

## Square and Cube Difference Labeling of Cycle Cactus, Special Tree and a New Key Graphs

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**Abstract.** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph.  $G$  is said to be a square difference labeling if there exists a injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  such that the edge set of  $G$  has assigned a weight defined by the absolute square difference of its end-vertices, the resulting weights are distinct. A graph which admits square difference labeling is called square difference graph. Shiama has obtained square difference labeling for some graphs like path, cycle, star  $(K_{1, n-1})$ , fan, crown  $(C_n \odot K_1)$ . Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph.  $G$  is said to be a cube difference labeling if there exists a injection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  such that the edge set of  $G$  has assigned a weight defined by the absolute cube difference of its end-vertices, the resulting weights are distinct. A graph which admits cube difference labeling is called cube difference graph. We have proved the square and cube difference labeling for graphs like cycle cactus graph  $C_k^{(3)}$  and the tree  $\langle K_{1, n}; 2 \rangle$  and a newly defined key graph in this paper.

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### 1. Introduction

A function  $f$  is a square difference labeling of a graph  $G$  of size  $n$  if  $f$  is an injection from  $V(G)$  to the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  such that, when each edge  $uv$  of  $G$  has assigned the weight  $|[f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2|$ , the resulting weights are distinct.

A function  $f$  is a cube difference labeling of a graph  $G$  of size  $n$  if  $f$  is an injection from  $V(G)$  to the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  such that, when each edge  $uv$  of  $G$  has assigned the weight  $|[f(u)]^3 - [f(v)]^3|$ , the resulting weights are distinct. The notion of square difference and cube difference labeling were introduced by Shiama [3-6]. Graph labeling can also be applied in areas such as communication network, mobile telecommunications, and medical field. A dynamic survey on graph labeling is regularly updated by Gallian [2]. Khan and Pal have investigated different types of labelling on cactus graphs [10-16]. The notation and terminology used in this paper are taken from [1].

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**Definition 1.1.** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph.  $G$  is said to be square difference labeling if there exist an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  such that the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2|$  is injective.

**Definition 1.2.** A graph which satisfies the square difference labeling is called the square difference graph.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph.  $G$  is said to be cube difference labeling if there exist an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  such that the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^3 - [f(v)]^3|$  is injective.

**Definition 1.4.** A graph which satisfies the cube difference labeling is called the cube difference graph.

**Definition 1.5.** A cactus is a connected graph in which any two simple cycles have at most one vertex in common  $C_k^{(n)}$  ( $n$  copies of cycles  $C_k$ ).

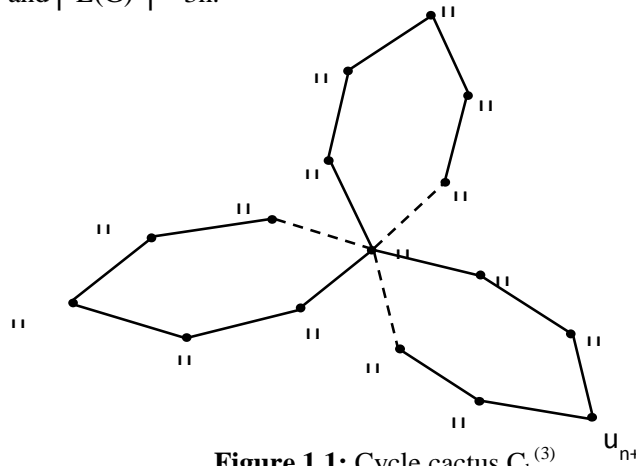
**Definition 1.6.** A  $\langle K_{1,n}; 2 \rangle$  is a tree of diameter 4 obtained from the  $n$  bistar  $B_{n,n}$  by subdividing the middle edge with a new vertex.

