

# Square sum labeling in context of some graph operations

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## Abstract

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  with order  $p$  and size  $q$  is said to be square sum graph, if there exists a bijection mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  such that the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$ , for every  $uv \in E(G)$  is injective. In this paper we prove that the graph obtained by joining two copies of a specific graph by a path of arbitrary length admits a square sum labeling. We also discuss here some square sum graphs in the context of arbitrary super subdivision.

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## 1 Introduction

Labeling of graph was discovered by Rosa[1] in 1967. Because of large number of applications the researchers are attracted to this domain. A dynamic survey on graph labeling is regularly updated by Gallian[6] and it is published by *The Electronic Journal of Combinatorics*.

In this paper we consider finite, simple, undirected and connected graph. We refer to Bondy and Murty[5] for the standard terminology and notations related to graph theory and Burton[2] for the terms related to number theory. Square sum graph was defined by Ajitha, Arumugam and Germina[10].

**Definition 1.1.** [10] A graph  $G = (V, E)$  with order  $p$  and size  $q$  is said to be a square sum graph, if there exists a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  such that the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$ , is injective.

In[10], Ajitha, Arumugam and Germina derived square sum labeling for basic graphs such as trees and cycles. They also proved that complete lattice grids  $L_{m,n} = P_m \times P_n$  and cycle-cactus  $C_{(n)}^k$  are square sum graphs. R. Sebastian and K. A. Germina[9] explored some planar graphs which are square sum. Godasara and Patel [3, 4] discussed about some square sum graphs in context of duplication of vertex and discovered some bistar related square sum graphs.

## 2 Main Results

**Definition 2.1.** [6] *The wheel graph  $W_n$  is the graph obtained by joining the graphs  $C_n$  and  $K_1$ . i.e.  $W_n = C_n + K_1$ . Here the vertices corresponding to  $C_n$  are called rim vertices and  $C_n$  is called rim of  $W_n$ , while the vertex corresponds to  $K_1$  is called apex vertex.*

**Remark 2.1.** *The square of any odd number never equals to the sum of square of any even number and 1, because if they are equal then there exists some positive integers  $k$  and  $m$  such that  $(2k + 1)^2 = (2m)^2 + 1$ . So,  $k(k + 1) = m^2$ , which is not true (Refer [2]).*

**Theorem 2.1.** *The graph  $G$  constructed by joining two copies of wheel  $W_n$  at any rim vertex by a path of arbitrary length is a square sum graph.*

*Proof.* Let  $W_n^{(1)}$  be the first copy of wheel with  $V(W_n^{(1)}) = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(W_n^{(1)}) = \{v_0v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_iv_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_nv_1\}$ , where  $v_0$  is apex. Let  $W_n^{(2)}$  be the second copy of wheel with  $V(W_n^{(2)}) = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $E(W_n^{(2)}) = \{u_0u_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_iu_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_nu_1\}$ , where  $u_0$  is apex. Let  $P_k$  be a path with  $V(P_k) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$ .

Let  $G$  denote the resultant graph constructed by joining two copies of  $W_n$  at any rim vertex by a path  $P_k$ . Without loss of generality take  $w_1 = v_1$  and  $w_k = u_1$ .

Here,  $|V(G)| = 2n + k$  and  $|E(G)| = 4n + k - 1$ .

Let us define a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n + k - 1\}$  which consists of two cases.

**Case 1:**  $n$  is even.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0 ; i = 0. \\ 2n - 4i + 5 ; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}. \\ 3 ; i = \frac{n}{2} + 1. \\ 4i - (2n + 1) ; \frac{n}{2} + 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1 ; i = 0. \\ 2n - 4i + 4 ; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}. \\ 2 ; i = \frac{n}{2} + 1. \\ 4i - 2n - 2 ; \frac{n}{2} + 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 2n + 2i - 1 ; 2 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor. \\ 2n + 2k - 2i ; \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor < i \leq k - 1. \end{cases}$$

For the edge labels in the graph there are five possibilities:

- (1) The edge labels  $\{f^*(v_0v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}), f^*(v_0v_{\frac{n}{2}}), f^*(v_0v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}), \dots, f^*(v_0v_1)\}$  are in ascending order of the form  $4k + 1$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), because common end vertex of these edges is labeled by 0 and other end vertices are labeled by consecutive (naturally distinct) odd numbers.
- (2) The edge labels  $\{f^*(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}v_{\frac{n}{2}}), f^*(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}v_{\frac{n+4}{2}}), \dots, f^*(v_nv_1)\}$  are in ascending order of the form  $4k + 2$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), because end vertices of edges are labeled by distinct odd numbers.
- (3) The edge labels  $\{f^*(u_0u_{\frac{n+2}{2}}), f^*(u_0u_{\frac{n}{2}}), f^*(u_0u_{\frac{n+4}{2}}), \dots, f^*(u_0u_1)\}$  are in ascending order of the form  $4k + 1$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), because common end vertex of these edges is labeled by 1 and other end vertices are labeled by consecutive (naturally distinct) even numbers.
- (4) The edge labels  $\{f^*(u_{\frac{n+2}{2}}u_{\frac{n}{2}}), f^*(u_{\frac{n+2}{2}}u_{\frac{n+4}{2}}), \dots, f^*(u_nu_1)\}$  are in ascending order of the form  $4k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), because end vertices of edges are labeled by distinct even numbers.
- (5) The edge labels  $\{f^*(w_1w_2), f^*(w_kw_{k-1}), f^*(w_2w_3) \dots, f^*(w_{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor}w_{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor})\}$  are in ascending order.

It is clear that the labels of possibilities (2) and (4) are distinct from possibilities (1) and (3). The labels of the possibilities (1) and (3) are distinct from each other because of Remark 2.1.

The labels of possibility (5) are greater than labels of possibilities (1) to (4).

So, the labels of above all possibilities are internally as well as externally distinct.

**Case 2:**  $n$  is odd.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0 ; i = 0. \\ 2n + 1 ; i = 1. \\ (2n - 1) - 4(i - 2) ; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2}. \\ 3 ; i = \frac{n+3}{2}. \\ 4(i - 1) - (2n - 1) ; \frac{n+3}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1 ; i = 0. \\ 2n - 4(i - 1) ; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}. \\ 2 ; i = \frac{n}{2} + 1. \\ 4i - (2n + 2) ; \frac{n}{2} + 1 < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 2(n + 1) + (2i - 3) ; 2 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor. \\ 2(n + 1) + 2k - 2(i + 1) ; \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor < i \leq k - 1. \end{cases}$$

For the edge labels in the graph there are five possibilities:

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- (2) The edge labels  $\{f^*(v_{\frac{n+3}{2}}v_{\frac{n+1}{2}}), f^*(v_{\frac{n+3}{2}}v_{\frac{n+5}{2}}), \dots, f^*(v_1v_2)\}$  are in ascending order of the form  $4k + 2$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), because end vertices of edges are labeled by distinct odd numbers.

- (3) The edge labels  $\{f^*(u_0u_{\frac{n+3}{2}}), f^*(u_0u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}), f^*(u_0u_{\frac{n+5}{2}}), \dots, f^*(u_0u_1)\}$  are in ascending order of the form  $4k + 1$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), because common end vertex of these edges is labeled by 1 and other end vertices are labeled by consecutive (naturally distinct) even numbers.
- (4) The edge labels  $\{f^*(u_{\frac{n+3}{2}}u_{\frac{n+1}{2}}), f^*(u_{\frac{n+3}{2}}u_{\frac{n+5}{2}}), \dots, f^*(u_1u_2)\}$  are in ascending order of the form  $4k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), because end vertices of edges are labeled by distinct even numbers.
- (5) The edge labels  $\{f^*(w_1w_2), f^*(w_kw_{k-1}), f^*(w_2w_3) \dots, f^*(w_{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor}w_{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor})\}$  are in ascending order.

