

# Comparison Between Three Types of General Indices For Measuring the Heat Capacities and Standard Molecular Entropies of Benzenoid Hydrocarbons

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## ABSTRACT

This article shows that three examined topological indices, namely the general Randić index  $R_\alpha$ , the general sum-connectivity index  $SCI_\alpha$  and the general Sombor index  $SO_\alpha$  - when the real number  $\alpha$  is in some interval - are closely related molecular descriptors. By comparing these three, it is evident that the indices  $R_{-1.238343022}$  and  $R_{-1.948234553}$  are the best for measuring the standard heat capacity  $\Delta H$  and the standard molecular entropy  $E$ , respectively, of lower benzenoid hydrocarbons.

## 1. Introduction

Suppose  $G$  is a simple graph which has an edge set  $E(G)$ . Let  $d_a$  and  $d_b$ , respectively, denote degrees of the vertices  $a$  and  $b$ , in  $G$ .

The *Randić index* of  $G$ , proposed in [1] (1975), is a very well-known molecular descriptor whose mathematical and chemical properties have been examined extensively in [2, 3, 4, 5, 6], which is defined as such:

$$R(G) = \sum_{(a,b) \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_a \cdot d_b}} \quad (1)$$

Then, in 1998, Bollobás and Erdős [7] - with the intention of extending the utility of the aforementioned index - generalized it to the *general Randić index*:

$$R_\alpha(G) = \sum_{(a,b) \in E(G)} (d_a \cdot d_b)^\alpha, \quad (2)$$

where  $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \mid \alpha \neq 0\}$ .

There has been numerous contributions in chemical and mathematical literature in regards to the general Randić index [3, 8, 9, 10, 11].

Additionally, in more recent times, four kinds of new connectivity indices have also been introduced [12, 13, 14, 15].

For a graph  $G$ , its *sum-connectivity index* and the generalisation of said index, the *general sum-connectivity index* of  $G$  are defined as

$$SCI(G) = \sum_{(a,b) \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_a + d_b}} \quad (3)$$

and

$$SCI_\alpha(G) = \sum_{(a,b) \in E(G)} (d_a + d_b)^\alpha, \quad (4)$$

respectively, where  $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \mid \alpha \neq 0\}$ . More applications of these two indices can be found in [12, 13, 16, 17].

Then, the *Sombor index* and its generalisation the *general Sombor index* of  $G$  are defined as

$$SO(G) = \sum_{(a,b) \in E(G)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_a^2 + d_b^2}} \quad (5)$$

and

$$SO_\alpha(G) = \sum_{(a,b) \in E(G)} (d_a^2 + d_b^2)^\alpha, \quad (6)$$

respectively, where  $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \mid \alpha \neq 0\}$ .

Obviously,

$$\begin{aligned} R(G) &= R_{-0.5}(G) \\ SCI(G) &= SCI_{-0.5}(G) \\ SO(G) &= SO_{-0.5}(G). \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Materials and Methods

Each benzenoid hydrocarbons can naturally be represented by a benzenoid system, which is a finite, connected plane graph with no cut vertices, and in which each interior face is bounded by a regular hexagon with sides of length 1.

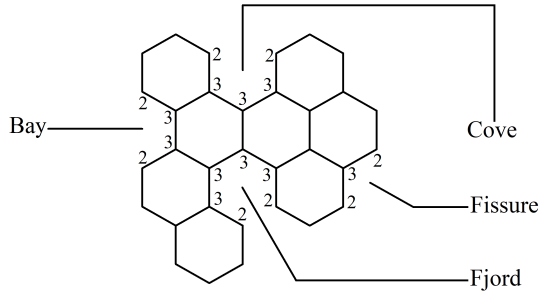
The definitions below are introduced in [18]. Suppose  $B$  is a benzenoid system with  $v$  vertices and  $h$  hexagons. For each path  $p_1 - p_2 - \dots - p_{k+1}$  of length  $k$  ( $k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) in  $B$ , we can associate with it the vertex degree sequence  $(d_{p_1}, d_{p_2}, \dots, d_{p_{k+1}})$ . Then, a *fjord*, *cove*, *bay*, and *fissure*, are paths of degree sequences  $(2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2)$ ,  $(2, 3, 3, 3, 2)$ ,  $(2, 3, 3, 2)$ , and  $(2, 3, 2)$ , respectively, by going along the perimeter of  $B$ , as illustrated in Figure 1.

Fjords, coves, bays, and fissures are all considered different types of *inlets*. The number of inlets,  $r$ , then, is defined as the total number of fjords, coves, bays, and fissures summed.

