

## MORE ON THE MINIMUM SKEW-RANK OF GRAPHS

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*Abstract.* The minimum (maximum) skew-rank of a simple graph  $G$  over real field is the smallest (largest) possible rank among all skew-symmetric matrices over real field whose  $ij$ -th entry is nonzero whenever  $v_i v_j$  is an edge in  $G$  and is zero otherwise. In this paper we obtain more results about the minimum skew-rank of graphs. Further we get a lower (upper) bound for minimum (maximum) skew-rank of unicyclic graph of order  $n$  with girth  $k$ , and characterize unicyclic graphs attaining the extremal values. Moreover, we characterize the unicyclic graphs with skew-rank 4 or 6, respectively. Finally we consider the non-singularity of skew-symmetric matrices described by unicyclic graphs.

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