

## Some Adjacent Edge Graceful Graphs

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**Abstract.** Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. A  $(p, q)$  graph  $G(V, E)$  is said to be an adjacent edge graceful graph if there exists a bijection  $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$  such that the induced mapping  $f^*$  from  $V(G)$  by  $f^*(u) = \sum_i f(e_i)$  over all edges  $e_i$  incident to adjacent vertices of  $u$  is an injection.

The function  $f$  is called an adjacent edge graceful labeling of  $G$ . In this paper, we prove the graphs  $C_m \cup C_n$  ( $m \geq 5, n \geq 5$ ),  $P_m \cup C_n$  ( $m \geq 5, n \geq 5$ ),  $C_n^{(2)}$ ,  $mK_3$  and sunflower graph  $SF(n)$  ( $n$  is odd) are the adjacent edge graceful graphs and we also prove graphs  $B_{n,n}^2$ ,  $K_2 + mK_1$  and  $mK_2$  are not the adjacent edge graceful graphs.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, by a graph we mean a finite, undirected, simple graph. The vertex set and the edge set of a graph  $G$  are denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  respectively. Let  $G(p, q)$  be a graph with  $p = |V(G)|$  vertices and  $q = |E(G)|$  edges. Graph labeling, where the vertices and edges are assigned real values or subsets of a set are subject to certain conditions. A detailed survey of graph labeling can be found in [2]. Terms not defined here are used in the sense of Harary in [5]. The concept of adjacent edge graceful labeling was first introduced in [18]. Some results on adjacent edge graceful labeling of graphs and some non-adjacent edge graceful graphs are discussed in [18].

In this paper, we discussed about adjacent edge graceful labeling for a few more graphs. We use the following definitions in the subsequent sections.

**Definition 1.1.** [18] A  $(p, q)$  graph  $G(V, E)$  is said to be an adjacent edge graceful graph if there exists a bijection  $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$  such that the induced

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mapping  $f^*$  from  $V(G)$  by  $f^*(u) = \sum_i f(e_i)$  over all edges  $e_i$  incident to adjacent vertices of  $u$  is an injection. The function  $f$  is called an adjacent edge graceful labeling of  $G$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [2] The bistar graph  $B_{n,n}$  is the graph obtained from two copies of star  $K_{1,n}$  by joining the vertices of maximum degree by an edge.

**Definition 1.3.** [2] A sunflower graph SF(n) as the graph obtained by starting with an  $n$ -cycle with consecutive vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and creating new vertices  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  with  $w_i$  connected to  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  ( $v_{n+1}$  is  $v_1$ ).

**Definition 1.4.** [15] For a simple connected graph  $G$  the square of graph  $G$  is denoted by  $G^2$  and defined as the graph with the same vertex set as of  $G$  and two vertices are adjacent in  $G^2$  if they are at a distance 1 or 2 apart in  $G$ .

### 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** The graph  $C_m \cup C_n$  ( $m \geq 5, n \geq 5$ ) is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $C_m = u_1u_2 \dots u_mu_1$  and  $C_n = v_1v_2 \dots v_nv_1$  be two cycles.

$$\text{Let } E(C_m \cup C_n) = \begin{cases} e_i = u_iu_{i+1} & : 1 \leq i \leq m-1 ; e_m = u_1u_m \\ e_{m+i} = v_iv_{i+1} & : 1 \leq i \leq n-1 ; e_{m+n} = v_1v_n \end{cases}$$

Define  $f : E(C_m \cup C_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m+n\}$  by

**Case (i)** ( $m$  and  $n$  are both odd)

$f(e_i) = i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m+n$ . Let  $f^*$  be the induced vertex labeling of  $f$ . In this case

the induced vertex labels are as follows:  $f^*(u_1) = 2m+2$  ;  $f^*(u_2) = m+6$  ;

$f^*(u_{i+2}) = 4i+6$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m-3$  ;  $f^*(u_m) = 3m-2$  ;  $f^*(v_1) = 4m+2n+2$  ;

$f^*(v_2) = 4m+n+6$  ;  $f^*(v_n) = 4m+3n-2$  ;

$f^*(v_{i+2}) = 4m+4i+6$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n-3$ .