Suppose a benzenoid system  $B$  has  $h$  hexagons,  $r$  inlets and  $v$  vertices. Let  $n_{ij}$  denote the number of  $B$ 's edges which

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**Figure 1:** Cove, fissure, fjord and bay in a hexagonal system.

satisfies the conditions  $d_a = i$  and  $d_b = j$ , where  $d_a$  and  $d_b$ , respectively, are the degrees of the ends  $a$  and  $b$  of an edge. By Lemma 1 in [18]

$$n_{22} = v - 2h - r + 2, \quad n_{23} = 2r, \quad n_{33} = 3h - r - 3. \quad (7)$$

By (2) and (7), the benzenoid system  $B$  has the general Randić index

$$\begin{aligned} R_\alpha(B) &= n_{22}4^\alpha + n_{23}6^\alpha + n_{33}9^\alpha \\ &= (4^\alpha)v + (3 \cdot 9^\alpha - 2 \cdot 4^\alpha)h \\ &\quad + (2 \cdot 6^\alpha - 4^\alpha - 9^\alpha)r + 2 \cdot 4^\alpha - 3 \cdot 9^\alpha, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

by (4) and (7), the general sum-connectivity index

$$\begin{aligned} SCI_\alpha(B) &= n_{22}4^\alpha + n_{23}5^\alpha + n_{33}6^\alpha \\ &= (4^\alpha)v + (3 \cdot 6^\alpha - 2 \cdot 4^\alpha)h \\ &\quad + (2 \cdot 5^\alpha - 4^\alpha - 6^\alpha)r + 2 \cdot 4^\alpha - 3 \cdot 6^\alpha, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

and by (6) and (7), the general Sombor index

$$\begin{aligned} SO_\alpha(B) &= n_{22}8^\alpha + n_{23}13^\alpha + n_{33}18^\alpha \\ &= (8^\alpha)v + (3 \cdot 18^\alpha - 2 \cdot 8^\alpha)h \\ &\quad + (2 \cdot 13^\alpha - 8^\alpha - 18^\alpha)r + 2 \cdot 8^\alpha - 3 \cdot 18^\alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

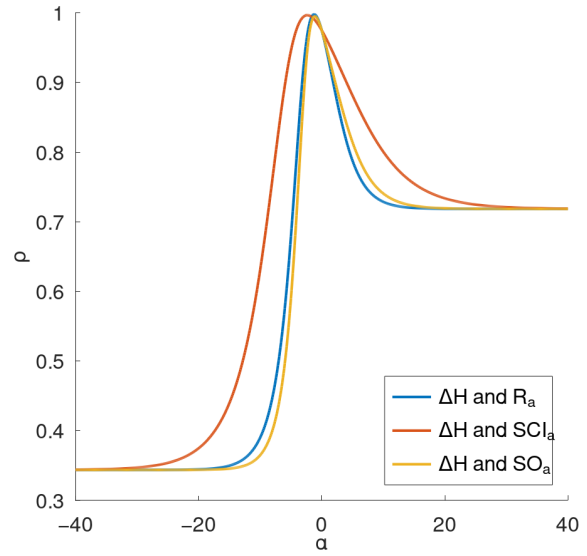
In (8), (9) and (10),  $h$ ,  $r$  and  $v$ , respectively, are the number of hexagons, inlets and vertices in  $B$ , and  $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \mid \alpha \neq 0\}$ .

The molecular structure, heat capacity  $\Delta H$ , standard molecular entropy  $E$ , general Randić index  $R_\alpha$ , general sum-connectivity index  $SCI_\alpha$ , and general Sombor index  $SO_\alpha$  are shown in Table 1 for 30 lower benzenoid hydrocarbons.

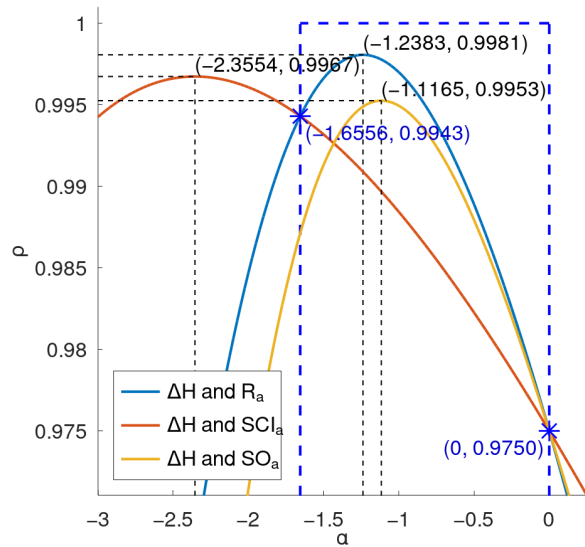
### 3. Results and Discussion

The following results conclude that the general Randić index  $R_\alpha$ , the general sum-connectivity index  $SCI_\alpha$  and the general Sombor index  $SO_\alpha$  - for  $\alpha$  in some interval - can quite accurately reproduce the heat capacity and the standard molecular entropy of the lower benzenoid hydrocarbons.

