

Super (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labelings of generalized friendship graphs

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Abstract

An (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling of a graph G with p vertices and q edges is a bijection f from the set of all vertices and edges to the set of positive integers $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, p + q\}$ such that all 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 . An (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling is called a super (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling ((a, d) -SEAMT labeling) if $f(V(G)) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}$. The graph F_n consisting of n triangles with a common vertex is called the friendship graph. The generalized friendship graph F_{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n} consists of n cycles of orders $m_1 \leq m_2 \leq \dots \leq m_n$ having a common vertex. In this paper we prove that the friendship graph F_{16} does not admit a $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling. We also investigate the existence of (a, d) -SEAMT labeling for several classes of generalized friendship graphs.

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1 Introduction

Throughout this paper $G = (V, E)$ is a finite undirected graph with neither loops nor multiple edges. The order and size of G are denoted by p and

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q respectively. For graph theoretic terminology we refer to Chartrand and Lesniak [6].

A labeling of a graph G is a mapping that assigns integers to the vertices or edges or both, subject to certain conditions. The labeling is called a vertex labeling or an edge labeling or a total labeling according as the domain of the mapping is $V(G)$ or $E(G)$ or $V(G) \cup E(G)$. If f is a total labeling then the weight of an edge uv is defined by $w(uv) = f(u) + f(v) + f(uv)$.

An (a, d) -edge-antimagic vertex labeling of a (p, q) -graph G ((a, d) -EAV labeling) is a bijection $f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}$ with the property that the edge-weights $w(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$, $uv \in E(G)$ form an arithmetic progression $a, a + d, \dots, a + (q - 1)d$, where $a > 0$ and $d \geq 0$ are two fixed integers.

An (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling of a (p, q) -graph G is a bijection $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p + q\}$ with the property that the edge-weights form an arithmetic progression $a, a + d, \dots, a + (q - 1)d$, where $a > 0$ and $d \geq 0$ are two fixed integers. If such a labeling exists then G is called an (a, d) -edge-antimagic total graph. If further the vertex labels are the integers $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}$, then f is called a super (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling of G ((a, d) -SEAMT labeling) and a graph which admits such a labeling is called a super (a, d) -edge-antimagic total graph. This labeling was first introduced by Simanjuntak et al. [8]. Baca et al. [2] have obtained the following theorem which is useful in proving the existence of (a, d) -SEAMT labeling.

Theorem 1.1. [2, 4] *If G has an (a, d) -EAV labeling, then*

- (i) G has a $(a + p + 1, d + 1)$ -SEAMT labeling and
- (ii) G has a $(a + p + q, d - 1)$ -SEAMT labeling.

Sudarsana et al. [9] have obtained the following theorem.

Theorem 1.2. [9] *Let G be a (a, d) -SEAMT graph with p vertices and q edges. Let f be a (a, d) -SEAMT labeling of G . Then, the labeling \bar{f} defined by*

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{f}(v) &= p + 1 - f(v), \forall v \in V \text{ and} \\ \bar{f}(e) &= 2p + q + 1 - f(e), \forall e \in E\end{aligned}$$

is a $(4p + q + 3 - a - (q - 1)d, d)$ -SEAMT labeling of G .

Any graph G having exactly one cut vertex c in which every block is a cycle is called a generalized friendship graph. We denote by F_{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n} , the generalized friendship graph having n cycles of lengths $m_1 \leq m_2 \leq \dots, \leq m_n$. If each $m_i = 3$, then we have the friendship with n 3-cycles,

which we simply denote by F_n . An edge e of F_n is called a *spoke* if e is incident at c . Otherwise e is called a *rim*.

Slamin et al. [7] showed that the friendship graph F_n has a $(a, 0)$ -SEAMT labeling if and only if $n \in \{1, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$. Baca et al. [3] showed that for $n \in \{1, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$, the friendship graph F_n has a $(a, 0)$ -SEAMT labeling and $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling. In [1], we have proved that the friendship graph F_n does not admit an $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling, when n is even and $n \not\equiv 4 \pmod{12}$ and the generalized friendship graph of order $p \geq 5$ has a $(2p + 2, 1)$ -SEAMT labeling if and only if p is odd.

In this paper we prove that F_{16} does not admit an $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling. We also investigate the existence of $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling for several classes of generalized friendship graphs.

