# Edge-antimagicness for a class of disconnected graphs

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#### Abstract

Suppose G is a finite graph with vertex-set V(G) and edge-set E(G). An (a,d)-edge-antimagic total labeling on G is a one-to-one map f from  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  onto the integers  $1,2,\ldots,|V(G)|+|E(G)|$  with the property that the edge-weights  $w(uv)=f(u)+f(v)+f(uv),\ uv\in E(G)$ , form an arithmetic progression starting from a and having common difference d. Such a labeling is called *super* if the smallest labels appear on the vertices. In this paper, we investigate the existence of super (a,d)-edge-antimagic total labelings of disjoint union of multiple copies of complete bipartite graph.

### 1 Introduction and Definitions

All graphs are finite, simple and undirected. The graph G has vertex-set V(G) and edge-set E(G). Unless otherwise noted, |V(G)| = p and |E(G)| = q. General references for graph-theoretic notions are [15] or [16].

A labeling of a graph is any map that carries some set of graph elements to numbers (usually to the positive or non-negative integers). If the domain is the vertex-set or the edge-set, the labelings are called, respectively, vertex labelings or edge labelings. Moreover, if the domain is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  then the labeling is called total labeling.

We define edge-weight of an edge uv under a vertex labeling to be the sum of the vertex labels corresponding to the vertices u an v. Under a total labeling, we also add the label of the edge uv.

By an (a,d)-edge-antimagic vertex labeling of graph G we mean a one-to-one map  $f:V(G)\to\{1,2,\ldots,p\}$  such that the set of edge-weights of all edges in G,

 $\{f(u)+f(v): uv \in E(G)\}$ , is  $\{a,a+d,a+2d,\ldots,a+(q-1)d\}$ , for two integers a>0 and  $d\geq 0$ . (a,d)-edge-antimagic vertex labeling is equivalent to a strongly (a,d)-indexable labeling defined by Hegde in his Ph.D. thesis (see Acharya and Hegde [1]).

An (a,d)-edge-antimagic total labeling on a (p,q) graph G is a one-to-one map f from  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  onto the integers  $1,2,\ldots,p+q$  with the property that the edge-weights w(uv) = f(u) + f(uv) + f(v),  $uv \in E(G)$ , form an arithmetic progression  $\{a, a+d, a+2d,\ldots,a+(q-1)d\}$ , where a>0 and  $d\geq 0$  are two fixed integers. Such a labeling is called *super* if the vertex labels are the integers  $\{1,2,\ldots,p\}$ .

A graph G is called (a, d)-edge-antimagic total or super (a, d)-edge-antimagic total if there exists an (a, d)-edge-antimagic total or super (a, d)-edge-antimagic total labeling of G.

The (a,0)-edge-antimagic total labelings are usualy called *edge-magic* in the literature (see [2], [8], [12] and [14]).

Definitions of (a, d)-edge-antimagic total labeling and super (a, d)-edge-antimagic total labeling were introduced by Simanjuntak *et al.* [13]. These labelings are natural extensions of the notion of edge-magic labeling (see [11], where edge-magic labeling is called magic valuation) and super edge-magic labeling introduced by Enomoto *et al.* in [7].

Many other researchers investigated different forms of antimagic graphs. For example, see Bodendiek and Walther [4] and [5], and Hartsfield and Ringel [10]. In this paper, we investigate the existence of super (a, d)-edge-antimagic total labelings of disjoint union of multiple copies of complete bipartite graph.

# 2 Upper bound for difference

In [3] it is proved that the complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  has super (a,d)-edge-antimagic total labeling if and only if d=1 and  $n\geq 2$ . Let  $mK_{n,n}$  be a disjoint union of m copies of  $K_{n,n}$  with  $V(mK_{n,n})=\{x_i^k:1\leq i\leq n \text{ and }1\leq k\leq m\}\cup\{y_j^k:1\leq j\leq n \text{ and }1\leq k\leq m\}$  and  $E(mK_{n,n})=\bigcup_{i=1}^m \{x_i^ky_j^k:1\leq i\leq n \text{ and }1\leq j\leq n\}$ .

Thus  $|V(mK_{n,n})| = 2mn$  and  $|E(mK_{n,n})| = mn^2$ .

The next theorem provides an upper bound for the parameter d for a super (a,d)-edge-antimagic total labeling of  $mK_{n,n}$ .

Theorem 1 If  $mK_{n,n}$ ,  $n \ge 1$  and  $m \ge 2$ , is super (a,d)-edge-antimagic total, then  $d \le 5$ .

