# Square Sum Labelling for Lobster and Fan Graph 

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#### Abstract

Let $G=(V, E)$ be a $(p, q)$-graph and let $f: V(G) \rightarrow\{0,1,2, \ldots, p-1\}$ be a bijection. We define $f *$ on $E(G)$ by $\left.f *(u v)=[f(u)]^{2}+f(v)\right]^{2}$. If $f *$ is injective on $E(G)$, then $f$ is called a square sum labelling. The graph $G$ is said to be a square sum graph if $G$ admits a square sum labelling.


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## I. INTRODUCTION

Rosa introduced the notion of Graph labelling in 1967 [6]. A graph labelling is a mapping that carries a set of graph elements onto a set of numbers called labels (usually the set of integers). A dynamic survey on graph labelling is regularly updated by Gallian[4]. Germina introduced and proved some results of square sum labelling. Reena Sabastian etc.., all discussed the concepts of square sum labelling in 2014[5].

Next, we demonstrate that routes, the graph $R_{p}\left(n_{1}, n_{2}, \ldots, n_{k}\right)$, the lobster, full n -ary tree, and the amalgamation of a fan and a star allow square sum labelling.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1: If the vertices of the graph are assigned values subject to certain conditions then it is known as a graph labelling.

Definition 2.2: A path in a graph $G$ is a sequence of vertices such that from each of its vertex there is an edge to the next vertex in the sequence. The length of a path $P_{n}: v_{1} \mathrm{v}_{2} \ldots \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}}(n>0)$ in $G$ is $n-1$.


Fig 1. Path graphs $P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}$, and $P_{4}$
Definition 2.3: A path $P_{n}: v_{1} v_{2} \ldots v_{n}$ in graph $G$ is called cycle $C_{n}$ if: $v_{1}=v_{n}$ and $n \geq 3$.

$C_{3}$

$C_{4}$


Fig 2. Cycle graphs $C_{3}, C_{4}$, dan $C_{5}$
Definition 2.4: A lobster graph, lobster tree, or simply "lobster," is a tree having the property that the removal of leaf nodes leaves a caterpillar graph


Fig 3. Lobster Graph
Definition 2.5 : A fan graph obtained by joining all vertices of $F_{n}, n \geq 2$ is a path $P_{n}$ to a further vertex, called the centre.
Thus $F_{n}$ contains $n+1$ vertices say $\mathrm{C}, v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3} \ldots v_{n}$ and (2n-l) edges, say $c v_{i}, 1 \leq i \leq n$ and $v_{i} v_{i+1}+1,1 \leq i \leq n-1$.


Fig 4. Fan $f_{4}$
Definition 2.6: The routing tree of $D_{n}$ is the tree structure obtained from the (minimal) paths followed by a message when it is routed from every node to the identity node

Definition 2.7 : A star $S_{n}$ is the complete bipartite graph $K_{1, n}$ is a tree with one internal node and $n$ leaves.

## III. MAIN RESULT

In this section, we investigate which classes of graphs admit square sum labelling.
Theorem 3.1: The route Pn is represented as a square sum graph.
Proof: Suppose $P_{n}=\left(v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n}\right)$ be a path. Define a function $f: V\left(P_{n}\right) \rightarrow N$ by $f\left(v_{i}\right)=T_{i}-1$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. Since $T_{i}-1<T_{i}$, for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, we have $\left.f\left(v_{i}\right)<f\left(v_{i}\right)+1\right)$ and therefore $f$ is one-one. Here we have $1 \leq i \leq n-1$,

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\begin{aligned}
& f^{+}\left(v_{i} v_{i+1}\right)=f\left(v_{i}\right)+f\left(v_{i+1}\right) \\
& =T_{i-1}+T_{i}=\frac{i(i-1)}{2}+\frac{i(i+1)}{2} \\
& =i^{2} \\
& =R_{i}
\end{aligned}
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Thus, $f^{+}\left(E\left(P_{n}\right)\right)=\left\{R_{1}, R_{2}, \ldots, R_{n-1}\right\}$. Hence $P_{n}$ is a square sum graph.
[The path $P_{n}$ is a square sum graph.]
Theorem 3.2: The graph $R_{p}\left(n_{1}, n_{2}, \ldots, n_{k}\right)$ is a square sum graph.
Proof: Suppose $c_{1}, c_{2}, \ldots, c_{k}$ represents the centers of the $k$ stars, where the star with centre $c_{i}$ has $n_{i}$ pendent edges which are given by
$\left\{c_{i} v_{i} j_{i}\left|N_{i-1}+1 \leq j_{i} \leq N_{i}\right|\right\}$,
Here $1 \leq i \leq k, N_{0}=0, N_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{i} n_{j}$