2 Main Results

Theorem 2.1. *The generalized friendship graph $G = F_{3, m_2}$, where $m_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, has a $(\frac{3m_2+9}{2}, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling and a $(\frac{5m_2+13}{2}, 0)$ -SEAMT labeling.*

Proof. Let $C_1 = (c, u_1, u_2, c)$ and $C_2 = (c, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{m_2-1}, c)$ be the two cycles in G . The order and size of G are given by $p = m_2 + 2$ and $q = m_2 + 3$. In view of Theorem 1.1, it is enough to prove that G admits a $(\frac{p+1}{2}, 1)$ -EAV labeling. We define $f : V(F_{3, m_2}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} f(c) &= \frac{p+1}{4} \\ f(v_{2i}) &= \frac{p+1}{4} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\ f(v_{2i-1}) &= \frac{3p-1}{4} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\ f(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i-1}) &= \frac{p+1}{2} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\ f(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i}) &= p+1 - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\ f(u_1) &= \frac{3p-1}{4} \text{ and} \\ f(u_2) &= \frac{3p-1}{4} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } w(cv_1) &= p-1, \\ w(cv_{p-3}) &= p+2, \\ w(cu_1) &= p, \\ w(cu_2) &= p+1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
w(u_1 u_2) &= \frac{3p-1}{2} + 1, \\
w(v_{2i-1} v_{2i}) &= p-2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\
w(v_{2i} v_{2i+1}) &= p-2i-1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\
w(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i-1} v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i}) &= \frac{3p+3}{2} - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\
w(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i} v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i+1}) &= \frac{3p+3}{2} - 2i - 1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 1 \text{ and} \\
w(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}} v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+1}) &= \frac{p-3}{2} + 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly the set of all edge-weights $W = \{\frac{p+1}{2}, \frac{p+3}{2}, \dots, \frac{p+1}{2} + q - 1\}$ is an arithmetic progression with first term $\frac{p+1}{2}$ and common difference 1. Thus f is a $(\frac{p+1}{2}, 1)$ -EAV labeling. \square

Example 2.2. An $(8, 1)$ -EAV labeling of $F_{3,13}$ is given in Figure 1.

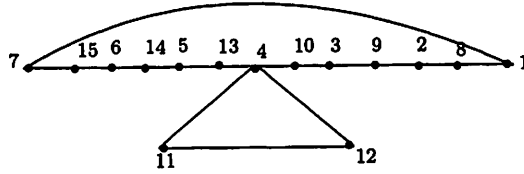


Figure 1

Theorem 2.3. The generalized friendship graph $G = F_{4,m_2}$, where $m_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, has a $(\frac{3m_2+12}{2}, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling and a $(\frac{5m_2+18}{2}, 0)$ -SEAMT labeling.

Proof. Let $C_1 = (c, u_1, u_2, u_3, c)$ and $C_2 = (c, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{m_2-1}, c)$ be the two cycles in G . The order and size of G are given by $p = m_2 + 3$ and $q = m_2 + 4$. In view of Theorem 1.1, it is enough to prove that G admits a $(\frac{p+1}{2}, 1)$ -EAV labeling. We define $f : V(F_{4,m_2}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
f(c) &= \frac{p+1}{4}, \\
f(v_{2i}) &= \frac{p+1}{4} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\
f(v_{2i-1}) &= \frac{3p-5}{4} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\
f(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i-1}) &= p+1-i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\
f(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i}) &= \frac{p-1}{2} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 1,
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(u_1) = \frac{3p-5}{4},$$

$$f(u_2) = \frac{3p-5}{4} + 2 \text{ and}$$

$$f(u_3) = \frac{3p-5}{4} + 1.$$

$$\text{Then } w(cv_1) = p - 2,$$

$$w(cv_{p-4}) = p + 2,$$

$$w(cu_1) = p - 1,$$

$$w(cu_3) = p,$$

$$w(u_1u_2) = \frac{3p-1}{2},$$

$$w(u_2u_3) = \frac{3p-1}{2} + 1,$$

$$w(v_{2i-1}v_{2i}) = p - 1 - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4},$$

$$w(v_{2i}v_{2i+1}) = p - 2 - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 1,$$

$$w(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i-1}v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i}) = \frac{3p+1}{2} - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 1,$$

$$w(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i}v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i+1}) = \frac{3p-1}{2} - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$w(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}}v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+1}) = p + 1.$$

Clearly the set of all edge-weights $W = \{\frac{p+1}{2}, \frac{p+3}{2}, \dots, \frac{p+1}{2} + q - 1\}$ is an arithmetic progression with first term $\frac{p+1}{2}$ and common difference 1. Thus f is a $(\frac{p+1}{2}, 1)$ -EAV labeling. \square

Example 2.4. An $(8, 1)$ -EAV labeling of $F_{4,12}$ is given in Figure 2.

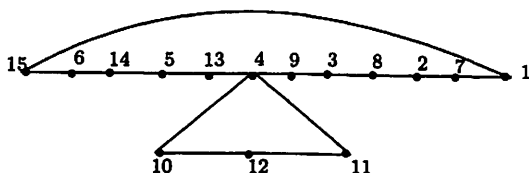


Figure 2

Theorem 2.5. The generalized friendship graph $G = F_{5,m_2}$, where $m_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, has a $(\frac{3m_2+15}{2}, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling and a $(\frac{5m_2+23}{2}, 0)$ -SEAMT labeling.

