

Skolem Mean Labeling Of Four Star Graphs $K_{1,a_1} \cup K_{1,a_2} \cup K_{1,a_3} \cup K_{1,b}$

where $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 3 \leq b \leq a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 2$

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ABSTRACT

A graph $G = (V, E)$ with p vertices and q edges is said to be a skolem mean graph if there exists a function f from the vertex set of G to $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ such that the induced map f^* from the edge set of G to $\{2, 3, \dots, p\}$ defined by $f^*(e = uv) = \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2}$ if $f(u) + f(v)$ is even and $\frac{f(u) + f(v) + 1}{2}$ if $f(u) + f(v)$ is odd, then the resulting edges get distinct labels from the set $\{2, 3, \dots, p\}$. In this paper, we prove that four star graph $G = K_{1,a_1} \cup K_{1,a_2} \cup K_{1,a_3} \cup K_{1,b}$ where $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3$ is a skolem mean graph if $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 3 \leq b \leq a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 2$.

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I. INTRODUCTION

All graphs in this paper are finite, simple and undirected. Terms not defined here are used in the sense of Harary [3]. The symbols $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ will denote the vertex set and edge set of the graph G . A graph with p vertices and q edges is called a (p, q) graph. In this paper, we prove that four star graph $G = K_{1,a_1} \cup K_{1,a_2} \cup K_{1,a_3} \cup K_{1,b}$ where $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3$ is a skolem mean graph if $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + 2 \leq b \leq a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + 3$.

Skolem mean labeling

Definition 1.1: A graph G is a non empty set of objects called vertices together with a set of unordered pairs of distinct vertices of G called edges. The vertex set and the edge set of G are denoted by $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ respectively. $|V(G)| = q$ is called the size of G , we say that u and v are adjacent and that u and v are incident with e .

Definition 1.2: A vertex labelling of a graph G is an assignment of labels to the vertices of G that induces for each edge xy a label depending on the vertex labels $f(x)$ and $f(y)$. Similarly, an edge labelling of a graph G is an assignment of labels to the edges of G that induces for each vertex v a label depending on the edge labels incident on it. Total labelling involves

a function from the vertices and edges to some set of labels.

Definition 1.3: A graph G with p vertices and q edges is called a mean graph if it is possible to label the vertices $x \in V$ with distinct elements $f(x)$ from $0, 1, 2, \dots, q$ in such a way that when each edge $e = uv$ is labeled with $\frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2}$ if $f(u) + f(v)$ is even

and $\frac{f(u) + f(v) + 1}{2}$ if $f(u) + f(v)$ is odd, then the

resulting edge labels are distinct. The labeling f is called a mean labeling of G .

Definition 1.4: A graph $G = (V, E)$ with p vertices and q edges is said to be skolem mean if it is possible to label the vertices $x \in V$ with distinct elements $f(x)$ from $1, 2, \dots, q$ in such a way that when each edge $e = uv$ is labeled with $\frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2}$ if $f(u) + f(v)$ is

even and $\frac{f(u) + f(v) + 1}{2}$ if $f(u) + f(v)$ is odd,

then the resulting edges get distinct labels from $2, 3, \dots, p$. f is called a skolem mean labeling of G . A graph $G = (V, E)$ with p vertices and q edges is said to be a **skolem mean graph** if there exists a function f from the vertex set of G to $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ such that

the induced map f^* from the edge set of G to $\{2, 3, \dots, p\}$ defined by

$$f^*(e = uv) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2} & \text{if } f(u) + f(v) \text{ is even} \\ \frac{f(u) + f(v) + 1}{2} & \text{if } f(u) + f(v) \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

the resulting edges get distinct labels from the set $\{2, 3, \dots, p\}$.

Theorem 2.1: The four star $G = K_{1,a_1} \cup K_{1,a_2} \cup K_{1,a_3} \cup K_{1,b}$ where $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3$ is a skolem mean graph if $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 3 \leq b \leq a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 2$.

