



## Reduced Sombor Coindex of Graph Operations

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**ABSTRACT:** Here, we introduce a new parameter, called reduced Sombor coindex and we compute the results on reduced Sombor coindex for certain standard graphs. Also, we concerned to compute the Reduced Sombor coindex of certain graph operations like cartesian product, strong product, direct product, lexicographic product of two graphs. We also compute the bounds of the reduced Sombor coindex. The chemical applicability of this parameter is discussed by comparing it with the  $\pi$ -electron energy of some selected hetero molecules and by comparing it with the  $\pi$ -electron energy of some selected PAHs.

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### 1. Introduction

Topological indices or molecular descriptors are mathematical formulae which can be applied to any graph and which play an important role in Mathematical Chemistry. Molecular descriptors have been used in the development of Quantitative Structure Activity Relationships (QSAR) and Quantitative Structure Property Relationships (QSPR). The topological index that depends on the degree of the vertices of the graph  $G$ , is known as the Vertex-degree-based index. Similarly, an edge-degree-based is also introduced. Numerous topological indices, including the Wiener index [5], Zagreb index [6], and others, have been examined in the QSAR/QSPR models. Out of all the molecular descriptors, the first and second Zagreb indices [6] are the most helpful. They are as follows

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} [d(u) + d(v)]$$

and

$$M_2(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} d(u)d(v)$$

The coindex of a graph is a topological index that measures the non-adjacency properties of vertices in a graph. Ashrafi *et al.* [1] defined the first Zagreb coindex and the second Zagreb coindex as

$$\overline{M}_1(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} [d(u) + d(v)],$$

and

$$\overline{M}_2(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} d(u)d(v),$$

Where  $d(u)$  denotes the degree of  $u$  in  $G$ .

Gutman introduced a vertex degree based molecular descriptor called Sombor index [7] defined as

$$SO(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{d(u)^2 + d(v)^2},$$

where  $d(u)$  denotes the degree of  $u$  in  $G$ .

In [4] reduced Sombor index is defined as

$$SO_{red}(G) = \sum_{uv \in E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u) - 1)^2 + (d(v) - 1)^2},$$

where  $d(u)$  denotes the degree of  $u$  in  $G$ .

Later Chinglensana *et al.* [12] defined a new topological index called Sombor coindex of graphs, defined as

$$\overline{SO}(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{d(u)^2 + d(v)^2},$$

where  $d(u)$  denotes the degree of  $u$  in  $G$ .

In [2], Boregowda *et al.* Compared neighbors degree sum energy of graphs with the  $\pi$ -electron energy of some molecules containing hetero atoms and also with some selected polyaromatic hydrocarbons.

In [11], Narahari *et al.* Compared the  $\pi$ -electron energy of some molecules containing hetero atoms with the reverse Sombor energy of a graph .

In this paper, we consider simple, finite, connected and undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. We denote the vertex set of  $G$  by  $V(G)$  and the edge set of  $G$  by  $E(G)$  and  $d(u), d(v)$  are the degrees of the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ . The degree of a vertex  $d(u)$  is defined as the number of edges that are incident with the vertex  $u$  in  $G$ . Also,  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  are maximum degree and minimum degree respectively. A simple graph  $\overline{G}$  is the compliment of graph  $G$ . Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$  are adjacent, if and only if are not adjacent in  $\overline{G}$ . Hence,  $(u, v) \in E(G)$  if and only if  $(u, v) \notin E(\overline{G})$ . And the number of edges in  $\overline{G}$  denoted by  $\overline{m}$  is defined as  $\overline{m} = \binom{n}{2} - m$ . For any unexplained notations see [3]. We begin with the fundamental definitions which are essential.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** The cartesian product [12] of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 \square G_2$  is a graph with vertex set  $V(G_1 \square G_2) = V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$ , where two vertices  $(u_i, v_j)$  and  $(u_k, v_l)$  are adjacent if and only if  $u_i = u_k$  and  $v_j \sim v_l \in E(G_2)$  or  $u_i \sim u_k \in E(G_1)$  and  $v_j = v_l$ . In this graph  $|E(G_1 \square G_2)| = n_1 m_2 + m_1 n_2$  where  $n_i$  and  $m_i$  denotes the number of vertices and edges respectively of  $G_i$  where  $i = 1, 2$  and  $d_{G_1 \square G_2}(u_i, v_j) = d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j)$

**Definition 2.2** . The composition (or Lexicographic product) [12] of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1[G_2]$  is a graph with vertex set  $V(G_1[G_2]) = V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$  in which any two vertices  $(u_i, v_j)$  and  $(u_k, v_l)$  are adjacent whenever  $u_i \sim u_k$  in  $G_1$  or  $u_i = u_k$  and  $v_j \sim v_l$  in  $G_2$ . In the graph  $G_1[G_2]$ ,  $|V(G_1[G_2])| = n_1 n_2$ ,  $|E(G_1[G_2])| = n_1 m_2 + m_1 n_2^2$  where  $n_i$  and  $m_i$  denotes the number of vertices and edges respectively of  $G_i$  where  $i = 1, 2$  and  $d_{G_1[G_2]}(u_i, v_j) = n_2 d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j)$ .

