

## THE SKEW DISTANCE CHARACTERISTIC POLYNOMIAL OF AN ORIENTED TREE WITH CANONICAL ORIENTATION AND AN ORIENTED EVEN CIRCUITS WITH REACHABLE AND CANONICAL ORIENTATION

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ABSTRACT. A directed graph  $G^\phi$  is a finite simple undirected graph  $G$  with an orientation  $\phi$ , which assigns to each edge a direction so that  $G^\phi$  becomes a directed graph.  $G$  is called the underlying graph of  $G^\phi$  and we denote by  $SD(G^\phi)$ , the Skew-Distance matrix of  $G^\phi$ . The eigen values  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \dots, \lambda_n$  of the  $SD(G^\phi)$  are said to be the skew distance eigen values or the SD-Eigen values of  $G^\phi$ .

The Skew Distance Energy,  $E_{SD}(G^\phi) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i - \bar{\lambda}|$ , where  $\bar{\lambda} = \left[ \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n}{n} \right]$ .

In this paper, we find the coefficients of the skew distance characteristic polynomial of a oriented tree  $T$  with canonical orientation and an oriented even circuit  $C_{2n}$  with reachable and canonical orientation.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G$  be a finite simple connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Let  $G^\phi$  be a graph with an orientation  $\phi$ , which assigns to each edge of  $G$  a direction so that  $G^\phi$  becomes a directed graph. The skew adjacency matrix of the directed graph  $G^\phi$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix,  $S(G^\phi) = (S_{ij})$ , where  $S_{ij} = 1 = -S_{ji}$  if  $v_i \rightarrow v_j$  is an arc of  $G^\phi$ , otherwise  $S_{ij} = S_{ji} = 0$ .

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Let  $d_{ij}^\phi$  be the distance between the vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  in  $G^\phi$ . The Skew Distance Matrix (SD-matrix) of  $G^\phi$ ,  $SD(G^\phi) = (Sd_{ij})$  is real skew symmetric matrix, where

$$Sd_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_{ij}^\phi & \text{if } d_{ij}^\phi \leq d_{ji}^\phi \\ -d_{ji}^\phi & \text{if } d_{ij}^\phi > d_{ji}^\phi \\ 0 & \text{if no path between } v_i \text{ and } v_j \end{cases}$$

and  $Sd_{ij} = -Sd_{ji}$ .

Suppose there is only one path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  or  $v_j$  to  $v_i$ , then  $Sd_{ij} = d_{ij}^\phi$  or  $Sd_{ij} = -d_{ji}^\phi$ .

Let  $G(V, E)$  be a bipartite graph with bi-partition  $(X, Y)$ . An orientation is said to be **canonical** if it orients all the edges from one partition set to the other. It is immaterial if it is from  $X$  to  $Y$  or from  $Y$  to  $X$ . From this point onwards,  $\sigma$  stands for the canonical orientation with respect to a bipartite graph  $G$  with a fixed bi-partition  $(X, Y)$ .

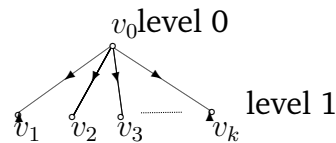
Let  $G$  be a finite simple connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. An orientation is said to be a **reachable orientation** in  $P_n$  if all the edges in  $P_n$  are in one direction. An orientation is said to be a reachable orientation in  $G$  if any two vertices in  $G$  has at least one path with reachable orientation. Reachable orientation is denoted by  $R$ .

In this paper we find the skew distance characteristic polynomial of an oriented tree  $T$  having vertices upto height 3 with canonical orientation and an oriented even circuit  $C_{2n}$  with reachable orientation  $R$  and canonical orientation.

## 2. TREE

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $T_{k+1}^\sigma$  be a canonical oriented tree with  $(k+1)$  vertices in which  $k$  vertices are of level 1 and one vertex is in level zero. Then  $P[SD(T_{k+1}^\sigma); x] = (-x)^{k+1} + k(-x)^{k-1} \forall k \geq 4$ .