**Definition 1.7.** A key graph is a graph obtained from  $K_2$  by appending one vertex of  $C_5$  to one end point and Hoffman tree  $P_n \odot K_1$  to the other end point of  $K_2$

**2. Main result**

**Theorem 2.1.** The cycle cactus graph  $C_k^{(3)}$  admits cube difference labeling  $k \geq 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $C_k^{(3)}$  be a cycle cactus graph,  $k \geq 3$ . Where  $k$  is the number of vertices in cycle  $C_k$  of cycle cactus graph  $C_k^{(3)}$ . Denote the vertices of the cycle  $C_k$  in the cycle cactus graph  $C_k^{(3)}$  as  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  in the clockwise direction. Denote the vertices of first copy of cycle  $C_k$  as  $u_{n+1}, \dots, u_{n+m}$  in the clockwise direction. Similarly denote the vertices of second copy of cycle  $C_k$  as  $u_{n+m+1}, \dots, u_{n+m+p}$  in the clockwise direction. Note that  $|V(G)| = 3n-2$  and  $|E(G)| = 3n$ .



**Figure 1.1:** Cycle cactus  $C_k^{(3)}$

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The vertex labeling for the graph  $C_k^{(3)}$  is defined as follows.

$$f(u) = 0, f(u_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq n \tag{1.1}$$

Now the edge labels are obtained as follows.

$f$  is called cube difference labeling if  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^3 - [f(v)]^3|$  for every  $uv \in E(G)$  are all distinct where  $u, v \geq 0$ .

Let the edge sets be

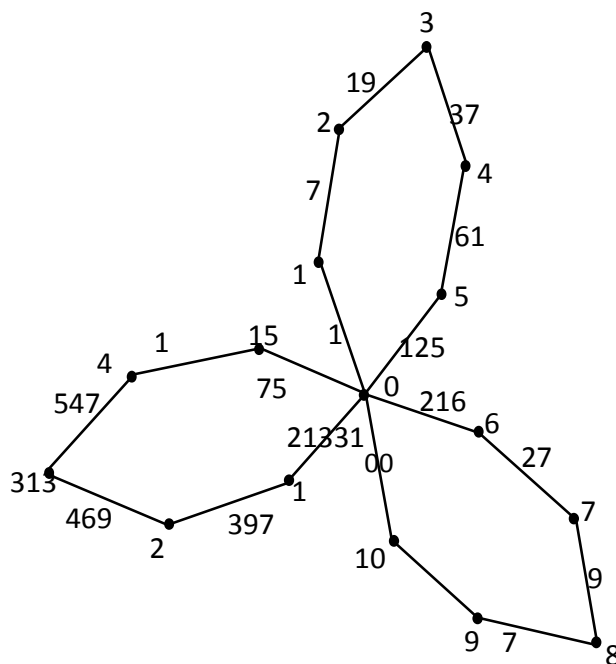
$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{uu_i / 0 \leq i \leq n\} \text{ and} \\ E_2 &= \{u_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

Let the edge labels be

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(uu_i) &= i^3, 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and} \\ f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) &= 3i^2 + 3i + 1, 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

Hence the edges are distinct. Hence the cycle cactus graph  $C_k^{(3)}$  admits a cube difference labeling.

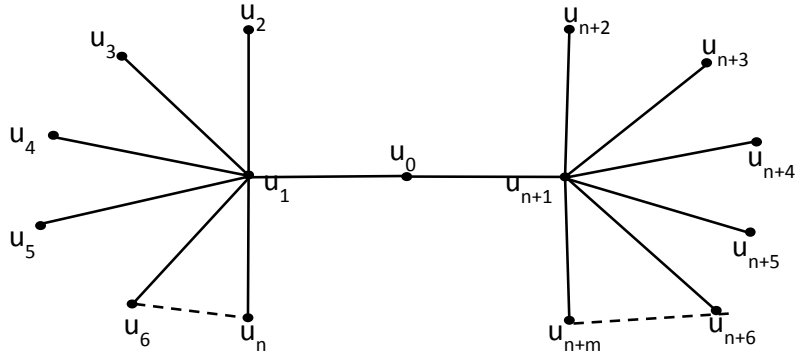
An illustration of the above theorem is shown in Figure 1.2



