# Square Sum Labelling for Lobster and Fan Graph

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Abstract - Let G = (V, E) be a (p, q)-graph and let  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  be a bijection. We define f \* on E(G) by  $f * (uv) = [f(u)]^2 + f(v)]^2$ . 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  $R_p(n_1, n_2, ..., n_k)$ , 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  $P_n$ :  $v_1v_2 \dots v_n(n > 0)$  in G is n-1.



**Definition 2.3:** A path  $P_n$ :  $v_1v_2 \dots v_n$  in graph G is called cycle  $C_n$  if:  $v_1 = v_n$  and  $n \ge 3$ .



Fig 2. Cycle graphs C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>, dan C<sub>5</sub>

*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  $F_n$ ,  $n \ge 2$  is a path  $P_n$  to a further vertex, called the centre. Thus  $F_n$  contains n+1 vertices say C,  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n$  and (2n-1) edges, say  $cv_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$  and  $v_iv_{i+1} + 1$ ,  $1 \le i \le n - 1$ .



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  $P_n = (v_1, v_2, ..., v_n)$  be a path. Define a function  $f : V(P_n) \to N$  by  $f(v_i) = T_i - 1$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ . Since  $T_i - 1 < T_i$ , for  $1 \le i \le n - 1$ , we have  $f(v_i) < f(v_i) + 1$  and therefore f is one-one. Here we have  $1 \le i \le n - 1$ ,

$$f^{+}(v_{i}v_{i+1}) = f(v_{i}) + f(v_{i+1})$$
$$= T_{i-1} + T_{i} = \frac{i(i-1)}{2} + \frac{i(i+1)}{2}$$
$$= i^{2}$$
$$= R_{i}$$

Thus,  $f^+(E(P_n)) = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_{n-1}\}$ . Hence  $P_n$  is a square sum graph.

[The path  $P_n$  is a square sum graph.]

**Theorem 3.2**: The graph  $R_p(n_1, n_2, ..., n_k)$  is a square sum graph.

**Proof:** Suppose  $c_1, c_2, ..., c_k$  represents the centers of the k stars, where the star with centre  $c_i$  has  $n_i$  pendent edges which are given by

$$\{c_i v_i j_i | N_{i-1} + 1 \le j_i \le N_i | \},\$$

Here  $1 \le i \le k$ ,  $N_0 = 0$ ,  $N_i = \sum_{i=1}^{i} n_i$ 

Define 
$$f: V(G) \rightarrow N$$
 by,  
 $f(c_i) = T_{i-1} \&$   
 $f(v_{i,j_i}) = R_{k+j_i-1} - T_{i-1}$   
Here  $T_{i-1} < T_i$ , for  $1 \le i \le n-1$   
then  $f(c_i) < f(c_{i+1})$   
 $f(v_{i,1}) - f(v_k) = R_k - f(c_k)$   
 $= R_k - (T_{k-1}) > 0$   
So  $f(v_{i,1}) > f(c_k)$ . And From definition it is clear that ,for all  $j < i$  we have  $f(v_{i,1}) < f(v_{i,j'_i})$ , since  $R_{k+j_{l-1}} < R_{k+j'_l-1}$ .

Following this we have,

$$f(v_{i+1}, N_{i+1}) - f(v_i, N_i) = S_{k+N_i} - T_i - S_{k+N_i-1} + T_{i-1} = S_{k+N_i} - S_{k+N_i-1} - (T_i - T_{i-1}) \ge 2k + 2N_i - 1 - k = k + 2N_i - 1 > 0,$$

for every value of i with  $1 \le i \le k - 1$ .

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*<sup>th</sup> star  $K_{1,n}$  as  $w_i$ ,  $l \le i \le k$  and the pendent vertices of the *i*<sup>th</sup> star as  $v_{i,j,1}$ ,  $1 \le i \le k$ ,  $1 \le j \le n$ .

Note that T contains (n + 1) k edges. Define  $f: V(T) \rightarrow N$  by

$$f(w) = 0, f(w_i) = R_i, l \le i \le k \text{ and } f(v_{i,j}) = R_{k+j+m} - f(w_i), 1 \le i \le k, 1 \le j \le n, m = (i-1)n$$

Since  $0 < R_1 < ... < R_k$ , we have,  $f(w) < f(w_1) < ... < f(w_k)$ .

