

## Some $C_4$ -supermagic graphs

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**Abstract:** A simple graph  $G = (V, E)$  admits an  $H$ -covering if every edge in  $E$  belongs to a subgraph of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ , we say that  $G$  is  $H$ -magic if there is a total labeling  $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V| + |E|\}$  such that for each subgraph  $H' = (V', E')$  of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ ,  $\sum_{v \in V'} f(v) + \sum_{e \in E'} f(e)$  is constant.

When  $f(V) = \{1, 2, \dots, |V|\}$ , then  $G$  is said to be  $H$ -supermagic. In this paper we show that all prism graphs  $C_n \times P_m$  except for  $n = 4$ , the ladder graph  $P_2 \times P_n$  and the grid  $P_3 \times P_n$  are  $C_4$ -supermagic.

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of  $H$ -magic graphs was introduced in [2]. An edge-covering of a graph  $G$  is a family of different subgraphs  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k$  such that each edge of  $E$  belongs to at least one of the subgraphs  $H_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Then, it is said that  $G$  admits an  $(H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k)$  - edge covering. If every  $H_i$  is isomorphic to a given graph  $H$ , then we say that  $G$  admits an  $H$ -covering.

Suppose that  $G = (V, E)$  admits an  $H$ -covering. We say that a bijective function  $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V| + |E|\}$  is an  $H$ -magic labeling of  $G$  if there is a positive integer  $m(f)$ , which we call magic sum, such that for each subgraph  $H' = (V', E')$  of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ , we have,  $f(H') = \sum_{v \in V'} f(v) + \sum_{e \in E'} f(e) = m(f)$ . In this case we say that the graph  $G$  is  $H$ -magic. When  $f(V) = \{1, 2, \dots, |V|\}$ , we say that  $G$  is  $H$ -supermagic and we denote its supermagic-sum by  $s(f)$ .

In [2], A. Gutierrez, and A. Llado studied the families of complete and complete bipartite graphs with respect to the star-magic and star-supermagic properties and proved the following results.

The star  $K_{1,n}$  is  $K_{1,h}$ -supermagic for any  $1 \leq h \leq n$ .

- Let  $G$  be a  $d$ -regular graph. Then  $G$  is not  $K_{1,h}$ -magic for any  $1 < h < d$ .
- (a) The complete graph  $K_n$  is not  $K_{1,h}$ -magic for any  $1 < h < n-1$ .  
 (b) The complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  is not  $K_{1,h}$ -magic for any  $1 < h < n$ .
- The complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  is  $K_{1,n}$ -magic for  $n \geq 1$ .
- The complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  is not  $K_{1,n}$ -supermagic for any integer  $n > 1$ .
- For any pair of integers  $1 < r < s$ , the complete bipartite graph  $K_{r,s}$  is  $K_{1,h}$ -supermagic if and only if  $h = s$ .

The following results regarding path-magic and path-supermagic coverings are also proved in [2].

- The path  $P_n$  is  $P_h$ -supermagic for any integer  $2 \leq h \leq n$ .
- Let  $G$  be a  $P_h$ -magic graph,  $h > 2$ . Then  $G$  is  $C_h$ -free.
- The complete graph  $K_n$  is not  $P_h$ -magic for any  $2 < h \leq n$ .
- The cycle  $C_n$  is  $P_h$ -supermagic for any integer  $2 \leq h < n$  such that  $\gcd(n, h(h-1))=1$ .

Also in [2], the authors constructed some families of  $H$ -magic graphs for a given graph  $H$  by proving the following results.

- Let  $H$  be any graph with  $|V(H)| + |E(H)|$  even. Then the disjoint union  $G = kH$  of  $k$  copies of  $H$  is  $H$ -magic.

Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two graphs and  $e \in E(H)$  a distinguished edge in  $H$ .

We denote by  $G \circ eH$  the graph obtained from  $G$  by gluing a copy of  $H$  to each edge of  $G$  by the distinguished edge  $e \in E(H)$ .