Define $f: V(G) \rightarrow N$ by,
$f\left(c_{i}\right)=T_{i-1} \&$
$f\left(v_{i, j_{i}}\right)=R_{k+j_{i}-1}-T_{i-1}$
Here $T_{i-1}<T_{i}$, for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$
then $f\left(c_{i}\right)<f\left(c_{i+1}\right)$
$f\left(v_{i, 1}\right)-f\left(v_{k}\right)=R_{k}-f\left(c_{k}\right)$
$=R_{k}-\left(T_{k-1}\right)>0$
So $f\left(v_{i, 1}\right)>f\left(c_{k}\right)$. And From definition it is clear that ,for all $j<i$ we have $f\left(v_{i, 1}\right)<f\left(v_{i, j_{i}^{\prime}}\right)$,since $R_{k+j_{i-1}}<R_{k+j_{i}^{\prime}-1}$.
Following this we have ,
$f\left(v_{i+1}, N_{i+1}\right)-f\left(v_{i}, N_{i}\right)=S_{k+N_{i}}-T_{i}-S_{k+N_{i}-1}+T_{i-1}=S_{k+N_{i}}-S_{k+N_{i}-1}-\left(T_{i}-T_{i-1}\right) \geq 2 k+2 N_{i}-1-k=k+$ $2 N_{i}-1>0$,
for every value of i with $1 \leq i \leq k-1$.
Theorem 3.3: The lobster $T$ is a square sum graph.
Proof: Consider $T$ be the lobster produced by connecting the centres of $k$ copies of the same star $K_{1, n}$ to a new vertex $w$. Denote the centre vertex of the $i^{\text {th }}$ star $K_{1, n}$ as $w_{i}, l \leq i \leq k$ and the pendent vertices of the $i^{t h}$ star as $v_{i, j, 1}, 1 \leq i \leq$ $k, 1 \leq j \leq n$.

Note that $T$ contains $(n+1) k$ edges. Define $f: V(T) \rightarrow N$ by
$f(w)=0, f\left(w_{i}\right)=R_{i}, l \leq i \leq k$ and $f\left(v_{i, j}\right)=R_{k+j+m}-f\left(w_{i}\right), 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq n, m=(i-1) n$.
Since $0<R_{1}<\ldots .<R_{k}$, we have, $f(w)<f\left(w_{1}\right)<\ldots<f\left(w_{k}\right)$.
Also since, $R_{k+j+m}-f\left(w_{i}\right)<R_{k+j+m}-f\left(w_{i}\right)$, for $l \leq i \leq k$ and $l \leq j \leq n$, we have $f\left(v_{i, j}\right)<f\left(v_{i, j+1}\right)$. For, $k \geq l$, we have $f\left(w_{k}\right)=R_{k}$ and $f\left(v_{1,1}\right)=R_{k+1}-1$. Since, $R_{k}<R_{k+1}-1$, we have $f\left(w_{k}\right)<f\left(v_{1,1}\right)$.

Further, we have, by the definition of $f, f\left(v_{i, n}\right)=R_{k+n+(i-1) n}-f\left(w_{i}\right) \& f\left(v_{i+1}, 1\right)=R_{k+l+i n}-f\left(w_{i+1}\right), 1 \leq i \leq$ $k-1$.

Clearly, $R_{k+n+(i-1) n}-f\left(w_{i}\right)<R_{k+l+i n}-f\left(w_{i+1}\right)$, since $k+i(n-1)>0$. Therefore,
$f\left(v_{i, n}\right)<f\left(v_{i+1}, 1\right)$, for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$.
Thus $f$ is one-one.
From the labelling, it follows that $f^{+}(E(T))=\left\{R_{1}, R_{2}, \ldots, R_{(n+1) K}\right\}$.
Hence the lobster $T$ is a square sum graph.
Theorem 3.4: The graph $G$ obtained by the amalgamation of the fan graph $F_{n-l}$ with the centre of $K_{1, m}$ for a suitable $m$, is a square sum graph.

Proof: Step 1: Consider $F_{2}$. Let $v, v_{1}, v_{2}$, be the vertices of $F_{2}$. Label $v=0$ and $v_{1}=R_{3}$. We shall find $b$ such that $3^{2}+b^{2}=a^{2}$,
for some integer $a$. The inequality (1) gives
$3^{2}=(a+b)(a-b)$.

Therefore, we let $a+b=3^{2}$ and $a-b=1$. Solving for $a$ and $b$ we get, $a=5$ and $b=4$. Hence, we can label $v_{2}$ as $R_{4}$. Then the values of the edges $v v_{1}, v_{1} v_{2}$ and $v_{2} v$ are respectively $R_{3}, R_{5} \& R_{4}$.