**Definition 2.3** . The Direct product (or Tensor product) [8] of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 \otimes G_2$  is the graph with vertex set  $V(G_1 \otimes G_2) = V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$  in which two vertices  $(u_i, v_j) \sim (u_k, v_l)$  whenever  $u_i \sim u_k$  in  $G_1$  and  $v_j \sim v_l$  in  $G_2$ . In this graph  $|V(G_1 \otimes G_2)| = n_1 n_2$ ,  $|E(G_1 \otimes G_2)| = m_1 m_2$  where  $n_i$  and  $m_i$  denotes the number of vertices and edges respectively of  $G_i$  where  $i = 1, 2$  and  $d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) = d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j)$ .

**Definition 2.4** . The strong product [10] of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 \boxtimes G_2$  is the graph with vertex set  $V(G_1 \boxtimes G_2) = V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$  in which two vertices  $(u_i, v_j) \sim (u_k, v_l)$  if either  $(u_i = u_k \text{ and } v_j \sim v_l \text{ in } G_2)$  or  $(u_i \sim u_k \text{ in } G_1 \text{ and } v_j = v_l)$  or  $(u_i \sim u_k \text{ in } G_1 \text{ and } v_i \sim v_l \text{ in } G_2)$ . In  $G_1 \boxtimes G_2$ , we have  $|V(G_1 \boxtimes G_2)| = n_1 n_2$ ,  $|E(G_1 \boxtimes G_2)| = n_1 m_2 + m_1 n_2 + 2m_1 m_2$  where  $n_i$  and  $m_i$  denotes the number of vertices and edges respectively of  $G_i$  where  $i = 1, 2$  and  $d_{G_1 \boxtimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) = d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j) + d_{G_1}(u_i) d_{G_2}(v_j)$ .

### 3. Reduced Sombor Coindex of Graphs

We define a new topological index called reduced Sombor coindex of a graph, inspired by the Zagreb coindex [1], reduced Sombor [4] and the Sombor coindex [12] of graphs. The reduced Sombor coindex  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  of a graph  $G$ , is defined as follows:

$$\overline{RSO}(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u) - 1)^2 + (d(v) - 1)^2},$$

where  $E(G)$  is the edge set of  $G$  and  $d(u), d(v)$  denote the degrees of the vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$  respectively.

**Proposition 3.1** (i) For  $C_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ ,  $\overline{C_n}$  has  $[(n - 3) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-3} k]$  number of  $(2, 2)$  adjacent edges, therefore, by the definition of reduced Sombor coindex we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u) - 1)^2 + (d(v) - 1)^2} \\ \overline{RSO}(C_n) &= [(n - 3) + \{1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n - 3)\}] \sqrt{(2 - 1)^2 + (2 - 1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{2} [(n - 3) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-3} k] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $K_{p,q}$ , with  $p, q \geq 2$ , be a complete bipartite graph with  $(p + q)$  vertices and  $pq$  edges. The compliment of  $K_{p,q}$  has  $\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k$  number of  $(q, q)$  adjacent edges and  $\sum_{k=1}^{q-1} k$  number of  $(p, p)$  adjacent edges. Hence by the definition of reduced Sombor coindex we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u) - 1)^2 + (d(v) - 1)^2} \\ \overline{RSO}(K_{p,q}) &= \sqrt{2}(q - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k + \sqrt{2}(p - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{q-1} k \\ \overline{RSO}(K_{p,q}) &= \sqrt{2} [(q - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k + (p - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{q-1} k] \end{aligned}$$

(iii) For  $W_n$ ,  $n \geq 5$ ,  $\overline{W_n}$  has  $[(n - 4) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-4} k]$  number of  $(3, 3)$  adjacent edges.

By the definition of reduced Sombor coindex we have

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{RSO}(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u)-1)^2 + (d(v)-1)^2} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2}(n-4) + 2\sqrt{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-4} k \\ \overline{RSO}(W_n) &= 2\sqrt{2}[(n-4) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-4} k].\end{aligned}$$

(iv) For any path  $P_n, n \geq 5$ ,  $\overline{P_n}$  has only one  $(1,1)$  adjacent edge,  $(2n-6)$  number of  $(1,2)$  adjacent edges and  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-4} k$  number of  $(2,2)$  adjacent edges and by the definition of reduced Sombor coindex we have

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{RSO}(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u)-1)^2 + (d(v)-1)^2} \\ \overline{RSO}(P_n) &= (2n-6) + \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-4} k.\end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\overline{RSO}(K_n) = 0$  because  $\overline{K_n}$  is empty graph. Also, in Star graph  $K_{1,n}$  degree of all  $n$  vertices is one. Hence  $\overline{RSO}(K_{1,n}) = 0$

#### 4. Results on Reduced Sombor Coindex of Graphs

**Theorem 4.1** If  $P_{n_1} \square P_{n_2}$  is the cartesian product of two paths  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$ ,  $n_1, n_2 \geq 3$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \square P_{n_2}) &= 6\sqrt{2} + 8(n_1 + n_2 - 5)\sqrt{5} + 4(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2)\sqrt{10} \\ &\quad + [4(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2) + (n_1 - 3)(2n_1 - 5) + (n_2 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 2]2\sqrt{2} \\ &\quad + [2(n_1 + n_2 - 4)\{(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2) + (n_2 - 3)\}]\sqrt{13} \\ &\quad + [\frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2 + (n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2)(n_2 - 3)]3\sqrt{2}.\end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** For the graphs  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$ ,  $V(P_{n_1}) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(P_{n_2}) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$  respectively. Based on the degree of each vertex of the graph  $P_{n_1} \square P_{n_2}$ , we obtained the following number of non-adjacent edges, as shown in the below table.

