

Average Harmonious Graphs

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Abstract. Let $G(V,E)$ be a graph with n vertices and m edges. In this paper, we have introduced and developed the concept of an Average Harmonious Labeling of graphs. A graph $G(n,m)$ is said to be Average harmonious if there exists an injection $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n\}$ and the induced function $f^* : E \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, (m-1)\}$ defined as

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

is bijective, the resulting edge labels should be distinct. A graph which admits an Average harmonious labeling is called Average harmonious graph. In this paper we proved that the graph P_n , the graph $C_3 \cup P_n^2$, Y-tree graph, the graph $P_n \odot K_1$ ($n \geq 1$), the star graph, the graph $C_3 \cup P_n$, the bistar graph $B_{n,n}$, triangular snake graph T_n , and the complete bipartite graph $K_{n,n}$ are Average Harmonious Labeling of graphs.

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider finite, undirected, simple connected graphs. A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges or both subject to certain conditions. Harmonious graphs naturally arose in the study by Graham and Sloane [2] of modular versions of additive base problems. Odd and even harmonious graphs were introduced in [3,6]. For a detailed survey on graph labeling we refer to Gallian [1]. We also refer [4, 5, 7,8].

Definition 1.1. A function f is called an Average harmonious labeling of a graph $G(V, E)$ with n vertices and m edges if $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n\}$ is injective and the induced function $f^* : E \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, (m-1)\}$ is defined as

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

is bijective, the resulting edge labels should be distinct. A graph which admits an average harmonious labeling is called an Average harmonious graph.

In this paper we proved the graph P_n , the graph $C_3 \cup P_n^2$, the graph $P_n \odot K_1$ ($n \geq 1$), Y-tree graph, the star graph, the graph $C_3 \cup P_n$, the bistar graph $B_{n,n}$, triangular snake graph T_n , and complete bipartite graph are Average Harmonious Labeling of graphs.

2. Main results

Theorem 2.1. The path graph P_n ($n \geq 1$) is an Average harmonious graph.

Proof: Let P_n be a path graph with n vertices and $m = n-1$ edges.

Let $V(P_n) = \{v_i ; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $E(P_n) = \{v_i v_{i+1} ; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$.

Define an injective function $f : V(P_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n\}$ by $f(v_i) = i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Then f induces a bijection $f^* : E(P_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$. Hence the graph P_n graph is an Average harmonious graph.

Theorem 2.2. The graph $C_3 \cup P_n^2$ ($n \geq 4$) is Average harmonious.

Proof: Let C_3 be a cycle graph with 3 vertices and 3 edges and the graph P_n^2 with n

vertices and $2n - 3$ edges. Let $V(C_3 \cup P_n^2) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and

$E(C_3 \cup P_n^2) = \{v_1 v_2, v_2 v_3, v_3 v_1, u_i u_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n-1, u_i u_{i+2}, 1 \leq i \leq n-2\}$.

$|V(C_3 \cup P_n^2)| = n+3$ and $|E(C_3 \cup P_n^2)| = m = 2n$

Define an injective function $f : V(C_3 \cup P_n^2) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 3n+3\}$ by

$f(v_1) = 0, f(v_2) = 2, f(v_3) = 4, f(u_i) = 2i+1, 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Then f induces a bijection $f^* : E(C_3 \cup P_n^2) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n-1\}$.

Hence the graph $C_3 \cup P_n^2$ graph is an Average harmonious graph.

Theorem 2.3. The graph Y-tree is Average harmonious.

Proof: Consider the graph Y-tree with n vertices and $m = n-1$ edges.

Let $V(Y) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $E(Y) = \{v_{n-1}v_n, v_{n-2}v_n, v_{n-3}v_n, v_{n-3}v_{n-4}, \dots, v_2v_1\}$.

Define an injective function $f : V(Y) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n\}$ by

$f(v_n) = 0, f(v_i) = (n-i), 1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

Then f induces a bijection $f^* : E(Y) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-2\}$. Therefore both edge and vertex labels are distinct. Hence the graph Y-tree is an Average harmonious graph.

Theorem 2.4. The comb graph $P_n \odot K_1$ ($n \geq 1$) is Average harmonious.

Proof: Consider the comb graph with $2n$ vertices and $m = 2n-1$ edges.

Let $V(P_n \odot K_1) = \{v_i, u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $E(P_n \odot K_1) = \{v_i v_{i+1}, u_i v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Define an injective function $f : V(P_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n\}$ by $f(v_{2i-1}) = 4i-3, 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$,

$f(v_{2i}) = 4i-2, 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, f(u_{2i-1}) = 4i-4, 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, f(u_{2i}) = 4i-1, 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

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Then f induces a bijection $f^* : E(P_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$.

Hence we obtain the graph $P_n \odot K_1$ is an Average harmonious graph.

