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ANTIMAGIC LABELING OF THE UNION OF SUBDIVIDED STARS

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ABSTRACT. Enomoto et al. (1998) defined the concept of a super $(a, 0)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling and proposed the conjecture that every tree is a super $(a, 0)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling. In support of this conjecture, the present paper deals with different results on antimagicness of subdivided stars and their unions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

All graphs in this paper are simple, finite and undirected. For a graph G , $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ denote the vertex-set and the edge-set. A (v, e) -graph G is a graph such that $v = |V(G)|$ and $e = |E(G)|$.

In this paper, the domain will be the set of all vertices and edges, and such a labeling is called a *total labeling*. Details on antimagic labeling can be seen in [7]. The subject of edge-magic total labeling of graphs has its origin in the works of Kotzig and Rosa [1, 2] on what they called magic valuations of graphs. The definition of (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling was introduced by Simanjuntak, Bertault and Miller in [21] as a natural extension of *edge-magic labeling* defined by Kotzig and Rosa. Enomoto et al. also proposed the following conjecture:

Conjecture 1.1 [6] *Every tree admits a super edge-magic total labeling.*

In favour of this conjecture, many authors have considered super edge-magic total labeling for particular classes of trees for example [3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25]. Lee and Shah [22] verified this conjecture by a computer search for trees with at most 17 vertices. However, this conjecture is still open.

A star is a particular type of tree graph and many authors have proved the magicness for subdivided stars. Lu [24, 25] called the subdivided star $T(m, n, k)$ as a three path trees and proved that it is super edge-magic if n and k are odd, $k = n + 1$ or $n + 2$. Ngurah et al. [5] proved that $T(m, n, k)$ is also super edge-magic if $k = n + 3$ or $n + 4$. In [3], Salman et al. found the super edge-magic total labeling of a subdivision of a star S_n^m for $m = 1, 2$. Javaid et al. [17] furnished super edge-magic total labeling on subdivided star $K_{1,4}$ and w-trees.

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Definition 1.1 A graph G is called (a, d) -edge-antimagic total $((a, d) - EAT)$ if there exist integers $a > 0, d \geq 0$ and a bijection

$\lambda : V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, v + e\}$ such that $W = \{w(rs) : rs \in E(G)\}$ forms an arithmetic progression starting from a with the difference d , where $w(rs) = \lambda(r) + \lambda(s) + \lambda(rs)$ for any $rs \in E(G)$. W is called the set of edge-weights of the graph G .

Definition 1.2 A (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling λ is called super (a, d) -edge-antimagic total labeling if $\lambda(V(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$.

Definition 1.3 For $n_i \geq 1$ and $r \geq 3$, let $G \cong T(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r)$ be a graph obtained by inserting $n_i - 1$ vertices to each of the i -th edge of the star $K_{1,r}$, where $1 \leq i \leq r$.

Definition 1.4 Two graphs G_1 and G_2 are said to be isomorphic if there exist a bijective function $\lambda : V(G_1) \rightarrow V(G_2)$ such that for all $x, y \in V(G_1) : xy \in E(G_1)$ if and only if $\lambda(x)\lambda(y) \in E(G_2)$

2. MAIN RESULTS

We consider the following proposition which we will use frequently in the main results.

Proposition 2.1. [14] If a (v, e) -graph G has a (s, d) -EAV labeling then

- (i) G has a super $(s + v + 1, d + 1)$ -EAT labeling,
- (ii) G has a super $(s + v + e, d - 1)$ -EAT labeling. □

Theorem 2.1. For all $n \geq 1, G \cong T(n + 1, n, n + 2, n + 3, n_5, \dots, n_p)$ admits super $(a, 0)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling with $a = 2v + s - 1$ and super $(a, 2)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling with $a = v + s + 1$ where $v = |V(G)|, s = 2(n + 3) + \sum_{m=5}^p [2^{m-5}(n + 2) + 1]$ and $n_p = 2^{r-4}(n + 2) + 1$.

