

k-Product Graph Labeling

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Abstract

A (p, q) graph is said to admit k -Product labeling if its vertex can be labeled by positive integers such that the induced edge labels obtained by the absolute difference of the labels of end vertices are the first k -Product numbers. A graph G which admit k -Product labeling is called k -Product graph. In this paper, we prove path admits k -Product labeling and combs, stars, bistars, coconut trees admit 2-Product labeling and also cycle C_n is not 2-Product when n is not congruent to 0 mod 4. Also C_n admits 2-Product labeling iff the set of all first n 2-Product numbers is a zero sum set.

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Introduction

All graphs in this paper are finite, simple and undirected. The vertex set and edge set of graph G are denoted by $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ respectively. For various graph theoretic notations and terminology we follow Harry [1] and for number theory we follow Burton [2]. A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges or both subject to certain conditions. A dynamic survey on graph labeling is regularly updated by Gallian [3] and it is published by Electronic Journal of Combinatorics. Vast amount of literature is available on different types of graph labeling and more than 1000 research papers have been published so far in last four decades.

Definition 1.1

A k -Product number is a number obtained by multiplying k -consecutive natural numbers (starting from 2) less than or equal to a given positive integer n . If the n^{th} k -Product number is denoted by

$$A_n^{(k)} = (n + 1)(n + 2) \dots (n + k)$$

The 2-Product numbers are 6, 12, 20, 30, 42, 56, 72, 90, 110.....

Definition 1.2

A k -Product labeling of a graph G is a one-one function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ that induces a bijection $f^+: E(G) \rightarrow \{A_1^{(k)}, A_2^{(k)}, \dots, A_q^{(k)}\}$ of the edges defined by $f^+(uv) = |f(u) - f(v)| \forall e = uv \in E(G)$. The graph which admit such labeling is called a k -Product graph.

Definition 1.3

A finite subset F_n of positive integers is said to be zero sum set if there exist a linear combination, $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$, $x_i \in F_n$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $a_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Definition 1.4

A 2-Product number is a number obtained by multiplying 2-consecutive natural numbers (starting from 2) less than or equal to a given positive integer n. If the n^{th} 2-Product number is denoted by

$$A_n^{(2)} = (n + 1)(n + 2)$$

The 2-Product numbers are 6, 12, 20, 30, 42, 56, 72, 90, 110.....

Definition 1.5

The n^{th} sum of k-Product numbers is denoted by $S_{A_n^{(k)}}$,

$$S_{A_n^{(k)}} = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i^{(k)}$$

Main Results

Here we prove that combs, stars, bistars, coconut trees admits 2-Product graph labeling. Also, cycle C_n is not 2-Product graph if n is not congruent to $0(mod4)$. And C_n admits 2-Product labeling iff the set of all first n 2-Product numbers is a zero sum set.

Theorem 2.1

The path P_n admits k-Product labeling.

Proof:

Let $P_n : u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ be the path and let $w_i = u_i u_{i+1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) be the edges. for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, defined

$$f(u_i) = \frac{i(i + 1)(i + 2) \dots (i + k)}{k + 1}$$

We will show that the induced edge labels obtained by the absolute difference of end vertices are the first $(n - 1)$ k-Product numbers.

For $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(u_i) - f(u_{i+1})| &= \left| \frac{i(i + 1)(i + 2) \dots (i + k)}{k + 1} - \frac{(i + 1)(i + 2) \dots (i + k)(i + k + 1)}{k + 1} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{(i + 1)(i + 2) \dots (i + k)[i - (i + k + 1)]}{k + 1} \right| \\ &= (i + 1)(i + 2) \dots (i + k) \\ &= A_i^{(k)} \\ &= f^i(w_i) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the induced edge labels are the first $n - 1$ k-Product numbers.

Thus path P_n admits 2-product labeling .

Example 2.2

The 2-product labeling of P_6 is shown below.

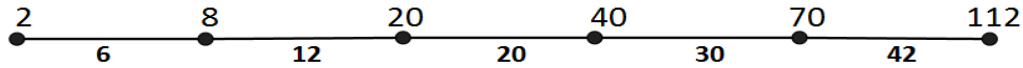


Figure 1

Theorem 2.3

The comb $P_n \odot K_1$ admits 2-Product labeling.

Proof:

Let $P_n: u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ be the path and let $w_i = u_i u_{i+1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n - 1$) be the edges. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the pendant vertices adjacent to u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n respectively and $t_i = u_i v_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) be the edges.