Proof. Let $C_1 = (c, u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, c)$ and $C_2 = (c, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{m_2-1}, c)$ be the two cycles in G . The order and size of G are given by $p = m_2 + 4$ and $q = m_2 + 5$. In view of Theorem 1.1, it is enough to prove that G admits a $(\frac{p+1}{2}, 1)$ -EAV labeling. We define $f : V(F_{5, m_2}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} f(c) &= \frac{p+1}{4}, \\ f(v_{2i}) &= \frac{p+1}{4} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-7}{4}, \\ f(v_{2i-1}) &= \frac{3p-9}{4} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4}, \\ f(v_{\frac{p-1}{2}}) &= 1, \\ f(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}}) &= p, \\ f(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i}) &= p - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 1, \\ f(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i+1}) &= \frac{p-3}{2} - i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-11}{4}, \\ f(u_1) &= \frac{3p-9}{4}, \\ f(u_2) &= \frac{3p-9}{4} + 2, \\ f(u_3) &= \frac{3p-9}{4} + 3 \text{ and} \\ f(u_4) &= \frac{3p-9}{4} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then $w(cv_1) = p - 3$,

$$w(cv_{p-5}) = p + 2,$$

$$w(cu_1) = p - 2,$$

$$w(cu_4) = p - 1,$$

$$w(u_1u_2) = 3 \left(\frac{p-3}{2} \right) + 2,$$

$$w(u_2u_3) = 3 \left(\frac{p-3}{2} \right) + 5,$$

$$w(u_3u_4) = 3 \left(\frac{p-3}{2} \right) + 4,$$

$$w(v_{2i-1}v_{2i}) = p - 2 - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 1,$$

$$w(v_{2i}v_{2i+1}) = p - 3 - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 1,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
w(v_{\frac{p-1}{2}} v_{\frac{p-1}{2}+1}) &= p, \\
w(v_{\frac{p-1}{2}} v_{\frac{p-1}{2}-1}) &= p+1, \\
w(v_{\frac{p-1}{2}-1} v_{\frac{p-1}{2}-2}) &= \frac{3p-3}{2}, \\
w(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i} v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i+1}) &= 3 \left(\frac{p-1}{2} \right) - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 2 \text{ and} \\
w(v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i+1} v_{\frac{p-3}{2}+2i+2}) &= 3 \left(\frac{p-1}{2} \right) - 1 - 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-3}{4} - 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly the set of all edge-weights $W = \{\frac{p+1}{2}, \frac{p+3}{2}, \dots, \frac{p+1}{2} + q - 1\}$ is an arithmetic progression with first term $\frac{p+1}{2}$ and common difference 1. Thus f is a $(\frac{p+1}{2}, 1)$ -EAV labeling. \square

Example 2.6. An $(8, 1)$ -EAV labeling of $F_{5,11}$ is given in Figure 3.

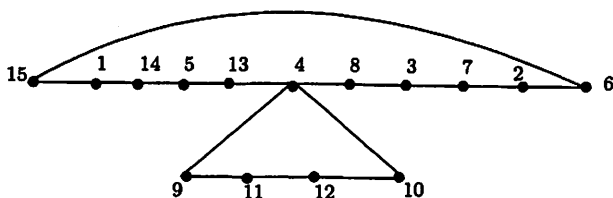


Figure 3

3 Friendship graphs

Let $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p+q\}$ be an (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling of a graph $G = (V, E)$. Then $W = \{w(uv) : w(uv) = f(u) + f(v) + f(uv), uv \in E(G)\} = \{a, a+d, \dots, a+(q-1)d\}$. In the computation of the edge-weights of G each edge label is used once and each vertex label $v \in V(G)$ is used $\deg v$ times. Thus the following equation holds.

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v)f(v) + \sum_{e \in E(G)} f(e) = \sum_{e \in E(G)} w(e) \tag{1}$$

This equation was first observed by Baca and Yousef [5], which we repeatedly use.

In [1] we have proved that the friendship graph F_n does not admit an $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling when n is even and $n \not\equiv 4 \pmod{12}$. The problem still remains open for $n \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$. In the following theorem we prove that F_{16} has no $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling.

