

# Maximum and Minimum 3-Equitable Labeling For Some Graphs

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**Abstract** — In the research paper, we have defined maximum and minimum 3-equitable labeling. Also, we have figured out the labeling for path, cycle and star graph.

**Keywords** — Maximum 3-equitable labeling, Minimum 3-equitable labeling, Path, Cycle, Star graph.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Throughout the paper, we consider simple, finite and undirected graph  $G(V, E)$ . The idea of 3-equitable labeling was brought by I. Cahit [1]. The vertex set and edge set of  $G$  are denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  respectively. Kaneria, Meghpara and Khoda proved that Caterpillar  $S(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t)$  is a geometric mean 3-equitable [4]. Here, we have given brief summary of definitions which would be helpful for the present research paper.

For all standard terminology and notations, we follow Harry [3]. For detail survey of graph labeling, we referred Gallian [2].

**Definition 1.1** — Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph,  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is called ternary vertex labeling of  $G$  and  $f(v)$  is called the label of the vertex  $G$  under  $f$ .

For an edge  $e = uv$  this induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is given by  $f^*(e) = \max\{f(u), f(v)\}$ . Let  $v_f(0), v_f(1), v_f(2)$  be the numbers of vertices of  $G$  having labels 0, 1, 2 respectively under  $f$  and  $e_f(0), e_f(1), e_f(2)$  be the numbers of edges of  $G$  having labels 0, 1, 2 respectively under  $f^*$ .

**Definition 1.2** — The ternary vertex labeling of graph  $G$  is called maximum 3-equitable labeling if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . A graph  $G$  is called maximum 3-equitable if it admits maximum 3-equitable labeling.

**Definition 1.3** — Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph,  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is called ternary vertex labeling of  $G$  and  $f(v)$  is called the label of the vertex  $G$  under  $f$ .

For an edge  $e = uv$  this induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is given by  $f^*(e) = \min\{f(u), f(v)\}$ . Let  $v_f(0), v_f(1), v_f(2)$  be the numbers of vertices of  $G$  having labels 0, 1, 2 respectively under  $f$  and  $e_f(0), e_f(1), e_f(2)$  be the numbers of edges of  $G$  having labels 0, 1, 2 respectively under  $f^*$ .

**Definition 1.4** — The ternary vertex labeling of graph  $G$  is called minimum 3-equitable labeling if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . A graph  $G$  is called minimum 3-equitable if it admits minimum 3-equitable labeling.

## II. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1** — Path  $P_n, \forall n \geq 2$  is maximum 3-equitable, where  $n \in N$ .

**Proof** — Let  $P_n$  be the path with  $n$  vertices. So,  $n - 1$  be the number of edges of path  $P_n$ . Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

**Case 1** — Let  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  which means that  $n = 3t$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t - 1 \\ 1; & \text{if } t \leq i \leq 2t - 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t \leq i \leq 3t - 1 \end{cases}$$

**Case 2** — Let  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  which means that  $n = 3t + 1$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t + 1 \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 2 \leq i \leq 2t + 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

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**Case 3** — Let  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  which means that  $n = 3t + 2$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t + 1 \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 2 \leq i \leq 2t + 2, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 3 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

In all these cases, we have  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, Path  $P_n$  admits maximum 3-equitable labeling. Therefore, Path  $P_n, \forall n \geq 2$  is maximum 3-equitable, where  $n \in N$ . ■

**Theorem 2.2** — Path  $P_n, \forall n \geq 2$  is minimum 3-equitable, where  $n \in N$ .

**Proof** — Let  $P_n$  be the path with  $n$  vertices. So,  $n - 1$  be the number of edges of path  $P_n$ . Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

**Case 1** — Let  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  which means that  $n = 3t$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

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Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t - 1 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

**Case 2** — Let  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 1$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

**Case 3** — Let  $n \equiv 2(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 2$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(P_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

In all these cases, we have  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, Path  $P_n$  admits minimum 3-equitable labeling. Therefore, Path  $P_n, \forall n \geq 2$  is minimum 3-equitable, where  $n \in N$ . ■

**Theorem 2.3** — The cycle  $C_n, \forall n \geq 3$  is maximum 3-equitable, for  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  and  $n \equiv 2(mod 3)$  and  $n \in N$ .