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, define

$$f(u_i) = \frac{i(i+1)(i+2)}{3}$$

$$f(v_i) = \frac{3(n^2 + 2ni + n) + 6i^2 + 5i + i^3}{3}$$

Then,

$$|f(u_i) - f(u_{i+1})| = f^+(w_i) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$|f(u_i) - f(v_i)| = f^i(t_i) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Thus the induced edge labels are the first $(2n - 1)$ 2-Product numbers.

Hence comb $P_n \odot K_1$ admits 2-Product labeling.

Example 2.4

The 2-Product labeling of $P_5 \odot K_1$ is shown below.

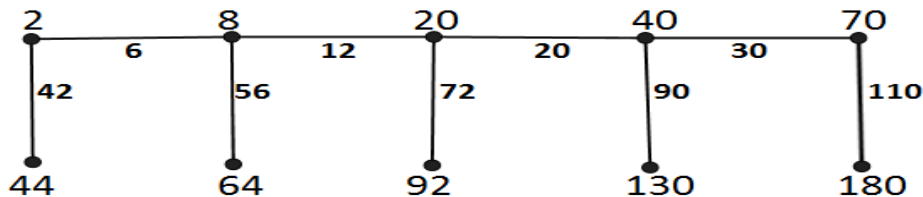


Figure 2

Theorem 2.5

The star graph $K_{1,n}$ admits 2-Product labeling.

Proof:

Let u be the apex vertex and let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the pendant vertices of the star $K_{1,n}$.

Define,

$$f(u) = 1$$

$$f(u_i) = (i + 1)(i + 2) + 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

We see that induced edge labels are the first n 2-Product numbers.

Hence star graph $K_{1,n}$ admits 2-Product labeling.

Example 2.6

The 2-Product labeling of $K_{1,6}$ is shown below.

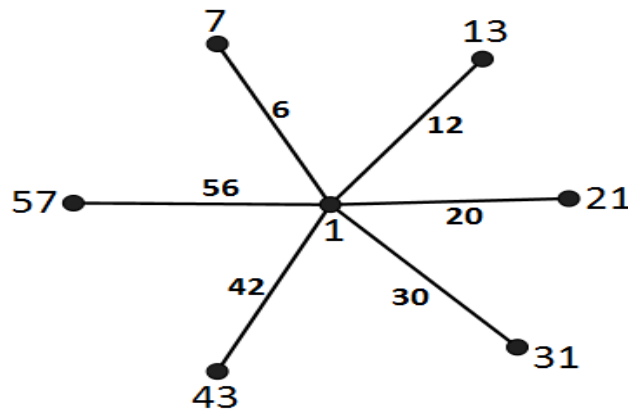


Figure 3

Theorem 2.7

The bistar $B_{m,n}$ admits 2-Product labeling.

Proof:

Let,

$$V(B_{m,n}) = \{u, v, u_i, v_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\},$$

$$E(B_{m,n}) = \{uv, uu_i, vv_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$$

Define f by,

$$f(u) = 1$$

$$f(v) = 7$$

$$f(u_i) = (i + 1)(i + 2) + 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(v_j) = (m + 2 + i)(m + 3 + i) + 7 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

we see that induced edge labels are the first $m + n + 1$ 2-Product numbers.
 Hence bistar $B_{m,n}$ admits 2-Product labeling.

Example: 2.8

The 2-Product labeling of $B_{4,3}$ is shown below.

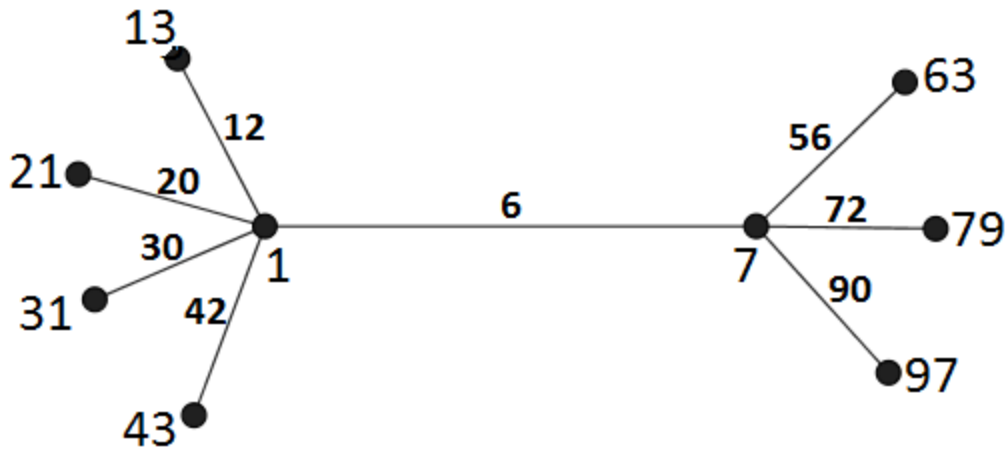


Figure: 4

Theorem: 2.9

Coconut tree admits 2-Product labeling.