Proof: Let $A_i = \sum_{k=1}^i a_k$. That is,

$$A_1 = a_1; A_2 = a_1 + a_2 \text{ and}$$

$$A_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3.$$

Consider the graph $G = K_{1,a_1} \cup K_{1,a_2} \cup K_{1,a_3} \cup K_{1,b}$. Let

$V = \bigcup_{k=1}^4 V_k$ be the vertex set of G where

$$V_k = \{v_{k,i} : 0 \leq i \leq a_k\} \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq 3$$

and $V_4 = \{v_{4,i} : 0 \leq i \leq b\}$. Let

$E = \bigcup_{k=1}^4 E_k$ be the edge set of G where

$$E_k = \{v_{k,0}v_{k,i} : 0 \leq i \leq a_k\} \text{ for}$$

$$1 \leq k \leq 3 \text{ and } E_4 = \{v_{4,0}v_{4,i} : 0 \leq i \leq b\}$$

The condition $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 3 \leq b \leq a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 2 \Rightarrow A_3 - 3 \leq b \leq A_3 - 2$

That is, there are two cases viz. $b = A_3 - 3$ and $b = A_3 - 2$. Let us

prove in each of the two cases the graph G is a skolem mean graph.

Case 1: Let $b = A_3 - 3$

G has $A_3 + b + 4 = 2A_3 + 1$ vertices and $A_3 + b = 2A_3 - 3$ edges. The vertex labeling

$f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, A_3 + b + 4 = 2A_3 + 1\}$ is defined as follows:

$$f(v_{1,0}) = 2; \quad f(v_{2,0}) = 4; \quad f(v_{3,0}) = 6;$$

$$f(v_{4,0}) = A_3 + b + 4 = 2A_3 + 1$$

$$f(v_{1,i}) = 2i - 1 \quad 1 \leq i \leq a_1$$

$$f(v_{2,i}) = 2A_1 + 2i - 1 \quad 1 \leq i \leq a_2$$

$$f(v_{3,i}) = 2A_2 + 2i - 1 \quad 1 \leq i \leq a_3$$

$$f(v_{4,i}) = 2i + 6 \quad 1 \leq i \leq b$$

The corresponding edge labels are as follows:

The edge label of $v_{1,0}v_{1,i}$ is $1 + i$ for $1 \leq i \leq a_1$ (edge labels are $2, 3, \dots, a_1 + 1 = A_1 + 1$), $v_{2,0}v_{2,i}$ is $A_1 + 2 + i$ for $1 \leq i \leq a_2$ (edge labels are $A_1 + 3, A_1 + 4, \dots, A_1 + 2 + a_2 = A_2 + 2$), $v_{3,0}v_{3,i}$ is $A_2 + 3 + i$ for $1 \leq i \leq a_3$ (edge labels are $A_2 + 4, A_2 + 5, \dots, A_2 + 3 + a_3 = A_3 + 3$), $v_{4,0}v_{4,i}$ is $A_3 + 4 + i$ for $1 \leq i \leq b = A_3 - 3$ (edge labels are $A_3 + 5, A_3 + 6, \dots, A_3 + 4 + A_3 - 3 = 2A_3 + 1$).

These induced edge labels of graph G are distinct.

Hence G is a skolem mean graph.

Example:

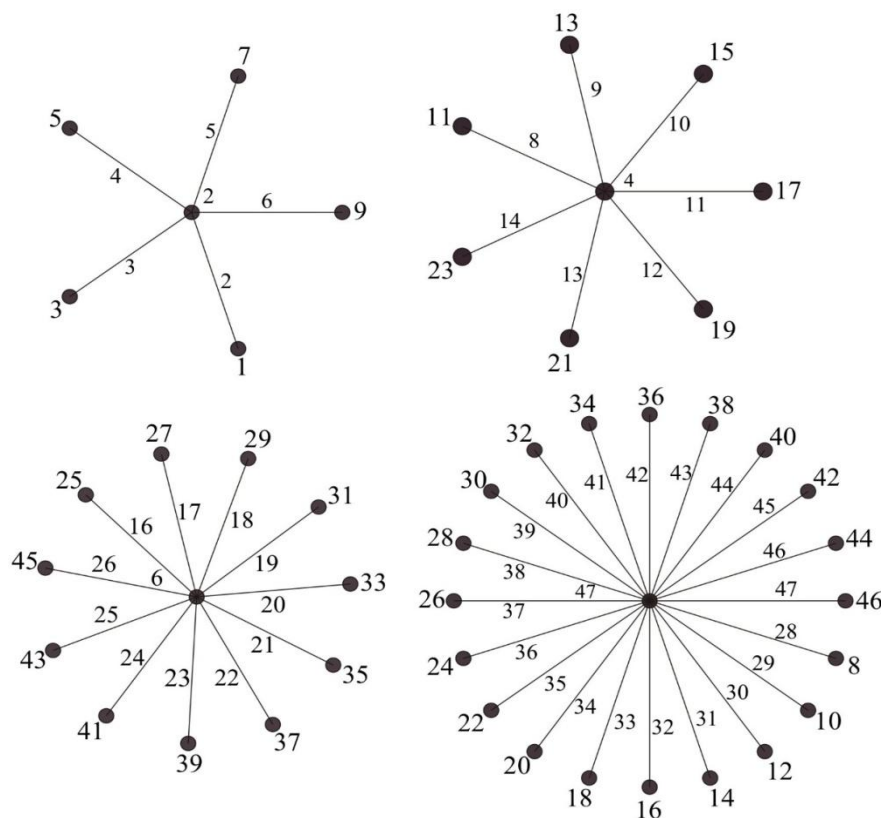


Figure $(K_{1,5} \cup K_{1,7} \cup K_{1,11} \cup K_{1,21})$

Case 2: $b = A_3 - 2$

G has $A_3 + b + 4 = 2A_3 + 2$ vertices

and $A_3 + b = 2A_3 - 2$ edges. The vertex labeling

$f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, A_3 + b + 4 = 2A_3 + 2\}$

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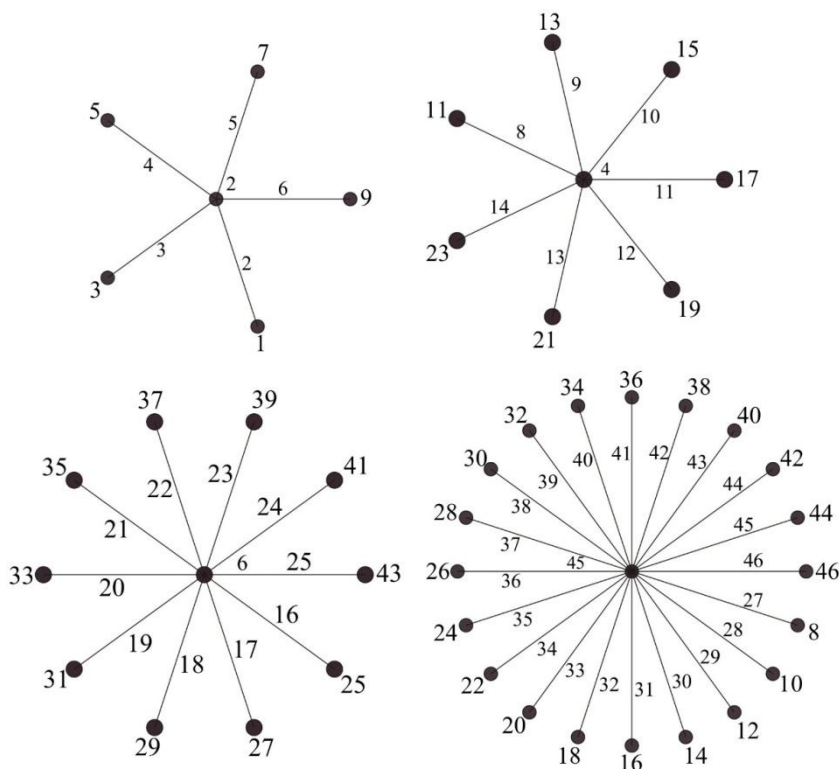


Figure ($K_{1,5} \cup K_{1,7} \cup K_{1,10} \cup K_{1,20}$)

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