



# Skolem Difference Mean Graphs

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## Abstract

Skolem difference mean labelings of some predefined graphs are studied.

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper we consider only finite, undirected, simple graphs without loops or multiple edges. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. For all terminologies and notations we follow [2]. A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges or both, subject to certain conditions. There are several types of labeling and a detailed survey can be found in [4]. The concept of mean labeling was introduced by S. Somasundaram and R. Ponraj in [8] and the concept of skolem mean labeling was introduced by V. Balaji, D.S.T. Ramesh and A. Subramanian in [1]. Motivated by these definitions skolem difference mean labeling was introduced by K. Murugan and A. Subramanian in [7] and further results were proved in [5,6]. The following definitions are necessary for the present study. Definitions and concepts which are not specifically mentioned here are in the sense of Harary [2].

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**Definition 1.1.** A path is a walk if all the points and lines are distinct. A path on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $P_n$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A bigraph (or bipartite graph)  $G$  is a graph whose point set can be partitioned into two subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every line of  $G$  joins  $V_1$  with  $V_2$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A star is a complete bigraph  $K_{1,n}$

**Definition 1.4.** If  $G$  has order  $n$ , the corona of  $G$  with  $H$  denoted by  $G \odot H$  is the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G$  and  $n$  copies of  $H$  and joining the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $G$  with an edge to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $H$ .

**Definition 1.5.** A cycle denoted by  $C_n$ , consisting of  $n$  points, is a path with same initial and terminal point.

**Definition 1.6.** The graph  $G^{(t)}$  denotes the one point union of  $t$  copies of  $G$ .

**Definition 1.7.**  $G_1 @ G_2$  is nothing but one point union of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . [3]

**Definition 1.8.** A graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is said to be a mean graph if it is possible to label the vertices  $x \in V$  with distinct elements from the set  $0, 1, \dots, q$  in such a way that the edge  $e = uv$  is labeled with  $\frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2}$  if  $f(u) + f(v)$  is even and  $\frac{f(u) + f(v) + 1}{2}$  if  $f(u) + f(v)$  is odd and the resulting edges are distinct.

**Definition 1.9.** A graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is said to have skolem mean labeling if it is possible to label the vertices  $x \in V$  with distinct elements  $f(x)$  from  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$  in such a way that the edge  $e = uv$  is labeled with  $\frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2}$  if  $|f(u) + f(v)|$  is even and  $\frac{f(u) + f(v) + 1}{2}$  if  $|f(u) + f(v)|$  is odd and the resulting labels of the edges are distinct and from  $1, 2, 3, \dots, p$ . A graph that admits skolem mean labeling is called skolem mean graph.

**Definition 1.10.** A graph  $G(V,E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is said to have skolem difference mean labeling if it is possible to label the vertices  $x \in V$  with distinct elements  $f(x)$  from  $1,2,3...p+q$  in such a way that the edge  $e=uv$  is labeled with  $\frac{|f(u)-f(v)|}{2}$  if  $|f(u)-f(v)|$  is even and  $\frac{|f(u)-f(v)|+1}{2}$  if  $|f(u)-f(v)|$  is odd and the resulting labels of the edges are distinct and from  $1,2,3...q$ . A graph that admits skolem difference mean labeling is called skolem difference mean graph.

The skolem difference mean labeling of  $C_3$  is given in figure 1.

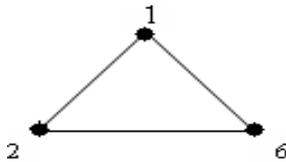


Figure 1

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1** The path  $P_n$  is skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_n) = \{v_i v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$

Define the function  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{1,2,3...2n-1\}$  as follows.

**Case i.** When  $n$  is odd.

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = 1+2i, 0 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = 2n+1-2i, 1 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

**Case ii.** When  $n$  is even.

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = 1+2i, 0 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = 2n+1-2i; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

In both the cases the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

Hence, the theorem.

The skolem difference mean labeling of the paths  $P_5$  and  $P_6$  are given below.

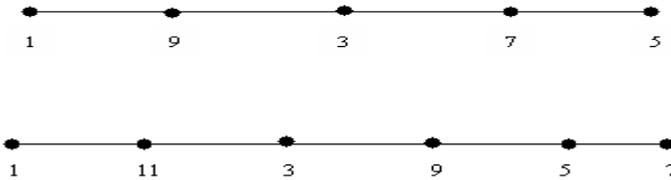


Figure 2

**Theorem 2.2.** If the path  $P_n$  is skolem difference mean, then the twig  $G$  obtained from the path  $P_n$  by attaching exactly two pendent edges to each internal vertex of the path is skolem difference mean.

**Proof:** Let the path  $P_n$  be skolem difference mean.

Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_n) = \{v_i v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ .

Let  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n-1\}$  be the skolem difference mean labeling of the path.

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ .

Let  $G$  be the twig.