- Let  $H$  be a 2-connected graph and  $G$  an  $H$ -free supermagic graph. Let  $k$  be the size of  $G$  and  $h = |V(H)| + |E(H)|$ . Assume that  $h$  and  $k$  are not both even. Then, for each edge  $e \in E(H)$ , the graph  $G \circ eH$  is  $H$ -magic.

In [3], P. Jeyanthi and P. Selvagopal proved that for any positive integer  $n$ ,  $k$  - polygonal snake of length  $n$  is  $C_k$ -supermagic.

In this paper we prove the prism graph  $C_n \times P_m$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic for all  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 3$  except for  $n = 4$ . And also we prove that the ladder graph  $P_2 \times P_n$  and the grid graph  $P_3 \times P_n$  are  $C_4$ -supermagic for all  $n \geq 2$ .

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 1:** The prism graph  $C_n \times P_m$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic for all  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 3$  (except  $n = 4$ ) with supermagic number  $10mn-n+4$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $C_n \times P_m$  be a prism graph with vertex set  $V = \{v_{i,j} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and edge set  $E = \{v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_{i,n}v_{i,1} : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j} : 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Let  $H_{i,j}$  be the 4-cycle  $v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}v_{i+1,j+1}v_{i+1,j}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$  and  $H_{i,n}$  be the 4-cycle  $v_{i,n}v_{i,1}v_{i+1,1}v_{i+1,n}$ . Define a total labeling  $f : V \cup E \rightarrow [1, (3m-1)n]$  as follows.

**Case 1:**  $n$  is odd.

For  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

$$f(v_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} n(i-1) + \frac{j+1}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is odd, } j \text{ is odd} \\ n(i-1) + \frac{n+j+1}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is odd, } j \text{ is even} \\ ni - j + 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq m$

$$f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) = \begin{cases} n(2m-i) + j & \text{if } i \text{ is odd, } 1 \leq j \leq n \\ n(2m-i) + j+1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even, } 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \\ n(2m-i) + 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even, } j = n \end{cases}$$

where the second subscript  $j$  is taken modulo  $n$ . (That is,  $v_{i,n+1} = v_{i,1}$ )

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

$$f(v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j}) = \begin{cases} n(3m-1) - \frac{j-1}{2} - n(i-1) & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \\ n(3m-1) - \frac{n+j-1}{2} - n(i-1) & \text{if } j \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ ,

$$f(H_{i,j}) = f(v_{i,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}) + f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}v_{i+1,j+1}) + f(v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}v_{i+1,j+1}) \text{ and } f(H_{i,n}) = f(v_{i,n}) + f(v_{i,1}) + f(v_{i+1,1}) + f(v_{i,n}v_{i,1}) + f(v_{i+1,n}v_{i+1,1}) + f(v_{i,n}v_{i+1,n}) + f(v_{i,1}v_{i+1,1}).$$

$$\text{Now, } f(v_{i,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}) = 4ni + \frac{n+3}{2} - j + 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n-1.$$

$$f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}v_{i+1,j+1}) = \begin{cases} 4mn - 2ni + 2j - n + 1 & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \\ 4mn - 2ni + 1 & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } j = n \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}v_{i+1,j+1}) = \begin{cases} 6mn - 2ni - j - \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \\ 6mn - 2ni - \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } j = n \end{cases}$$

Then, it can be easily verified that  $f(H_{i,j}) = 10mn - n + 4$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

Since each  $H_{i,j}$  is isomorphic to  $C_4$ ,  $C_n \times P_m$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic.

**Case 2:**  $n$  is even and  $n \neq 4$ .

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n \quad f(v_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} (i-1)n + j & \text{if } i \text{ is odd, } 1 \leq j \leq n \\ in - j + 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even, } 1 \leq j \leq n \end{cases}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq m$  define  $f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1})$  as follows.

$$\text{When } i \text{ is odd, } f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) = \begin{cases} n(2m-i+1) & \text{for } j = 1 \\ n(2m-i)+1 & \text{for } j = \frac{n}{2}+1 \\ n(2m-i)+\frac{n}{2}-j+2 & \text{for } 2 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ n(2m-i+1)+\frac{n}{2}-j+1 & \text{for } \frac{n}{2}+2 \leq j \leq n \end{cases}$$

where the second subscript  $j$  is taken modulo  $n$ .