*Proof.*  $T_{k+1}^\sigma$  is



$$(2.1) \quad SD(T_{k+1}^\sigma) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(k+1) \times (k+1)}.$$

By [2], Theorem 3.10,

$$(2.2) \quad P[SD(T_{k+1}^\sigma); x] = (-x)^{k+1} + k(-x)^{k-1} \forall k \geq 4.$$

□

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $T_n^\sigma$  be a canonical oriented tree with 1 vertex is of level 0,  $k$  vertices are of level one and  $n_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$  vertices are of level two s.t  $n = 1 + k + n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_k$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} P[SD(T_n^\sigma); x] &= (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k+(k+1)} \\ &+ [k + \sum_{i=1}^k n_i] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k+(k-1)} \\ &+ [(k-1) \sum_{i=1}^k n_i + \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k n_i n_j] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k+(k-3)} \\ &+ [(k-2) \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k n_i n_j + \sum_{i \neq j \neq t=1}^k n_i n_j n_t] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k+(k-5)} \\ &+ \cdots + [2 \sum n_1 n_2 \cdots n_{k-2} + \sum n_1 n_2 \cdots n_{k-1}] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k-(k-3)} \\ &+ [\sum n_1 n_2 \cdots n_{k-1} + n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k-(k-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $T_n^\sigma$  be a canonical oriented tree with 1 vertex is of level 0,  $k$  vertices are of level one and  $n_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$  vertices are of level two s.t  $n = 1 + k + n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_k$ . Then

$$(2.3) \quad |SD(T_n^\sigma) - xI| = \begin{vmatrix} S_{k+1} & V_1 & V_2 & \cdots & V_k \\ -V_1^T & D_{n_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -V_2^T & 0 & D_{n_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -V_k^T & 0 & 0 & \cdots & D_{n_k} \end{vmatrix}$$

Here,

$$|S_{k+1}| = \begin{vmatrix} -x & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ -1 & -x & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -x \end{vmatrix}_{(k+1) \times (k+1)} \quad |D_{n_i}| = \begin{vmatrix} -x & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -x & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -x \end{vmatrix}_{n_i \times n_i};$$

$$V_i = \begin{matrix} i \\ (i+1) \\ (i+2) \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(k+1) \times n_i}; \quad 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

Let  $S_{k+1}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  be the matrix obtained by deleting any  $i$  number of rows from the rows 2nd, 3rd,  $\dots$   $(k+1)$ th row of  $S_{k+1}$  and replacing  $i$  number of rows of the corresponding matrices  $-V_1^T, -V_2^T, \dots, -V_k^T$  respectively. [Delete the  $j^{th}$  row  $2 \leq j \leq k+1$  of  $S_{k+1}$  and replacing any one row from  $-V_{j-1}^T \forall j$ ].

For  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $D'_{n_i}$  be the matrix obtained from  $D_{n_i}$  by replacing any one row by  $(-1, -1, \dots, -1)_{1 \times n_i}$ .

By Laplace's expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} |SD(T_n^\sigma) - xI| &= |S_{k+1}| |D_{n_1}| \cdots |D_{n_k}| + |S_{k+1}^{(1)}| \sum_{i=1}^k n_i |D_{n_1}| \cdots |D'_{n_i}| \cdots |D_{n_k}| \\ &+ |S_{k+1}^{(2)}| \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k n_i n_j |D_{n_1}| \cdots |D'_{n_i}| \cdots |D'_{n_j}| \cdots |D_{n_k}| + \cdots + |S_{k+1}^{(k-1)}| \sum n_1 n_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdots n_{k-1} |D'_{n_1}| \cdots |D'_{n_{(k-1)}}| |D_{n_k}| + |S_{k+1}^{(k)}| n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k |D'_{n_1}| \cdots |D'_{n_k}| \\
&= (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k+(k+1)} + [k + \sum_{i=1}^k n_i] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k-(k-1)} \\
&+ [(k-1) \sum_{i=1}^k n_i + \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k n_i n_j] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k+(k-3)} [(k-2) \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k n_i n_j + \\
&\quad \sum_{i \neq j \neq t=1}^k n_i n_j n_t] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k+(k-5)} + \cdots + [2 \sum n_1 n_2 \cdots n_{k-2} \\
&\quad + \sum n_1 n_2 \cdots n_{k-1}] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k-(k-3)} \\
&+ [\sum n_1 n_2 \cdots n_{k-1} + n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k] (-x)^{n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k-(k-1)} \quad (*)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Problem 2.1.** Find the skew distance characteristic polynomial of a canonical oriented tree  $T_n^\sigma$  with 1 vertex is of level 0,  $k$  vertices are of level 1,  $n_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) vertices are of level 2 and  $11r_1, 12r_2, \dots, 1n_1r_{n_1}, 21s_1, 22s_2, \dots, 2n_2s_{n_2}, \dots, k1t_1, k2t_2, \dots, kn_kt_{n_k}$  number of vertices are of level 3 such that  $n = (1) + (k) + (n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_k) + (11r_1 + 12r_2 + \cdots + n_1r_{n_1} + 21s_1 + 22s_2 + \cdots + 2n_2s_{n_2} + \cdots + k1t_1 + k2t_2 + \cdots + kn_kt_{n_k})$ .

