

VERTEX EQUITABLE LABELING OF SUPER SUBDIVISION GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT: Let G be a graph with p vertices and q edges and $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor\}$ A vertex labeling $f: V(G) \rightarrow A$

induces an edge labeling f^* defined by $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$ for all edges uv . For $a \in A$, let $v_f(a)$ be the number of vertices v with $f(v) = a$. A graph G is said to be vertex equitable if there exists a vertex labeling f such that for all a and b in A , $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$ and the induced edge labels are $1, 2, 3, \dots, q$. In this paper, we prove that the graphs $S^*(P_n \odot K_1)$, $S^*(B(n, n))$, $S^*(P_n \times P_2)$ and $S^*(Q_n)$ of quadrilateral snake are vertex equitable.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

All graphs considered here are simple, finite, connected and undirected. We follow the basic notations and terminologies of graph theory as in [1]. A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges or both, subject to certain conditions. There are several types of labeling and a detailed survey of graph labeling can be found in [2]. The vertex set and the edge set of a graph are denoted by $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ respectively. The concept of vertex equitable labeling was due to Lourdasamy and Seenivasan in [3] and further studied in [4,5,6,7,8,9]. Let G be a graph with p vertices and

q edges and $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor\}$. A graph G is said to be

vertex equitable if there exists a vertex labeling $f: V(G) \rightarrow A$ that induces an edge labeling f^* defined by $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$ for all edges uv such that

$|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$ for all a and b in A , and the induced edge

labels are $1, 2, 3, \dots, q$, where $v_f(a)$ be the number of vertices v with $f(v) = a$ for $a \in A$. The vertex labeling f is known as vertex equitable labeling. A graph G is said to be a vertex equitable if it admits vertex equitable labeling. The corona $G_1 \odot G_2$ of the graphs G_1 and G_2 is defined as a graph obtained by taking one copy of G_1 (with p vertices) and p copies of G_2 and then joining the i^{th} vertex of G_1 to every vertex of the i^{th} copy of G_2 . A cartesian product of two graphs G_1 and G_2 is the graph $G_1 \times G_2$ such that its vertex set is a cartesian product of $V(G_1)$ and $V(G_2)$ i.e. $V(G_1 \times G_2) = V(G_1) \times V(G_2) = \{(x, y) / x \in V(G_1), y \in V(G_2)\}$ and its edge set is defined as

$$E(G_1 \times G_2) = \{((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) /$$

$$x_1 = y_1 \text{ and } (x_2, y_2) \in E(G_2)\}$$

or

$\{(x_i, y_1), (x_i, y_2)\} \in E(G_1)\}$. The comb $P_n \odot K_1$ is a graph obtained by joining a single pendant edge to each vertex of a path P_n . The bistar $B_{m,n}$ is a graph obtained from K_2 by joining m pendant edges to one end of K_2 and n pendant edges to the other end of K_2 . The graph $P_n \times P_2$ is called a ladder graph. The quadrilateral snake $D(Q_n)$ is a graph obtained from a path P_n with vertices u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n by joining u_i and u_{i+1} to the new vertices v_i, x_i respectively and then joining v_i, x_i for $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$. Let G be a graph. The super subdivision graph $S^*(G)$ is obtained from G by replacing every edge e of G by a complete bipartite graph $K_{2,m}$ ($m \geq 2$) in such a way that the ends of e are merged with the two vertices of the 2-vertices part of $K_{2,m}$ after removing the edge e from G .

We use the following known results in the subsequent theorems.

Theorem 1.1 [9] Let $G_1(p_1, q_1), G_2(p_2, q_2), \dots, G_m(p_m, q_m)$ be a vertex equitable graphs with q_i 's are even ($i=1, 2, \dots, m$) and

u_i, v_i be the vertices of G_i ($1 \leq i \leq m$) labeled by 0 and $\frac{q_i}{2}$

. Then the graph G obtained by identifying v_1 with u_2 and v_2 with u_3 and v_3 with u_4 and so on until we identify v_{m-1} with u_m is a vertex equitable graph.

Theorem 1.2 [3] The super subdivision graph C_n is vertex equitable if $n \equiv 0$ or $3 \pmod{4}$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 2.1: The super subdivision graph $S^*(P_n \odot K_1)$ is a vertex equitable graph.