From the data shown in Table 1, we have produced six curves, as illustrated in Figures 2 to 5. For these 30 lower benzenoids, the correlation coefficient curves for their thermodynamic properties ( $\Delta H$  in Figures 2 and 3,  $E$  in Figures 4 and 5) and the indices ( $R_\alpha$ ,  $SCI_\alpha$  or  $SO_\alpha$ ) are



**Figure 2:** Correlation coefficient curves between general indices and  $\Delta H$  of lower benzenoids (far-view)



**Figure 3:** Correlation coefficient curves between general indices and  $\Delta H$  of lower benzenoids

drawn in the respective figures in solid lines, distinguished by colors.

Comparing the three general indices, the general Randić index  $R_\alpha$  is the best measure of *standard heat capacity*  $\Delta H$  for benzenoid hydrocarbons for  $\alpha \in (-1.6556, 0)$ , as shown in Figure 3, while for other  $\alpha$ , the sum-connectivity index  $SCI_\alpha$  is the best.

On the other hand, as measures of *standard molecular entropy*  $E$  of benzenoid hydrocarbons, the general Randić index  $R_\alpha$  is the best for  $\alpha \in (-2.5788, 0)$ , as can be seen in Figure 5, while for other  $\alpha$ , the sum-connectivity index  $SCI_\alpha$  is the best.

**Table 1**

The molecular structure, heat capacity  $\Delta H$ , standard molecular entropy  $E$ , general Randić index  $R_\alpha$ , general sum-connectivity index  $SCI_\alpha$ , and general Sombor index  $SO_\alpha$  of 30 lower benzenoid hydrocarbons