Theorem 3.1. *The friendship graph F_{16} has no $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling.*

Proof. The order and size of F_{16} are given by $p = 33$ and $q = 48$. Let c denote the central vertex of F_{16} . Suppose there exists an $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 81\}$ for F_{16} and let $f(c) = i$. Since $\deg v_i = 2$, for every $v_i \neq c$ and $\deg c = 32$, from equation (1), we get

$$a = \frac{271 + 5i}{8}.$$

Now the minimum possible edge-weight is 37 and hence $\frac{271+5i}{8} = a \geq 37$ which gives $i \geq 5$. Thus $5 \leq i \leq 33$. Let $i = 5 + k$, where $0 \leq k \leq 28$. Then $a = 37 + \frac{5k}{8}$ and hence it follows that $k = 0, 8, 16$ or 24 . Thus $i = 5, 13, 21$ or 29 .

Case(i): $i = 5$.

Then $a = 37$. Obviously any edge incident with the central vertex c cannot have weight 37 or 39. Let $e_1 = u_1v_1$ be the edge with $w(e_1) = 37$. Then $f(e_1) = 34$, $f(u_1) = 1$ and $f(v_1) = 2$. Clearly there is no edge with weight 39, a contradiction.

Case(ii): $i = 29$.

Then $a = 52$. Now, if f is a $(52, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling of F_{16} , then by Theorem 1.2, \bar{f} is a $(37, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling, which does not exist by case(i).

Case(iii): $i = 13$.

Then $a = 42$ and the minimum possible edge-weight for an edge incident at c is 48. Hence the edges with weights 42, 44 and 46 are rim edges. We now consider two subcases.

Sub case(iii a): The edge e with $w(e) = 48$ is incident at c .

Let $e = cu$. Then $f(e) = 34$ and $f(u) = 1$. Since the rim edges are mutually nonadjacent for the edge-weights 42, 44, 46 on the rim, we need three edge labels from the set $A = \{35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40\}$ and six vertex labels from the set $B = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$ such that the sum of these labels is $42 + 44 + 46 = 132$. There exist ten possible such sets of nine elements, which are given below.

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 35 \ 36 \ 40\} \\ A_2 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 35 \ 37 \ 39\} \\ A_3 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 7 \ 35 \ 36 \ 39\} \\ A_4 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 9 \ 35 \ 36 \ 37\} \\ A_5 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 36 \ 37 \ 38\} \\ A_6 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 7 \ 35 \ 37 \ 38\} \\ A_7 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 8 \ 35 \ 36 \ 38\} \\ A_8 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 6 \ 7 \ 35 \ 36 \ 38\} \\ A_9 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 6 \ 8 \ 35 \ 36 \ 37\} \\ A_{10} &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 35 \ 36 \ 37\} \end{aligned}$$

If A_1, A_2, A_3 or A_4 is used for getting the edge-weights 42, 44 and 46, then there is no edge with weight 50. If A_5 is used for getting the edge-weights 42, 44 and 46, then there is exactly one way for getting edge-weight 50, namely, 7, 8, 35 on the rim or 13, 2, 35 on the spoke and in this case there is no edge with weight 52 on the rim or spoke. A similar contradiction arises, if $A_i, 6 \leq i \leq 10$, is used for getting the edge-weights 42, 44 and 46.

Sub case(iii b): The edge e with $w(e) = 48$ is on the rim.

In this case for getting the edge-weights 42, 44, 46 and 48, we need four edge labels from the set $A = \{34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39\}$ and eight vertex labels from the set $B = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ such that the sum of these labels is $42 + 44 + 46 + 48 = 180$. There exist five possible such sets of twelve elements, which are given below.

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 34 \ 35 \ 36 \ 39\} \\ A_2 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 9 \ 34 \ 35 \ 36 \ 38\} \\ A_3 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 10 \ 34 \ 35 \ 36 \ 37\} \\ A_4 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 8 \ 9 \ 34 \ 35 \ 36 \ 37\} \\ A_5 &= \{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 34 \ 35 \ 37 \ 38\} \end{aligned}$$

If $A_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4$ is used for getting the edge-weights 42, 44, 46 and 48, then there is no edge with weight 50. If A_5 is used for getting the edge-weights 42, 44, 46 and 48, then there is exactly one way for getting edge-weight 50, namely, 13, 1, 36 and in this case there is no edge with weight 52 on the rim or spoke.

Case(iv): $i = 21$.

Then $a = 47$. Now, if f is a $(47, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling of F_{16} , then by Theorem 1.2, \bar{f} is a $(42, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling, which does not exist by case(iii). \square

4 Conclusion and scope

We have proved that the generalized friendship graph F_{m_1, m_2} , when $m_1 = 3, 4, 5$ and $m_1 \leq m_2$ admits a $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT and a $(b, 0)$ -SEAMT labeling. The problem remains open for other values of m_1 and m_2 and for generalized friendship graphs with more than two cycles. We have also proved that, the friendship graph F_{16} does not admit a $(a, 2)$ -SEAMT labeling. The problem remains open for other values of n with $n \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$.

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