Let  $T_1$  be the characteristic matrix of the skew distance matrix of the canonical oriented tree with upto level **one** vertices.

Let  $T_2$  be the characteristic matrix of the skew distance matrix of the canonical oriented tree with upto level **two** vertices.

Let  $T_2^{(i)}$  be the matrix oriented from  $T_2$  by deleting any  $i$  number of rows from  $r_{k+2}$  to  $r_{k+1+n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k}$  of  $T_2$  and replacing  $i$  number of rows from the corresponding matrices  $-V_{11r_1}^T, -V_{12r_2}^T, \dots, -V_{1n_1r_{n_1}}^T, -V_{21s_1}^T, -V_{22s_2}^T, \dots, -V_{2n_2s_{n_2}}^T, \dots, -V_{k1t_1}^T, -V_{k2t_2}^T, \dots, -V_{kn_kt_{n_k}}^T$  respectively.

For  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ;  $1 \leq j \leq n_i$   $D'_{ijl}$  be the diagonal matrix obtained from the diagonal matrix  $D_{ijl}$  by replacing any one row by  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)_{1 \times l}$  where  $l$  takes the values

$r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{n_1}, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n_2}, \dots, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{n_k}$ .

Let



## 3. ORIENTED EVEN CIRCUIT

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $C_{2n}^R$  be an oriented even circuit with  $2n$  vertices and with an orientation  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow v_3 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow v_{2n-2} \rightarrow v_{2n-1} \rightarrow v_{2n} \rightarrow v_1$ . Let  $P[SD(C_{2n}^R); x] = C_0x^{2n} + C_2x^{2n-2} + \cdots + C_{2n-2}x^2 + C_{2n}$  be the skew distance characteristic polynomial of  $C_{2n}^R$ . Then

- (i)  $C_0 = 1$ ;
- (ii)  $C_2 = \sum_{i < j} sd_{ij}^2 = \frac{n^2(2n^2+1)}{3}$ ;
- (iii)  $C_4 = \sum \text{All minors of order 4} (sd_{12}sd_{34} + sd_{13}sd_{42} + sd_{14}sd_{23})^2$ ;
- (iv)  $C_{2r} = \text{sum of determinant of the principal minors of order } (2n - 2r)$ ;
- (v)  $C_{2n} = (2n)^{2n-2}$ .

*Proof.* Denote the given reachable orientation  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \cdots v_{2n} \rightarrow v_1$  by  $R$ . Now

	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$\cdots$	$v_{n-1}$	$v_n$	$v_{n+1}$	$\cdots$	$v_{2n-2}$	$v_{2n-1}$	$v_{2n}$
$SD(C_{2n}^R) =$	$v_1$	0	1	2	$\cdots (n-2)$	$(n-1)$	$n$	$\cdots$	-3	-2	-1
	$v_2$	-1	0	1	$\cdots n-3$	$n-2$	$n-1$	$\cdots$	-4	-3	-2
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
	$v_n$	$-(n-1)$	$-(n-2)$	$-(n-3)$	$\cdots -1$	0	1	$\cdots n-2$	$n-1$	$n$	
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
	$v_{2n-1}$	2	3	4	$\cdots -n$	$-(n-1)$	$-(n-2)$	$\cdots -1$	0	1	
	$v_{2n}$	1	2	3	$\cdots n-1$	$-n$	$-(n-1)$	$\cdots -2$	-1	0	

$$P[SD(C_{2n}^R); x] = |SD(C_{2n}^R) - xI| =$$

	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$\cdots$	$v_{n-1}$	$v_n$	$v_{n+1}$	$\cdots$	$v_{2n-2}$	$v_{2n-1}$	$v_{2n}$
$v_1$	-x	1	2	$\cdots n-2$	$n-1$	$n$	$\cdots$	-3	-2	-1	
$v_2$	-1	-x	1	$\cdots n-3$	$n-2$	$n-1$	$\cdots$	-4	-3	-2	
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$v_n$	$-(n-1)$	$-(n-2)$	$-(n-3)$	$\cdots -1$	-x	1	$\cdots n-2$	$n-1$	$n$		
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$v_{2n-1}$	2	3	4	$\cdots -n$	$-(n-1)$	$-(n-2)$	$\cdots -1$	-x	1		
$v_{2n}$	1	2	3	$\cdots n-1$	$-n$	$-(n-1)$	$\cdots -2$	-1	-x		

