

## Harmonic Mean Labelling of Subdivision and Related Graphs

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**ABSTRACT:** 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  $f(x)$  from  $0,1,2,\dots,q$  in such a way that when each edge  $e = uv$  is labelled with  $\left[ \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2} \right]$  if  $f(u) + f(v)$  is even and  $\left[ \frac{f(u) + f(v) + 1}{2} \right]$  if  $f(u) + f(v)$  is odd, then the resulting edge labels are distinct.  $f$  is called a mean labelling of  $G$ .

In this paper, we investigate the mean labelling of caterpillar,  $C_n^{(2)}$  dragon, arbitrary super subdivision of a path and some graphs which are obtained from cycles and stars.

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### INTRODUCTION

By a graph we mean a finite undirected graph without loops or parallel edges. The vertex set is denoted by  $V(G)$  and the edge set is denoted by  $E(G)$ . A cycle of length  $n$  is  $C_n$  and a path of length  $n$  is denoted by  $P_n$ . For all detailed survey of graph labelling, we refer to J.A.Gallian. For all other standard terminology and notations we follow Harary.

The concept of Mean labelling has been introduced by S.Somasundaram and R.Ponraj and also S.Somasundaram and S.S.Sandhya introduced Harmonic mean labelling. Motivated by the above works we introduced a new type of labelling called Harmonic mean labelling.

In this paper we investigate the subdivision of Harmonic mean labelling of graphs. We will provide brief summary of definitions and other information which are necessary for our present investigation.

In this paper, we consider only finite, simple and undirected graphs. Let  $G(V,E)$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. For notations and terminology we follow. In a graph  $G$ , the subdivision of an edge  $uv$  is the process of deleting the edge of  $G$  is subdivided exactly once, then the resultant graph is denoted by  $S(G)$  and is called the subdivision graph of  $G$ .

Somasundaram and Ponraj have introduced the concept of mean labelling of graphs. An assignment  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,q\}$  is called a mean labelling if whenever each edge  $e=uv$  is labelled with  $\left[ \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2} \right]$  if  $f(u) + f(v)$  is even and  $\left[ \frac{f(u) + f(v) + 1}{2} \right]$  if  $f(u) + f(v)$  is odd, then the resulting edge labels are all distinct. Any graph that admits a mean labelling is called a mean graph.

Many results on mean labelling have been proved. In a similar way, Somasundaram, Ponraj and Sandhya have introduced the concept of harmonic mean labelling of a graph. An assignment  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,q + 1\}$  is called a harmonic mean labelling if whenever each edge  $e = uv$

Is labelled with  $\left[ \frac{2f(u)f(v)}{f(u)+f(v)} \right]$  or  $\left[ \frac{2f(u)f(v)}{f(u)+f(v)} \right]$  then the edge labels are distinct. Any graph that admits a harmonic mean labelling is called a harmonic mean graph.

More results on harmonic mean labelling have been proved. A well collection of results on graph labelling has been done in the survey.

In this paper, we establish the harmonic mean labelling of some standard graphs like subdivision of star  $S(K_{1,n})$ , subdivision of bistar  $S(B_{n,m})$ , the disconnected graphs  $S(K_{1,n}) \cup kC_m$  etc.

This dissertation entitled “HARMONIC MEAN LABELLING OF SUBDIVISION AND RELATED GRAPHS” consists of four chapters.

### PRELIMINARY DEFINITION

**Definition 1.1:**

The **corona** of two graph  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is the graph  $G = G_1 \circ G_2$  formed by one copy of  $G_1$  and  $|V(G_1)|$  copies of  $G_2$  where the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $G_1$  is adjacent to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$ .

**Definition 1.2:**

The graph  $P_m \text{ AK}_{1,n}$  is obtained by attaching  $K_{1,n}$  to each vertex of  $P_m$

**Definition 1.3:**

An assignment  $f: (G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\}$  is called a **super harmonic labelling** mean if whenever each edge  $e=uv$  is labeled with  $\left[ \frac{2f(u)f(v)}{f(u)+f(v)} \right]$  or  $\left[ \frac{2f(u)f(v)}{f(u)+f(v)} \right]$  then the edge labels are distinct. Any graph that admits a super harmonic mean labelling is called a **super harmonic meangraph**.