$(d(u), d(v))$	Number of non-adjacent edges
(2,2)	6
(2,3)	$8(n_1 + n_2 - 5)$
(2,4)	$4(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2)$
(3,3)	$4(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2) + (n_1 - 3)(2n_1 - 5) + (n_2 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 2$
(3,4)	$2(n_1 + n_2 - 4)[(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2) + (n_2 - 3)]$
(4,4)	$\frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2 + (n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2)(n_2 - 3)$

By the definition, we have

$$\overline{RSO}(G) = \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u) - 1)^2 + (d(v) - 1)^2}$$

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \square P_{n_2}) = \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1} \square P_{n_2})} \sqrt{[(d_{P_{n_1}}(u_i) + d_{P_{n_2}}(v_j)) - 1]^2 + [(d_{P_{n_1}}(u_k) + d_{P_{n_2}}(v_l)) - 1]^2}$$

Using the above table, on simplification, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \square P_{n_2}) &= 6\sqrt{2} + 8(n_1 + n_2 - 5)\sqrt{5} + 4(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2)\sqrt{10} \\ &\quad + [4(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2) + (n_1 - 3)(2n_1 - 5) + (n_2 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 2]2\sqrt{2} \\ &\quad + [2(n_1 + n_2 - 4)\{(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2) + (n_2 - 3)\}]\sqrt{13} \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2 + (n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2)(n_2 - 3)\right]3\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $P_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  with  $n_1 \geq 3, n_2 \geq 4$  be path graph and cycle graph respectively, then

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2}) &= 2\sqrt{2}[n_2(n_2 - 3) + n_2^2] + 2n_2\sqrt{13}[n_2(n_1 - 2) - 1] \\ &\quad + 3\sqrt{2}\left[\frac{1}{2}(n_1n_2 - 2n_2 - 2)(n_1n_2 - 2n_2 - 3) + (n_2 - 3)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_{n_1}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(C_{n_2}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $P_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  respectively. Based on degree of each vertex of the graph  $P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2}$ , we obtain the following number of non adjacent edges, as shown in the following table.

$(d(u), d(v))$	Number of non-adjacent edges
(3,3)	$n_2(n_2 - 3) + n_2^2$
(3,4)	$2n_2[n_2(n_1 - 2) - 1]$
(4,4)	$\frac{1}{2}(n_1n_2 - 2n_2 - 2)(n_1n_2 - 2n_2 - 3) + (n_2 - 3)$

By the definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2}) &= \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2})} \sqrt{[d_{P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2}}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2}}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2} \\ \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2}) &= \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2})} \sqrt{[(d_{P_{n_1}}(u_i) + d_{C_{n_2}}(v_j)) - 1]^2 + [(d_{P_{n_1}}(u_k) + d_{C_{n_2}}(v_l)) - 1]^2} \end{aligned}$$

Using above table, on simplification, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \square C_{n_2}) &= 2\sqrt{2}[n_2(n_2 - 3) + n_2^2] + 2n_2\sqrt{13}[n_2(n_1 - 2) - 1] \\ &\quad + 3\sqrt{2}\left[\frac{1}{2}(n_1n_2 - 2n_2 - 2)(n_1n_2 - 2n_2 - 3) + (n_2 - 3)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 4.3** *If  $P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}$  is the strong product of two paths  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$  then*

- (i)  $\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}) = 8\sqrt{2} + 8(n_2 - 3)\sqrt{20} + (n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)8\sqrt{2}$  for  $n_1 = 2$  and  $n_2 \geq 3$
- (ii)  $\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}) = 8\sqrt{2} + 8(n_1 - 3)\sqrt{20} + (n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)8\sqrt{2}$  for  $n_1 \geq 3$  and  $n_2 = 2$
- (iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}) = & 12\sqrt{2} + 8(n_1 + n_2 - 5)\sqrt{20} + [(n_1 - 3)(2n_1 - 3) \\ & + (2n_2 - 5)(2n_1 + n_2 - 7)]4\sqrt{2} + 4[n_1n_2 - 2(n_1 + n_2) + 3]\sqrt{53} \\ & + [2(n_1 - 3)\{(n_1 - 4) + (n_2 - 2)^2\} + 2(n_2 - 3)\{(n_2 - 4) + (n_1 - 2)^2\}]\sqrt{65} \\ & + [\frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2 \\ & + (n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)]7\sqrt{2} \text{ for } n_1, n_2 \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_{n_1}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(P_{n_2}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$  respectively. Based on the degree of each vertex of the graph  $P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}$ , we obtain the following number of non adjacent edges, as shown in the following table

$P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}$	$(d(u), d(v))$	Number of non-adjacent edges
$n_1 = 2, n_2 \geq 3$	(3,3)	4
	(3,5)	$8(n_2 - 3)$
	(5,5)	$2(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)$
$n_1 \geq 3, n_2 = 2$	(3,3)	4
	(3,5)	$8(n_1 - 3)$
	(5,5)	$2(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)$
$n_1, n_2 \geq 3$	(3,3)	6
	(3,5)	$8(n_1 + n_2 - 5)$
	(5,5)	$(n_1 - 3)(2n_1 - 3) + (2n_2 - 5)(2n_1 + n_2 - 7)$
	(3,8)	$4[n_1n - 2(n_1 + n_2) + 3]$
	(5,8)	$2(n_1 - 3)[(n_1 - 4) + (n_2 - 2)^2] + 2(n_2 - 3)[(n_2 - 4) + (n_1 - 2)^2]$
	(8,8)	$\frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2$ $+ (n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)$

By the definition, we have

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}) = \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2})} \sqrt{[d_{P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2}$$