**Proof** Let  $mK_{n,n}$ ,  $n \ge 1$  and  $m \ge 2$ , be super (a,d)-edge-antimagic total with a super (a,d)-edge-antimagic total labeling  $f:V(mK_{n,n}) \cup E(mK_{n,n}) \to \{1,2,\ldots,2mn+mn^2\}$ . Then  $\{w(uv)=f(u)+f(uv)+f(v):uv\in E(mK_{n,n})\}=\{a,a+d,a+2d,\ldots,a+(mn^2-1)d\}$  is the set of edge-weights and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m} w(x_i^k y_j^k) = \sum_{t=0}^{mn^2 - 1} (a + td) = mn^2 \left( a + \frac{(mn^2 - 1)d}{2} \right)$$
 (1)

is the sum of all the edge-weights.

In the computation of the edge-weights of  $mK_{n,n}$  under the map f the label of each vertex is used n times and the label of each edge is used once. Thus

$$n\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{k=1}^{m}f(x_{i}^{k})+n\sum_{j=1}^{n}\sum_{k=1}^{m}f(y_{j}^{k})+\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\sum_{k=1}^{m}f(x_{i}^{k}y_{j}^{k})=$$

$$=mn^{2}\left(1+2mn+\frac{mn^{2}+4mn+1}{2}\right). \tag{2}$$

Combining (1) and (2) gives

$$2a + (mn^2 - 1)d = mn^2 + 8mn + 3. (3)$$

The minimum possible edge-weight under the labeling f is at least 2mn + 4. So,  $a \ge 2mn + 4$ , and from (3) it follows that

$$d \le 1 + \frac{4mn - 4}{mn^2 - 1}. (4)$$

If 
$$n \ge 1$$
 and  $m \ge 2$ , then  $\frac{4(mn-1)}{mn^2-1} \ne 4$  and thus  $d \le 5$ .

Theorem 2 The graph  $mK_{n,n}$ ,  $m \ge 2$ , is super (3m+3,3)-edge-antimagic total and super (2m+4,5)-edge-antimagic total if and only if n=1.

**Proof** Suppose that  $mK_{n,n}$ ,  $m \ge 2$  is super (a,d)-edge-antimagic total for  $d \in \{3,5\}$ . If d=3 or d=5 then from (3) it follows that

$$a = 4mn - mn^2 + 3 \tag{5}$$

or

$$a = 4mn - 2mn^2 + 4, (6)$$

respectively. Since  $a \ge 2mn + 4$  then (5) and (6) give inequalities

$$mn(2-n) \ge 1 \tag{7}$$

and

$$mn(1-n) \ge 0, \tag{8}$$

respectively. The inequalities (7) and (8) are true only for n = 1 and  $m \ge 2$ . Using n = 1 and d = 3 or d = 5 the equations (5) and (6) imply that a = 3m + 3 or a = 2m + 4, respectively.

Now, define the vertex labeling  $f_1: V(mK_{1,1}) \to \{1, 2, ..., 2m\}$  in the following way:

$$f_1(x_1^k) = 2k$$
 for  $1 \le k \le m$   
 $f_1(y_1^k) = 2k - 1$  for  $1 \le k \le m$ .

The set of edge-weights is  $\{f_1(x_1^k)+f_1(y_1^k): 1 \leq k \leq m\} = \{4k-1: 1 \leq k \leq m\}$ . Let us now construct the edge labelings  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  of  $mK_{1,1}$  with values in the set  $\{2m+1,2m+2,\ldots,3m\}$  as follows:

$$g_1(x_1^k y_1^k) = 3m + 1 - k$$
 for  $1 \le k \le m$   
 $g_2(x_1^k y_1^k) = 2m + k$  for  $1 \le k \le m$ .

It can be seen that combining the vertex labeling  $f_1$  and the edge labeling  $g_1$  or  $g_2$  gives a super (3m+3,3)-edge-antimagic total labeling or a super (2m+4,5)-edge-antimagic total labeling, respectively.

**Theorem 3** The graph  $mK_{n,n}$  has a super (a,4)-edge-antimagic total labeling if and only if n=1, m is odd,  $m \ge 3$ , and  $a = \frac{5m+7}{2}$ .

**Proof** Assume that  $mK_{n,n}$  has a super (a,4)-edge-antimagic total labeling. If d=4 then from equation (3) we have

$$a = 4mn + \frac{7 - 3mn^2}{2}. (9)$$

So, the minimum edge-weight a is an integer if and only if m and n are odd. Since  $a \ge 2mn + 4$  then from (9) it follows that  $mn(4-3n) \ge 1$  and it holds only for n = 1.

