)) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & -i \\ 2n-4 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence the skew-Randić energy of  $(S_m \wedge P_2)$  digraph is

$$E_{SR}((S_m \wedge P_2)) = 4.$$

□

**Theorem 2.3.** *The skew-Randić energy of the below Peterson digraph is 5.1654.*



*Proof.* The skew-Randić matrix of the Peterson of digraph is given by

$$A_{SR} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Its characteristic polynomial is given by

$$|\lambda I - A_{SR}| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \lambda & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \lambda & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \lambda & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \lambda & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \lambda \end{vmatrix}.$$

Hence the characteristic equation is given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \lambda & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \lambda & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \lambda & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \lambda & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

This is same as

$$\lambda^{10} + 1.6667\lambda^8 + 0.9259\lambda^6 + 0.1989\lambda^4 + 0.0152\lambda^2 + 0.003 = 0,$$

on using Matlab software. Again, using the software we found that the eigenvalues of  $A_{SR}$  as  $0.8676i, -0.8676i, 0.7328i, -0.7328i, 0.4906i, -0.4906i, 0.1583i, -0.1583i, 0.3333i, -0.3333i$  of multiplicities one. Hence the skew-Randić energy of  $D$  is

$$E_{SR}(D) = 5.1654.$$

□

**Remark.** The skew-Randić energy of a digraph depends on the arc set. In particular, if the arc set of the above Peterson graph is  $\Gamma(D) = \{(v_i, v_j), (v_3, v_1), (v_4, v_1) \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq 10, i < j \text{ and } i \neq 3, 4\}$ , then its skew-Randić energy is 5.1654.

**Conjecture.** We conjecture that the skew-Randić energy of the Peterson digraph with any arc set lies between 3 and 6.

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