Using the above table, on simplification, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}) &= 8\sqrt{2} + 8(n_2 - 3)\sqrt{20} + (n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)8\sqrt{2} \\ (ii) \quad \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}) &= 4\sqrt{2} + 8(n_1 - 3)\sqrt{20} + (n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)8\sqrt{2} \\ (iii) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes P_{n_2}) &= 8\sqrt{2} + 8(n_1 + n_2 - 5)\sqrt{20} + [(n_1 - 3)(2n_1 - 3) + (2n_2 - 5)(2n_1 + n_2 - 7)]4\sqrt{2} \\ &\quad + 4[n_1n_2 - 2(n_1 + n_2) + 3]\sqrt{53} + 2(n_1 - 3)[(n_1 - 4) + (n_2 - 2)^2]\sqrt{65} + \\ &\quad 2(n_2 - 3)[(n_2 - 4) + (n_1 - 2)^2]\sqrt{65} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2 + (n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)2\sqrt{7}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 4.4** Let  $P_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  with  $n_1, n_2 \geq 4$ , be path graph and cycle graph respectively then  $\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes C_{n_2}) = 4\sqrt{2}[n_2(2n_2 - 3)] + 2n_2\sqrt{65}[n_2(n_1 - 2)] + 7\sqrt{2}[\frac{1}{2}\{n_2^2(n_1^2 - 4n_1 + 4) + 3n_2(8 - 3n_1)\}]$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_{n_1}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(C_{n_2}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $P_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  respectively. Based on the degrees of each vertex of the graph  $P_{n_1} \boxtimes C_{n_2}$ , we obtain the following number of non adjacent edges, as shown in the following table.

$(d(u), d(v))$	Number of non-adjacent edges
(5,5)	$n_2(2n_2 - 3)$
(5,8)	$2n_2[n_2(n_1 - 2) - 3]$
(8,8)	$\frac{1}{2}[n_2^2(n_1^2 - 4n_1 + 4) + 3n_2(8 - 3n_1)]$

By the definition, we have

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes C_{n_2}) = \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1} \boxtimes C_{n_2})} \sqrt{[d_{P_{n_1} \boxtimes C_{n_2}}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{P_{n_1} \boxtimes C_{n_2}}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2}$$

Using the above table, on simplification, we get

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \boxtimes C_{n_2}) = 4\sqrt{2}[n_2(2n_2 - 3)] + 2n_2\sqrt{65}[n_2(n_1 - 2)] + 7\sqrt{2}[\frac{1}{2}\{n_2^2(n_1^2 - 4n_1 + 4) + 3n_2(8 - 3n_1)\}].$$

□

**Theorem 4.5** If  $P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}$  is the direct product of two paths  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}) &= 4(2n_2 - 5) + [(n_2 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 1]\sqrt{2} \text{ for } n_1 = 2 \text{ and } n_2 > 2 \\ (ii) \quad \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}) &= 4(2n_1 - 5) + [(n_1 - 3)(2n_1 - 5) + 1]\sqrt{2} \text{ for } n_2 = 2 \text{ and } n_1 > 2 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) For  $n_1, n_2 \geq 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}) = & 8(n_1 + n - 4) + [(n_1 + 1)(n_1 - 3) + (n_1 - 2)(n_1 + 3n - 11) \\ & + (n_2 - 1)(n_2 - 3) + (n_2 - 2)(n_1 + n_2 - 5)]\sqrt{2} + 12[(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2) + (n_2 - 3)] \\ & + [(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2)(2n_2 - 4) + (n_2 - 3)(n_1 - 2)(2n_1 - 4) + 2(n_1 - 4)^2 + 2(n_2 - 4)^2 \\ & + 4(n_1 + n_2 - 6)]\sqrt{10} + \left[\frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2\right. \\ & \left. + (n_1 - 3)2(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)^2\right]3\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_{n_1}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(P_{n_2}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$  respectively. Based on the degrees of each vertex of the graph  $P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}$ , we obtain the following number of non adjacent edges, as shown in the following table

$P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}$	$(d(u), d(v))$	Number of non-adjacent edges
$n_1 = 2, n_2 > 2$	(1,1)	6
	(1,2)	$4(2n_2 - 5)$
	(2,2)	$(n_2 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 1$
$n_1 = 2, n_2 > 2$	(1,1)	6
	(1,2)	$4(2n_2 - 5)$
	(2,2)	$(n_2 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 1$
$n_1, n_2 \geq 3$	(1,1)	6
	(1,2)	$8(n_1 + n_2 - 4)$
	(2,2)	$(n_1 + 1)(n_1 - 3) + (n_1 - 2)(n_1 + 3n_2 - 11) + (n_2 - 1)(n_2 - 3) \\ + (n_2 - 2)(n_1 + n_2 - 5)$
	(1,4)	$4(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2)(n_2 - 3)$
	(2,4)	$(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2)(2n_2 - 4) + (n_2 - 3)(n_1 - 2)(2(n_1 - 4) \\ + 2((n_1 - 4)^2 + 2(n_2 - 4)^2 + 4(n_1 + n_2 - 6)$
	(4,4)	$\frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2 \\ + (n_1 - 3)2(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)^2$

By the definition, we have

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}) = \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2})} \sqrt{[d_{P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2}$$