**Figure 1.2:** Cube difference labeling of cycle cactus  $C_6^{(3)}$

**Theorem 2.2.** The  $\langle K_{1,n}; 2 \rangle$  admits cube difference labeling.

**Proof:** Let  $\langle K_{1,n}; 2 \rangle$  be a tree. Denote the vertices which are adjacent to  $u_1$  as  $u_2, \dots, u_n$  in the anticlockwise direction. Denote the vertices which are adjacent to the vertex  $u_{n+1}$  as  $u_{n+2}, u_{n+3}, \dots, u_{n+m}$  in the clockwise direction. Let  $u_1, u_0, u_{n+1}$  be the path. Note that  $|V(G)| = 2n + 3$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n + 2$ .



**Figure 2.1.** Tree  $K_{\langle 1,n \rangle: 2}$

The vertex labeling for the tree  $\langle K_{1,n}: 2 \rangle$  is defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= 0, \\ f(u_i) &= i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

From the above definition in (2.1) it is obvious that the vertex labels are distinct.

Now the edge labels are obtained as follows.

$f$  is called cube difference labeling if  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^3 - [f(v)]^3|$  for every  $uv \in E(G)$  are all distinct where  $u, v \geq 0$ .

Let the edge sets be

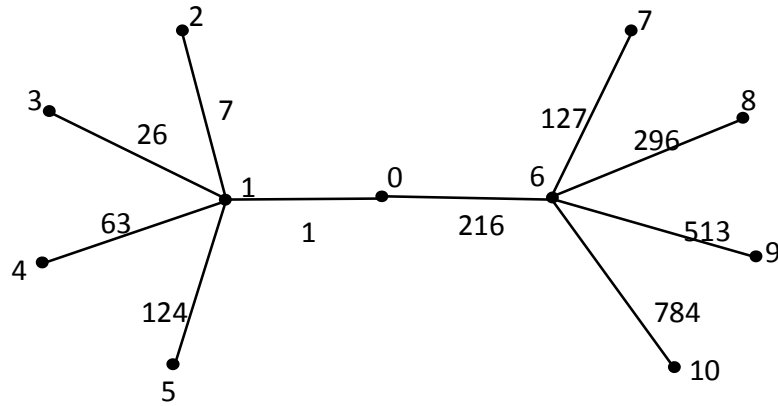
$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{uu_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ E_2 &= \{u_iu_j / 1 \leq i \leq n, 2 \leq j \leq n+m\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Let the edge labels be

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(uu_i) &= i^3, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f^*(u_iu_j) &= i^3 - j^3, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 2 \leq j \leq n+m \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Hence the edges are distinct. Hence the tree  $\langle K_{1,n}: 2 \rangle$  admits cube difference labeling.

An illustration of the above theorem as follows.



**Figure 2.2:** Cube difference labeling of  $\langle K_{1,4}: 2 \rangle$

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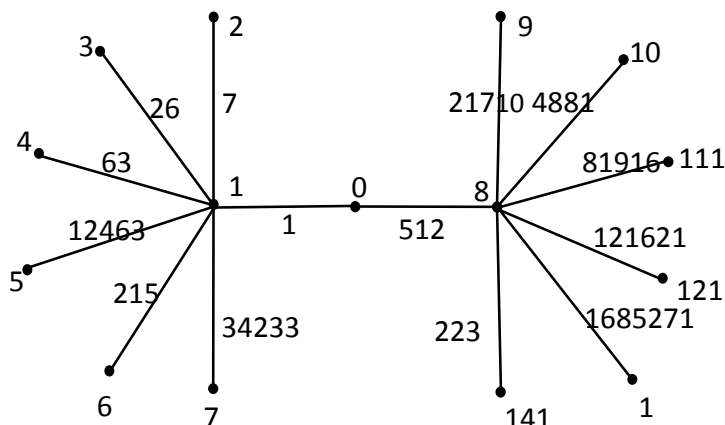