Proof:

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of a path and w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m be the pendant vertices, being adjacent to v_1 .

Define f by,

$$f(v_j) = \frac{j(j+1)(j+2)}{3} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$f(w_i) = (n+i)(n+i+1) + 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m$$

we see that induced edge labels are the first $m + n - 1$ 2-Product numbers.
 Hence Coconut tree admits 2-Product labeling.

Example: 2.10

The 2-Product labeling of coconut tree is shown below.

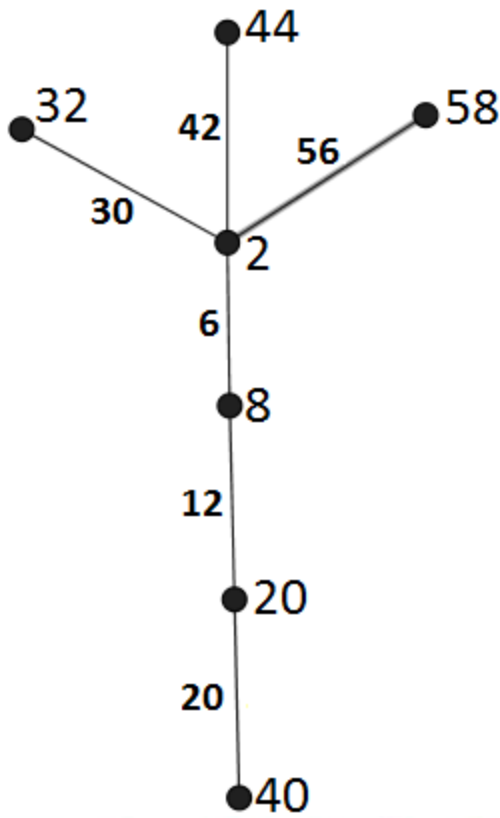


Figure: 5

Result: 2.11

The n^{th} sum of 2-Product numbers is denoted by $S_{A_n^{(2)}}$,

$$S_{A_n^{(2)}} = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+10)+12n}{6}.$$

Theorem: 2.12

If F_n be a zero sum set then S_{F_n} is an even number, where $S_{F_n} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$, where $x_i \in F_n$.

Proof:

Suppose $F_n = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ be a zero sum set.

Then \exists a linear combination, $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$, where $a_i \in \{1, -1\}$, $x_i \in F_n$.

Let $x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}$ be the elements in F for which $a_{i_j} = 1$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i_1} + x_{i_2} + \dots + x_{i_k} - x_{i_{k+1}} - x_{i_{(k+1)}} - \dots - x_{i_n} &= 0 \\ x_{i_1} + x_{i_2} + \dots + x_{i_k} &= x_{i_{k+1}} + x_{i_{(k+1)}} + \dots + x_{i_n} \end{aligned}$$

Let $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = m$,

Then,
$$m = 2(x_{i_1} + x_{i_2} + \dots + x_{i_k})$$

Thus, S_{F_n} is an even number.

Theorem: 2.13

An n –cycle C_n admits 2-Product labeling iff $\{A_1^{(2)}, A_2^{(2)}, \dots, A_n^{(2)}\}$ is a zero sum set.

Proof:

Suppose C_n admits 2-Product labeling.

Let $C_n : u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u_1$ be the n –cycle.

Let $f(u_i) = x_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Then, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} |x_1 - x_2| &= A_{i_1}^{(2)} \\ |x_2 - x_3| &= A_{i_2}^{(2)} \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ |x_n - x_1| &= A_{i_n}^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

Where, $A_{i_j}^{(2)} \in \{A_1^{(2)}, A_2^{(2)}, \dots, A_n^{(2)}\}$

Above equations can be written as

$$x_1 - x_2 = a_{i_1} A_{i_1}^{(2)} \quad (1)$$

$$x_2 - x_3 = a_{i_2} A_{i_2}^{(2)} \quad (2)$$

\vdots
 \vdots

$$x_n - x_1 = a_{i_n} A_{i_n}^{(2)} \quad (n)$$

Adding (1) + (2) + + (n) , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i_j} A_{i_j}^{(2)} &= 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Which implies,

Thus $\{A_1^{(2)}, A_2^{(2)}, \dots, A_n^{(2)}\}$ is a zero sum set.