**Case (ii)** ( $m$  is odd and  $n$  is even)

$f(e_i) = i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m$  ;  $f(e_{m+i}) = m+2i-1$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$  ;

$f(e_{\frac{2m+n+2i}{2}}) = m+n+2-2i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$ .

In this case the induced vertex labels are as follows:

$f^*(u_1) = 2m+2$  ;  $f^*(u_2) = m+6$  ;  $f^*(u_m) = 3m-2$  ;

$f^*(u_{i+2}) = 4i+6$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m-3$  ;

If  $n=6$ ,  $f^*(v_1) = 4m+n+4$  ;  $f^*(v_2) = 4m+n+5$  ;

$f^*(v_3) = 4m+2n+3$  ;  $f^*(v_4) = 4m+3n$  ;

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$$f^*(v_5) = 4m + 2n + 5; \quad f^*(v_6) = 4m + 2n + 1;$$

$$\text{If } n \geq 8, \quad f^*(v_1) = 4m + 10; \quad f^*(v_2) = 4m + 11; \quad f^*(v_n) = 4m + 13;$$

$$f^*(v_{i+2}) = 4m + 8(i+1) \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2}; \quad f^*(v_{\frac{n}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 9;$$

$$f^*(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 6; \quad f^*(v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 7;$$

$$f^*(v_{n-i}) = 4m + 4(2i+3) \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2}.$$

**Case (iii)** ( $m$  is even and  $n$  is odd)

$$f^*(e_i) = 2i - 1 \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}; \quad f^*(e_{\frac{m+2i}{2}}) = m + 2 - 2i \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2};$$

$$f^*(e_{m+i}) = m + i \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

In this case the induced vertex labels are as follows:

$$\text{If } m = 6, \quad f^*(u_1) = 2m - 2; \quad f^*(u_2) = 2m - 1; \quad f^*(u_3) = 3m - 3;$$

$$f^*(u_4) = 3m; \quad f^*(u_5) = 3m - 1; \quad f^*(u_6) = 2m + 1;$$

$$\text{If } m \geq 8, \quad f^*(u_1) = 10; \quad f^*(u_2) = 11; \quad f^*(u_{i+2}) = 8(i+1) \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-6}{2};$$

$$f^*(u_m) = 13; \quad f^*(u_{\frac{m}{2}}) = 4m - 9; \quad f^*(u_{\frac{m+2}{2}}) = 4m - 6; \quad f^*(u_{\frac{m+4}{2}}) = 4m - 7;$$

$$f^*(u_{m-i}) = 4(2i+3) \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-6}{2}; \quad f^*(v_1) = 4m + 2n + 2;$$

$$f^*(v_2) = 4m + n + 6; \quad f^*(v_n) = 4m + 3n - 2;$$

$$f^*(v_{i+2}) = 4m + 4i + 6 \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n - 3.$$

**Case (iv)** ( $m$  and  $n$  are both even)

$$f^*(e_i) = 2i - 1 \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}; \quad f^*(e_{\frac{m+2i}{2}}) = m + 2 - 2i \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$f^*(e_{m+i}) = m + 2i - 1 \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \quad f^*(e_{\frac{2m+n+2i}{2}}) = m + n + 2 - 2i \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}.$$