Theorem 2.5. The star graph S_n is an Average harmonious graph for all n .

Proof : Let S_n be a star graph with n vertices and $m = n-1$ edges.

Consider v as the center vertex. Let $V(S_n) = \{v, v_i ; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ and

$E(S_n) = \{vv_i ; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$.

Define $f : V(S_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n\}$ by $f(v) = 1, f(v_1) = 0, f(v_i) = 2i - 1, 2 \leq i \leq n-1$.

Then f induces a bijection $f^* : E(S_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$. Hence, the S_n graph is an Average harmonious graph.

Theorem 2.6. The graph $C_3 \cup P_n$ ($n \geq 2$) is an Average harmonious graph.

Proof: Let P_n be a path with n vertices and $(n-1)$ edges and C_3 be a cycle with 3 vertices and 3 edges. Let $V(C_3 \cup P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and

$E(C_3 \cup P_n) = \{v_1 v_2, v_2 v_3, v_3 v_1, u_i u_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$,

$|V(C_3 \cup P_n)| = n+3$ and $|E(C_3 \cup P_n)| = m = n+2$

Define an injective function $f : V(C_3 \cup P_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n+3\}$ by $f(v_1) = 1, f(v_2) = 3, f(v_3) = 5, f(u_1) = 0, f(u_{2i}) = 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, f(u_{2i+1}) = 2i+5, 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

Then f induces a bijection $f^* : E(C_3 \cup P_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$. Hence the $C_3 \cup P_n$ graph is Average harmonious.

Theorem 2.7. The bistar graph $B_{n,n}$ is Average harmonious.

Proof: Let the bistar graph $B_{n,n}$ with $2n+2$ vertices and $2n+1$ edges.

Let $V(B_{n,n}) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $E(B_{n,n}) = \{u_i u, v_i v, 1 \leq i \leq n, uv\}$

Define an injective function $f : V(B_{n,n}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 4n+3\}$ by $f(u_1) = 1, f(u) = 0,$

$f(u_i) = 4i - 1, 2 \leq i \leq n. f(v) = 3, f(v_i) = 4i - 2, 1 \leq i \leq n$

Then f induces a bijection $f^* : E(B_{n,n}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$.

The edge labels are given below: $f^*(uu_1) = 1, f^*(u_i u) = 2i \pmod{2n+1}, 2 \leq i \leq n.$

$f^*(uv) = 2, f^*(v_i v) = (2i + 1) \pmod{2n+1} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$ Hence the bistar graph is an Average harmonious graph.

Theorem 2.8. A triangular snake T_n admits Average harmonious labeling.

Proof: Let $V(T_n) = \{u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n; v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$

Let $E(T_n) = \begin{cases} u_i u_{i+1} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ u_i v_i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ u_{i+1} v_i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \end{cases}$

Define an injective function $f : V(T_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, m+n\}$ by $f(u_i) = (i-1), 1 \leq i \leq n,$

$f(v_i) = 2n + 3(i-1), 1 \leq i \leq n-1.$

The induced function $f^* : E(T_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ is a bijection. It can be observed that the triangle snake graph is Average harmonious graph.

Example 2.9. The following figure gives an Average harmonious labeling for the triangle snake T_6 .

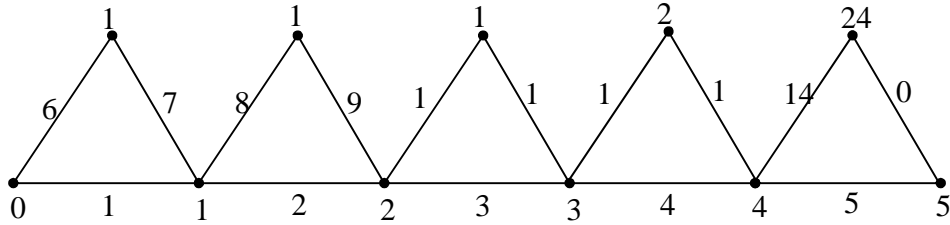


Figure 1: Triangle snake graph

Theorem 2.10. The complete bipartite graph $K_{n,n}$ is an Average harmonious graph.

Proof: A complete bipartite graph is a simple bipartite graph with bipartition of the vertex set V into X and Y in which each vertex of X is joined to each vertex of Y . Let the vertices of the set X be $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ and the vertices of the set Y be $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. The edges are $u_i v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Hence there are $2n$ vertices and n^2 edges. Define an injective function $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 4n\}$ by $f(u_i) = 2i-1, 1 \leq i \leq n, f(v_1) = 0$ and $f(v_i) = 2(i-1)n, 2 \leq i \leq n$.

The induced function $f^* : E(K_{n,n}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n^2-1\}$ is a bijection. It can be observed that the complete bipartite graph $K_{n,n}$ is an Average harmonious graph.

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