Conversly, suppose $\{A_1^{(2)}, A_2^{(2)}, \dots, A_n^{(2)}\}$ is a zero sum set. We have to prove n -cycle C_n admits 2-Product labeling.

Since,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i A_i = 0 \quad \text{for } a_i \in \{1, -1\}$$

Thus , we have,

$$A_{i_1} + A_{i_2} + \dots + A_{i_k} - A_{i_{k+1}} - A_{i_{(k+1)}} - \dots - A_{i_n} = 0$$

Where , $A_{i_j} \in \{A_1^{(2)}, A_2^{(2)}, \dots, A_n^{(2)}\}$

Now, we define ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 1 \\ f(u_{j+1}) &= f(u_j) + A_{i_j} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \\ f(u_{j+1}) &= f(u_j) - A_{i_j} \quad \text{for } j = k + 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

we see that induced edge labels are the first n 2-Product numbers.

Thus C_n is 2-Product graph.

Lemma: 2.14

$\frac{S_{A_n^{(2)}}}{2}$ is an odd number when n is not congruent to $0 \pmod{4}$.

Proof:

We have,

$$S_{A_n^{(2)}} = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+10) + 12n}{12}$$

For $n = 4k + 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{A_{4k+1}^{(2)}} &= \frac{(4k+1)[(4k+2)(8k+12) + 12]}{12} \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{(4k+1)(4k+2)(4k+6) + 6(4k+1)}{3} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{(4k+1)(4k+2)(4k+6) + 24k}{12} \right) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (4k+1)(4k+2)(4k+6) + 24k &\equiv (4k+1)(4k+2)(4k+6) \pmod{12} \\ &\equiv 64k^3 + 8k \pmod{12} \end{aligned}$$

By division algorithm , k is one the form $3s, 3s + 1, 3s + 2$,

If $k = 3s$,

$$\begin{aligned} 64k^3 + 8k &= 64(3s+1)^3 + 8(3s+1) \\ &= 64[27s^3 + 27s^2 + 9s + 1] + 24s + 8 \\ &= 12[144s^3 + 144s^2 + 50s + 6] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $64k^3 + 8k \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$

Similarly, if $k = 3s + 2$, then $64k^3 + 8k \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$.

Thus,

$$(4k+1)(4k+2)(4k+6) + 24k \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$$

Thus, $\frac{S_{A_n^{(2)}}}{2}$ is an odd number when $n = 4k + 1$.

For $n = 4k + 2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{A_{4k+2}}^{(2)} &= \frac{(4k+2)[(4k+3)(8k+14)+12]}{12} \\
 &= \left(\frac{(4k+2)(4k+3)(8k+14)+12(4k+1)+12}{12} \right) \\
 &= 2 \left(\frac{(2k+1)(4k+3)(8k+14)+6(4k+1)}{12} \right) + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

It can be easily verify that $(2k+1)(4k+3)(8k+14)+6(4k+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$.

For $n = 4k + 3$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{A_{4k+3}}^{(2)} &= \frac{(4k+3)[(4k+4)(8k+16)+12]}{12} \\
 &= \left(\frac{(4k+4)(4k+3)(8k+16)+12(4k+2)+12}{12} \right) \\
 &= 2 \left(\frac{(2k+2)(4k+3)(8k+16)+6(4k+2)}{12} \right) + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

It can be easily verify that $(2k+2)(4k+3)(8k+16)+6(4k+2) \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$.

Thus, $\frac{S_{A_n}^{(2)}}{2}$ is an odd number when n is not congruent to $0 \pmod{4}$.

Theorem: 2.15

A cycle C_n doesn't admits 2-Product when n is not congruent to $0 \pmod{4}$.

Proof:

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $A_n^{(2)} = (n+1)(n+2)$ is an even number.

By **Lemma 2.14**, $\frac{S_{A_n}^{(2)}}{2}$ is an odd number when n is not congruent to $0 \pmod{4}$. Thus

$\{A_1^{(2)}, A_2^{(2)}, \dots, A_n^{(2)}\}$ is not a zero sum set when n is not congruent to $0 \pmod{4}$.

Then by **Theorem 2.13**,

C_n doesn't admits 2-Product labeling for when n is not congruent to $0 \pmod{4}$.

Concluding Remarks

In this paper, we introduce a new concept of k-Product graph labelling, we proved 2-Product graph labelling of standard graphs and introduced zero sum set and its application in labelling of graphs. To investigate analogues result for different graphs and extend the labelling further towards a generalization is an open area of research.

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