| Molecule                 | Structure | $\Delta H$ | $E$     | $R_\alpha$   | $SCI_\alpha$   | $SO_\alpha$  |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|---------|--|--|--|
| Benzene                  |           | 83.019     | 269.722 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha$   | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha$   | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha$   |
| Naphthalene              |           | 133.325    | 334.155 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 4 \cdot 6^\alpha + 9^\alpha$           | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 4 \cdot 5^\alpha + 6^\alpha$           | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha + 4 \cdot 13^\alpha + 18^\alpha$           |
| Anthracene               |           | 184.194    | 389.475 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha + 2 \cdot 9^\alpha$   | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 5^\alpha + 2 \cdot 6^\alpha$   | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha + 8 \cdot 13^\alpha + 2 \cdot 18^\alpha$   |
| Phenanthrene             |           | 183.654    | 395.882 | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 6 \cdot 6^\alpha + 3 \cdot 9^\alpha$   | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 6 \cdot 5^\alpha + 3 \cdot 6^\alpha$   | $7 \cdot 8^\alpha + 6 \cdot 13^\alpha + 3 \cdot 18^\alpha$   |
| Tetracene                |           | 235.165    | 444.724 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 6^\alpha + 3 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 5^\alpha + 3 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha + 12 \cdot 13^\alpha + 3 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Benzo[c]phenanthrene     |           | 233.497    | 447.437 | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha + 5 \cdot 9^\alpha$   | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 5^\alpha + 5 \cdot 6^\alpha$   | $8 \cdot 8^\alpha + 8 \cdot 13^\alpha + 5 \cdot 18^\alpha$   |
| Benzo[a]phenanthrene     |           | 234.568    | 457.958 | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 6^\alpha + 4 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 5^\alpha + 4 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $7 \cdot 8^\alpha + 10 \cdot 13^\alpha + 4 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Chrysene                 |           | 234.638    | 455.839 | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha + 5 \cdot 9^\alpha$   | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 5^\alpha + 5 \cdot 6^\alpha$   | $8 \cdot 8^\alpha + 8 \cdot 13^\alpha + 5 \cdot 18^\alpha$   |
| Triphenylene             |           | 233.558    | 450.418 | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 6 \cdot 6^\alpha + 6 \cdot 9^\alpha$   | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 6 \cdot 5^\alpha + 6 \cdot 6^\alpha$   | $9 \cdot 8^\alpha + 6 \cdot 13^\alpha + 6 \cdot 18^\alpha$   |
| Pyrene                   |           | 200.815    | 399.491 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha + 5 \cdot 9^\alpha$   | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 5^\alpha + 5 \cdot 6^\alpha$   | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha + 8 \cdot 13^\alpha + 5 \cdot 18^\alpha$   |
| Pentacene                |           | 286.182    | 499.831 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 16 \cdot 6^\alpha + 4 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 16 \cdot 5^\alpha + 4 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha + 16 \cdot 13^\alpha + 4 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Benzo[a]tetracene        |           | 285.056    | 513.857 | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 14 \cdot 6^\alpha + 5 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 14 \cdot 5^\alpha + 5 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $7 \cdot 8^\alpha + 14 \cdot 13^\alpha + 5 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene   |           | 284.037    | 508.537 | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 6^\alpha + 6 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 5^\alpha + 6 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $8 \cdot 8^\alpha + 12 \cdot 13^\alpha + 6 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Dibenzo[a,j]anthracene   |           | 284.088    | 507.395 | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 6^\alpha + 6 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 5^\alpha + 6 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $8 \cdot 8^\alpha + 12 \cdot 13^\alpha + 6 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Pentaphene               |           | 285.148    | 506.076 | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 14 \cdot 6^\alpha + 5 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 14 \cdot 5^\alpha + 5 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $7 \cdot 8^\alpha + 14 \cdot 13^\alpha + 5 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Benzo[g]chrysene         |           | 284.595    | 512.523 | $10 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha + 8 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $10 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 5^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $10 \cdot 8^\alpha + 8 \cdot 13^\alpha + 8 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Pentahelicene            |           | 284.870    | 500.734 | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 6^\alpha + 7 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 5^\alpha + 7 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $9 \cdot 8^\alpha + 10 \cdot 13^\alpha + 7 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Benzo[c]chrysene         |           | 284.503    | 510.307 | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 6^\alpha + 7 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 5^\alpha + 7 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $9 \cdot 8^\alpha + 10 \cdot 13^\alpha + 7 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Picene                   |           | 284.785    | 509.210 | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 6^\alpha + 7 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 5^\alpha + 7 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $9 \cdot 8^\alpha + 10 \cdot 13^\alpha + 7 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Benzo[b]chrysene         |           | 284.740    | 513.879 | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 6^\alpha + 6 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 5^\alpha + 6 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $8 \cdot 8^\alpha + 12 \cdot 13^\alpha + 6 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Dibenzo[a,c]anthracene   |           | 284.233    | 511.770 | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 6^\alpha + 7 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $9 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 5^\alpha + 7 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $9 \cdot 8^\alpha + 10 \cdot 13^\alpha + 7 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Dibenzo[b,g]phenanthrene |           | 284.552    | 509.611 | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 6^\alpha + 6 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 5^\alpha + 6 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $8 \cdot 8^\alpha + 12 \cdot 13^\alpha + 6 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Perylene                 |           | 251.175    | 461.545 | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha + 8 \cdot 9^\alpha$   | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 5^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha$   | $8 \cdot 8^\alpha + 8 \cdot 13^\alpha + 8 \cdot 18^\alpha$   |
| Benzo[e]pyrene           |           | 250.568    | 463.738 | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha + 8 \cdot 9^\alpha$   | $8 \cdot 4^\alpha + 8 \cdot 5^\alpha + 8 \cdot 6^\alpha$   | $8 \cdot 8^\alpha + 8 \cdot 13^\alpha + 8 \cdot 18^\alpha$   |
| Benzo[a]pyrene           |           | 251.973    | 468.712 | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 6^\alpha + 7 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 5^\alpha + 7 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $7 \cdot 8^\alpha + 10 \cdot 13^\alpha + 7 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Hexahelicene             |           | 336.098    | 555.409 | $10 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 6^\alpha + 9 \cdot 9^\alpha$ | $10 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 5^\alpha + 9 \cdot 6^\alpha$ | $10 \cdot 8^\alpha + 12 \cdot 13^\alpha + 9 \cdot 18^\alpha$ |
| Benzo[ghi]perylene       |           | 267.543    | 472.295 | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 6^\alpha + 10 \cdot 9^\alpha$ | $7 \cdot 4^\alpha + 10 \cdot 5^\alpha + 10 \cdot 6^\alpha$ | $7 \cdot 8^\alpha + 10 \cdot 13^\alpha + 10 \cdot 18^\alpha$ |
| Hexacene                 |           | 337.204    | 554.784 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 20 \cdot 6^\alpha + 5 \cdot 9^\alpha$  | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 20 \cdot 5^\alpha + 5 \cdot 6^\alpha$  | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha + 20 \cdot 13^\alpha + 5 \cdot 18^\alpha$  |
| Coronene                 |           | 285.041    | 468.796 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 6^\alpha + 12 \cdot 9^\alpha$ | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 12 \cdot 5^\alpha + 12 \cdot 6^\alpha$ | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha + 12 \cdot 13^\alpha + 12 \cdot 18^\alpha$ |
| Ovalene                  |           | 368.518    | 551.708 | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 16 \cdot 6^\alpha + 19 \cdot 9^\alpha$ | $6 \cdot 4^\alpha + 16 \cdot 5^\alpha + 19 \cdot 6^\alpha$ | $6 \cdot 8^\alpha + 16 \cdot 13^\alpha + 19 \cdot 18^\alpha$ |