Proof. We denote the vertices and edges of G as follows:

$$V(G) = \{c\} \cup \{x_i^{l_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq r ; 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i\},$$

$$E(G) = \{c x_i^1 \mid 1 \leq i \leq r\} \cup \{x_i^{l_i} x_i^{l_i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq r ; 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - 1\}.$$

Therefore,

$$v = (4n + 7) + \sum_{m=5}^p [2^{m-4}(n + 2) + 1]$$

and $e = v - 1.$

We define the labeling $\lambda : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$ as follows:

$$\lambda(c) = (3n + 5) + \sum_{m=5}^p [2^{m-5}(n + 2) + 1].$$

For odd $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i$, where $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ and $5 \leq i \leq r$, we define

$$\lambda(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{l_1+1}{2}, & \text{for } u = x_1^{l_1}, \\ (n + 2) - \frac{l_2+1}{2}, & \text{for } u = x_2^{l_2}, \\ n + 1 + \frac{l_3+1}{2}, & \text{for } u = x_3^{l_3}, \\ (2n + 5) - \frac{l_4+1}{2}, & \text{for } u = x_4^{l_4}. \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda(x_i^{l_i}) = (2n + 5) + \sum_{m=5}^i [2^{m-5}(n + 2) + 1] - \frac{l_i + 1}{2} \text{ respectively.}$$

For even $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i$, and $\alpha = 2(n + 2) + \sum_{m=5}^r [2^{m-5}(n + 2) + 1]$

For $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ and $5 \leq i \leq r$, we define

$$\lambda(u) = \begin{cases} \alpha + \frac{l_1}{2}, & \text{for } u = x_1^{l_1}, \\ (\alpha + n + 1) - \frac{l_2}{2}, & \text{for } u = x_2^{l_2}, \\ (\alpha + n + 1) + \frac{l_3}{2}, & \text{for } u = x_3^{l_3}, \\ (\alpha + 2n + 4) - \frac{l_4}{2}, & \text{for } u = x_4^{l_4}. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lambda(x_i^{l_i}) = (\alpha + 2n + 4) + \sum_{m=5}^i [2^{m-5}(n + 2)] - \frac{l_i}{2} \text{ respectively.}$$

The set of all edge-sums generated by the above formula forms a set of consecutive integer sequence $s = \alpha + 2, \alpha + 3, \dots, \alpha + 1 + e$. Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, λ can be extended to a super $(a, 0)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling and we obtain the magic constant $a = v + e + s = (10n + 29) + \sum_{m=5}^p [2^{m-5}5(n + 2) + 3]$. Similarly by Lemma 2.2, λ can be extended to a super $(a, 2)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling and we obtain the magic constant $a = v + 1 + s = (6n + 14) + \sum_{m=5}^p [2^{m-5}3(n + 2) + 2]$. □

Theorem 2.2. For all $n \geq 1$ and $r \geq 5$, $G \cong T(n + 1, n, n + 2, n + 3, n_5, \dots, n_p)$ admits super $(a, 1)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling with $a = s + \frac{3v}{2}$ if v is even, where $v = |V(G)|$, $s = 2(n + 3) + \sum_{m=5}^p [2^{m-5}(n + 2) + 1]$ and $n_p = 2^{r-4}(n + 2) + 1$.

Proof. Let us consider the vertices and edges of G , as defined in Theorem 2.6 . Now, we define the labeling $\lambda : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$ as in same theorem. It follows that the edge-weights of all edges of G constitute an arithmetic sequence $s = \alpha + 2, \alpha + 3, \dots, \alpha + 1 + e$ with common difference 1, where $\alpha = 2(n + 2) + \sum_{m=5}^p [2^{m-5}(n + 2) + 1]$. We denote it by $A = \{a_i; 1 \leq i \leq e\}$. Now for G we complete the edge labeling λ for super $(a, 1)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling with values in the arithmetic sequence $v + 1, v + 2, \dots, v + e$ with common difference 1. Let us denote it by $B = \{b_j; 1 \leq j \leq e\}$. Define $C = \{a_{2i-1} + b_{e-i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{e+1}{2}\} \cup \{a_{2j} + b_{\frac{e-1}{2}-j+1}; 1 \leq j \leq \frac{e+1}{2} - 1\}$. It is easy to see that C constitutes an arithmetic progression with $d = 1$ and $a = s + \frac{3(v)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(16n + 33) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=5}^p [2^{m-2}(n + 2) + 5]$ Consequently, λ is a super $(a, 1)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling. □