Proof: Let $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ be the vertices of the comb graph $P_n \odot K_1$ and $v_i u_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$), $v_i v_{i+1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$) be the edges of $P_n \odot K_1$. Let u_{ij}, v_{ij} be the vertices of m vertices part, where $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$. Clearly $S^*(P_n \odot K_1)$ has $2n+mn+(n-1)m$ vertices and $2m(2n-1)$ edges. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m(2n-1)\}$. Define a vertex labeling $f: V(S^*(P_n \odot K_1)) \rightarrow A$ as follows:

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq n, f(v_i) = \begin{cases} m(2i-1) & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 2m(i-1) & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 2m(i-1) & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ m(2i-1) & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$,

$$f(v_{ij}) = \begin{cases} m(2i-1) + j & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ m(2i-1) + j & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

For $2 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$ $f(u_{1j}) = j$ and

$$f(u_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 2(i-1)m + j & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 2(i-2)m + m + j & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

It

can be verified that the induced edge labels of $S^*(P_n \odot K_1)$ are $1, 2, \dots, 2m(2n-1)$ and $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ for $i, j \in A$. Hence $S^*(P_n \odot K_1)$ is a vertex equitable graph

Example 1. The vertex equitable labeling of the super subdivision graph, $S^*(P_2 \odot K_1)$ is given in Figure 1.

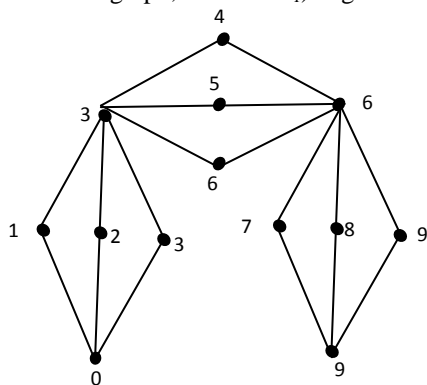


Figure 1: Vertex equitable labeling of $S^*(P_2 \odot K_1)$

Theorem 2.2. The super subdivision graph $S^*(B(n, n))$ is a vertex equitable graph.

Proof: Let $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u, v$ be the vertices of the bistar $B(n, n)$ and $uv, v v_i, u u_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) be the edges of $B(n, n)$. Let u_{ij}, v_{ij}, c_j be the vertices of m vertices part $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$. Clearly the graph $S^*(B(n, n))$ has

$2nm+m+2n+2$ vertices and $2m(2n+1)$ edges. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m(2n+1)\}$.

Define a vertex labeling $f: V(S^*(B(n, n))) \rightarrow A$ as follows: $f(v) = m, f(u) = 2nm$.

For $1 \leq i \leq n$ $f(u_i) = m(2i+1), f(v_i) = 2m(i-1)$.

For $2 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$ $f(v_{1j}) = j$,

$f(v_{ij}) = 2m(i-1) - (j-1)$.

For $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq$

$j \leq m$ $f(u_{ij}) = m(2i+1) - (j-1)$ and $f(c_j) = 2mn - (j-1)$.

It can be verified that the induced edge labels of $S^*(B(n, n))$ are $1, 2, \dots, 2m(2n+1)$ and $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ for $i, j \in A$.

Hence $S^*(B(n, n))$ is a vertex equitable graph.

Example 2. The vertex equitable labeling of the super subdivision graph $S^*(B(2,2))$ is given in Figure 2.

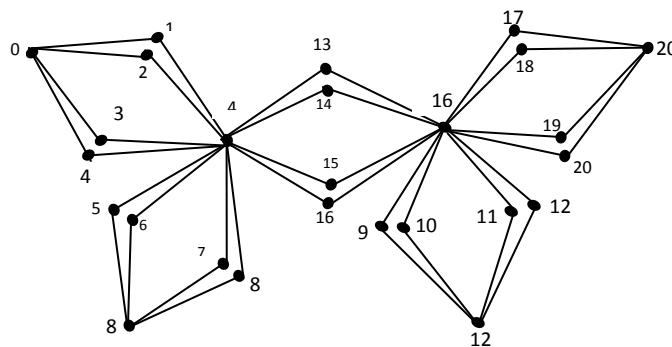


Figure 2: Vertex equitable labeling of $S^*(B(2,2))$

Theorem 2.3 The super subdivision graph $S^*(P_n \times P_2)$ is a vertex equitable graph.

