

## LABELING OF SUBDIVIDED GRAPHS

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### Abstract

*In this paper we prove that the graph obtained by the subdivision of the edges of the star  $S_{1,n}$ , the graph obtained by the subdivision of the central edge of the Bistar  $B_{m,n}$ , the graph obtained by subdividing the edges of the path  $P_n$  in  $P_n \square K_1$  and  $P_n \square K_2$ , the graph obtained by subdividing the parallel edges of a H-graph in  $H \square K_1$  and in  $H \square K_2$  are Skolem difference mean.*

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### 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, by a graph, we mean a finite, undirected, simple graph. Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. The Star  $S_{1,n}$  is obtained from  $K_1$  by joining  $n$  pendant edges with  $K_1$ . The Bistar  $B_{m,n}$  is the 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 edge of  $K_2$  is called the central edge of  $B_{m,n}$  and the vertices of  $K_2$  are called the central vertices of  $B_{m,n}$ . A path is a simple graph obtained from a walk  $v_0e_1v_1e_2v_2\dots e_kv_k$  in which the vertices and edges are distinct. A path on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $P_n$ . The H-graph of a path  $P_n$  is the graph obtained from two copies of  $P_n$  with vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$

by joining the vertices  $v_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  and  $u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  if  $n$  is odd and the vertices  $v_{\frac{n}{2}+1}$  and  $u_{\frac{n}{2}}$  if  $n$  is even [3].

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A subdivision of a graph  $G$  is a graph that can be obtained from  $G$  by a sequence of edge subdivisions. 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 many of them can be found in [2]. The concept of Skolem Mean Labeling was introduced in [1].

In this paper, we define Skolem difference mean labeling and discuss the Skolem difference mean labeling of subdivided graphs.

### 2 Main Results

**Definition 2.1** A graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is said to have Skolem Difference Mean labeling if it is possible to label the vertices  $x \in V$  with distinct elements  $f(x)$  from  $1, 2, 3, \dots, p+q$  in such a

way that the 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 and the resulting edges get distinct labels from  $1, 2, 3, \dots, q$ . A graph that admits Skolem difference mean labeling is called Skolem difference mean graph.

The Skolem difference mean labeling of the path  $P_6$  is given in figure 1.



Fig 1

**Theorem 2.2** The graph obtained by the subdivision of the edges of the star  $S_{1,n}$  is Skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by the subdivision of the edges of the star  $S_{1,n}$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{u, u_i, w_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{uw_i, w_i u_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Define the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n+1\}$  by

$$f(u) = 4n+1$$

$$f(w_i) = 2i-1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i) = 2n+2-2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then

$$f^*(uw_i) = 2n+1-i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(w_i u_i) = n+2-2i; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$= 2 \left[ i - \frac{n+1}{2} \right]; \frac{n+3}{2} \leq i \leq n \text{ if } n \text{ is odd}$$

$$= n+2-2i; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$= 2 \left[ i - \frac{n}{2} \right] - 1; \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } n \text{ is even}$$

Then the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 2n$ . Hence the theorem. □

The Skolem difference mean labeling of the graph obtained by the subdivision of the edges of the star  $S_{1,4}$  is given in fig 2.

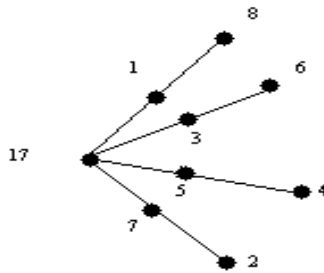


Fig 2

**Theorem 2.3** The graph obtained by the subdivision of the central edge of the Bistar  $B_{m,n}$  is a Skolem difference mean graph for all values of  $m$  and  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(B_{m,n}) = \{u, v, w, u_i, v_j; 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E(B_{m,n}) = \{uw, vw, uu_i, vv_j; 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are the central vertices and let  $w$  be the vertex which subdivides the edge  $uv$ .