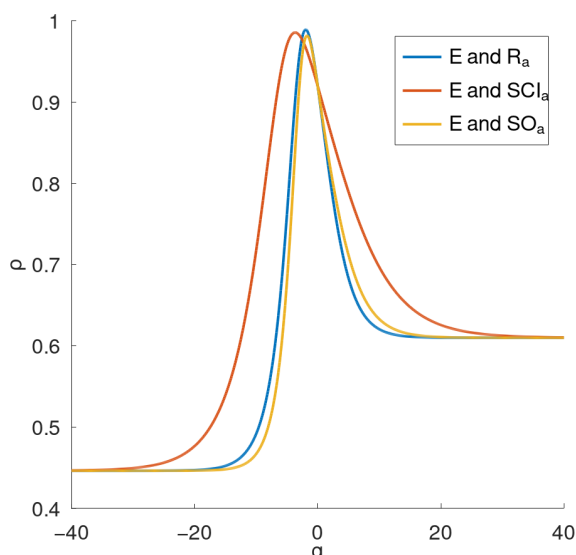
In the field of statistics, for a series of  $k$  measurements of  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted by  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ), the correlation coefficient ( $\rho$ ) of  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined by

$$\rho(Y, X) = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^k (x_n - \bar{x})(y_n - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^k (x_n - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^k (y_n - \bar{y})^2}} \quad (11)$$

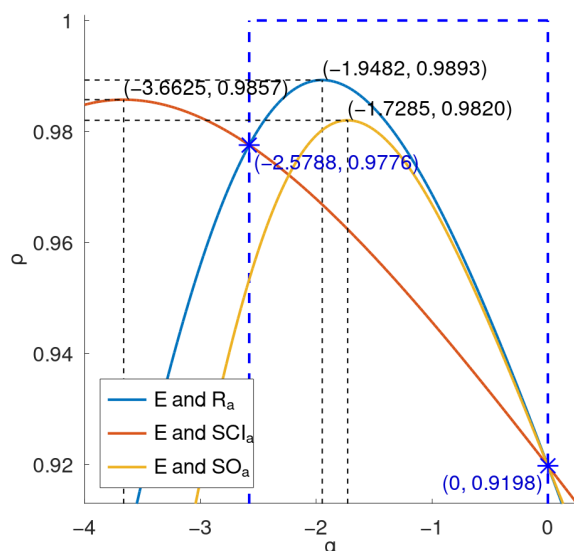
where  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=1}^k x_n$  and  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=1}^k y_n$ .

Then with the series  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ), a regression line  $y' = ax + b$  where  $\{a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  can be calculated. This is known as the *least square line* or a *line of best fit*. The standard error of fit is defined as

$$s(Y, X) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{k-2} \sum_{n=1}^k (y_n - y'_n)^2} \quad (12)$$



**Figure 4:** Correlation coefficient curves between general indices and  $E$  of lower benzenoids (far-view)



**Figure 5:** Correlation coefficient curves between general indices and  $E$  of lower benzenoids

where  $y'_n = ax_n + b$  (the regression line's resulting predicted value).

The standard error of fit and correlation coefficient are both key goodness-of-fit measures in regression analysis. Using various mathematical or statistical software, they can be easily obtained.

There exists good correlation between  $\Delta H$  and  $R_\alpha$  when  $\alpha$  is in some interval. For example, for  $\alpha \in [-1.8384, -0.5499]$ ,  $\Delta H$  and  $R_\alpha$  has correlation coefficient greater than 0.99000. Similarly, there also exists - for  $\alpha$  in different intervals - good correlation between  $\Delta H$  and  $SCI_\alpha$ , between  $\Delta H$  and  $SO_\alpha$ ,

between  $E$  and  $R_\alpha$ , between  $E$  and  $SCI_\alpha$ , and between  $E$  and  $SO_\alpha$  as in Figure 6.