Using the arguments similar to the case 1, one can observe that in this case the function  $f$  is bijective and for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct. Hence, two copies of wheel  $W_n$  joined by a path of arbitrary length at rim vertices admit a square sum labeling. □

**Example 2.1.** Square sum labeling in the graph constructed by joining two copies of  $W_8$  at rim vertices  $v_1$  and  $u_1$  by path  $P_8$  is shown in the following Figure 1.

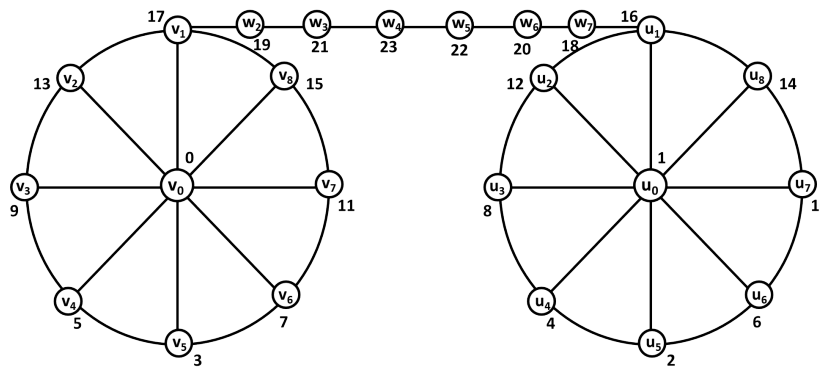


Figure 1

**Definition 2.2.** [6] A gear graph  $G_n$  is obtained from the wheel graph  $W_n$  by adding a vertex between every pair of adjacent vertices of the cycle  $C_n$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** The graph  $G$  constructed by joining two copies of gear  $G_n$  at any rim vertex by a path of arbitrary length is a square sum graph.

*Proof.* Consider  $G$  be the graph constructed by joining two copies of gear  $G_n$  at any rim vertex by a path of arbitrary length.

Looking in other way,  $G$  is obtained by deleting alternative edges between apex to rim vertices in wheel  $W_{2n}$ . Consider the same labeling which is defined in the above Theorem 2.1.

So, for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct. Hence, two copies of gear  $G_n$  joined by a path of arbitrary length at rim vertices admit a square sum labeling. □

**Definition 2.3.** [6] The shell graph  $S_n$  is the graph obtained by taking  $n - 3$  concurrent chords in a cycle  $C_n$ . The vertex at which all the chords are concurrent is called the apex. The shell graph  $S_n$  is also called fan graph  $F_{n-1}$ . That is,  $S_n = F_{n-1} = P_{n-1} + K_1$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** The graph  $G$  constructed by joining two copies of shell  $S_n$  at apex by a path of arbitrary length is a square sum graph.

*Proof.* Let  $S_n^{(1)}$  be the first copy of shell graph with  $V(S_n^{(1)}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(S_n^{(1)}) = \{v_1v_i \mid 3 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_iv_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_nv_1\}$ , where  $v_1$  is apex.

Let  $S_n^{(2)}$  be the second copy of shell graph with  $V(S_n^{(2)}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $E(S_n^{(2)}) = \{u_1u_i \mid 3 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_iu_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_nu_1\}$ , where  $u_1$  is apex.

Let  $P_k$  be a path with  $V(P_k) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$ .

Let  $G$  denote the resultant graph constructed by joining two copies of  $S_n$  at apex by a path  $P_k$ . Without loss of generality take  $w_1 = v_1$  and  $w_k = u_1$ .

Here,  $|V(G)| = 2n + k - 2$  and  $|E(G)| = 4n + k - 7$ .

Let us define a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n + k - 3\}$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 ; i = 1. \\ 2(i - 1) ; 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases} \\
 f(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 0 ; i = 0. \\ 2i - 1 ; 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases} \\
 f(w_i) &= \begin{cases} 2n + (2i - 3) ; 2 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor. \\ 2n + 2k - 2(i + 1) ; \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor < i \leq k - 1. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the arguments similar to the Theorem 2.1, one can observe that the function  $f$  is bijective and for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct. Hence, two copies of shell  $S_n$  joined by a path of arbitrary length at apex vertices admit a square sum labeling. □

**Example 2.2.** Square sum labeling in the graph constructed by joining two copies of  $S_8$  at apex vertices by path  $P_8$  is shown in the following Figure 2.