Using the above table, we get

$$(i) \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}) = 4(2n_2 - 5) + [(n_2 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 1]\sqrt{2}$$

$$(ii) \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}) = 4(2n_1 - 5) + [(n_1 - 3)(2n_1 - 5) + 1]\sqrt{2}$$

$$(iii) \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes P_{n_2}) = 8(n_1 + n - 4) + [(n_1 + 1)(n_1 - 3) + (n_1 - 2)(n_1 + 3n - 11) \\ + (n_2 - 1)(n_2 - 3) + (n_2 - 2)(n_1 + n_2 - 5)]\sqrt{2} + 12[(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2) + (n_2 - 3)] \\ + [(n_1 - 3)(n_2 - 2)(2n_2 - 4) + (n_2 - 3)(n_1 - 2)(2n_1 - 4) + 2(n_1 - 4)^2 + 2(n_2 - 4)^2] \\ + 4(n_1 + n_2 - 6)\sqrt{10} + \left[\frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)^2\right] \\ + (n_1 - 3)2(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)^2]3\sqrt{2}.$$

□

**Theorem 4.6** Let  $P_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  with  $n_1, n_2 \geq 3$  be path graph and cycle graph respectively, then

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes C_{n_2}) = n_2(2n_2 - 1)\sqrt{2} + n_2[n_1n_2 - 2(n_2 + 1)]\sqrt{10} + \\ \frac{1}{2}[(n_1n_2 - 3n_2)(n_1n_2 - n_2 - 5) + n_2(n_2 - 1)]3\sqrt{2}.$$

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_{n_1}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(C_{n_2}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $P_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  respectively. Based on the degree of each vertex of the graph  $P_{n_1} \otimes C_{n_2}$ , we obtain the following number of non adjacent edges, as shown in the following table.

$(d(u), d(v))$	Number of non-adjacent edges
(2,2)	$n_2(2n_2 - 1)$
(2,4)	$2n_2[n_1n_2 - 2(n_2 + 1)]$
(4,4)	$\frac{1}{2}[(n_1n_2 - 3n_2)(n_1n_2 - n_2 - 5) + n_2(n_2 - 1)]$

By the definition

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes C_{n_2}) = \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1} \otimes C_{n_2})} \sqrt{[d_{P_{n_1} \otimes C_{n_2}}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{P_{n_1} \otimes C_{n_2}}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2}$$

using the above table, on simplification, we get

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1} \otimes C_{n_2}) = n_2(2n_2 - 1)\sqrt{2} + n_2[n_1n_2 - 2(n_2 + 1)]\sqrt{10} \\ + \frac{1}{2}[(n_1n_2 - 3n_2)(n_1n_2 - n_2 - 5) + n_2(n_2 - 1)]3\sqrt{2}.$$

□

**Theorem 4.7** If  $P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]$  is the Lexicographic product of two paths  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$  then

(i)  $\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]) = 4(n_2 - 3)\sqrt{n_2^2 + (n_2^2 + 1)^2} + 2n_2\sqrt{2} + (n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)(n_2 + 1)\sqrt{2}$

for  $n_1 = 2$  and  $n_2 \geq 3$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]) = & 4(2n_2 - 5) + 6(2n_2)\sqrt{2} + [(n_1 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 1](n_2 + 1)\sqrt{2} \\ & + [2(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + (n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)]\sqrt{(2n_2)^2 + (2n_2 + 1)^2} \\ & + [(n_1 - 2) + (n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)]2n_2\sqrt{2} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}[(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + (n_2 - 2)^2(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)](2n_2 + 1)\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n_1, n_2 \geq 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_{n_1}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(P_{n_2}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $P_{n_1}$  and  $P_{n_2}$  respectively. Based on the degrees of each vertex of the graph  $P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]$ , we obtain the following number of non adjacent edges, as shown in the following table.

$P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]$	$(d(u), d(v))$	Number of non-adjacent edges
$n_1 = 2, n_2 \geq 3$	$(n_2 + 1, n_2 + 2)$	$4(n_2 - 3)$
	$(n_2 + 1, n_2 + 1)$	2
	$(n_2 + 2, n_2 + 2)$	$(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)$
$n_1, n_2 \geq 3$	$(n_2 + 1, n_2 + 1)$	$4(2n_2 - 5)$
	$(n_2 + 1, n_2 + 1)$	6
	$(n_2 + 2, n_2 + 2)$	$(n_1 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 1$
	$(2n_2 + 1, 2n_2 + 2)$	$2(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + (n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)$
	$(2n_2 + 1, 2n_2 + 1)$	$(n_1 - 2) + (n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)$
	$(2n_2 + 2, 2n_2 + 2)$	$\frac{1}{2}[(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + (n_2 - 2)^2(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)]$

By the definition, we have

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]) = \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}])} \sqrt{[d_{P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2}$$

Using the above table, on simplification, we get

(i)  $\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]) = 4(n_2 - 3)\sqrt{n_2^2 + (n_2 + 1)^2} + 2n_2\sqrt{2} + [(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4)](n_2 + 1)\sqrt{2}$

(ii)  $\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1}[P_{n_2}]) = 4(2n_2 - 5) + 6(2n_2)\sqrt{2} + [(n_1 - 3)(2n_2 - 5) + 1](n_2 + 1)\sqrt{2}$   
 $+ [2(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + (n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)(n_2 - 2)]\sqrt{2n_2^2 + (2n_2 + 1)^2}$   
 $+ [(n_1 - 2) + (n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)]2n_2\sqrt{2}$   
 $+ \frac{1}{2}[(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3)(n_2 - 4) + (n_2 - 2)^2(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)](2n_2 + 1)\sqrt{2}.$

□

**Theorem 4.8** Let  $P_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  with  $n_1, n_2 \geq 3$  be a path graph and cycle graph respectively then  $\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1}[C_{n_2}]) = n_2(n_2 - 1)\sqrt{2}(2n_2 - 3) + 2(n_1 - 3)n_2^2\sqrt{(n_2 + 1)^2 + (2n_2 + 1)^2} + \frac{n_2}{2}[(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + n_2(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)](2n_2 + 1)\sqrt{2}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_{n_1}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(C_{n_2}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the vertex sets of  $P_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  respectively. Based on the degrees of each vertex of the graph  $P_{n_1}[C_{n_2}]$ , we obtain the following number of non adjacent edges, as shown in the following table.