Also since,  $R_{k+j+m} - f(w_i) < R_{k+j+m} - f(w_i)$ , for  $l \le i \le k$  and  $l \le j \le n$ , we have  $f(v_{i,j}) < f(v_{i,j+1})$ . For,  $k \ge l$ , we have  $f(w_k) = R_k$  and  $f(v_{1,1}) = R_{k+l} - l$ . Since,  $R_k < R_{k+1} - l$ , we have  $f(w_k) < f(v_{1,1})$ .

Further, we have, by the definition of f,  $f(v_{i,n}) = R_{k+n+(i-1)n} - f(w_i)$  &  $f(v_{i+1}, 1) = R_{k+1+in} - f(w_{i+1}), 1 \le i \le k - 1$ .

Clearly,  $R_{k+n+(i-1)n} - f(w_i) < R_{k+1+in} - f(w_{i+1})$ , since k + i(n-1) > 0. Therefore,

$$f(v_{i,n}) < f(v_{i+1}, 1), for 1 \le i \le k - 1.$$

Thus f is one-one.

From the labelling, it follows that  $f^+(E(T)) = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_{(n+1)K}\}$ .

Hence the lobster *T* is a square sum graph.

*Theorem 3.4:* The graph *G* obtained by the amalgamation of the fan graph  $F_{n-1}$  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

$$3^2 + b^2 = a^2, \dots, (1)$$

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  $vv_1$ ,  $v_1v_2$  and  $v_2v$  are respectively  $R_3$ ,  $R_5 \& R_4$ .

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

$$f(v) = 0, f(v_1) = R_3, f(v_2) = R_4,$$

$$f(u)_1 = R_1, f(u_2) = R_2 \text{ and } f(u_j) = R_{j+3} \text{ for } 3 \le j \le m.$$

From the definition, it follows that f is one-one.

Then we have  $f^+(E(T)) = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_{m+3}\}$  and the graph is a square sum graph.

Step 2: Consider  $F_{n-1}$ ,  $n \ge 4$ . Suppose  $v, v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_{n-1}$  be the vertices of  $F_{n-1}$ . Label f(v) = 0 and  $f(v_1) = R_{b_1}$  where  $b_1 \ge 5$ . We shall find integers  $a_1$  and  $b_2$  such that

$$b_1^2 + b_2^2 = a_1^2 \dots (2)$$

Here We have need to consider two scenario:

Case 1: If  $b_1$  is odd, then we can write

$$b_1 = p_1^{2\alpha 1} p_2^{2\alpha 2} \cdot \cdot \cdot p_k^{2\alpha k}$$
,

here  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_k$ , are all odd primes and  $\alpha_i$ 's are positive integers.

Then (2) yields

$$(a_1 + b_2)(a_1 - b_2) = p_1^{2\alpha 1} p_2^{2\alpha 2} \dots p_k^{2\alpha k}$$

We consider

$$(a_1 + b_2) = p_2^{2\alpha 2} \dots p_k^{2\alpha k}$$
  
 $(a_1 - b_2) = p_1^{2\alpha 1}$ 

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

$$b_1 = 2^{\alpha 1} p_2^{\alpha 2} \dots p_r^{\alpha r}$$

Here  $2 < p_2 < \dots < p_r$ , are all primes and  $\alpha_i$ 's are +ve integers. Then (2) yields

$$(a_1 + b_2)(a_1 - b_2) = 2^{\alpha 1} p_2^{\alpha 2} \dots p_r^{\alpha r}$$

We choose

$$(a_1 + b_2) = 2^{\alpha 1} p_2^{2\alpha 2} \dots p_r^{2\alpha r}$$
  
 $(a_1 - b_2) = 2^{\alpha 1}$ 

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  $f(v_2) = R_{b_2}$ . Then the value of the edge  $f(v_1v_2)$  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  $f(v_k) = R_{b_k}$ ,  $3 \le k \le n - 1$ . Then from the

construction it follows that the values of the edges will be perfect squares. Suppose the values of the 2n - 3 edges are  $R_{a_1}, R_{a_2}, \dots, R_{a_{n-2}}, \dots, R_{b_1}, \dots, R_{b_{n-1}}$ 

From the construction it follows that  $R_{a_{n-2}}$  is the largest of these squares. Put

$$A = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_{a_{n-2}}\}$$
 and  $B = \{R_{a_1}, R_{a_2}, \dots, R_{a_{n-2}}, R_{b_1}, R_{b_2}, \dots, R_{b_{n-1}}\}$ 

Now we amalgamate the center of a star  $K_{1,m}$  where  $m \ge (|A| - |B|)$ , with vertex v of  $F_{n-1}$  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

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

[1]

From the construction it follows that  $f^+(E(G)) = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_{a+m-(|A|-|B|)}\}$  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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