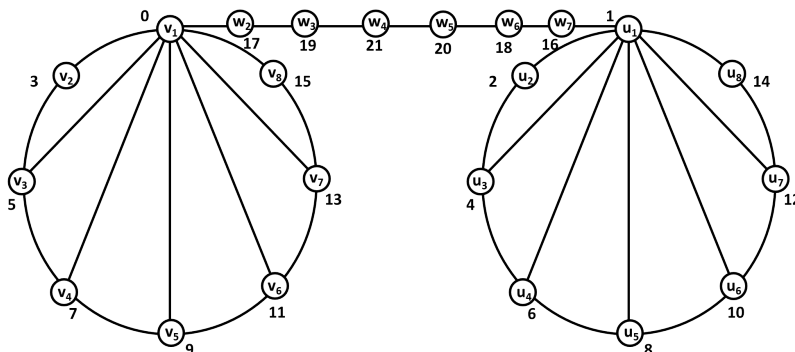


Figure 2

**Definition 2.4.** [5] Generalized Petersen graph, denoted by  $P(n, k)$  ( $n \geq 5, 1 \leq k \leq n$ ) is a graph with vertex set  $\{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}\}$  and edge set  $\{a_i a_{i+1} \mid i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1\} \cup \{a_i b_i \mid i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1\} \cup \{b_i b_{i+k} \mid i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$ , where all subscripts are taken over modulo  $n$ . The standard Petersen graph is  $P(5, 2)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** The graph  $G$  constructed by joining two copies of Petersen graph  $P(5, 2)$  by a path of arbitrary length is a square sum graph.

*Proof.* Let  $P^{(1)}(5, 2)$  be the first copy of Petersen graph with  $V(P^{(1)}(5, 2)) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{10}\}$ , where  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_5$  are external vertices,  $v_6, v_7, \dots, v_{10}$  are internal vertices and

$$E(P^{(1)}(5, 2)) = \{v_i v_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 4\} \cup \{v_5 v_1\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+5} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 5\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+2} \mid 6 \leq i \leq 8\} \cup \{v_9 v_6, v_{10} v_7\}.$$

Let  $P^{(2)}(5, 2)$  be the second copy of Petersen graph with  $V(P^{(2)}(5, 2)) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{10}\}$ , where  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_5$  are external vertices,  $u_6, u_7, \dots, u_{10}$  are internal vertices and

$$E(P^{(2)}(5, 2)) = \{u_i u_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 4\} \cup \{u_5 u_1\} \cup \{u_i u_{i+5} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 5\} \cup \{u_i u_{i+2} \mid 6 \leq i \leq 8\} \cup \{u_9 u_6, u_{10} u_7\}.$$

Let  $P_k$  be a path with  $V(P_k) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$ .

Let  $G$  denote the resultant graph constructed by joining two copies of  $P(5, 2)$  by path  $P_k$ .

Without loss of generality take  $w_1 = v_1$  and  $w_k = u_1$ .

Here,  $|V(G)| = 18 + k$ , and  $|E(G)| = 19 + k$ .

Let us define a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, k + 17\}$  as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i - 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq 5. \\ 9 ; i = 6. \\ i - 2 ; 7 \leq i \leq 10. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 9 + i ; 1 \leq i \leq 5. \\ 19 ; i = 6. \\ 8 + i ; 7 \leq i \leq 10. \end{cases}$$

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 17 + 2i ; 2 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor. \\ 18 + 2k - 2i ; \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor < i \leq k - 1. \end{cases}$$

Repeating the arguments similar to the Theorem 2.1, one can observe that the function  $f$  is bijective and for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct. Hence, two copies of  $P(5, 2)$  joined by a path of arbitrary length admit a square sum labeling.  $\square$

**Example 2.3.** Square sum labeling in the graph constructed by joining two copies of  $P(5, 2)$  by path  $P_8$  is shown in the following Figure 3.