**Definition 1.4:**

An **Alternate Triangular snake**  $A(T_n)$  is obtained from a path  $u_1u_2\dots u_n$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) to new vertex  $v_i$  That is every alternate edge of a path is replaced by  $C_3$

**Definition 1.5:**

An **Alternate Quadrilateral snake**  $A(Q_n)$  is obtained from a path  $u_1u_2\dots u_n$  by joining  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) to new vertices  $v_i, w_i$  respectively and then joining  $v_i$  and  $w_i$ . That is every alternate edge of a path is replaced by a cycle  $C_4$

**Definition 1.6:**

An Alternate Quadrilateral Triangular snake  $A(Q_n)$  is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  by joining  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) to new vertices  $v_i, w_i$  respectively and then joining  $v_i$  and  $w_i$ . That is every alternate edge of a path is replaced by a cycle  $C_4$ .

### HARMONIC MEAN LABELLING OF SOME

**Theorem 2.1:**

The graph  $C_n(2)$  is a Harmonic mean graph

**Proof:**

Let  $u$  be the central vertex of  $C_n(2)$ .

Let  $u_1u_2\dots u_nu_1$  and  $v_1v_2\dots v_nv_1$  be the vertices of first and second cycle of  $C_n(2)$  respectively

Take

$$u = u_n = v_1$$

Define  $f: V(C_n(2)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by

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

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

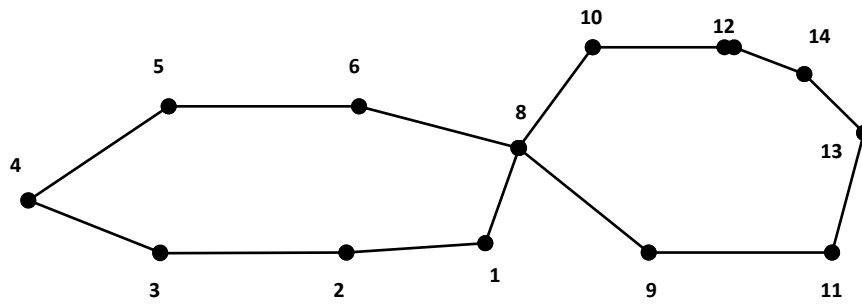
$$f(v_i) = n+1+i, 2 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(v_m) = 2m$$

Obviously  $f$  is a Harmonic mean labelling of  $C_n(2)$

**Example 2.2:**

A harmonic mean labelling of  $C_7(2)$



**Theorem 2.3:**

Alternate Triangular snakes  $A(T_n)$  are Harmonic mean graphs

**Proof:**

Here we consider the following two cases

**Case (i):**

If the triangle starts from  $u_2$ .

Define a function  $f: V A(T_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by

$$f(u_1) = 1$$

$$f(u_2) = 2$$

$$f(u_i) = 2i-2 \text{ for all } i=3, 4, \dots, n$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i-1 \text{ for all } i=2, 4, \dots, n-2$$

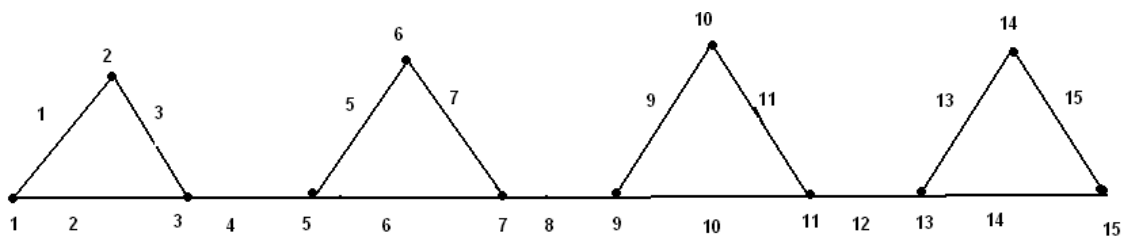
The edges are labelled with

$$f(u_i, u_{i+1}) = 2i-1 \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

$$f(u_i, v_i) = 2i-2 \text{ for all } i=2, 4, \dots, n-2$$

$$f(v_i, u_{i+1}) = 2i \text{ for all } i=2, 4, 6, \dots, n-2$$

In this case  $f$  is a harmonic mean labelling of  $A(T_n)$



**Figure 1**

**Case (ii):**

If the triangle starts for  $u_1$ .