Let  $V(G) = \{v_i, u_j, w_j; 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 2 \leq j \leq n-1\}$  and  $E(G) = \{v_i v_{i+1}, v_j u_j, v_j w_j; 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 2 \leq j \leq n-1\}$

Define  $g: V(G) \rightarrow f(P_n)$  as follows.

**Case i:** When  $n$  is odd.

$$g(v_{2i+1}) = f(v_{2i+1}); 0 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i}) = f(v_{2i}) + 4n - 8; 1 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(u_{2i}) = f(v_{2i}) - 4 + 4i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(u_{2i+1}) = f(v_{2i+1}) + 4n - 6 - 4i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$g(w_{2i}) = f(v_{2i}) + 2n - 8 + 4i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(w_{2i+1}) = f(v_{2i+1}) + 2n - 2 - 4i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n-1}{2}$$

**Case ii:** When  $n$  is even.

$$g(v_{2i+1}) = f(v_{2i+1}); 0 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i}) = f(v_{2i}) + 4n - 8; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(u_{2i}) = f(v_{2i}) - 4 + 4i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(u_{2i+1}) = f(v_{2i+1}) + 4n - 6 - 4i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(w_{2i}) = f(v_{2i}) + 2n - 8 + 4i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(w_{2i+1}) = f(v_{2i+1}) + 2n - 2 - 4i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

Let  $g^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $g$ .

Then  $g^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) + 2n - 4; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$

$$g^*(v_i u_i) = 2n - 2 - i; 2 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$g^*(v_i w_i) = n - i; 2 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

In both the cases the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 3n - 5$ . Hence the theorem.

The skolem difference mean labeling of the twigs obtained from  $P_5$  and  $P_6$  are given in figures 3 and 4.

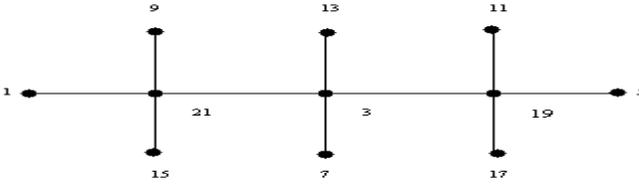


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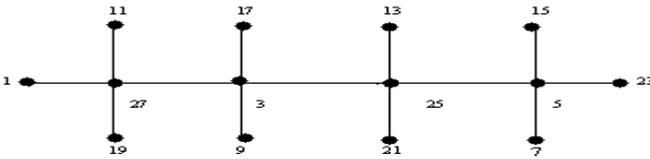


Figure 4

**Theorem 2.3.** If the path  $P_n$  is skolem difference mean, then the graph  $P_n \odot S_2$  is skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$ .

Let  $f$  be the skolem difference mean labeling of the given path as defined in theorem 2.1.

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ .

Let  $V(P_n \odot S_2) = \{v_i, v'_i, v''_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_n \odot S_2) = \{v_i v_{i+1}, v_j v'_j, v_j v''_j; 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$

Define a labeling  $g: (P_n \odot S_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 6n-1\}$  as follows.

**Case i:**  $n$  is odd.

$$g(v_{2i+1}) = f(v_{2i+1}); 0 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i}) = f(v_{2i}) + 4n; 1 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i+1'}) = 2 + 10i; 0 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i}) = g(v_2) + 4 - 10i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i+1''}) = 4 + 10i; 0 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i''}) = g(v_2) + 2 - 10i; 1 \leq i < \frac{n+1}{2}$$

**Case ii:**  $n$  is even.

$$g(v_{2i+1}) = f(v_{2i+1}); 0 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i}) = f(v_{2i}) + 4n; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i+1'}) = 2 + 10i; 0 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i'}) = g(v_2) + 4 - 10i; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i+1''}) = 4 + 10i; 0 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(v_{2i''}) = g(v_2) + 2 - 10i; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

Let  $g^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $g$ .

Then we have

$$g^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) + 2n$$

$$g^*(v_i v_{i'}) = 2i - 1$$

$$g^*(v_i v_{i''}) = 2i$$

In both the case the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 3n-1$ . Hence, the theorem.

The skolem difference mean labeling of the graph  $P_5 \odot S_2$  is given in figure 5

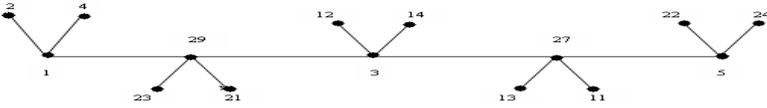


Fig 5

**Theorem 2.4.** The graph  $C_5 @ K_{1,n}$  is skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(C_5 @ K_{1,n}) = \{u_i, v_j; 1 \leq i \leq 5, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and

$$E(C_5 @ K_{1,n}) = \{u_1u_2, u_2u_3, u_3u_4, u_4u_5, u_5u_1, u_1v_j; 1 \leq j \leq n\}$$

Define a function  $f: V(C_5 @ K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n+10\}$  by

- $f(u_1) = 1$
- $f(u_2) = 9$
- $f(u_3) = 5$
- $f(u_4) = 4$
- $f(u_5) = 10$  and
- $f(v_j) = 10 + 2j; 1 \leq j \leq n$

Then the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, n+5$ . Hence  $C_5 @ K_{1,n}$  is skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

The skolem difference mean labeling of  $C_5 @ K_{1,3}$  is given in figure 6.

