

## SQUARE DIFFERENCE 3-EQUITABLE LABELING FOR SOME GRAPHS

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### Abstract:

A square difference 3-equitable labeling of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V$  is a bijection  $f$  from  $V$  to  $\{1, 2, \dots, |V|\}$  such that if each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label  $-1$  if  $|[f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2| \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ , the label  $0$  if  $|[f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2| \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and the label  $1$  if  $|[f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2| \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then the number of edges labeled with  $i$  and the number of edges labeled with  $j$  differ by at most 1 for  $-1 \leq i, j \leq 1$ . If a graph has a square difference 3-equitable labeling, then it is called square difference 3-equitable graph. In this paper, we investigate the square difference 3-equitable labeling behaviour of comb, triangular snake, crown, star, wheel.

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

All graphs considered here are finite, simple and undirected. Gallian has given a dynamic survey of labeling [1]. For graph and theoretic terminologies and notations we follow Harary [2]. The concept of 3-equitable labeling was introduced by S.K. Vaidya and N.H. Shah in the year 2012[7]. A ternary vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  is called a 3-equitable labeling if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $-1 \leq i, j$

$\leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is 3-equitable if it admits 3-equitable labeling. The concept of square difference labeling was introduced by J. Shiama in the year of 2012 and 2013[3, 4, 5, 6]. The concept of square difference 3-equitable labeling of paths and cycle was introduced by S. Murugesan and J. Shiama in the year of 2015[8].

### 2 PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. A mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$  is called ternary vertex  $v$  of  $G$  and  $f(v)$  is called the label of the vertex  $v$  of  $G$  under  $f$ .

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

**Definition 2.2.** A ternary vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  is called a **3-equitable labeling** if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $-1 \leq i, j \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is 3-equitable if it admits 3-equitable labeling.

**Definition 2.3.** A square difference 3-equitable labeling of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G)$  is a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, |V|\}$  such that the induced edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$  is defined by

$$f^*(e=uv) = \begin{cases} -1 & | [f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2 | \equiv -1 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & | [f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2 | \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ 1 & | [f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2 | \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.4.** The corona  $G_1 \odot G_2$  of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is defined as the graph  $G$  obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  (which has  $p_1$  points) and  $p_1$  copies of  $G_2$  and then joining the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_1$  to every point in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ . The graph  $P_n \odot K_1$  is called a **comb**.

**Definition 2.5.** A **Triangular Snake** is obtained from a path  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to a new vertex  $w_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . That is, every edge of a path is replaced by a triangle  $C_3$ .

**Definition 2.6.**  $C_n^+$  is a graph obtained from  $G$  by attaching a pendent vertex from each vertex of the graph  $C_n$  is called **Crown**.

**Definition 2.7.** The graph  $K_{1,r}$ ,  $r \geq 1$  is called a **star** at the vertex has degree  $r$  is called center.

**Definition 2.8.** A graph  $C_n + K_1$  is called a **wheel** with  $n$  spokes and is denoted by  $W_n$ .

### 3 MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1.** The comb  $P_n^+$  admits square difference 3-equitable labeling.

Proof. Let  $G$  be a comb obtained from a path  $P_n = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  by joining a vertex  $u_i$  to  $v_i$ . The labeling of  $P_1^+$  and  $P_2^+$  are given as follows.

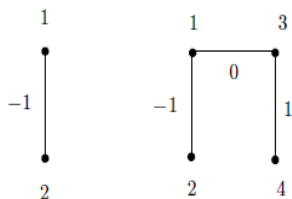


Fig 1 . Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $P_1^+$  and  $P_2^+$ .

If  $n \geq 3$ , we consider the following cases.