$$\text{When } i \text{ is even, } f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) = \begin{cases} n(2m-i)+1 & \text{for } j = 1 \\ n(2m-i+1) & \text{for } j = \frac{n}{2}+1 \\ n(2m-i)+2j-2 & \text{for } 2 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ n(2m-i-1)+2j-1 & \text{for } \frac{n}{2}+2 \leq j \leq n \end{cases}$$

where the second subscript  $j$  is taken modulo  $n$ .

$$\text{and } f(v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j}) = \begin{cases} n(3m-i-1)+1 & \text{for } j = 1 \\ n(3m-i-1)+\frac{n}{2}-\frac{j-3}{2} & \text{if } j \text{ is odd, } j \neq 1 \\ n(3m-i)-\frac{j}{2}+1 & \text{if } j \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ ,

$$f(H_{i,j}) = f(v_{i,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}) + f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}v_{i+1,j+1}) + f(v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}v_{i+1,j+1}) \text{ and } f(H_{i,n}) = f(v_{i,n}) + f(v_{i,1}) + f(v_{i+1,1}) + f(v_{i+1,n}) + f(v_{i,n}v_{i,1}) + f(v_{i+1,n}v_{i+1,1}) + f(v_{i,n}v_{i+1,n}) + f(v_{i,1}v_{i+1,1}).$$

Now,  $f(v_{i,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}) = 4ni+2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ .

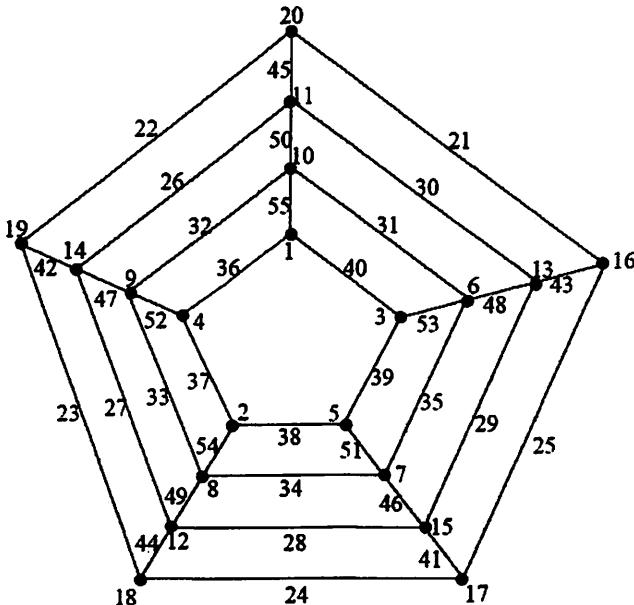
$$f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}v_{i+1,j+1}) = \begin{cases} 4mn - 2ni + j - \frac{n}{2} & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } j \neq 1, j \neq \frac{n}{2} + 1 \\ 4mn - 2ni + 1 & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } j = 1, j = \frac{n}{2} + 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}v_{i+1,j+1}) = \begin{cases} 6mn - 2ni - j - \frac{n}{2} + 2 & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } j \neq 1 \\ 6mn - 2ni - n + 1 & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } j = 1 \end{cases}$$