Define a function  $f: V A(T_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by

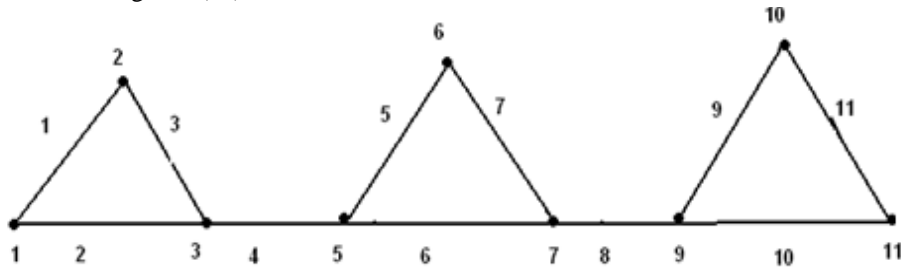
$$f(u_i) = 2i-1 \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i \text{ for all } i=1, 3, \dots, n-1$$

The edges are labeled with

$$f(u_i, u_{i+1}) = 2i \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$f(u_i v_i) = 2i-1$  for all  $i=1,3,5,\dots,n-1$   
 $f(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2i+1$  for all  $i=1,3,5,\dots,n-1$   
 The  $f$  is a harmonic mean labelling of  $A(T_n)$



**Figure 2**

From case (i) and case (ii) we conclude that Alternate Triangular snake is a Harmonic mean graph.

**HARMONIC MEAN LABELLING OF SUBDIVISION AND RELATED GRAPHS**

**Theorem 3.1**

The disconnected graph  $(K_{1,n}) \cup kC_m$  is a harmonic mean graph for

$$1 \leq n \leq 5, m \geq 3 \text{ and } k \geq 0$$

**Proof**

Let  $V(S(K_{1,n}) \cup kC_m) = \{v; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n; v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n; w_{11}, w_{12}, \dots, w_{1m}; w_{21}, w_{22}, \dots, w_{2m}; \dots, w_{k1}, w_{k2}, \dots, w_{km}\}$  and

$$E(S(K_{1,n}) \cup kC_m) = \{vu_i, u_i v_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup [U_{i=1}^k ((U_{j=1}^{m-1} \{W_{ij} W_{ij+1}\}) \cup \{W_{im} W_{i1}\})].$$

Here  $p=2n+km+1$  and  $q=2n+km$ .

Define a function  $f: V(S(K_{1,n}) \cup kC_m) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by

$$f(v) = 2n+1;$$

$$f(u_i) = n+i, 1 \leq i \leq n;$$

$$f(v_i) = n+1-i, 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and}$$

$$f(w_{ij}) = (2n+1) + (i-1)m + j, 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

Then the induced edge labels of  $(K_{1,n})$  are given below:

$$f^*(u_n v_n) = 1;$$

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

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

and the set of all edge labels of  $kC_m$  is  $\{2(n+1), 2n+3, \dots, 2n+km+1\}$ .

Therefore the set of all edge labels of  $(K_{1,n}) \cup kC_m$  is

$\{1, 3, 4 \dots 2n+km+1\}$ .

Hence  $(K_1) \cup kC_m$  is a harmonic mean graph for  $1 \leq n \leq 5, \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 3$ .

Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 3.2**

The disconnected graph  $(B_{3,4}) \cup kC_m$  is a harmonic mean graph for  $k \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 3$ .

**Proof:**

$$\text{Let } V(S(B_{3,4}) \cup kC_m) = \{u; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_3; v_1, v_2, \dots, v_3; y; x; x_1, x_2, \dots, x_4;$$

$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_4; w_{11}, w_{12}, \dots, w_{1m}; w_{21}, w_{22}, \dots, w_{2m}; \dots, w_{k1}, w_{k2}, \dots, w_{km}\} \text{ .and}$$

$$E(S(B_{n_1, n_2}) \cup kC_m) = \{ u_i v_i, u v_i, u y, y x, x x, x_j y_j \mid 1 \leq i \leq 3, 1 \leq j \leq 4 \} \cup$$

$$[U_{i=1}^K ((U_{j=1}^{m-1} \{w_{ij} w_{ij+1}\}) \cup \{w_{im} w_{i1}\})].$$

Here  $p = 17 + km$  and  $q = 16 + km$ .