Let  $D_1^{(2n)} = |SD(C_{2n}^R)|$  and  $D_2^{(2n)} = \begin{vmatrix} -x & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -x & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{vmatrix}_{2n \times 2n}$ . Then By 22 Chapter IV

in [1],

$$\begin{aligned} & |SD(C_{2n}^R) - xI| = (D_1 + D_2)^{2n} \\ (3.1) \quad & = D_1^{(2n)} + \sum D_1^{(2n-1)} D_2^{(1)} + \sum D_1^{(2n-2)} D_2^{(2)} + \cdots + D_2^{(2n)} \\ & = D_1^{(2n)} + \sum D_1^{(2n-2)} D_2^{(2)} + \cdots + D_2^{(2n)}, \end{aligned}$$

as  $SD(C_{2n}^R)$  is skew symmetric. Further,

$$D_2^{(1)} = -x, D_2^{(2)} = (-x)(-x), \dots, D_2^{(2n)} = (-x)(-x) \cdots (-x) = (-1)^{2n} x^{2n} = x^{2n}.$$

The corresponding minors  $D_1^{(2n-1)}, D_1^{(2n-2)}, \dots$  are got by erasing in  $D_1^{(2n)}$  the  $i^{th}$  row and column, the  $i^{th}$  and  $k^{th}$  rows and columns, and etc.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |SD(C_{2n}^R) - xI| &= x^{2n} + x^{2n-2} \sum D_1^{(2n-(2n-2))} + \cdots + x^{2n-2r} \sum D_1^{(2n-(2n-2r))} \\ &\quad + \cdots + D_1^{(2n)}. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 3.1 in [2],  $C_0 = 1$  and By (3.1), and by Theorem 3.1 in [2],

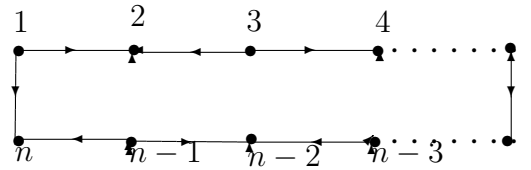
$$\begin{aligned} C_2 &= \sum D_1^{[2n-(2n-2)]} = \sum_{i < j} Sd_{ij}^2 \\ &= (2n-1)1^2 + (2n-2)2^2 + (2n-3)3^2 + \cdots + [2n-(n-1)](n-1)^2 \\ &\quad + (2n-n)n^2 + [2n-(n+1)][-(n-1)^2] + \cdots + [2n-(2n-1)](-1)^2 \\ &= 2n1^2 + \cdots + 2n(n-1)^2 + n^3 = \frac{n^2(2n^2+1)}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

By applying a sequence of elementary congruent row operations, column operation and rearranging rows and columns, we get the proof  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $C_n^\sigma$  be the canonical oriented cycle with  $n$  vertices and  $n$  is even. Then  $E_{SD}(C_n^\sigma) = 2\sqrt{n}$ .

*Proof.*  $C_n^\sigma$  is





$$SD(C_n^\sigma) = \begin{vmatrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \cdots & n-2 & n-1 & n \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ n & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

As  $\text{rank}(SD(C_n^\sigma)) = 2$ , we have two independent solutions. As  $n$  is even  $C_n^\sigma$  is bipartite. Therefore, the skew distance characteristic polynomial of  $C_n^\sigma$  is of the form  $C_0x^n + C_2x^{n-2}$ . As  $C_0 = 1$  and  $C_2 = \sum_{i < j} Sd_{ij}^2 = n$ .

Hence, the skew distance characteristic polynomial of  $C_n^\sigma$  is  $x^n + nx^{n-2}$ .

Its spectrum is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{n}i & 0 & \sqrt{n}i \\ 1 & n-2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence,  $E_{SD}(C_n^\sigma) = |-\sqrt{n}i| + |\sqrt{n}i| = 2\sqrt{n}$ . □

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