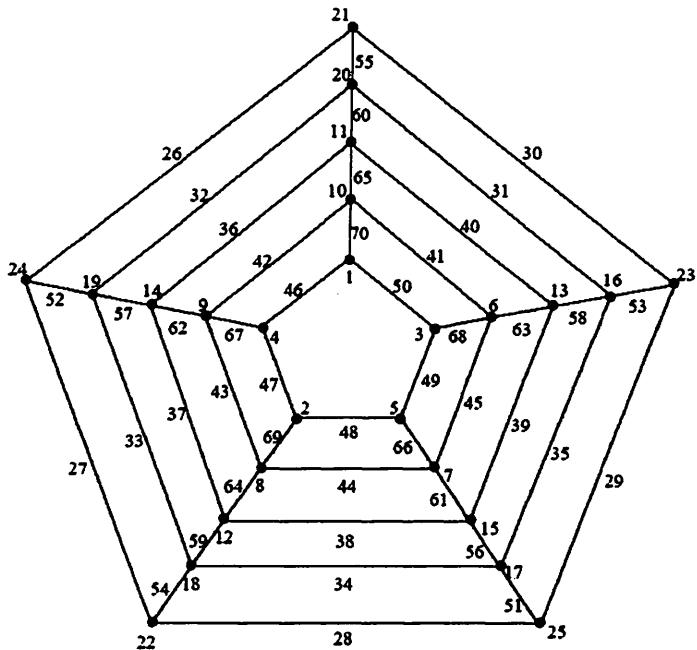
Then, it can be easily verified that  $f(H_{i,j}) = 10mn - n + 4$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

Since each  $H_{i,j}$  is isomorphic to  $C_4$ ,  $C_n \times P_m$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic.

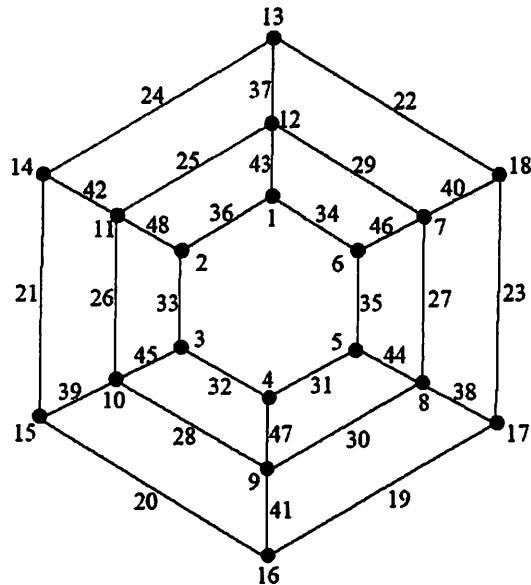
**2.2 Remark:** The prism graph  $C_n \times P_m$  contains  $n(m-1)$  4-cycles  $C_4$  except for  $n = 4$ . When  $n = 4$ ,  $C_n \times P_m$  contains  $n(m-1) + 1$  4-cycles and under the labeling we defined in Theorem 1 every cycle  $C_4$  except the inner most cycle has the sum  $10mn-n+4$ .



**Figure 1:**  $C_5 \times P_4$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic with supermagic sum  $s(f)=199$ .



**Figure 2:**  $C_5 \times P_5$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic with supermagic sum  $s(f)=249$ .



**Figure 3:**  $C_6 \times P_3$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic with supermagic sum  $s(f)=181$ .

**Theorem 2:** The ladder graph  $P_2 \times P_n$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic for all  $n$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $V$  be the vertex set and  $E$  be the edge set of the ladder graph  $P_2 \times P_n$ . Then  $V = \{v_{1,j}, v_{2,j} : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$

and  $E = \{v_{1,j}v_{1,j+1}, v_{2,j}v_{2,j+1} : 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_{1,j}v_{2,j} : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Let  $H_j$  be the 4-cycle  $H_j = \{v_{1,j}v_{1,j+1}v_{2,j+1}v_{2,j}\}$   $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ . Define a total labeling  $f : V \cup E \rightarrow [1, 5n - 2]$  as follows.

$$f(v_{1,j}) = j \text{ and } f(v_{2,j}) = 2n - j + 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

$$f(v_{1,j}v_{2,j}) = 2n + j \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f(v_{1,j}v_{1,j+1}) = 4n - j \text{ and } f(v_{2,j}v_{2,j+1}) = 5n - j - 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n-1.$$

Then for  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(H_j) &= f(v_{1,j}) + f(v_{1,j+1}) + f(v_{2,j+1}) + f(v_{2,j}) + f(v_{1,j}v_{2,j}) + f(v_{1,j+1}v_{2,j+1}) \\ &\quad + f(v_{1,j}v_{1,j+1}) + f(v_{2,j}v_{2,j+1}) \\ &= 17n + 2. \end{aligned}$$

Since each  $H_j$  is isomorphic to  $C_4$ ,  $P_2 \times P_n$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic.