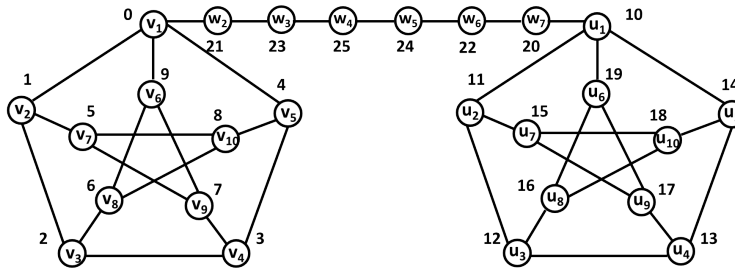


Figure 3

**Definition 2.5.** [9]  $P_n(+ )N_m$  is the graph with vertex set

$$V(P_n(+ )N_m) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$$

and edge set

$$E(P_n(+ )N_m) = E(P_n) \cup \{(v_1, y_i), (v_n, y_i) / 1 \leq i \leq m\}.$$

Here  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $V(N_m) = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *The graph  $G$  constructed by joining two copies of  $P_n(+)$  $N_m$  at any vertex of  $N_m$  by a path of arbitrary length is a square sum graph.*

*Proof.* Let  $(P_n(+)$  $N_m)^{(1)}$  be the first copy of graph  $P_n(+)$  $N_m$  with

$$V((P_n(+)$$
 $N_m)^{(1)}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}.$

Let  $(P_n(+)$  $N_m)^{(2)}$  be the second copy of graph  $P_n(+)$  $N_m$  with

$$V((P_n(+)$$
 $N_m)^{(2)}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}.$

Let  $P_k$  be a path with  $V(P_k) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$ .

Let  $G$  denote the resultant graph constructed by joining two copies of graph  $P_n(+)$  $N_m$  by path  $P_k$ . Without loss of generality let us take  $w_1 = y_m$  and  $w_k = x_m$ .

Here,  $|V(G)| = 2(n + m - 1) + k$ , and  $|E(G)| = 2(n + 2m) + k - 3$ .

Let us define a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 2n + 2m + k - 3\}$  which consists of two cases.

**Case 1:**  $n$  is odd.

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 2n - 4i ; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}. \\ 4i - 2(n + 1) ; \frac{n-1}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases} \\ f(y_i) &= 2n + 2(i - 1) ; 1 \leq i \leq m. \\ f(u_i) &= \begin{cases} 2n - 4i + 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}. \\ 4i - 2(n + 1) + 1 ; \frac{n-1}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases} \\ f(x_i) &= 2n + 2(i - 1) + 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq m. \\ f(w_i) &= \begin{cases} 2(n + m) + 2(i - 2) ; 2 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor. \\ 2(n + m + k) - 2(i) - 1 ; \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor < i \leq k - 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:**  $n$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 2(n + 1) - 4i ; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}. \\ 4i - 2(n + 2) ; \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases} \\ f(y_i) &= 2n + 2(i - 1) ; 1 \leq i \leq m. \\ f(u_i) &= \begin{cases} 2(n + 1) - 4i + 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}. \\ 4i - 2(n + 2) + 1 ; \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases} \\ f(x_i) &= 2n + 2(i - 1) + 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq m. \\ f(w_i) &= \begin{cases} 2(n + m) + 2(i - 2) ; 2 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor. \\ 2(n + m + k) - 2(i) - 1 ; \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor < i \leq k - 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the arguments similar to the Theorem 2.1, one can observe that the function  $f$  is bijective and for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct. Hence, the graph constructed by joined by two copies of  $P_n(+)$  $N_m$  at any vertex of  $N_m$  by a path of arbitrary length is a square sum graph.  $\square$



**Example 2.4.** Square sum labeling in the graph constructed by joining two copies of  $P_7(+)$  $N_4$  at 4<sup>th</sup> vertex of  $N_4$  by path  $P_8$  is shown in the following Figure 4.