Theorem 2.3. For all positive integers n , $G \cong 2T(n + 1, n, n, n + 1, n_5, n_6, \dots, n_p)$ admits super $(a, 0)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling with $a = 2v + s - 2$ and super $(a, 2)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling with $a = v + s + 1$ where $n_i = 2^{i-4}(n + 1)$ for $i = 5, 6, \dots, p - 1$, $n_p = 2^{i-4}(n + 1) - 1$ and $v = |V(G)|$.

Proof. We suppose the vertex-set and the edge-set of G as follows: $V(G) = \{c_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq 2\} \cup \{x_{ij}^{l_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq p; 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i; 1 \leq j \leq 2\}$,
 $E(G) = \{c_j x_i^1 \mid 1 \leq i \leq p; 1 \leq j \leq 2\} \cup$
 $\{x_{ij}^{l_i} x_{ij}^{l_i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq p; 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - 1; 1 \leq j \leq 2\}$.

If $v = |V(G)|$ and $e = |E(G)|$ then

$$v = 4n + 2^{p-2}(n + 1)$$

and

$$e = 4n - 2 + 2^{p-2}(n + 1).$$

Now, we define the vertex labeling $\lambda : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$ as follows:

$$\lambda(c_j) = 3(n + 1) + 2^{p-3}(n + 1) + [(n - 1) + 2^{p-4}(n + 1)](j - 1), \quad j = 1, 2.$$

For odd l_i $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i$, we define

$$\lambda(u) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{l_1+1}{2} + [(n + 1) + 2^{p-4}(n + 1)](j - 1), & \text{for } u = x_{1j}^{l_1}, \\ \frac{2n+3-l_2}{2} + [(n + 1) + 2^{p-4}(n + 1)](j - 1), & \text{for } u = x_{2j}^{l_2}, \\ \frac{(2n+3)+l_3}{2} + [(n + 1) + 2^{p-4}(n + 1)](j - 1), & \text{for } u = x_{3j}^{l_3}, \\ \frac{4n+5-l_4}{2} + [(n + 1) + 2^{p-4}(n + 1)](j - 1), & \text{for } u = x_{4j}^{l_4}, \\ (n + 1 + 2^{p-4}(n + 1))j, & \text{for } u = x_{pj}^{l_p}, \\ & \text{for } l_p = 1, \\ \frac{2n+3+2^{k-3}(n+1)-l_k}{2} + [(n + 1) + 2^{p-4}(n + 1)](j - 1), & \text{for } u = x_{kj}^{l_k}, \\ & \text{for } k = 5, 6, \dots, p - 1, \\ \frac{2n+3+2^{p-3}(n+1)-l_p}{2} + [3n + 2^{p-4}(3n + 3)](j - 1), & \text{for } u = x_{pj}^{l_p}, \\ & \text{for } 4 \leq l_p \leq n_p. \end{array} \right.$$

For even l_i , $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i$, we define

$$\lambda(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{4(n+1)+2^{p-2}(n+1)+l_1}{2} + [(n-1) + 2^{p-4}(n+1)](j-1), & \text{for } u = x_{1j}^{l_1}, \\ \frac{6(n+1)+2^{p-2}(n+1)-l_2}{2} + [(n-1) + 2^{p-4}(n+1)](j-1), & \text{for } u = x_{2j}^{l_2}, \\ \frac{6(n+1)+2^{p-2}(n+1)+l_3}{2} + [(n-1) + 2^{p-4}(n+1)](j-1), & \text{for } u = x_{3j}^{l_3}, \\ \frac{6(n+1)+(2^{p-2}+2^{k-3})(n+1)-l_k}{2} + [(n-1) + 2^{p-4}(n+1)](j-1), & \text{for } u = x_{kj}^{l_k}, \\ & \text{for } k = 4, 5, \dots, p-1, \\ \frac{6(n+1)-2+2^{p-3}3(n+1)-l_p}{2} - [(n+1) + 2^{p-4}(n+1)](j-1), & \text{for } u = x_{pj}^{l_p}, \\ & \text{for } 2 \leq l_p \leq n_p. \end{cases}$$