If n=1, then (9) becames  $a=\frac{5m+7}{2}$ . The wanted super  $(\frac{5m+7}{2},4)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling  $f_2$  can be defined as follows:

$$\begin{split} f_2(x_1^k) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{3m+3}{2} - 2k, & \text{if } 1 \leq k \leq \frac{m+1}{2} \\ m+1-k, & \text{if } \frac{m+3}{2} \leq k \leq m \end{array} \right. \\ f_2(y_1^k) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 2m+1-k, & \text{if } 1 \leq k \leq \frac{m+1}{2} \\ \frac{5m+3}{2} - 2k, & \text{if } \frac{m+3}{2} \leq k \leq m \end{array} \right. \\ f_2(x_1^k y_1^k) &= g_1(x_1^k y_1^k) & \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq m. \end{split}$$

**Theorem 4** There is a super (4mn + 2, 1)-edge-antimagic total labeling for  $mK_{n,n}$  for every  $n \ge 1$  and every  $m \ge 2$ .

Proof If d = 1 then from (3) it follows that a = 4mn + 2. Construct the one-to-one map  $f_3: V(mK_{n,n}) \cup E(mK_{n,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2mn + mn^2\}$  as follows:

$$f_3(x_i^k) = (i-1)m + k$$
 for  $1 \le i \le n$  and  $1 \le k \le m$ 

$$f_3(y_j^k) = (n+j-1)m+k$$
 for  $1 \le j \le n$  and  $1 \le k \le m$ .

If  $1 \le k \le m$  then

$$f_3(x_i^k y_j^k) = (i - j + 3)mn - m\left(j - 1 + \sum_{t=0}^{i-j} t\right) - k + 1$$

for  $1 \le j \le n$  and  $j \le i \le n$ , and

$$f_3(x_i^k y_j^k) = \left(\frac{n+5}{2} + j - i\right) mn - m\left(i - 1 + \sum_{t=1}^{j-i} t\right) - k + 1$$

for  $1 \le i \le n-1$  and  $i+1 \le j \le n$ .

Thus, for  $1 \le j \le n$  and  $j \le i \le n$  the edge-weight of  $x_i^k y_i^k$ , where  $1 \le k \le m$ , is given by

$$w(x_i^k y_j^k) = f_3(x_i^k) + f_3(y_j^k) + f_3(x_i^k y_j^k) = mn(4+i-j) + m\left(i-1-\sum_{t=0}^{i-j}t\right) + k+1$$
 and for  $1 \le i \le n-1$  and  $i+1 \le j \le n$  the edge-weight of  $x_i^k y_j^k$ , where  $1 \le k \le m$ ,

is given by

$$\overline{w}(x_i^k y_j^k) =$$

$$f_3(x_i^k) + f_3(y_j^k) + f_3(x_i^k y_j^k) = \frac{mn}{2} (n+7+2j-2i) + m \left(j-1-\sum_{t=1}^{j-i} t\right) + k+1.$$
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The edge-weights of edges of  $mK_{n,n}$  we can exhibit by a system of square matrices  $H^k = (h_{i,j}^k)$ , for k = 1, 2, ..., m, with dimensions  $(n \times n)$  each, where

$$h_{i,j}^k = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} w(x_i^k y_j^k), & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ and } j \leq i \leq n \\ \overline{w}(x_i^k y_j^k), & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } i+1 \leq j \leq n. \end{array} \right.$$

We are setting A = 4mn + k + 1, B = A + mn,  $C = \frac{mn^2 + 9mn}{2} + k + 1$ ,  $D = \frac{mn^2 + 9mn}{2} + k + 1$  $\frac{mn^2+11mn}{2}+k+1$ , E=A+2mn and  $F=mn^2+4mn+k+1$ .

$$H^k = \left( \begin{array}{ccccccccccc} A & C & D-m & \dots & F-3m & F-m \\ B & A+m & C+m & \dots & F-5m & F-2m \\ E-m & B+m & A+2m & \dots & F-8m & F-4m \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ C-3m & C-5m & C-8m & \dots & B-2m & D-2m \\ C-m & C-2m & C-4m & \dots & E-2m & B-m \end{array} \right).$$

It is a routine procedure to verify that the system of square matrices  $H^k$ , k = 1, 2, ..., m, is formed from consecutive integers 4mn + 2, 4mn + 3, 4mn + 4  $4, \ldots, mn^2 + 4mn, mn^2 + 4mn + 1$ . We deduce that  $f_3$  is a super (4mn + 2, 1)-edge-antimagic total labeling of  $mK_{n,n}$ .