By Figures 3 and 4, we have that, for 30 lower benzenoids,  $R_{-1.2383}$  and  $R_{-1.9482}$ , respectively, are the most linearly correlated with  $\Delta H$  and  $E$  among all Randić indices,  $SCI_{-2.3554}$  and  $SCI_{-3.6625}$ , respectively, are the most linearly correlated with  $\Delta H$  and  $E$  among all sum-connectivity indices, while  $SO_{-1.1165}$  and  $SO_{-1.7285}$ , respectively, are the most linearly correlated with  $\Delta H$  and  $E$  among all Sombor indices. The linear correlations (with 95% confidence intervals) between the thermodynamic properties ( $\Delta H$  and  $E$ ) and all the aforementioned indices, respectively, are given below:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta H &= -19.567(\pm 6.822) \\ &+ 96.678(\pm 2.333) R_{-1.23834}, \\ \rho(\Delta H, R_{-1.23834}) &= 0.998063, \\ s(\Delta H, R_{-1.23834}) &= 3.66806, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta H &= -18.259(\pm 8.829) \\ &+ 453.527(\pm 14.229) SCI_{-2.35541}, \\ \rho(\Delta H, SCI_{-2.35541}) &= 0.996732, \\ s(\Delta H, SCI_{-2.35541}) &= 4.76278, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta H &= -16.364(\pm 10.584) \\ &+ 175.079(\pm 6.629) SO_{-1.116549}, \\ \rho(\Delta H, SO_{-1.116549}) &= 0.995251, \\ s(\Delta H, SO_{-1.116549}) &= 5.73935, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= 129.723(\pm 19.850) \\ &+ 379.673(\pm 21.698) R_{-1.94823}, \\ \rho(E, R_{-1.94823}) &= 0.989277, \\ s(E, R_{-1.94823}) &= 9.43091, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= 132.844(\pm 22.745) \\ &+ 4049.697(\pm 267.589) SCI_{-3.66247}, \\ \rho(E, SCI_{-3.66247}) &= 0.985743, \\ s(E, SCI_{-3.66247}) &= 10.86489, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= 136.413(\pm 25.344) \\ &+ 907.902(\pm 67.543) SO_{-1.72854}, \\ \rho(E, SO_{-1.72854}) &= 0.9820298, \\ s(E, SO_{-1.72854}) &= 12.18666, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where  $s$  and  $\rho$  are the standard error of fit and correlation coefficient respectively.

Figure 7 shows scatter plots between the standard heat capacity  $\Delta H$  and the indices  $R_{-1.23834}$ ,  $SCI_{-2.35541}$ , and  $SO_{-1.116549}$ , as well as scatter plots between the standard molecular entropy  $E$  and the indices  $R_{-1.94823}$ ,  $SCI_{-3.66247}$ , and  $SO_{-1.72854}$  for the 30 lower benzenoids.

It is obvious from Equations (13) to (18), that the Randić indices  $R_{-1.23834}$  and  $R_{-1.94823}$ , respectively, are the best for measuring the heat capacities and standard molecular entropies among all the examined indices.