**Case-1:**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1) &= 2 \\ f(v_2) &= 3 \\ f(v_3) &= 1 \\ f(v_4) &= 4, \\ &\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-7}{6}, \\ f(v_{6i-1}) &= 6i + 1 \\ f(v_{6i}) &= 6i - 1 \\ f(v_{6i+1}) &= 6i \\ f(v_{6i+2}) &= 6i + 2 \\ f(v_{6i+3}) &= 6i + 3 \\ f(v_{6i+4}) &= 6i + 4 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_{n-2}) &= n \\ f(v_{n-1}) &= n - 2 \\ f(v_n) &= n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_1)]^2 - [f(v_2)]^2| &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow f(v_1 v_2) = 1 \\ |[f(v_2)]^2 - [f(v_3)]^2| &\equiv 0 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow f(v_2 v_3) = 0 \\ |[f(v_3)]^2 - [f(v_4)]^2| &\equiv -1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow f(v_3 v_4) = -1, \\ &\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-7}{6}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{6i-2})]^2 - [f(v_{6i-1})]^2| &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{6i-2} v_{6i-1}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{6i-1})]^2 - [f(v_{6i})]^2| &\equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{6i-1} v_{6i}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{6i})]^2 - [f(v_{6i+1})]^2| &\equiv -1 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{6i} v_{6i+1}) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{6i+1})]^2 - [f(v_{6i+2})]^2| &\equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{6i+1} v_{6i+2}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{6i+2})]^2 - [f(v_{6i+3})]^2| &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{6i+2} v_{6i+3}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{6i+3})]^2 - [f(v_{6i+4})]^2| &\equiv -1 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{6i+3} v_{6i+4}) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{n-3})]^2 - [f(v_{n-2})]^2| &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{n-3} v_{n-2}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{n-2})]^2 - [f(v_{n-1})]^2| &\equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{n-2} v_{n-1}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |[f(v_{n-1})]^2 - [f(v_n)]^2| &\equiv -1 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow f^*(v_{n-1} v_n) &= -1. \end{aligned}$$

$$f(u_j) = n + j, 1 \leq j \leq 5$$

$$f(u_j) = \begin{cases} n + j + 1 & j \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ n + j - 1 & j \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ n + j & j \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}, \quad 6 \leq j \leq n$$

Then

$$e_f(-1) = \left\lfloor \frac{2n+1}{3} \right\rfloor \text{ and } e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \left\lfloor \frac{2n-1}{3} \right\rfloor.$$

**Case-2:**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v_2) = 3$$

$$f(v_3) = 1$$

$$f(v_4) = 4,$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-8}{6},$$

$$f(v_{6i-1}) = 6i + 1$$

$$f(v_{6i}) = 6i - 1$$

$$f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 2$$

$$f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 3$$

$$f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4$$

and

$$f(v_{n-3}) = n - 1$$

$$f(v_{n-2}) = n - 3$$

$$f(v_{n-1}) = n - 2$$

$$f(v_n) = n$$

$$f(u_j) = \begin{cases} n + j & j \equiv 0, 1, 2, 5 \pmod{6} \\ n + j + 1 & j \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \\ n + j - 1 & j \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$e_f(-1) = e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{2n-1}{3}.$$

**Case-3:**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v_2) = 3$$

$$f(v_3) = 1$$

$$f(v_4) = 4,$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-9}{6},$$

$$f(v_{6i-1}) = 6i + 1$$

$$f(v_{6i}) = 6i - 1$$

$$f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 2$$

$$f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 3$$

$$f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4.$$

and

$$f(v_{n-4}) = n - 2$$

$$f(v_{n-3}) = n - 4$$

$$f(v_{n-2}) = n - 3$$

$$f(v_{n-1}) = n - 1$$

$$f(v_n) = n.$$

$$f(u_j) = \begin{cases} n + j + 1 & \text{for } j = 1, 2 \\ n + j - 1 & \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_j) = n + j, \quad 3 \leq j \leq n.$$

Then

$$e_f(-1) = e_f(1) = \frac{2n}{3} \text{ and } e_f(0) = \left\lfloor \frac{2n-1}{4} \right\rfloor.$$

**Case-4:**  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v_2) = 3$$

$$f(v_3) = 1$$

$$f(v_4) = 4,$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{6},$$

$$f(v_{6i-1}) = 6i + 1$$

$$f(v_{6i}) = 6i - 1$$

$$f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 2$$

$$f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 3$$

$$f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4.$$

and

$$f(u_j) = \begin{cases} n + j & j \equiv 0, 1, 4, 5 \pmod{6} \\ n + j + 1 & j \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \\ n + j - 1 & j \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$e_f(-1) = e_f(1) = \left\lfloor \frac{2n-1}{3} \right\rfloor \text{ and } e_f(0) = \frac{2n+1}{3}.$$

**Case-5:**  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v_2) = 3$$

$$f(v_3) = 1$$

$$f(v_4) = 4,$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-5}{6},$$

$$f(v_{6i-1}) = 6i + 1$$

$$f(v_{6i}) = 6i - 1$$

$$f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 2$$

$$f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 3$$

$$f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4.$$

and

$$f(v_n) = n$$

and

$$f(u_j) = n + j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Then

$$e_f(-1) = e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor.$$

**Case-6:**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v_2) = 3$$

$$f(v_3) = 1$$

$$f(v_4) = 4,$$

$$f(v_i) = i, \quad 5 \leq i \leq n$$

and

$$f(u_j) = \begin{cases} n + j & j \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4 \pmod{6} \\ n + j + 1 & j \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \\ n + j - 1 & j \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$e_f(-1), e_f(0), e_f(1) \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2n-1}{3} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{2n+1}{3} \right\rfloor \right\}.$$

Thus in all cases,  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $-1 \leq i, j \leq 1$  and therefore  $P_n^+$  is a square difference 3-equitable labeling graph.