Define the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2m+2n+5\}$  by

$$f(u) = 1,$$

$$f(w) = 2m+2n+5,$$

$$f(v) = 3,$$

$$f(u_i) = 2i, 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and}$$

$$f(v_j) = 2m+2n+5-2j, 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then

$$f^*(uu_i) = i; 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f^*(uw) = m+n+2$$

$$f^*(wv) = m+n+1$$

$$f^*(vv_j) = m+n+1-j; 1 \leq j \leq n$$

The induced edge labels are  $1, 2, 3, \dots, m+n+2$ . Hence the theorem. □

The Skolem difference mean Labeling of the graph obtained by the subdivision of the central edge of the Bistar  $B_{6,4}$  is given in fig 3.

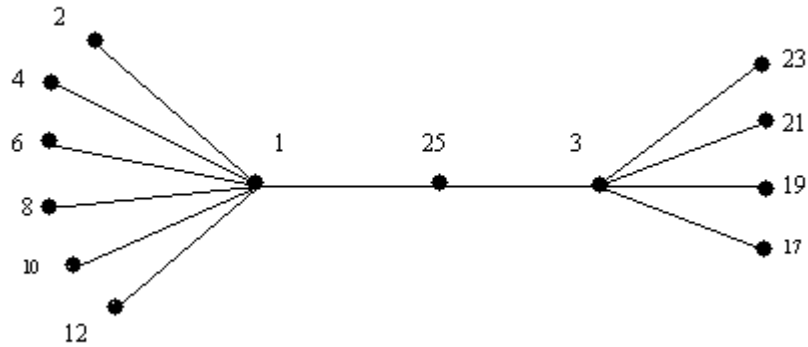


Fig 3

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $G$  be a graph obtained from the graph  $P_n \square K_1$  by subdividing the edges of the path  $P_n$ . Then  $G$  is Skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_i, w_j; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$  and  $E(G) = \{u_i v_i, u_j w_j, w_j u_{j+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 6n-3\}$  by

$$f(u_i) = 2i-1, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = 2n+2-2i, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_j) = 6n-1-2j, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_i v_i) &= n+2-2i; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \text{ and} \\ &= 2\left\lfloor i - \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor; \frac{n+3}{2} \leq i \leq n \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ &= n+2-2i; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \text{ and} \\ &= 2\left\lfloor i - \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1; \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } n \text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

$$f^*(u_j w_j) = 3n-2j; 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(w_j u_{j+1}) = 3n-1-2j; 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

Then the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 3n-2$ . Hence the graph  $G$  is Skolem difference mean for all  $n$ . □

The Skolem difference mean Labeling of the graph obtained by subdividing the edges of the path  $P_5$  of the graph  $P_5 \square K_1$  is given in fig 4.

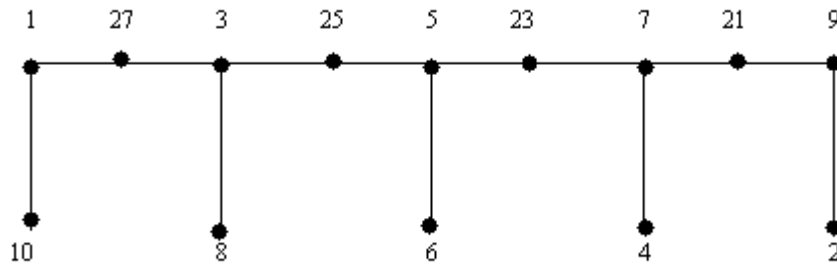


Fig 4

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $G$  be a graph obtained from the graph  $P_n \square K_2$  by subdividing the edges of the path  $P_n$ . Then  $G$  is Skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_{i1}, v_{i2}, w_j; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$  and

$$E(G) = \{u_i v_{i1}, u_i v_{i2}, u_j w_j, w_j u_{j+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 8n-3\}$  by

$$f(u_i) = 2i-1, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_{i1}) = 6i-4, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_{i2}) = 6i-2, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_j) = 8n-1-2j, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then

$$f^*(u_i v_{i1}) = 2i-1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_i v_{i2}) = 2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_j w_j) = 4n-2j; 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(w_j u_{j+1}) = 4n-1-2j; 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

Then the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 4n-2$ . Hence the graph  $G$  is Skolem difference mean for all  $n$ . □

The Skolem difference mean Labeling of the graph obtained by subdividing the edges of the path  $P_5$  of the graph  $P_5 \square K_2$  is given in fig 5.