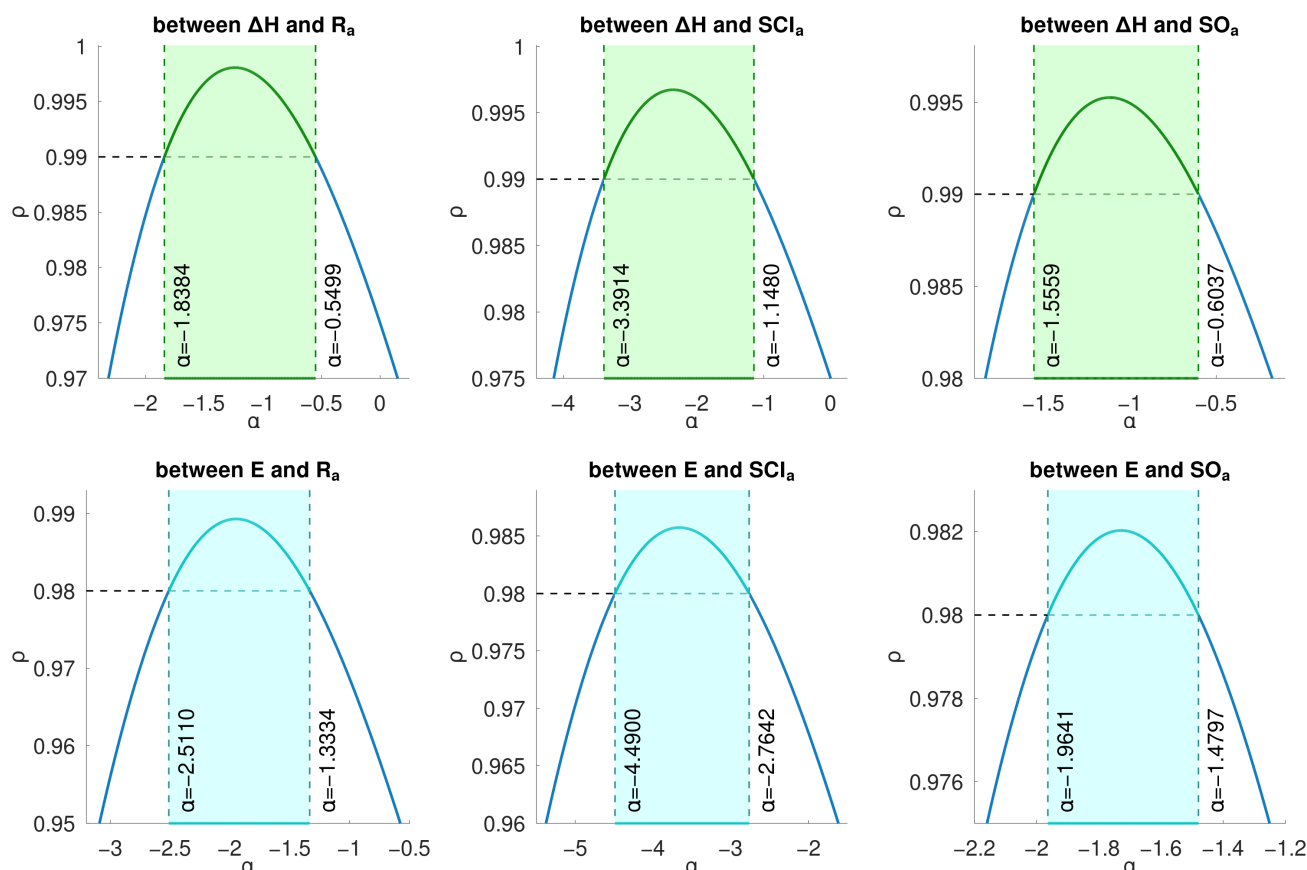


Figure 6: Intervals for good  $\rho$  for  $\Delta H$ - $R_\alpha$ ,  $\Delta H$ - $SCI_\alpha$ ,  $\Delta H$ - $SO_\alpha$ ,  $E$ - $R_\alpha$ ,  $E$ - $SCI_\alpha$  and  $E$ - $SO_\alpha$  for lower benzenoids.

## 4. Conclusion

We showed in this paper that there is good correlation between Standard Heat Capacity ( $\Delta H$ ) and general Randić index ( $R_\alpha$ ), between  $\Delta H$  and general sum-connectivity index ( $SCI_\alpha$ ), between  $\Delta H$  and general Sombor index ( $SO_\alpha$ ), as well as between Standard Molecular Entropy ( $E$ ) and  $R_\alpha$ , between  $E$  and  $SCI_\alpha$ , and between  $E$  and  $SO_\alpha$  when  $\alpha$  in some intervals (as in Figure 6) for benzenoid hydrocarbons. Moreover, for  $\alpha \in (-1.65556, 0)$  and  $\alpha \in (-2.57876, 0)$  (marked with blue dashed lines in Figures 3 and 5),  $R_\alpha$  - compared to both  $SCI_\alpha$  and  $SO_\alpha$  - is the best measure of heat capacity and standard molecular entropy, respectively, of  $G$ . For  $\alpha$  outside those intervals,  $SCI_\alpha$  is the best measure of both heat capacity and standard molecular entropy of  $G$ .

## 5. Future Work

This paper examined the correlation power of the general Randić Index, general sum-connectivity index, and general Sombor index to determine the standard heat capacity ( $\Delta H$ ) of benzenoid hydrocarbons, as well as their correlation power to determine the standard molecular entropy ( $E$ ) of benzenoid hydrocarbons. We propose further study to be conducted to similarly examine other generalized valency-based indices in determining  $\Delta H$  and  $E$  of benzenoid hydrocarbons.