**Illustration 1.** The Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $P_{12}^+$  is shown below.

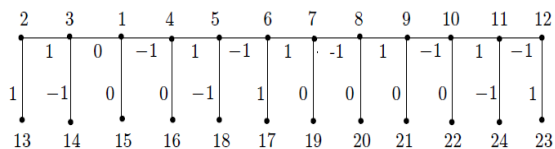


Fig 2. The Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $P_{12}^+$

**Theorem 3.2.** The Triangular Snake  $T_n$  admits a square difference 3-equitable labeling.

**Proof.** Let  $T_n$  be a path  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to a new vertex  $w_i$ .

Define  $f(v_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $f(w_i) = n + i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

$$e_f(-1) = e_f(1) = n - 1 \text{ and } e_f(0) = n - 2.$$

Thus  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $-1 \leq i, j \leq 1$  and therefore  $T_n$  is a square difference 3-equitable labeling.

**Illustration 2.** The Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $T_7$  is shown below.

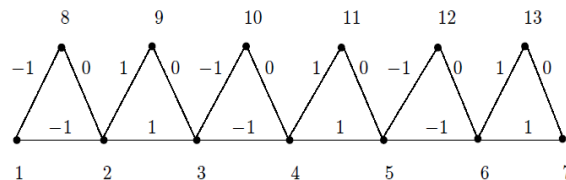


Fig 3. Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $T_7$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** The Crown  $C_n^+$  admits a square difference 3-equitable labeling except  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_n v_1$  be the cycle  $C_n$ .

Let  $u_i$  be the vertex which is adjacent to  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Case-1:**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v_2) = 3$$

$$f(v_3) = 1$$

$$f(v_4) = 4$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-7}{6},$$

$$f(v_{6i-1}) = 6i + 1$$

$$f(v_{6i}) = 6i - 1$$

$$f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 2$$

$$f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 3$$

$$f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4$$

and

$$f(v_{n-2}) = n$$

$$f(v_{n-1}) = n - 2$$

$$f(v_n) = n - 1$$

and

$$f(v_1 u_1) = 2n$$

$$f(v_2 u_2) = n + i - 1$$

$$f(v_i u_i) = \begin{cases} n + i & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1 \\ n + i - 2 & \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_n u_n) = n + i - 1$$

Then

$$e_f(-1), e_f(0), e_f(1) \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor \right\}.$$

**Case-2:**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$f(v_1) = 2$$

$$f(v_2) = 1$$

$$f(v_3) = 4$$

$$f(v_4) = 5$$

$f(v_5) = 3$   
 for  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-8}{6}$ ,  
 $f(v_{6i}) = 6i + 2$   
 $f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i$   
 $f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 1$   
 $f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 3$   
 $f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4$   
 $f(v_{6i+5}) = 6i + 5$   
 and  
 $f(v_{n-2}) = n$   
 $f(v_{n-1}) = n - 2$   
 $f(v_n) = n - 1$   
 and  
 $f(v_1u_1) = 2n$   
 $f(v_iu_i) = \begin{cases} n + i - 1 & i \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6} \\ n + i & i \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{6} \\ n + i - 2 & i \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$   
 $f(v_nu_n) = n + i - 1$   
 Then

$$e_f(-1), e_f(0), e_f(1) \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

**Case-3:**  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$

Define  
 $f(v_1) = 2$   
 $f(v_2) = 3$   
 $f(v_3) = 1$   
 $f(v_4) = 4$   
 for  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{6}$ ,  
 $f(v_{6i-1}) = 6i + 1$   
 $f(v_{6i}) = 6i - 1$   
 $f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i$   
 $f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 2$   
 $f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 3$   
 $f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4$   
 and  
 $f(v_iu_i) = \begin{cases} n + i & i \equiv 0, 1, 2, 5 \pmod{6} \\ n + i + 1 & i \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \\ n + i - 1 & i \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$