**Proof** — Let  $C_n$  be the cycle with  $n$  vertices and  $n$  edges. Let the set of vertices be  $V(C_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

**Case 1** — Let  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 1$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t + 1 \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 2 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(C_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \text{ and } f^*(v_n, v_1) = 2, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}$$

**Case 2** — Let  $n \equiv 2(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 2$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t + 1 \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 2 \leq i \leq 2t + 2, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 3 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(C_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \text{ and } f^*(v_n, v_1) = 2, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

In both the cases, we have  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, Cycle  $C_n$  admits maximum 3-equitable labeling. Therefore, Cycle  $C_n, \forall n \geq 3$  is maximum 3-equitable, for  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  and  $n \equiv 2(mod 3)$  where  $n \in N$ . ■

**Theorem 2.4** — The cycle  $C_n, \forall n \geq 3$  is minimum 3-equitable, for  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  and  $n \equiv 2(mod 3)$  and  $n \in N$ .

**Proof** — Let  $C_n$  be the cycle with  $n$  vertices and  $n$  edges. Let the set of vertices be  $V(C_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

**Case 1** — Let  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 1$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(C_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \text{ and } f^*(v_n, v_1) = 0, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}$$

**Case 2** — Let  $n \equiv 2(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 2$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(C_n) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \text{ and } f^*(v_n, v_1) = 0, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

In both the cases, we have  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, Cycle  $C_n$  admits minimum 3-equitable labeling. Therefore, Cycle  $C_n, \forall n \geq 3$  is minimum 3-equitable, for  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  and  $n \equiv 2(mod 3)$  where  $n \in N$ . ■

**Theorem 2.5** — The star graph  $K_{1,n}, \forall n \geq 2$ , is maximum 3-equitable, where  $n \in N$ .

**Proof** — Let  $K_{1,n}$  be the star graph with the apex vertex  $u$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the  $n$  pendent vertices. Clearly  $n + 1$  and  $n$  be the number vertices and edges respectively of star graph  $K_{1,n}$ .

**Case 1** — Let  $n \equiv 0(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

For the apex vertex  $u, f(u) = 0$  and for the pendent vertices we have,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(k_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(u, v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}$$

**Case 2** — Let  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 1$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

For the apex vertex  $u, f(u) = 0$  and for the pendent vertices we have,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(k_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(u, v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

**Case 3** — Let  $n \equiv 2(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 2$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

For the apex vertex  $u, f(u) = 0$  and for the pendent vertices we have,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(k_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for maximum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(u, v_i) = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 2; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

In all these cases, we have  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, Star graph  $k_{1,n}$  admits maximum 3-equitable labeling. Therefore, Star graph  $k_{1,n}, \forall n \geq 2$  is maximum 3-equitable, where  $n \in N$ . ■

**Theorem 2.6** — The star graph  $K_{1,n}, \forall n \geq 2$ , is minimum 3-equitable, where  $n \in N$ .

**Proof** — Let  $K_{1,n}$  be the star graph with the apex vertex  $u$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the  $n$  pendent vertices. Clearly  $n + 1$  and  $n$  be the number vertices and edges respectively of star graph  $K_{1,n}$ .

**Case 1** — Let  $n \equiv 0(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

For the apex vertex  $u, f(u) = 2$  and for the pendent vertices we have,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \\ 0; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(k_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(u, v_i) = \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \\ 0; & \text{if } 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

**Case 2** — Let  $n \equiv 1(mod 3)$  which means that  $n = 3t + 1$  for some  $t \in N$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

For the apex vertex  $u, f(u) = 2$  and for the pendent vertices we have,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 0; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(k_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(u, v_i) = \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 0; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

**Case 3** — Let  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  which means that  $n = 3t + 2$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . The vertex labeling function  $f: V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

For the apex vertex  $u$ ,  $f(u) = 2$  and for the pendent vertices we have,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 0; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, induced edge labeling function  $f^*: E(k_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  for minimum 3-equitable labeling is defined as follows.

$$f^*(u, v_i) = \begin{cases} 2; & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1; & \text{if } t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 0; & \text{if } 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

In all these cases, we have  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, Star graph  $k_{1,n}$  admits minimum 3-equitable labeling. Therefore, Star graph  $k_{1,n}, \forall n \geq 2$  is minimum 3-equitable, where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . ■

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