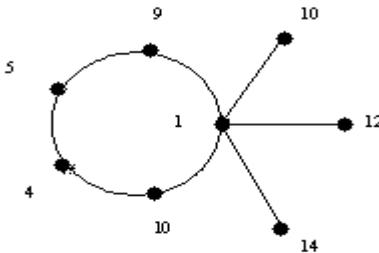


Fig 6

**Theorem 2.5.** The graph  $K_1 \odot K_{1,n}$  is skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(K_1 \odot K_{1,n}) = \{u, u_i, v, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(K_1 \odot K_{1,n}) = \{uv, uu_i, u_i v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Define a function  $f: V(K_1 \odot K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n+3\}$  by

$$f(u) = 1$$

$$f(u_i) = 4n + 2 - 2i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v) = 4n + 3$$

$$f(v_i) = 4n + 3 - 4i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then

$$f^*(uv) = 2n + 1$$

$$f^*(uu_i) = 2n + 1 - i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_i v_i) = i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

The induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 2n+1$ . Hence the theorem.

The skolem difference mean labeling of  $K_1 \odot K_{1,4}$  is given in figure 7.

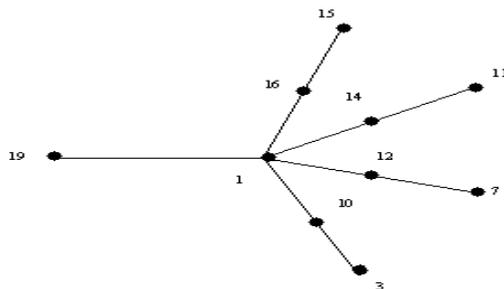


Fig7

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $G$  be the graph  $K_{1,n}^{(2)}$ . Then  $G$  is skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(G) = \{u, u_i', u_i''; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{uu_i', uu_i''; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n+1\}$  by

$$f(u) = 4n + 1$$

$$f(u_i') = 2i - 1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i'') = 2n - 1 + 2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ .

Then  $f^*(uu_i') = 2n + 1 - i; 1 \leq i \leq n$

$$f^*(uu_i'') = n + 1 - i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Then the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 2n$ . Hence, the theorem.

The skolem difference mean labeling of the graph  $K_{1,3^{(2)}}$  is given in figure 8.

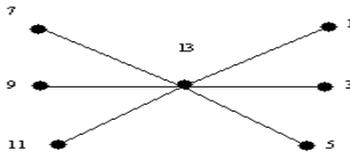


Fig 8

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by identifying the leaves of  $K_{1,n}$  with the central vertex of  $S_2$ . Then  $G$  is skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(G) = \{u, u_i, u_i', u_i''; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{uu_i, uu_i', uu_i''; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 6n + 1\}$  by

$$f(u) = 6n + 1$$

$$f(u_i) = 2i - 1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i') = 4n + 3 - 2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i'') = 4n - 2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then

$$f^*(uu_i) = 3n + 1 - i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(uu_i') = 2n + 2 - 2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(uu_i'') = 2n + 1 - 2i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Then the induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, 3n$ . Hence, the theorem.

The skolem difference mean labeling of the graph  $K_{1,3} \odot S_2$  is given in figure 9.

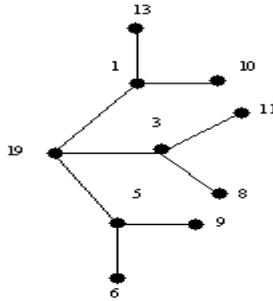


Fig 9

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $G$  be a graph obtained by identifying a pendant vertex of  $P_3$  with a leaf of  $K_{1,n}$ . Then  $G$  is skolem difference mean for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i, u, w; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{vv_i, v_nu, uw; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n+5\}$  by

$$f(v) = 2n+5$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i-1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u) = 2n+3$$

$$f(w) = 2n+1$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ .

Then

$$f^*(vv_i) = n+3-i; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(v_nu) = 2$$

$$f^*(uw) = 1$$

The induced edge labels are  $1, 2, \dots, n+2$ . Hence, the theorem.

The skolem difference mean labeling of the graph obtained by identifying a pendent vertex of  $P_3$  with a leaf of  $K_{1,7}$  is given in figure 10.

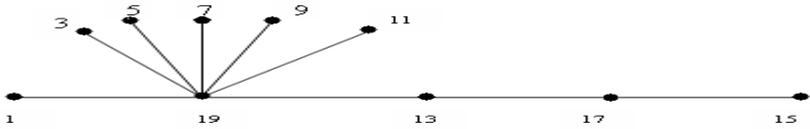


Fig 10

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