$(d(u), d(v))$	Number of non-adjacent edges
$(n_2 + 2, n_2 + 2)$	$n_2(2n_2 - 3)$
$(n_2 + 2, 2n_2 + 2)$	$2(n_1 - 3)n_2^2$
$(2n_2 + 2, 2n_2 + 2)$	$\frac{n_2}{2}[(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + n_2(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)]$

By the definition

$$\overline{RSO}(P_{n_1}[C_{n_2}]) = \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(P_{n_1}[C_{n_2}])} \sqrt{[d_{(P_{n_1}[C_{n_2}])}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{(P_{n_1}[C_{n_2}])}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2}$$

using the above table, on simplification, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(P_{n_1}[C_{n_2}]) &= n_2(2n_2 - 3)\sqrt{2} + 2(n_1 - 3)n_2^2\sqrt{(n_2 + 1)^2 + (2n_2 + 1)^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{n_2}{2}[(n_1 - 2)(n_2 - 3) + n_2(n_1 - 3)(n_1 - 4)](2n_2 + 1)\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

## 5. Bounds on Reduced Sombor Coindex of Graph Operations

**Theorem 5.1** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be any two graphs on  $n_1, n_2$  vertices and  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  edges respectively. Then

$$\overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(\delta_1 + \delta_2) - 1] \leq \overline{RSO}(G_1 \square G_2) \leq \overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1].$$

Equality holds if the given graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular.

**Proof:** Let  $V(G_1) = \{u_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1\}$  and  $V(G_2) = \{v_j | j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2\}$  be the vertex sets of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Let  $\delta_i$  be the minimum degree and  $\Delta_i$  be the maximum degree of the vertex of  $G_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2$ .

In  $G_1 \square G_2$ ,  $|V(G_1 \square G_2)| = n_1 n_2$  and  $|E(G_1 \square G_2)| = n_1 m_2 + m_1 n_2$  and the number of non-adjacent edges in  $G_1 \square G_2$  is  $\overline{m} = \binom{n_1 n_2}{2} - (n_1 m_2 + m_1 n_2)$ .

By the definition of  $\overline{RSO}(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{RSO}(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u)-1)^2 + (d(v)-1)^2} \\
\overline{RSO}(G_1 \square G_2) &= \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \square G_2)} \sqrt{[d_{G_1 \square G_2}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{G_1 \square G_2}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2} \\
&= \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \square G_2)} \sqrt{[(d_{G_1}(u_i) + d_{G_2}(v_j)) - 1]^2 + [(d_{G_1}(u_k) + d_{G_2}(v_l)) - 1]^2} \\
&\leq \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \square G_2)} \sqrt{[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1]2 + [(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1]2} \\
&\leq \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \square G_2)} \sqrt{2}[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1] \\
&\leq \overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if the given graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular.

Similarly, we follow the lower bound. Thus,

$$\overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(\delta_1 + \delta_2) - 1] \leq \overline{RSO}(G_1 \square G_2) \leq \overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1].$$

□

**Theorem 5.2** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be any two graphs with  $|V(G_1)| = n_1, |E(G_1)| = m_1$  and  $|V(G_2)| = n_2, |E(G_2)| = m_2$  respectively. Then

$$\overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(n_2\delta_1 + \delta_2) - 1] \leq \overline{RSO}(G_1[G_2]) \leq \overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(n_2\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1].$$

Equality holds if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular.

**Proof:** Let  $V(G_1) = \{u_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1\}$  and  $V(G_2) = \{v_j | j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2\}$  be the vertex sets of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Let  $\delta_i$  and  $\Delta_i$  be the minimum degree and maximum degree of the vertex of  $G_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2$ .

In  $G_1[G_2]$ ,  $|V(G_1[G_2])| = n_1n_2$  and  $|E(G_1[G_2])| = n_1m_2 + m_1n_2^2$  and the number of non-adjacent edges in  $G_1[G_2]$  is  $\overline{m} = \binom{n_1n_2}{2} - (n_1m_2 + m_1n_2^2)$ .

By the definition of  $\overline{RSO}(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{RSO}(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u)-1)^2 + (d(v)-1)^2} \\
\overline{RSO}(G_1[G_2]) &= \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1[G_2])} \sqrt{[d_{G_1[G_2]}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{G_1[G_2]}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2} \\
&\leq \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1[G_2])} \sqrt{[(n_2\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1]2 + [(n_2\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1]2} \\
&\leq \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1[G_2])} \sqrt{2}[(n_2\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1] \\
&\leq \overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(n_2\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if the given graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular.

Similarly, we follow the lower bound. Thus,

$$\overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(n_2\delta_1 + \delta_2) - 1] \leq \overline{RSO}(G_1[G_2]) \leq \overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(n_2\Delta_1 + \Delta_2) - 1].$$

□

**Theorem 5.3** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be any two graphs with  $|V(G_1)| = n_1, |E(G_1)| = m_1$  and  $|V(G_2)| = n_2, |E(G_2)| = m_2$  respectively.