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$$\text{If } m = 6 \text{ and } n = 6, \quad f^*(u_1) = 2m - 2; \quad f^*(u_2) = 2m - 1; \quad f^*(u_3) = 3m - 3;$$

$$f^*(u_4) = 3m; \quad f^*(u_5) = 3m - 1; \quad f^*(u_6) = 2m + 1; \quad f^*(v_1) = 5n + 4;$$

$$f^*(v_2) = 5n + 5; \quad f^*(v_3) = 6n + 3; \quad f^*(v_4) = 7n; \quad f^*(v_5) = 7n + 1;$$

$$f^*(v_6) = 6n + 1.$$

$$\text{If } m = 6 \text{ and } n \geq 8, \quad f^*(u_1) = 2m - 2; \quad f^*(u_2) = 2m - 1;$$

$$f^*(u_3) = 3m - 3; \quad f^*(u_4) = 3m; \quad f^*(u_5) = 3m - 1;$$

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$$f^*(u_6) = 2m + 1; f^*(v_1) = 4m + 10; f^*(v_2) = 4m + 11;$$

$$f^*(v_n) = 4m + 13; f^*(v_{i+2}) = 4m + 8(i + 1) \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2};$$

$$f^*(v_{\frac{n}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 9; f^*(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 6; f^*(v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 7;$$

$$f^*(v_{n-i}) = 4m + 4(2i + 3) \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2}.$$

If  $m \geq 8$  and  $n \geq 8$ ,  $f^*(u_1) = 10; f^*(u_2) = 11;$

$$f^*(u_{i+2}) = 8(i + 1) \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-6}{2}; f^*(u_m) = 13; f^*(u_{\frac{m}{2}}) = 4m - 9;$$

$$f^*(u_{\frac{m+2}{2}}) = 4m - 6; f^*(u_{\frac{m+4}{2}}) = 4m - 7; f^*(u_{m-i}) = 4(2i + 3) \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-6}{2};$$

$$f^*(v_1) = 4m + 10; f^*(v_2) = 4m + 11; f^*(v_n) = 4m + 13;$$

$$f^*(v_{i+2}) = 4m + 8 + 8i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2};$$

$$f^*(v_{n-i}) = 4m + 12 + 8i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2}; f^*(v_{\frac{n}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 9;$$

$$f^*(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 6; f^*(v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 7.$$

If  $m \geq 8$  and  $n = 6$ ,  $f^*(u_1) = 10; f^*(u_2) = 11;$

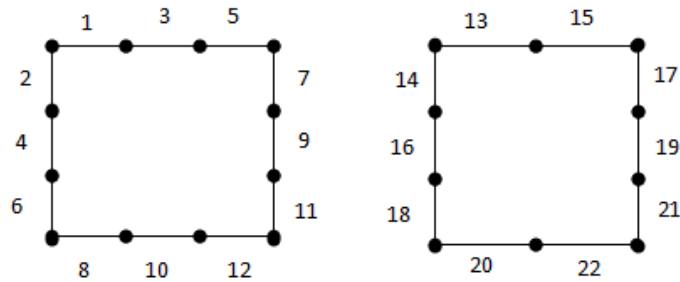
$$f^*(u_{i+2}) = 8(i + 1) \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-6}{2}; f^*(u_m) = 13; f^*(u_{\frac{m}{2}}) = 4m - 9;$$

$$f^*(u_{\frac{m+2}{2}}) = 4m - 6; f^*(u_{\frac{m+4}{2}}) = 4m - 7; f^*(u_{m-i}) = 4(2i + 3) \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-6}{2};$$

$$f^*(v_1) = 4m + n + 4; f^*(v_2) = 4m + n + 5; f^*(v_3) = 4m + 2n + 3;$$

$$f^*(v_4) = 4m + 3n; f^*(v_5) = 4m + 2n + 5; f^*(v_6) = 4m + 2n + 1.$$

**Example 2.2.** An adjacent edge graceful labeling of  $C_{12} \cup C_{10}$  is shown in the Fig.1.



**Figure 1:**

**Theorem 2.3.** The graph  $P_m \cup C_n$  ( $m \geq 5, n \geq 5$ ) is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $P_m = u_1 u_2 \dots u_m$  be a path and  $C_n = v_1 v_2 \dots v_n v_1$  be a cycle .