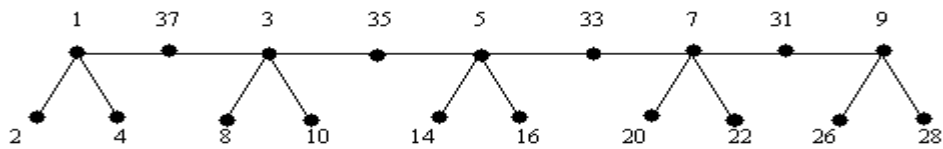


Fig 5

**Theorem 2.6** The graph  $G$  obtained by the subdivision of the parallel edges of a  $H$ -graph in  $H \square K_1$  is Skolem difference mean.

**Proof.** Let  $V(G) = \{u_i, u_i', v_i, v_i', w_j, t_j; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$  and

$$E(G) = \{u_i u_i', v_i v_i', u_j w_j, w_j u_{j+1}, v_j t_j, t_j v_{j+1} \text{ and } \begin{cases} \frac{v_{n+1}}{2} u_{n+1} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{v_n}{2} u_n & \text{if } n \text{ is even;} \end{cases} \\ 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$$

Define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 12n-5\}$  by

$$f(u_i) = 2i-1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = 10n-1-2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i') = 4n+2-2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i') = 6n-2+2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_j) = 12n-3-2j; 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

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$$f(t_j) = 2n-1+2i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then

$$f^*(u_i u_i') = 2n+2-2i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(v_i v_i') = 2n+1-2i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_j w_j) = 6n-1-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(w_j u_{j+1}) = 6n-2-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(v_j t_j) = 4n-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(t_j v_{j+1}) = 4n-1-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*\left(\frac{v_{n+1} u_{n+1}}{2}\right) = f^*\left(\frac{v_n u_n}{2}\right) = 4n-1$$

Then the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 6n-3$ . Hence the theorem. □

The Skolem difference mean labeling of a graph  $G$  obtained by the subdivision of the parallel edges of a  $H$ -graph in  $H \square K_1$  is given in figures 6 and 7.

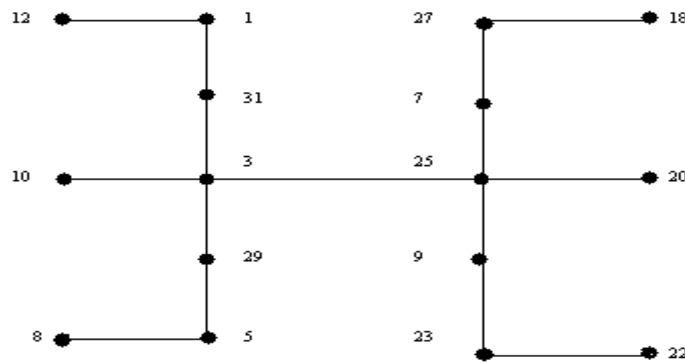


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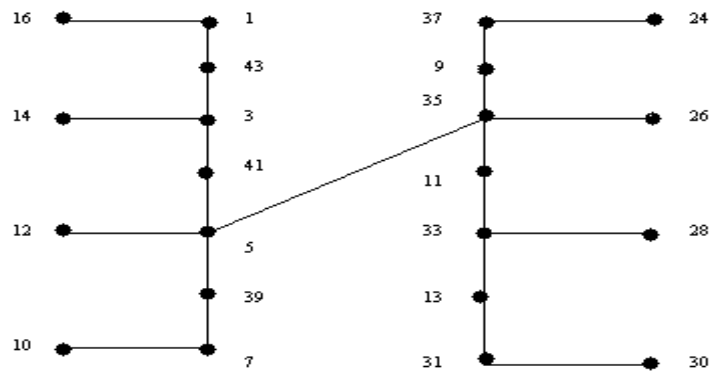


Fig 7

**Theorem 2.7** The graph  $G$  obtained by the subdivision of the parallel edges of a  $H$ -graph in  $H \square K_2$  is Skolem difference mean.