Then

$$e_f(-1), e_f(0), e_f(1) \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

**Case-4:**  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$

Define  
 $f(v_1) = 2$   
 $f(v_2) = 1$   
 $f(v_3) = 4$

$f(v_4) = 5$   
 $f(v_5) = 3$   
 for  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-5}{6}$ ,  
 $f(v_{6i}) = 6i + 2$   
 $f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i$   
 $f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 1$   
 $f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 3$   
 $f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4$   
 $f(v_{6i+5}) = 6i + 5$   
 and  
 $f(v_1u_1) = 2n$   
 $f(v_nu_n) = n + 2$   
 $f(v_iu_i) = \begin{cases} n + i - 1 & i \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6} \\ n + i & i \equiv 0, 5 \pmod{6} \\ n + i + 1 & i \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$

Then

$$e_f(-1), e_f(0), e_f(1) \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

**Case-5:**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$

Define  
 $f(v_1) = 2$   
 $f(v_2) = 3$   
 $f(v_3) = 5$   
 $f(v_4) = 4$   
 $f(v_5) = 1$   
 $f(v_6) = 6$   
 for  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{6}$ ,  
 $f(v_{6i+1}) = 6i + 3$   
 $f(v_{6i+2}) = 6i + 1$   
 $f(v_{6i+3}) = 6i + 2$   
 $f(v_{6i+4}) = 6i + 4$   
 $f(v_{6i+5}) = 6i + 5$   
 $f(v_{6i+6}) = 6i + 6$   
 and

$$f(v_iu_i) = \begin{cases} n + i & i \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4 \pmod{6} \\ n + i + 1 & i \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \\ n + i - 1 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$e_f(-1), e_f(0), e_f(1) \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

Thus in above cases,  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $-1 \leq i, j \leq 1$  and therefore  $C_n$  is a square difference 3-equitable labeling graph.

**Case-6:**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$

We see that  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| = 0$  or 1 but  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| = 2$ .

Thus  $C_n^+$  is not square difference 3-equitable labeling.

Hence  $C_n^+$  is square difference 3-equitable labeling except  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ .

**Illustration 3.** The square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $C_8^+$  is shown below.

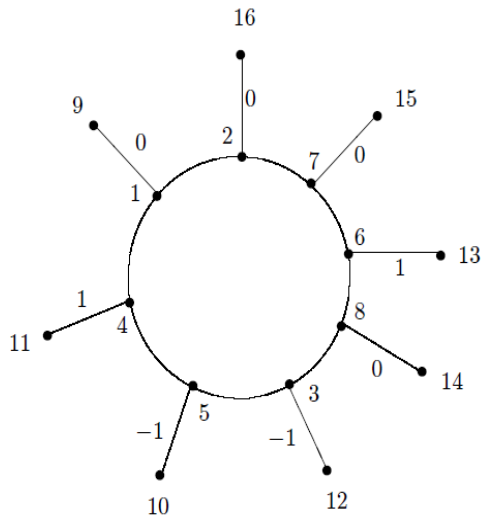


Fig 4. Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $C_8^+$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** The Star graph  $K_{1,n}$  is not square difference 3-equitable labeling for  $n \geq 9$  except  $n = 10$ .

Proof. Let  $v$  be the central vertex and let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the end vertices of the star  $K_{1,n}$ .

**Case-(1) :**  $n = 1, 2, 3$

The square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $K_{1,1}, K_{1,2}$  and  $K_{1,3}$  are given as follows.

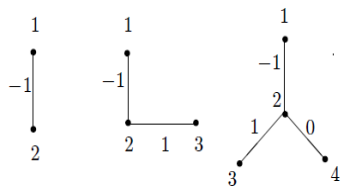


Fig 5. Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $K_{1,1}, K_{1,2}$  and  $K_{1,3}$

**Case-(2) :**  $4 \leq n \leq 8$  and  $n = 10$

Assign the label 4 to the vertex  $v$  and the remaining labels to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

We see that  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all

$-1 \leq i, j \leq 1$ .

**Case-(3) :**  $n = 9$

We see that  $|e_f(-1) - e_f(0)| = 2$  and hence  $K_{1,9}$  is not square difference 3-equitable labeling.

**Case-(4) :**  $n \geq 11$

We see that  $|e_f(-1) - e_f(0)| \geq 3$ .

Thus  $K_{1,n}$  is not square difference 3-equitable labeling for  $n \geq 9$  except  $n = 10$ .

**Illustration 4.** The square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $K_{1,8}$  is shown below.

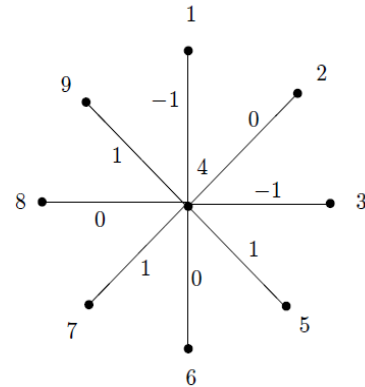


Fig 6. Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $K_{1,8}$

**Theorem 3.5.** The wheel graph  $W_n$  admits a square difference 3-equitable labeling if  $n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6}$ .