$$\text{Let } E(P_m \cup C_n) = \begin{cases} e_i = u_i u_{i+1} & : 1 \leq i \leq m-1 ; \\ e_{m-1+i} = v_i v_{i+1} & : 1 \leq i \leq n-1 ; e_{m+n-1} = v_1 v_n \end{cases}$$

Define  $f : E(P_m \cup C_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m+n-1\}$  by

**Case (i)** ( $m$  and  $n$  are both odd )

$$f(e_i) = i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq m+n-1.$$

In this case the induced vertex labels are as follows:

$$f^*(u_1) = 3 ; f^*(u_2) = 6 ; f^*(u_{i+2}) = 4i + 6 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq m-4 ; f^*(u_{m-1}) = 3m - 6 ;$$

$$f^*(u_m) = 2m - 3 ; f^*(v_1) = 4m + 2n - 2 ; f^*(v_2) = 4m + n + 2 ;$$

$$f^*(v_n) = 4m + 3n - 3 ; f^*(v_{i+2}) = 4m + 4i + 2 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-3 .$$

**Case (ii)** ( $m$  is odd and  $n$  is even )

$$f(e_i) = i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 ; f(e_{m-1+i}) = m + 2i - 2 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} ;$$

$$f(e_{\frac{2m+n-2+2i}{2}}) = m + n + 1 - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} .$$

In this case the induced vertex labels are as follows:

$$f^*(u_1) = 3 ; f^*(u_2) = 6 ; f^*(u_{m-1}) = 3m - 6 ;$$

$$f^*(u_{i+2}) = 4i + 6 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq m-4 ; f^*(u_m) = 2m - 3 .$$

If  $n = 6$  ,  $f^*(v_1) = 4m + n$  ;  $f^*(v_2) = 4m + n + 1$  ;  $f^*(v_3) = 4m + n + 5$  ;

$$f^*(v_4) = 4m + 2n + 2 ; f^*(v_5) = 4m + 2n + 1 ; f^*(v_6) = 4m + n + 3 .$$

If  $n \geq 8$  ,  $f^*(v_1) = 4m + 6$  ;  $f^*(v_2) = 4m + 7$  ;

$$f^*(v_{i+2}) = 4m + 4 + 8i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2} ; f^*(v_{\frac{n}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 13 ;$$

$$f^*(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 10 ; f^*(v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 11 ;$$

$$f^*(v_{\frac{n+4+2i}{2}}) = 4m + 4n - 8 - 8i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2} ; f^*(v_n) = 4m + 9 .$$

**Case (iii)** ( $m$  is even and  $n$  is odd )

$$f(e_i) = 2i - 1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2} ; f(e_{\frac{m+2i}{2}}) = m - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-2}{2} ;$$

$$f(e_{m-1+i}) = m - 1 + i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n .$$

In this case the induced vertex labels are as follows:

If  $m = 6$  ,  $f^*(u_1) = m - 2$  ;  $f^*(u_2) = m + 3$  ;  $f^*(u_3) = 2m + 1$  ;

$$f^*(u_4) = 2m ; f^*(u_5) = 2m - 5 ; f^*(u_6) = 6 .$$

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If  $m=8$  ,  $f^*(u_1)=m-4$  ;  $f^*(u_2)=m+1$ ;  $f^*(u_3)=2m$ ;  $f^*(u_4)=2m+5$  ;  
 $f^*(u_5)=3m$ ;  $f^*(u_6)=2m+3$ ;  $f^*(u_7)=2m+2$   $f^*(u_8)=m-2$  .