Then  $\bar{m}\sqrt{2}(\delta_1\delta_2 - 1) \leq \overline{RSO}(G_1 \otimes G_2) \leq \bar{m}\sqrt{2}(\Delta_1\Delta_2 - 1)$ .  
Equality holds if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular.

**Proof:** Let  $V(G_1) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(G_2) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the disjoint vertex sets of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Let  $\delta_i$  and  $\Delta_i$  be the minimum degree and maximum degree of the vertex of  $G_i$  where  $i = 1, 2$ .

In  $G_1 \otimes G_2, |V(G_1 \otimes G_2)| = n_1n_2$  and  $|E(G_1 \otimes G_2)| = 2m_1m_2$  and the number of non-adjacent edges in  $G_1 \otimes G_2$  is  $\bar{m} = \binom{n_1n_2}{2} - 2m_1m_2$ . By the definition of  $\overline{RSO}(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(G_1 \otimes G_2) &= \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \otimes G_2)} \sqrt{[d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{G_1 \otimes G_2}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2} \\ \overline{RSO}(G_1 \otimes G_2) &= \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \otimes G_2)} \sqrt{[(d_{G_1}(u_i)d_{G_2}(v_j)) - 1]^2 + [(d_{G_1}(u_k)d_{G_2}(v_l)) - 1]^2} \\ &\leq \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \otimes G_2)} \sqrt{(\Delta_1\Delta_2 - 1)^2 + (\Delta_1\Delta_2 - 1)^2} \\ &\leq \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \otimes G_2)} (\Delta_1\Delta_2 - 1)\sqrt{2} \\ &\leq \bar{m}\sqrt{2}(\Delta_1\Delta_2 - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if the given graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular.

Similarly, we follow the lower bound.

Thus,  $\bar{m}\sqrt{2}(\delta_1\delta_2 - 1) \leq \overline{RSO}(G_1 \otimes G_2) \leq \bar{m}\sqrt{2}(\Delta_1\Delta_2 - 1)$ . □

**Theorem 5.4** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be any two graphs on  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  vertices and  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  edges respectively.

Then  $\bar{m}\sqrt{2}[(\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_1\delta_2) - 1] \leq \overline{RSO}(G_1 \boxtimes G_2) \leq \bar{m}\sqrt{2}[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_1\Delta_2) - 1]$ .  
Equality holds if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular.

**Proof:** Let  $V(G_1) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n_1}\}$  and  $V(G_2) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  be the disjoint vertex sets of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Let  $\delta_i$  and  $\Delta_i$  be the minimum and maximum degree of the vertex of  $G_i$  where  $i = 1, 2$ .

In  $G_1 \boxtimes G_2, |V(G_1 \boxtimes G_2)| = n_1n_2$  and  $|E(G_1 \boxtimes G_2)| = n_1m_2 + m_1n_2 + 2m_1m_2$  and the number of non-adjacent edges in  $G_1 \boxtimes G_2$  is  $\bar{m} = \binom{n_1n_2}{2} - (n_1m_2 + m_1n_2 + 2m_1m_2)$ .

By the definition of  $\overline{RSO}(G)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{RSO}(G) &= \sum_{uv \notin E(G)} \sqrt{(d(u) - 1)^2 + (d(v) - 1)^2} \\ \overline{RSO}(G_1 \boxtimes G_2) &= \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \boxtimes G_2)} \sqrt{[d_{G_1 \boxtimes G_2}(u_i, v_j) - 1]^2 + [d_{G_1 \boxtimes G_2}(u_k, v_l) - 1]^2} \\ &\leq \sum_{(u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l) \notin E(G_1 \boxtimes G_2)} \sqrt{2}[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_1\Delta_2) - 1] \\ &\leq \bar{m}\sqrt{2}[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_1\Delta_2) - 1] \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if the given graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are regular.

Similarly, we follow the lower bound. Thus,

$$\overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_1\delta_2) - 1] \leq \overline{RSO}(G_1 \boxtimes G_2) \leq \overline{m}\sqrt{2}[(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_1\Delta_2) - 1].$$

□

## 6. Correlation Analysis with Some Selected Hetero Molecules

This section explores the chemical applicability of  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  index through a correlation analysis, considering total  $\pi$ -electron energy of selected hetero molecules [2,11] as the dependent variable (Y) and the  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  of the selected hetero molecules as the independent variable (X). The experimental values of the total  $\pi$ -electron energy and  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  value for each selected hetero molecule is provided in Table 1 and corresponding correlation graph is shown in Figure 1 .

Code of hetero molecules	$\overline{RSO}(G)$	Total $\pi$ -electron energy
H1	0.5	2.23
H2	2.2071	5.66
H3	2.2071	5.76
H5	2.2071	6.82
H6	3.5355	5.23
H7	8.4853	6.69
H8	8.4853	9.06
H9	8.4853	9.1
H10	8.4853	9.07
H11	8.4853	9.65
H12	16.045	8.19
H13	25.04	12.21
H14	24.754	12.22
H15	24.754	12.21
H16	24.207	11
H17	41.751	14.23
H18	41.751	14.23
H19	56.79	16.15
H20	56.45	16.12
H21	31.152	13.46
H22	31.152	13.59
H23	98.306	20.1
H24	98.306	21.02
H25	97.618	20.56
H26	97.618	21.62
H27	139.55	24.23
H28	81.359	19.39