Proof: Let $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ be the vertices of the ladder graph $P_n \times P_2$ and $v_i u_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$), $u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$) be the edges of $P_n \times P_2$. Let u_{ij}, v_{ij}, c_{ij} be the vertices of m vertices part, where $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$. Clearly $S^*(P_n \times P_2)$ has $2n(m+1)-m$ vertices and $6mn-4m$ edges. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 3mn - 2m\}$. Define a vertex labeling $f: V(S^*(P_n \times P_2)) \rightarrow A$ as follows:

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$, f(u_{2i-1}) = 6m(i-1), f(v_{2i-1}) = m(6i-5)$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor, f(u_{2i}) = 2m(3i-1), f(v_{2i}) = 3m(2i-1)$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor, 1 \leq j \leq m, f(u_{2i-1,j}) = 2m(3i-1) - j + 1, f(v_{2i-1,j}) = m(6i-5) + j$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor, 1 \leq j \leq m, \begin{aligned} f(u_{2i,j}) &= m(6i-1) - j + 1, \\ f(v_{2i,j}) &= m(6i+1) - j + 1 \end{aligned}$$

For $1 \leq j \leq m,$

$$f(c_{1,j}) = j, f(c_{2i-1,j}) = 6m(i-1) - j + 1 \text{ if } 2 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor,$$

$$f(c_{2i,j}) = 3m(2i-1) - j + 1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

It can be verified that the induced edge labels of $S^*(P_n \times P_2)$ are $1, 2, \dots, 6mn-4m$ and $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ for $i, j \in A$. Hence $S^*(P_n \times P_2)$ is a vertex equitable graph.

Example 3. The vertex equitable labeling of the super subdivision graph, $S^*(P_4 \times P_2)$ is given in Figure3.

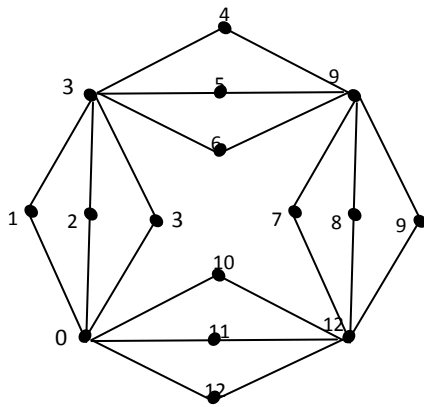


Figure 3: vertex equitable labeling of $S^*(P_2 \times P_2)$

Theorem 2.4 The super subdivision graph $S^*(Q_n)$ is a vertex equitable graph

Proof: By Theorem 1.2, $S^*(Q_2)$ is a vertex equitable graph.

Let $G_i = S^*(Q_2), 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ and u_i, v_i be the vertices

with labels 0 and $\frac{q_i}{2}$ respectively. By Theorem 1.1, the

graph $S^*(Q_n)$ admits vertex equitable labeling.

Example 2.8 The vertex equitable labeling of $S^*(Q_3)$ is given in Figure 4.

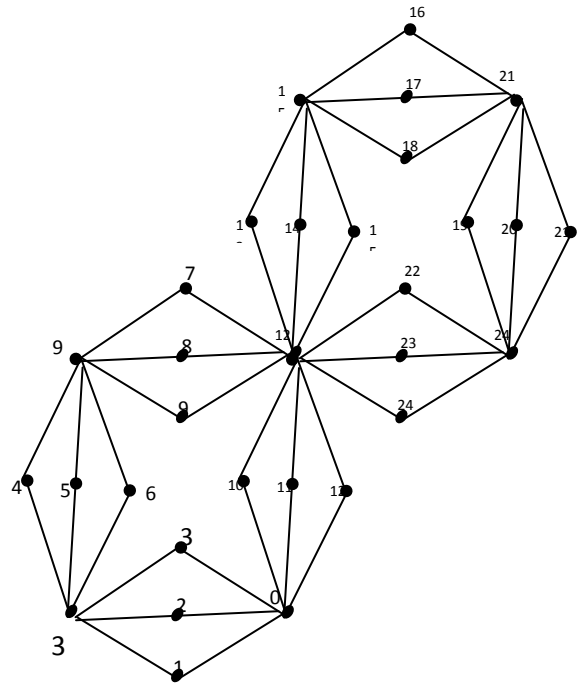


Figure 4: vertex equitable labeling of $S^*(Q_3)$

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