Figure 2.3: Cube difference labeling of  $\langle K_{1,6}: 2 \rangle$

**Theorem 2.3.** The key graph  $C_5 \odot P_n$  admits a square difference labeling.

**Proof:** Let the graph  $G$  be a key graph  $C_5 \odot P_n$ . The vertex set of  $G$  is  $\{ w_1, w_2, \dots, w_4, v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \}$  where  $w_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4, u_i, v_i, 0 \leq i \leq n$ . Clearly  $G$  has  $2n+5$  vertices and  $2n+5$  edges.

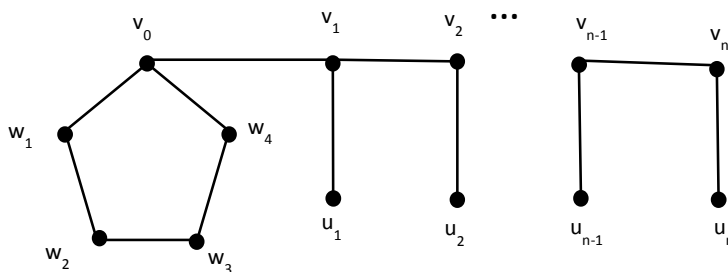


Figure 2.4: Key graph  $C_5 \odot P_n$

Let  $|V(G)| = 2n+5$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n+5$ .

The mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  is defined by  $f(v_0) = 0, f(u_i) = i,$

$1 \leq i \leq n$  and the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is defined by

$$(i) \quad f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = |[f(u_i)]^2 - [f(u_{i+1})]^2| = i^2, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$(ii) \quad f^*(u_i u_{i+2}) = |[f(u_i)]^2 - [f(u_{i+2})]^2| = 4i + 4, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$(iii) \quad f^*(u_i u_{i+2}) = |[f(u_i)]^2 - [f(u_{i+2})]^2| = 4i + 4, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Here the edge sets are

$$(i) \quad E_1 = \{u_i u_{i+1} / 0 \leq i \leq n\}$$

$$(ii) \quad E_2 = \{u_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

$$(iii) \quad E_3 = \{u_i u_{i+2} / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

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Here the edges are distinct. Hence the key graph  $C_5 \odot P_n$  admits a square difference labeling.

**Theorem 2.4.** The key graph  $k_n(C_5 \odot P_n)$  admits cube difference labeling.

**Proof:** Denote the key graph  $C_5 \odot P_n$  as  $G$ . The vertex set of  $G$  is  $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_4, v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  where  $w_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4, u_i, v_i, 0 \leq i \leq n$ . Clearly  $G$  has  $2n+5$  vertices and  $2n+5$  edges.

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n+4\}$  as follows,

$f(u_1) = 0, f(u_i) = i, 2 \leq i \leq n, f(v_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq n, f(w_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq 4,$

and the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is defined by

- (i)  $f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = |[f(u_i)]^3 - [f(u_{i+1})]^3| = i^3, 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$
- (ii)  $f^*(u_i u_{i+2}) = |[f(u_i)]^3 - [f(u_{i+2})]^3| = 3i^2 + 3i + 1, 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$
- (iii)  $f^*(u_i u_{i+2}) = |[f(u_i)]^3 - [f(u_{i+2})]^3| = 6i^2 + 12i + 8, 1 \leq i \leq 2n.$

Here the edge sets is  $E = \{w_i w_{i+1}, 0 \leq i \leq 4\} \cup \{v_0, w_5\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_0 v_1\}$

Here the edges are distinct. Hence the key graph  $C_5 \odot P_n$  admits a cube difference labeling.

### 3. Conclusion

In this paper the cycle cactus graphs, tree  $\langle K_{1,n} : 2 \rangle$  and key graph are investigated for the square and cube difference labeling. This labeling can be verified for some other graphs.

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