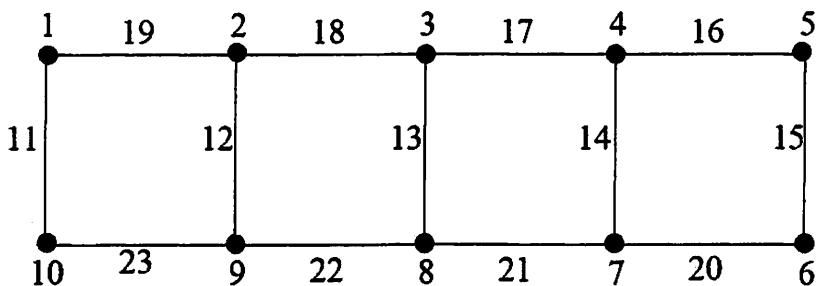


Figure 4:  $P_2 \times P_5$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic with supermagic sum  $s(f)=87$ .

**Theorem 3:** The grid graph  $P_3 \times P_n$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic for all  $n$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $V$  be the vertex set and  $E$  be the edge set of the grid graph  $P_3 \times P_n$ . Then  $V = \{v_{i,j} : 1 \leq i \leq 3, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$

and  $E = \{v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1} : 1 \leq i \leq 3, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j} : 1 \leq i \leq 2, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Let  $H_{i,j}$  be the 4-cycle  $H_{i,j} = \{v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}v_{i+1,j+1}v_{i+1,j}\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ .

Define a total labeling  $f : V \cup E \rightarrow [1, 8n - 3]$  as follows.

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$f(v_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{i-1}{2}\right)n + j, & i = 1, 3 \\ 2n + j, & i = 2 \end{cases} \text{ and } f(v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j}) = \begin{cases} 8n - 2j - 1, & i = 1 \\ 8n - 2j - 2, & i = 2 \end{cases}$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

$$f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) = \begin{cases} 6n + i - ni + j - 3, & i = 1, 3 \\ 5n - j - 1, & i = 2 \end{cases}$$

Then for  $1 \leq i \leq 2$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(H_{i,j}) &= f(v_{i,j}) + f(v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}) + f(v_{i,j}v_{i+1,j}) \\ &\quad + f(v_{i,j+1}v_{i+1,j+1}) + f(v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1}) + f(v_{i+1,j}v_{i+1,j+1}) \\ &= 30n - 5. \end{aligned}$$

Since each  $H_{i,j}$  is isomorphic to  $C_4$ ,  $P_3 \times P_n$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic.

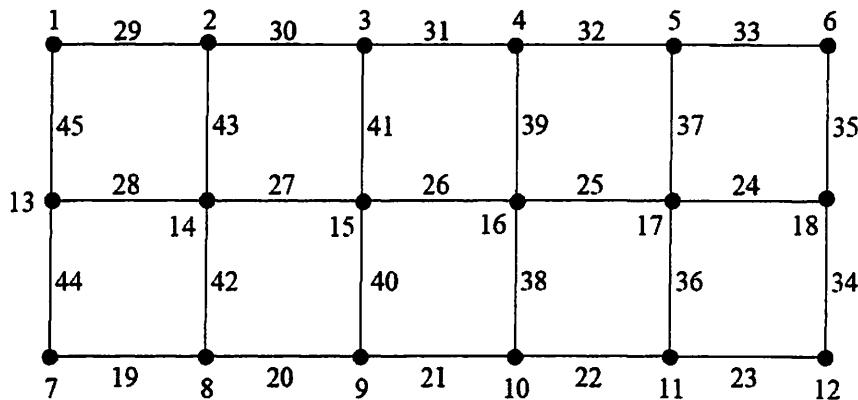


Figure 5:  $P_3 \times P_6$  is  $C_4$ -supermagic with supermagic sum  $s(f)=175$ .

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