**Proof.** Let  $V(G) = \{u_i, u_i', u_i'', v_i, v_i', v_i'', w_j, t_j; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$  and

$$E(G) = \{u_i u_i', u_i u_i'', v_i v_i', v_i v_i'', u_j w_j, w_j u_{j+1}, v_j t_j, t_j v_{j+1} \text{ and } \frac{v_{n+1} u_{n+1}}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd \& } \frac{v_n u_n}{2}\}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{v_n}{2}, \frac{u_n}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is even}; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \right\}$$

Define a function  $f:V(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,16n-5\}$  by

$$f(u_i) = 2i-1; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i') = 8n+7-6i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i'') = 8n+5-6i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = 14n-1-2i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i') = 6n-4+6i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i'') = 6n-2+6i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_j) = 16n-3-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f(t_j) = 2n-1+2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then

$$f^*(u_i u_i') = 4n+4-4i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_i u_i'') = 4n+3-4i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(v_i v_i') = 4n+2-4i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(v_i v_i'') = 4n+1-4i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_j w_j) = 8n-1-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(w_j u_{j+1}) = 8n-2-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(v_j t_j) = 6n-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(t_j v_{j+1}) = 6n-1-2j; \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f^*\left(\frac{v_{n+1}}{2} \frac{u_{n+1}}{2}\right) = f^*\left(\frac{v_n}{2} \frac{u_n}{2}\right) = 6n-1$$

Then the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 8n-3$ . Hence the theorem. □

The Skolem difference mean labeling of a graph  $G$  obtained by the subdivision of the parallel edges of a  $H$ -graph in  $H \square K_2$  is given in figures 8 and 9.

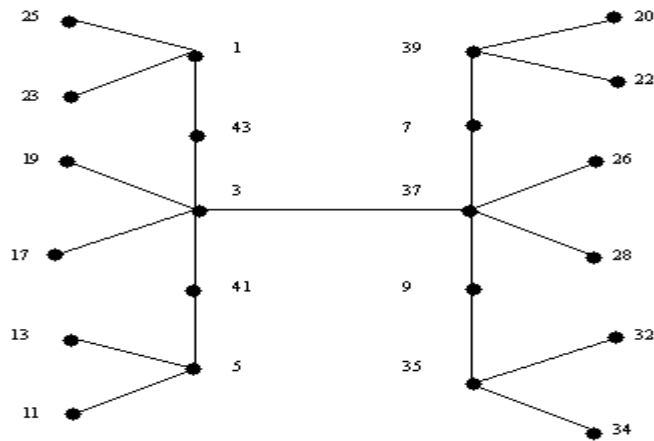


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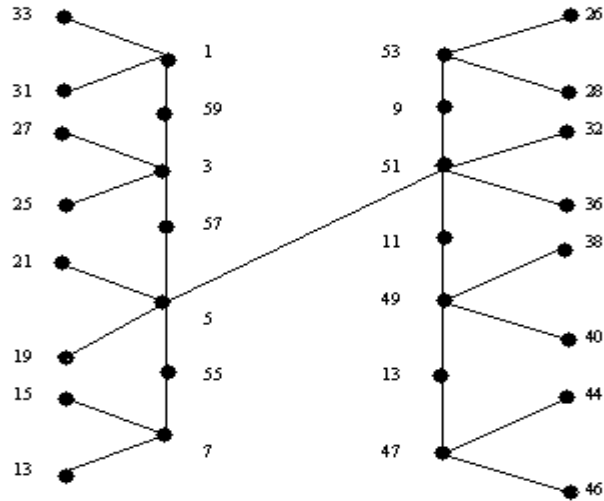


Fig 9

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