If  $m \geq 10$ ,  $f^*(u_1)=4$  ;  $f^*(u_2)=9$  ;  $f^*(u_{i+2})=8i+8$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-6}{2}$  ;

$f^*(u_{\frac{m}{2}})=4m-11$  ;  $f^*(u_{\frac{m+2}{2}})=4m-10$  ;  $f^*(u_{\frac{m+4}{2}})=4m-13$  ;

$f^*(u_{\frac{m+4+2i}{2}})=4m-12-8i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-8}{2}$ ;  $f^*(u_{m-1})=12$  ;  $f^*(u_m)=6$

$f^*(v_1)=4m+2n-2$  ;  $f^*(v_2)=4m+n+2$  ;  $f^*(v_n)=4m+3n-6$  ;

$f^*(v_{i+2})=4m+4i+2$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n-3$  .

**Case (iv)** ( $m$  and  $n$  are both even )

$f^*(e_i)=2i-1$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$  ;  $f^*(e_{\frac{m+2i}{2}})=m-2i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-2}{2}$  ;

$f^*(e_{m-1+i})=m+2i-2$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$  ;  $f^*(e_{\frac{2m+n-2+2i}{2}})=m+n+1-2i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$  .

In this case the induced vertex labels are as follows:

If  $m=6$  ,  $f^*(u_1)=m-2$  ;  $f^*(u_2)=m+3$ ;  $f^*(u_3)=2m+1$ ;

$f^*(u_4)=2m$  ;  $f^*(u_5)=2m-5$ ;  $f^*(u_6)=6$  .

If  $m=8$  ,  $f^*(u_1)=m-4$  ;  $f^*(u_2)=m+1$ ;  $f^*(u_3)=2m$ ;  $f^*(u_4)=2m+5$  ;

$f^*(u_5)=3m$ ;  $f^*(u_6)=2m+3$ ;  $f^*(u_7)=2m+2$   $f^*(u_8)=m-2$  .

If  $m \geq 10$ ,  $f^*(u_1)=4$  ;  $f^*(u_2)=9$  ;  $f^*(u_{i+2})=8i+8$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-6}{2}$  ;

$f^*(u_{\frac{m}{2}})=4m-11$  ;  $f^*(u_{\frac{m+2}{2}})=4m-10$  ;  $f^*(u_{\frac{m+4}{2}})=4m-13$  ;

$f^*(u_{\frac{m+4+2i}{2}})=4m-12-8i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-8}{2}$ ;  $f^*(u_{m-1})=12$  ;  $f^*(u_m)=6$

If  $n=6$  ,  $f^*(v_1)=4m+n$  ;  $f^*(v_2)=4m+n+1$ ;  $f^*(v_3)=4m+n+5$  ;

$f^*(v_4)=4m+2n+2$  ;  $f^*(v_5)=4m+2n+1$  ;  $f^*(v_6)=4m+n+3$  .

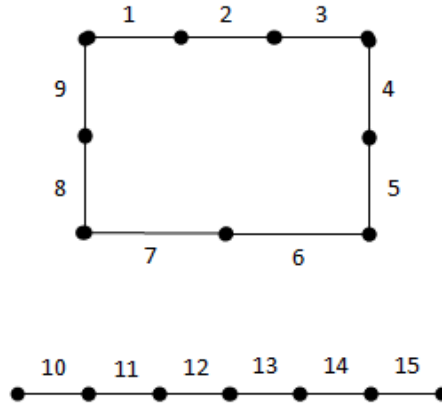
If  $n \geq 8$  ,  $f^*(v_1)=4m+6$  ;  $f^*(v_2)=4m+7$  ;

$f^*(v_{i+2})=4m+4+8i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2}$  ;  $f^*(v_{\frac{n}{2}})=4m+4n-13$  ;

$f^*(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}})=4m+4n-10$  ;  $f^*(v_{\frac{n+4}{2}})=4m+4n-11$  ;

$f^*(v_{\frac{n+4+2i}{2}})=4m+4n-8-8i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2}$  ;  $f^*(v_n)=4m+9$  .