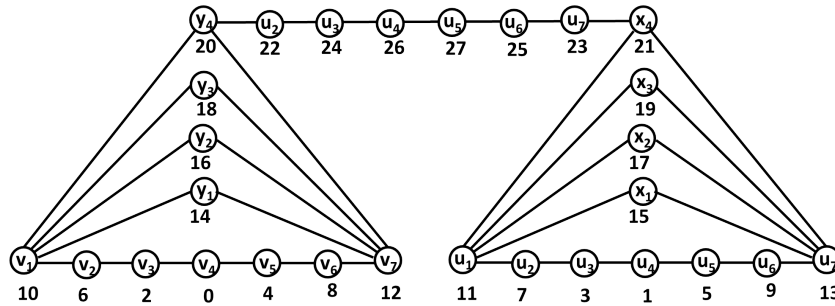


Figure 4

**Theorem 2.5.** The graph  $G$  constructed by joining two copies of complete graph  $K_n$  by a path of arbitrary length is a square sum graph for  $n \leq 5$ .

*Proof.* Let  $K_n^{(1)}$  be the first copy of complete graph with  $V(K_n^{(1)}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

Let  $K_n^{(2)}$  be the second copy of complete graph with  $V(K_n^{(2)}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ .

Let  $P_k$  be a path with  $V(P_k) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$ .

Let  $G$  denote the resultant graph constructed by joining two copies of  $K_n$  by path  $P_k$ .

Without loss of generality let us take  $w_1 = v_1$  and  $w_k = u_1$ .

Here,  $|V(G)| = 2(n - 1) + k$ , and  $|E(G)| = n^2 - n + k - 1$ .

Let us define a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n + k - 3\}$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 2n - 1 ; i = 1. \\ 2i - 3 ; 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases} \\
 f(u_i) &= \begin{cases} 2n - 2 ; i = 1. \\ 2i - 4 ; 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases} \\
 f(w_i) &= \begin{cases} 2n + (2i - 3) ; 2 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor. \\ 2n + 2k - 2(i + 1) ; \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor < i \leq k - 1. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the arguments similar to the Theorem 2.1, one can observe that the function  $f$  is bijective and for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct. Hence, the graph constructed by joining two copies of  $K_n$  by a path of arbitrary length is a square sum graph for  $n \leq 5$ . □

**Remark 2.2.** We strongly believe that the above result is also true for  $n > 5$ .

**Example 2.5.** Square sum labeling in the graph constructed by joining two copies of  $K_5$  by path  $P_8$  is shown in the following Figure 5.

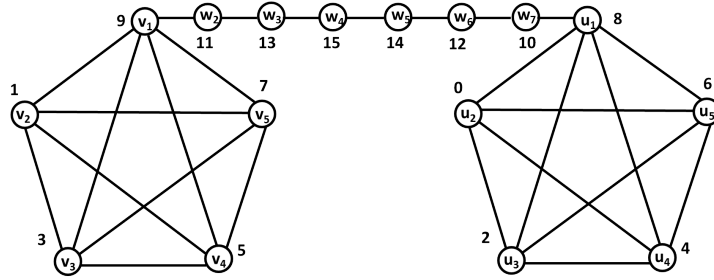


Figure 5

**Definition 2.6.** [6] The graph obtained from  $G$  by replacing every edge  $e_i$  of  $G$  by a complete bipartite graph  $K_{2,m_i}$  for some positive integer  $m_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq q$ ) is called arbitrary supersubdivision of  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** The graph  $G$  constructed by arbitrary supersubdivision of path  $P_n$  is a square sum graph.

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

Let  $G$  denote the arbitrary supersubdivision of path  $P_n$  then each edge  $v_i v_{i+1}$  of  $P_n$  is replaced by a  $K_{2,m_i}$ , for some natural number  $m_i$ .

Let  $u_{i,j}$  be the vertices of  $m_i$  vertex section, where  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m_i$ .