We now consider a star $K_{1, m}$ where $m \geq 2$. We amalgamate the centre of $K_{1, m}$ with the vertex $v$ to get the graph $G$. Let the pendent vertices of $G$ be $u_{j}, 1 \leq j \leq m$. We define $f: V(G) \rightarrow N$ with,

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\begin{aligned}
& f(v)=0, f\left(v_{1}\right)=R_{3}, f\left(v_{2}\right)=R_{4} \\
& f(u)_{1}=R_{1}, f\left(u_{2}\right)=R_{2} \text { and } f\left(u_{j}\right)=R_{j+3} \text { for } 3 \leq j \leq m .
\end{aligned}
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From the definition, it follows that $f$ is one-one.
Then we have $f^{+}(E(T))=\left\{R_{1}, R_{2}, \ldots, R_{m+3}\right\}$ and the graph is a square sum graph.
Step 2: Consider $F_{n-1}, n \geq 4$. Suppose $v, v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n-1}$ be the vertices of $F_{n-l}$. Label $f(v)=0$ and $f\left(v_{1}\right)=$ $R_{b_{1}}$ where $b_{1} \geq 5$. We shall find integers $a_{1}$ and $b_{2}$ such that
$b_{1}^{2}+b_{2}^{2}=a_{1}^{2}$
Here We have need to consider two scenario:
Case 1: If $b_{1}$ is odd, then we can write
$b_{1}=p_{1}^{2 \alpha 1} p_{2}^{2 \alpha 2} \cdots p_{k}^{2 \alpha k}$,
here $p_{1}<p_{2}<\cdots . .<p_{k}$, are all odd primes and $\alpha_{i}$ 's are positive integers.
Then (2) yields
$\left(a_{1}+b_{2}\right)\left(a_{1}-b_{2}\right)=p_{1}^{2 \alpha 1} p_{2}^{2 \alpha 2}$ $\qquad$
We consider
$\left(a_{1}+b_{2}\right)=p_{2}^{2 \alpha 2} \ldots . p_{k}^{2 \alpha k}$
$\left(a_{1}-b_{2}\right)=p_{1}^{2 \alpha 1}$
so that
$a_{1}=\frac{p_{2}^{2 \alpha 2} \cdots p_{k}^{2 \alpha k}+p_{1}^{2 \alpha 1}}{2} \& b_{2}=\frac{p_{2}^{2 \alpha 2} \cdots p_{k}^{2 \alpha k}-p_{1}^{2 \alpha 1}}{2}$
Case 2: If $b_{1}$ is even, then we can write
$b_{1}=2^{\alpha 1} p_{2}^{\alpha 2} \ldots p_{r}^{\alpha r}$
Here $2<p_{2}<\cdots .<p_{r}$, are all primes and $\alpha_{i}{ }^{\prime} s$ are + ve integers. Then (2) yields
$\left(a_{1}+b_{2}\right)\left(a_{1}-b_{2}\right)=2^{\alpha 1} p_{2}^{\alpha 2} \ldots p_{r}^{\alpha r}$
We choose
$\left(a_{1}+b_{2}\right)=2^{\alpha 1} p_{2}^{2 \alpha 2} \ldots p_{r}^{2 \alpha r}$
$\left(a_{1}-b_{2}\right)=2^{\alpha 1}$
Then we have,
$a_{1}=\frac{2^{\alpha 1} p_{2}^{2 \alpha 2} \cdots p_{k}^{2 \alpha k}+2^{\alpha 1}}{2} \& b_{2}=\frac{2^{\alpha 1} p_{2}^{2 \alpha 2} \cdots p_{k}^{2 \alpha k}-2^{\alpha 1}}{2}$
Having found $b_{2}$, we label $f\left(v_{2}\right)=R_{b_{2}}$. Then the value of the edge $f\left(v_{1} v_{2}\right)$ will be $a_{1}^{2}$. From the construction it follows that $b_{1}<b_{2}$ and hence $R_{b_{1}}<R_{b_{2}}$. Proceeding like this we can label $f\left(v_{k}\right)=R_{b_{k}}, 3 \leq k \leq n-1$. Then from the
construction it follows that the values of the edges will be perfect squares. Suppose the values of the $2 n-3$ edges are $R_{a_{1}}, R_{a_{2}}, \ldots R_{a_{n-2}}, \ldots, R_{b_{1}}, \ldots ., R_{b_{n-1}}$

From the construction it follows that $R_{a_{n-2}}$ is the largest of these squares. Put
$A=\left\{R_{1}, R_{2}, \ldots, R_{a_{n-2}}\right\}$ and $B=\left\{R_{a 1}, R_{a 2}, \ldots ., R_{a n-2}, R_{b 1}, R_{b 2}, \ldots, R_{b n-1}\right\}$.
Now we amalgamate the center of a star $K_{1, m}$ where $m \geq(|A|-|B|)$, with vertex $v$ of $F_{n-I}$ to get the graph $G$. Label the $|A|-|B|$ pendent vertices of $K_{1, m}$ with the squares from the set $A-B$. Label the remaining $m-(|A|-|B|)$ pendent vertices with the consecutive squares

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R_{a_{n-2}}, R_{a_{n-2}}, \ldots, R_{a_{n-2}+m-(|A|-|B|)}
$$

From the construction it follows that $f^{+}(E(G))=\left\{R_{1}, R_{2}, \ldots R_{a+m-(|A|-|B|)}\right\}$ and the graph $G$ is a square sum graph.

## IV. CONCLUSION

We have discussed the concept of square sum labelling of graphs in this article. Following that, we show that routes, the graph, the lobster, the complete $n$-ary tree, and the combination of a fan and a star all enable square sum labelling

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