**Example 2.4.** An adjacent edge graceful labeling of  $C_9 \cup P_7$  is shown in the Fig. 2.



**Figure 2:**

**Theorem 2.5.** The graph  $C_n^{(2)}$  is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let 'w' be the central vertex of  $C_n^{(2)}$ . Let  $\{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of first cycle of  $C_n^{(2)}$ . Let  $\{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of second cycle of  $C_n^{(2)}$ .

$$\text{Let } E(C_n^{(2)}) = \begin{cases} e_i = u_i u_{i+1} & : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, e_n = u_1 u_n \\ e_{n+i} = v_i v_{i+1} & : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, e_{2n} = v_1 v_n \end{cases}$$

Take  $w = u_1 = v_1$ . Define  $f : E(C_n^{(2)}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$  by

$$f(e_i) = i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n. \text{ Let } f^* \text{ be the induced vertex labeling of } f.$$

The induced vertex labels are as follows:  $f^*(u_1) = 8n + 4$ ;  $f^*(u_2) = 4n + 7$ ;

$$f^*(u_n) = 6n - 1; f^*(u_{i+2}) = 4i + 6 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-3; f^*(v_2) = 6n + 7;$$

$$f^*(v_n) = 8n - 1; f^*(v_{i+2}) = 4n + 4i + 6 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-3.$$

**Theorem 2.6.** The graph  $K_2 + mK_1$  is not an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G = K_2 + mK_1$ . Let  $V(G) = \{u, v, w_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ .

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{e_i = uw_i, e_{m+i} = vw_i : 1 \leq i \leq m; e_{2m+1} = uv\}.$$

Let  $f$  be a bijection from  $E(G)$  to  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2m+1\}$ .

Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m, \alpha$  be the label of edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m, e_{m+1}, \dots, e_{2m+1}$  respectively by  $f$ . And  $f$  induces that  $f^* : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  by

$$f^*(u) = \sum_i f(e_i) \text{ over all edges } e_i \text{ incident to adjacent vertices of } u. \text{ Then}$$

$$f^*(w_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m f(e_i) + f(e_{2m+1}) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{2m} f(e_i) + f(e_{2m+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i + \alpha + \alpha$$

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$=1+2+3+\dots+(2m+1)+\alpha=(m+1)(2m+1)+\alpha$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . That is every vertex  $w_i$  have same vertex labels by  $f^*$ . Hence  $f^*$  is not injective. Therefore the graph  $K_2 + mK_1$  is not an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Theorem 2.7.** The graph  $mK_2$  is not an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let the vertex set of  $mK_2$  be  $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \dots \cup V_m$  where  $V_i = \{v_i^1, v_i^2\}$ . Let  $E(mK_2) = \{e_i = v_i^1 v_i^2 : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Let  $f$  be a bijection from  $E(mK_2)$  to  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . And  $f$  induces that  $f^*: V(mK_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  by  $f^*(u) = \sum_i f(e_i)$  over all edges  $e_i$  incident to adjacent vertices of  $u$ . The vertices  $v_i^1$  and  $v_i^2$  are incident with same and only one edge  $e_i$ . Then  $f^*(v_i^1) = f^*(v_i^2) = f(e_i)$ . That is each vertex pairs  $(v_i^1, v_i^2)$  have same vertex labels by  $f^*$ . Hence  $f^*$  is not injective.

Therefore the graph  $mK_2$  is not an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Theorem 2.8.** The graph  $mK_3$  is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let the vertex set of  $mK_3$  be  $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \dots \cup V_m$  where  $V_i = \{v_i^1, v_i^2, v_i^3\}$ .

Let  $E(mK_3) = \{e_i = v_i^1 v_i^2, e_{m+i} = v_i^2 v_i^3, e_{2m+i} = v_i^1 v_i^3 : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Define  $f : E(mK_3) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3m\}$  by  $f(e_i) = 3i - 2$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ;  $f(e_{m+i}) = 3i - 1$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ;  $f(e_{2m+i}) = 3i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

Let  $f^*$  be the induced vertex labeling of  $f$ .