The set of all edge-sums generated by the above formula forms a set of consecutive integer sequence $S = \{(2n + 3) + 2^{p-3}(n + 1) + 1, (2n + 3) + 2^{p-3}(n + 1) + 2, \dots, (2n + 3) + 2^{p-3}(n + 1) + e\}$, where $s = \min(S)$. Therefore, by Proposition 2.1, λ can be extended to a super $(a, 0)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling and we obtain the magic constant $a = 2v + s - 2 = 2(5n + 1) + 5(n + 1)2^{p-3}$. Similarly by Proposition 2.1, λ can be extended to a super $(a, 2)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling and we obtain the magic constant $a = v + 1 + s = 6n + 5 + 3(n + 1)2^{p-3}$. \square

Theorem 2.4. For all positive integers n , $G \cong 2T(n + 1, n, n, (n + 1), n_5, \dots, n_p)$ admits super $(a, 1)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling with $a = v + s + e$ and super $(a, 3)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling with $a = v + s + 1$ where $v = |V(G)|$, $s = 4$, $n_i = 2^{i-4}(n + 1)$ for $i = 5, 6, \dots, n_p$ and $n_p = 2^{i-3}(n + 1) - 1$.

Proof. We suppose the vertex-set and the edge-set of G as follows: $V(G) = \{c_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq 2\} \cup \{x_{ij}^{l_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 5; 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i; 1 \leq j \leq 2\}$,

$$E(G) = \{c_j x_i^1 \mid 1 \leq i \leq 5; 1 \leq j \leq 2\} \cup \{x_{ij}^{l_i} x_{ij}^{l_i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 5; 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - 1; 1 \leq j \leq 2\}.$$

If $v = |V(G)|$ and $e = |E(G)|$ then

$$v = 2(2n + 1) + 2^{p-2}(n + 1)$$

and

$$e = 4n + 2^{p-2}(n + 1)$$

Now, we define the vertex labeling $\lambda : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$ as follows:

$$\lambda(c_j) = 2(2n + 1) + j, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

For all $l_i \quad 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i$, we define

$$\lambda(u) = \begin{cases} 2(l_1 - 1) + j, & \text{for } u = x_{1j}^{l_1}, \\ 2(2n + 1) - 2l_2 + j, & \text{for } u = x_{2j}^{l_2}, \\ 2(2n + 3) - 2l_3 + j, & \text{for } u = x_{3j}^{l_3}, \\ (10n + 12) + j - 2l_4, & \text{for } u = x_{4j}^{l_4}, \\ 2(4n + 3) + \sum_{m=5}^i [2^{m-3}(n + 1)] - 2l_i + j, & \text{for } u = x_{ij}^{l_i}, \quad i \geq 5. \end{cases}$$

The set of all edge-sums generated by the above formula forms a set of consecutive integer sequence $s = \{4, 4+2, \dots, 4+2(e-1)\}$, where $s = \min(S)$. Therefore, by Proposition 2.1, λ can be extended to a super $(a, 1)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling and we obtain the magic constant $a = v + e + s = 2(4n + 3) + 2^{p-1}(n + 1)$. Similarly by Proposition 2.1, λ can be extended to a super $(a, 3)$ -edge-antimagic total labeling and we obtain the magic constant $a = v + 1 + s = 4n + 7 + 2^{p-2}(n+1)$. \square

3. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have shown that a subclass of trees, namely subdivided stars $G \cong 2T(n + 1, n, n, n + 1, n_5, n_6, \dots, n_p)$ admits super (a,d) -edge-antimagic total labeling for $d = 0, 1, 2, 3$, for all positive integers n . However the problem of the magicness is still open for different values of magic constant (minimum edge-weight a).

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