Let  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$ . Then  $|V(G)| = n + M$  and  $|E(G)| = 2M$ .

Let us define a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n + M - 1\}$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1) &= 0. \\ f(u_{i,j}) &= f(v_i) + j ; 1 \leq j \leq m_i. \\ f(v_{i+1}) &= f(u_{i,m_i}) + 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

From above defined function  $f$ , it is easy to see that the induced edge labels in the graph  $G$  are in ascending order of the form

$$f^*(v_1 u_{1,1}) < f^*(v_1 u_{1,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_1 u_{1,m_1}) < f^*(v_2 u_{1,1}) < f^*(v_2 u_{1,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_2 u_{1,m_1}) < f^*(v_2 u_{2,1}) < f^*(v_2 u_{2,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_2 u_{2,m_2}) < f^*(v_3 u_{2,1}) < \dots < f^*(v_n u_{n-1,m_{n-1}}).$$

So, the function  $f$  is bijective and for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct. This concludes that  $f$  is a square sum labeling of graph  $G$  and hence  $G$  is square sum graph.  $\square$

**Example 2.6.** Square sum labeling in arbitrary supersubdivision of  $P_4$  is shown in the following Figure 6.

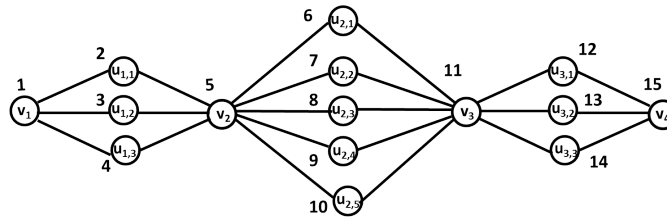


Figure 6

**Theorem 2.7.** The graph  $G$  constructed by arbitrary supersubdivision of star  $K_{1,n}$  is a square sum graph.

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v_i \mid 0 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(K_{1,n}) = \{v_0v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $v_0$  is apex. Let  $G$  denote the arbitrary supersubdivision of star  $K_{1,n}$ .

Then each edge  $v_0v_i$  of  $K_{1,n}$  is replaced by  $K_{2,m_i}$ , for some natural number  $m_i$ .

Let  $u_{i,j}$  be the vertices of  $m_i$  vertex section, where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m_i$ .

Let  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$  then  $|V(G)| = n + M + 1$  and  $|E(G)| = 2M$ .

Let us define a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n + M\}$  as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; i = 0. \\ cm_n + i & ; 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_{i,j}) = cm_{i-1} + j ; 1 \leq j \leq m_i \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Here  $m_0 = 0$  and  $cm_i =$  cumulative values of  $m_i$ .

It is easy to see that the edge labels in the graph  $G$  are in ascending order of the form

$$f^*(v_0u_{1,1}) < f^*(v_0u_{1,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_0u_{1,m_1}) < f^*(v_0u_{2,1}) < f^*(v_0u_{2,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_0u_{n,m_n}) < f^*(v_1u_{1,1}) < f^*(v_1u_{1,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_1u_{1,m_1}) < f^*(v_2u_{2,1}) < \dots < f^*(v_nu_{n,m_n}).$$

So, the function  $f$  is bijective and for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct.

This concludes that  $f$  is a square sum labeling of graph  $G$  and hence  $G$  is a square sum graph.  $\square$