The induced vertex labels are as follows:  $f^*(v_i^1) = 12i - 4$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ;  $f^*(v_i^2) = 12i - 3$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ;  $f^*(v_i^3) = 12i - 5$  if  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

**Example 2.9.** An adjacent edge graceful labeling of  $5K_3$  is shown in the Fig. 3.

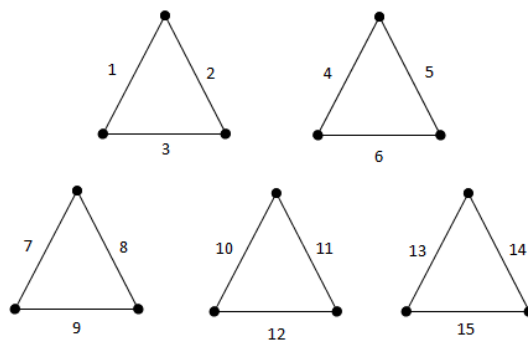


Figure 3:



**Theorem 2.10.** The graph  $B_{n,n}^2$  is not an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $V(B_{n,n}^2) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n+1\}$ .

$$\text{Let } E(B_{n,n}^2) = \begin{cases} e_i = u_i u_{n+1}, e_{n+i} = v_i v_{n+1} & : 1 \leq i \leq n \\ e_{2n+i} = u_i v_{n+1}, e_{3n+i} = v_i u_{n+1} & : 1 \leq i \leq n ; e_{4n+1} = u_{n+1} v_{n+1} \end{cases}$$

Let  $f$  be a bijection from  $E(B_{n,n}^2)$  to  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n+1\}$ .

Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, \alpha_{n+1}, \dots, \alpha_{2n}, \alpha_{2n+1}, \dots, \alpha_{3n}, \alpha_{3n+1}, \dots, \alpha_{4n}, \alpha$  be the label of edges of  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}, \dots, e_{3n}, e_{3n+1}, \dots, e_{4n+1}$  respectively by  $f$ . And  $f$  induces that  $f^*: V(B_{n,n}^2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  by  $f^*(u) = \sum_i f(e_i)$  over all edges  $e_i$

incident to adjacent vertices of  $u$ . Then  $f^*(u_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{4n} f(e_i) + 2f(e_{4n+1}) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (2n+1) + \alpha = (2n+1)(4n+1) + \alpha$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . That is every vertex  $u_i$  have same vertex labels by  $f^*$ . Hence  $f^*$  is not injective. Therefore the graph  $B_{n,n}^2$  is not an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Theorem 2.11.** The sunflower graph  $SF(n)$  ( $n$  is odd) is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $V(SF(n)) = \{v_i, w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Take  $v_{n+1} = v_1$ .

$$\text{Let } E(SF(n)) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1}, e_{n+i} = v_i w_i, e_{2n+i} = v_{i+1} w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

Define  $f : E(SF(n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n\}$  by  $f(e_i) = i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq 3n$ ;

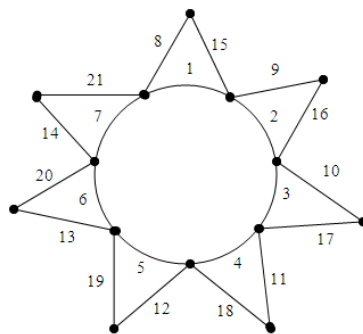
Let  $f^*$  be the induced vertex labeling of  $f$ . The induced vertex labels are as follows:

$$f^*(v_1) = 18n + 6 ; f^*(v_2) = 14n + 18 ; f^*(v_n) = 22n - 6 ;$$

$$f^*(v_{i+2}) = 12n + 18 + 12i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n - 3 ; f^*(w_1) = 8n + 8 ;$$

$$f^*(w_n) = 12n ; f^*(w_{i+1}) = 6n + 8 + 8i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 .$$

**Example 2.12.** An adjacent edge graceful labeling of  $SF(7)$  is shown in the Fig. 4.



**Figure 4:**

## Some Adjacent Edge Graceful Graphs

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