Table 1:  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  value of selected hetero molecules and corresponding  $\pi$ -electron energy

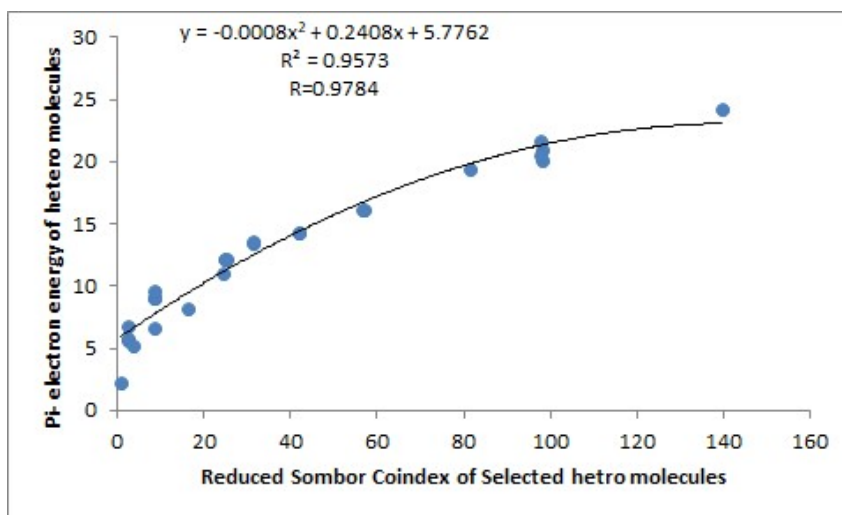


Figure 1: Correlation graph of selected hetero molecules

### 7. Correlation Analysis with Some Selected PAHs

This section explores the chemical applicability of  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  index through correlation analysis, considering total  $\pi$ -electron energy of selected PAHs [2] as the dependent variable (Y) and the  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  value of the selected PAHs as the independent variable (X). The Table 2 represents the experimental value of the total  $\pi$ -electron energy and  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  value for each selected PAHs, Figure 2 shows the corresponding correlation graph.

PAHs	$\overline{RSO}(G)$	Total $\pi$ -electron energy
<i>Benzene</i>	8.4853	8
<i>Naphthalene</i>	41.751	13.68
<i>Phenanthrene</i>	93.431	19.44
<i>Anthracene</i>	97.274	19.31
<i>Chrysene</i>	170.5	25.19
<i>Benzanthracene</i>	175.76	25.1
<i>Benzo[a]pyrene</i>	216.8	28.22
<i>Perylene</i>	216.8	28.24
<i>Anthanthrene</i>	268.76	31.25
<i>Dibenzo(a, c)anthracene</i>	276.52	30.94
<i>Dibenzo(a, h)anthracene</i>	276.53	30.88
<i>Dibenzo(a, j)anthracene</i>	270.2	30.94
<i>Picene</i>	327.45	33.95
<i>Pyrene</i>	128.42	22.5
<i>Coronene</i>	326.74	34.57
<i>Fluoranthene</i>	129.13	22.5
<i>Pentacene</i>	276.88	30.54

Table 2:  $\overline{RSO}(G)$  value of selected PAHs and corresponding  $\pi$ -electron energy

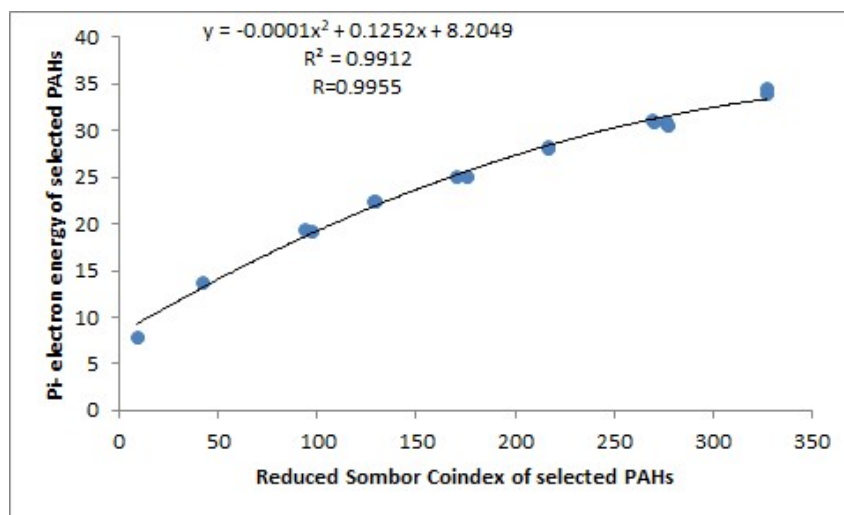


Figure 2: Correlation graph of selected PAHs

## 8. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduced a new degree-based coindex called the reduced Sombor coindex for certain graphs like cycle graph, complete bipartite graph, wheel graph, and path graphs. Further, we extend this work to find the reduced Sombor coindex of graph operations like Cartesian product, strong product, direct product, and lexicographic product of two graphs. As a part of the extension of this work, we compute some strong bounds of the reduced Sombor coindex. Further, we discussed the chemical applicability of the reduced Sombor coindex. Here, we compared the reduced Sombor coindex values of certain hetero molecules with their total  $\pi$ -electron energy, and it is found to be a very good correlation of 0.9784. Also, we correlated the reduced Sombor coindex values of some selected PAHs with their total  $\pi$ -electron energy, and the correlation coefficient is 0.9955. This describes the high chemical applicability of this index.

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