**Example 2.7.** Square sum labeling in arbitrary supersubdivision of  $K_{1,4}$  is shown in the following Figure 7.

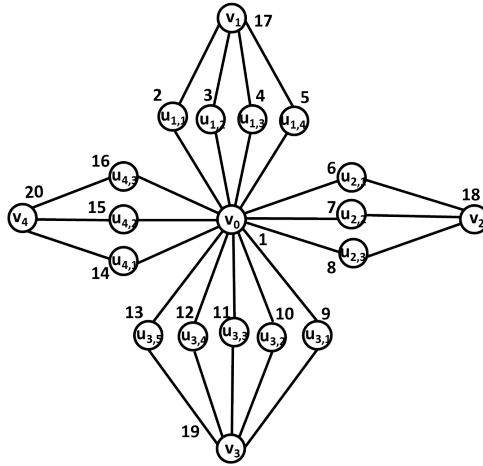


Figure 7

**Theorem 2.8.** The graph constructed by arbitrary supersubdivision of cycle  $C_n (n \geq 3)$  is a square sum graph.

*Proof.* Let  $V(C_n) = \{v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(C_n) = \{v_i v_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_n v_1\}$ . Let  $G$  denote the arbitrary supersubdivision of cycle  $C_n$ .

Then each edge  $v_i v_{i+1}$  (consider  $v_{n+1}$  as  $v_1$ ) is replaced by  $K_{2,m_i}$ , for some natural number  $m_i$ .

Let  $u_{i,j}$  be the vertices of  $m_i$  vertex section, where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m_i$ .

Let  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = n + M$  and  $|E(G)| = 2M$ .

Let us define a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n + M - 1\}$  which consists of two cases.

**Case 1:**  $n$  is even.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0 ; i = 1. \\ f(u_{n+2-i, m_{n+2-i}}) + 1 ; 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} + 1. \\ f(v_{n+2-i}) + 1 ; \frac{n}{2} + 1 < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} f(v_{n+2-i}) + j ; 1 \leq j \leq m_i, 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ f(u_{n+2-i, m_{n+2-i}}) + 1 ; 1 \leq j \leq m_i, \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

**Case 2:**  $n$  is odd.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0 ; i = 1. \\ f(u_{n+2-i, m_{n+2-i}}) + 1 ; 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2}. \\ f(v_{n+2-i}) + 1 ; \frac{n+1}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} f(v_{n+2-i}) + j ; 1 \leq j \leq m_i, 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2}. \\ f(u_{n+2-i, m_{n+2-i}}) + 1 ; 1 \leq j \leq m_i, \frac{n+1}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

For the edge labels in graph  $G$ , we have

$$f^*(v_1u_{1,1}) < f^*(v_1u_{1,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_1u_{1,m_1}) < f^*(v_1u_{n,1}) < f^*(v_1u_{n,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_1u_{n,m_n}) < f^*(v_2u_{1,1}) < f^*(v_2u_{1,2}) < \dots < f^*(v_2u_{1,m_1}) < f^*(v_nu_{n,1}) < \dots$$

So, the function  $f$  is bijective and for every  $uv \in E(G)$  the induced edge labels  $f^*(uv) = (f(u))^2 + (f(v))^2$  are all distinct.

Hence,  $f$  is a square sum labeling and hence  $G$  is a square sum graph. □

**Example 2.8.** Square sum labeling in arbitrary supersubdivision of  $C_5$  is shown in the following Figure 8.

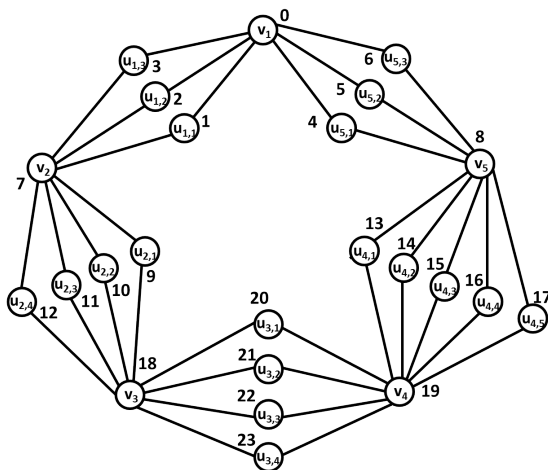


Figure 8

### 3 Concluding Remarks

Labeling of discrete structure is a potential area of research. Some square sum graphs in context of joining two copies of a particular graph by a path of arbitrary length have been discovered. Arbitrary supersubdivision of path, cycle and star are proved to be square sum graphs. To investigate more results for various graphs as well as in the context of different graph operations is an open area of research.

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