## 6. Supporting Information

Octave 7.2 scripts used to generate results and draw Figures 2 to 7 are also provided on [GitHub](https://github.com/wafibismail/Correl_GenInd_HeatCap_Entropy_BenzHCarb):

[https://github.com/wafibismail/Correl\\_GenInd\\_HeatCap\\_Entropy\\_BenzHCarb](https://github.com/wafibismail/Correl_GenInd_HeatCap_Entropy_BenzHCarb)

## Declarations

### Availability of Data and Materials

No datasets were generated or analyzed during the current study; Data sharing not applicable to this article.

### Conflict of Interests

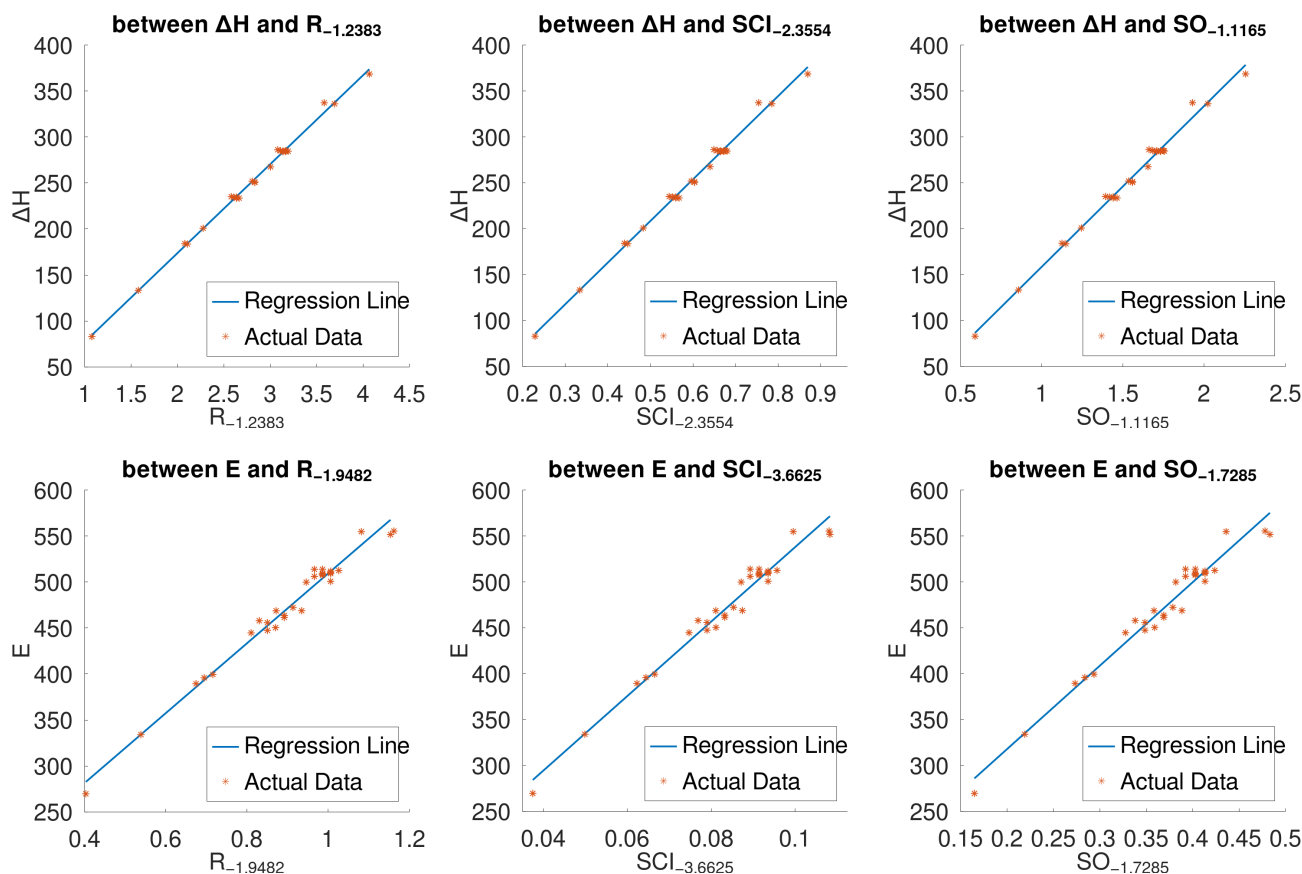
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**Figure 7:** Scatter plots of  $\Delta H$ - $R_{-1.23834}$ ,  $\Delta H$ - $SCI_{-2.35541}$ ,  $\Delta H$ - $SO_{-1.116549}$ ,  $E$ - $R_{-1.94823}$ ,  $E$ - $SCI_{-3.66247}$ ,  $E$ - $SO_{-1.72854}$  for lower benzenoids.

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