Proof. Let  $W_n = C_n + K_1$ .

Let  $C_n$  be a cycle  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u_1$  and  $V(K_1) = \{u\}$ .

If  $n \geq 5$ , we consider the following cases.

**Case-(1) :**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$

Define

$$f(u_1) = 1$$

$$f(u_2) = 3$$

$$f(u_3) = 2$$

$$f(u_4) = 5$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-7}{6},$$

**Subcase-(i) :**  $i$  is odd

$$f(u_{6i-1}) = 6i - 2$$

$$f(u_{6i}) = 6i + 1$$

$$f(u_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(u_{6i+2}) = 6i + 2$$

$$f(u_{6i+3}) = 6i + 5$$

$$f(u_{6i+4}) = 6i + 3$$

**Subcase-(ii):** i is even

$$f(u_{6i-1}) = 6i - 2$$

$$f(u_{6i}) = 6i + 1$$

$$f(u_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(u_{6i+2}) = 6i + 4$$

$$f(u_{6i+3}) = 6i + 2$$

$$f(u_{6i+4}) = 6i + 3$$

and

$$f(u_{n-2}) = n - 3$$

$$f(u_{n-1}) = n$$

$$f(u_n) = n - 1$$

and

$$f(u) = n + 1$$

Then

$$e_f(-1), e_f(0), e_f(1) \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

**Case-(2) :**  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod}6)$

**Subcase-(i) :**  $n = 8$

Define

$$f(u_1) = 2$$

$$f(u_2) = 3$$

$$f(u_3) = 1$$

$$f(u_4) = 4$$

$$f(u_5) = 7$$

and

$$f(u_{n-2}) = n - 3$$

$$f(u_{n-1}) = n - 2$$

$$f(u_n) = n + 1$$

**Subcase-(ii) :**  $n > 8$

$$f(u_1) = 2$$

$$f(u_2) = 1$$

$$f(u_3) = 3$$

$$f(u_4) = 4$$

$$f(u_5) = 7$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-8}{6},$$

**Subcase-(a) :** i is odd

$$f(u_{6i}) = 6i - 1$$

$$f(u_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(u_{6i+2}) = 6i + 3$$

$$f(u_{6i+3}) = 6i + 4$$

$$f(u_{6i+4}) = 6i + 8$$

$$f(u_{6i+5}) = 6i + 7$$

**Subcase-(b):** i is even

$$f(u_{6i}) = 6i - 1$$

$$f(u_{6i+1}) = 6i$$

$$f(u_{6i+2}) = 6i + 3$$

$$f(u_{6i+3}) = 6i + 4$$

$$f(u_{6i+4}) = 6i + 7$$

$$f(u_{6i+5}) = 6i + 8$$

and

$$f(u_{n-2}) = n - 3$$

$$f(u_{n-1}) = n - 2$$

$$f(u_n) = n + 1$$

and

$$f(u) = 8$$

Then

$$e_f(-1), e_f(0), e_f(1) \in \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

**Case-(3) :**  $n \equiv 0, 3, 4, 5(\text{mod}6)$

We see that  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| = 0$  or 1 but

$$|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \geq 2.$$

Thus  $W_n$  is not square difference 3-equitable labeling.

Hence  $W_n$  is square difference 3-equitable labeling if  $n \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}6)$ .

**Illustration 5.** The square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $W_8$  is shown below.

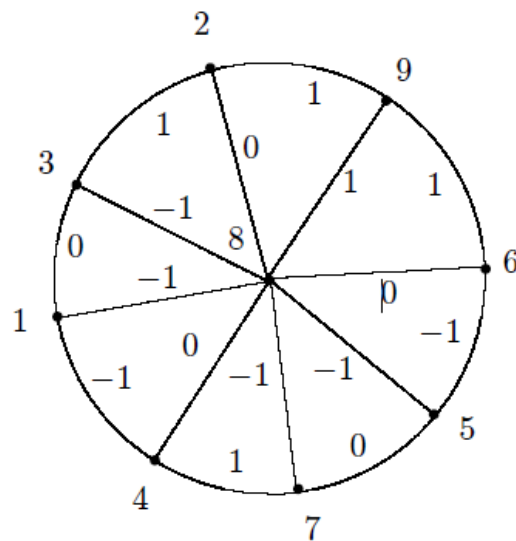


Fig 7. Square difference 3-equitable labeling of  $W_8$ .

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