Lemma 1 If  $mK_{n,n}$  is super (a,d)-edge-antimagic total for  $d \in \{0,2\}$ , then n=1 or n=3 and m is odd,  $m \geq 3$ .

**Proof** Case 1 d = 0.

Figueroa-Centeno et al. [8] showed that a (p,q) graph G is super (a,0)-edge-antimagic total if and only if there exists (a-p-q,1)-edge-antimagic vertex labeling.

Suppose that  $f:V(mK_{n,n})\to\{1,2,\ldots,p\}$  is an (a-p-q,1)-edge-antimagic vertex labeling and let  $\{a-p-q,a-p-q+1,\ldots,a-p-q+q-1\}$  be the set of all edge-weights in  $mK_{n,n}$ , where p=2mn and  $q=mn^2$ . The sum of all vertex labels used to calculate the edge-weights is equal to the sum of the edge-weights. So,

$$\sum_{uv \in E(mK_{n,n})} w(uv) = n \sum_{u \in V(mK_{n,n})} f(u)$$

which is obviously equivalent to the equation

$$amn^2 - \frac{mn^2}{2} (4mn + mn^2 + 1) = mn^2 (2mn + 1)$$

and

$$a-p-q = a-2mn-mn^2 = \frac{mn(4-n)+3}{2}$$
.

It can be seen that the minimum possible edge-weight a - p - q is a positive integer if and only if m is odd and n = 1 or n = 3.

Case 2 d = 2.

Let  $mK_{n,n}$  be super (a, 2)-edge-antimagic total. For d = 2 from (3) we obtain

$$a = 4mn + \frac{5 - mn^2}{2} \tag{10}$$

and it is an integer if and only if m and n are odd.

Using  $a \ge 2mn + 4$  the equation (10) implies that  $mn(4 - n) \ge 3$ . In light the previous condition for m and n we can see that the last inequality is true only for  $n \in \{1,3\}$  and m odd,  $m \ge 3$ .

This completes the proof.

Super (a, 0)-edge-antimagic total labeling of  $mK_{1,1}$  can be found in [6] and [9].

**Theorem 5** If m is odd,  $m \geq 3$ , then  $mK_{1,1}$  has a super  $(\frac{7m+5}{2}, 2)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling.

**Proof** If n=1 then from (10) it follows that  $a=\frac{7m+5}{2}$ . The required super  $(\frac{7m+5}{2},2)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling we define in the following way:

$$\begin{split} f_4(x_1^k) &= m+1-k \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq k \leq m \\ f_4(y_1^k) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{m+\frac{k+1}{2}}{2}, & \text{if $k$ is odd} \\ \frac{3m+1+k}{2}, & \text{if $k$ is even} \end{array} \right. \\ f_4(x_1^k y_1^k) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{5m+2-k}{2}, & \text{if $k$ is odd} \\ 3m+1-\frac{k}{2}, & \text{if $k$ is even.} \end{array} \right. \end{split}$$

For  $mK_{3,3}$ ,  $m \ge 3$  odd, we have not found any super (a, 0)-edge-antimagic total labeling. Therefore we propose the following open problem.

Open Problem 1 For  $mK_{3,3}$ ,  $m \ge 3$  odd, determine if there is a super (a,0)-edge-antimagic total labeling.

The following three tables for k=1,2,3 describe a super (25,2)-edge-antimagic total labeling for  $3K_{3,3}$ . Each table contains the vertex labels  $x_1^k$ ,  $x_2^k$  and  $x_3^k$  in the first row, the vertex labels  $y_1^k$ ,  $y_2^k$  and  $y_3^k$  in the first column and the edge labels  $x_i^k y_j^k$  for  $i,j \in \{1,2,3\}$  in the internal array of order 3.

	4	5 19	6		12	13	14		11	17	18
1	28	19	20	8	23	24	25	7	45	37	40
2	29	30	31		32			15	41	43	44
3	34	21	22	10	35	26	27	16	42	38	39

We have not yet found a convenient construction that will produce super (a, 2)-edge-antimagic total labeling for  $mK_{3,3}$ ,  $a=\frac{15m+5}{2}$ , for all odd m. However, the existence of super (25, 2)-edge-antimagic total labeling for  $3K_{3,3}$  leads us to suggest the following

Conjecture 1 There is a super  $(\frac{15m+5}{2}, 2)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling for  $mK_{3,3}$  for all m odd.

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