Define a function  $f : ((3,4) \cup kC_m) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by

$$f(u) = 7;$$

$$f(u_i) = 3 + i, 1 \leq i \leq 3;$$

$$f(v_i) = 4 - i, 1 \leq i \leq 3;$$

$$f(y) = 8;$$

$$f(x) = 17;$$

$$f(x_j) = 12 + j, 1 \leq j \leq 4;$$

$$f(y_j) = 8 + j, 1 \leq j \leq 4 \text{ and}$$

$$f(w_{ij}) = 17 + (i-1)m + j, 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

Then the induced edge labels of  $(B_{3,4})$  are given below:

$$f^*(u_n v_n) = 1;$$

$$f^*(u_i v_i) = 4 + i, 1 \leq i \leq 3;$$

$$f^*(u_i v_i) = 5 - i, 1 \leq i \leq 2;$$

$$f^*(uv) = 8;$$

$$f^*(uy) = 9;$$

$$f^*(x_j) = 13 + j, 1 \leq j \leq 4;$$

$$f^*(x_j y_j) = 9 + j, 1 \leq j \leq 4;$$

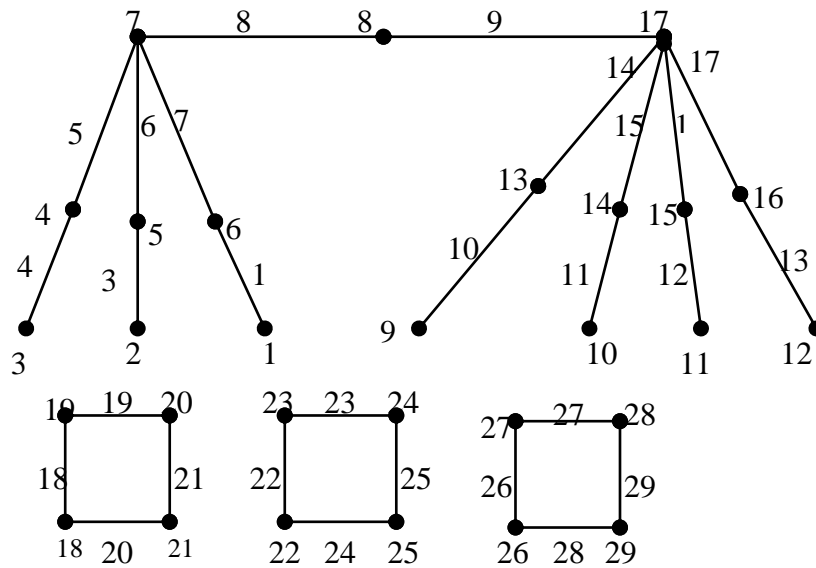
and the set of all edge labels of  $kC_m$  is  $\{18, 19, \dots, 17 + km\}$ .

Therefore the set of all edge labels of  $S(B_{3,4}) \cup kC_m$  is  $\{1, 3, 4, \dots, 17 + km\}$ .

Hence  $(B_{3,4}) \cup kC_m$  is a harmonic mean graph for  $k \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 3$ .

Hence the theorem.

As an example harmonic mean labelling of  $(B_{3,4}) \cup 3C_4$



**Theorem 3.3**

The graph  $P_n^* \cup kC_m$  is a harmonic mean graph for  $k \geq 0, m \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $V(P_n^* \cup kC_m) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}; w_{11}, w_{12}, \dots, w_{1m}; w_{21}, w_{22}, \dots, w_{2m}; w_{k1}, w_{k2}, \dots, w_{km}\}$  and

$$E(P_n^*) = \{v_i v_{i+1}; v_i u_i; u_i v_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1; u_i u_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-2\} \cup [U_{i=1}^k ((U_{j=1}^{m-1} \{w_{ij} w_{ij+1}\}) \cup \{w_{im} w_{i1}\})].$$

Here  $p = 2n + km - 1$  and  $q = 4n - 5 + km$ .

Define a function  $f : (P_n^* \cup kC_m) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by

$$f(v_n) = 4(n-1);$$

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

$$f(u_i) = 4i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and}$$

$$f(w_{ij}) = 4(n-1) + (i-1)m + j, 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

Then the induced edge labels of  $P_n^*$  are given below:

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

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = 4i, 1 \leq i \leq n-2;$$

$$f^*(v_i u_i) = 4i - 3, 1 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

$$f^*(u_i v_{i+1}) = 4i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

and the set of all edge labels of  $kC_m$  is  $\{4n-3, 4n-4, \dots, 4(n-1)+km\}$ .

Therefore the set of all edge labels of  $P_n^* \cup kC_m$  is

$$\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4(n-1)+km\}.$$

Hence  $P_n^* \cup kC_m$  is a harmonic mean graph for  $k \geq 0, m \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 2$ .

Hence the theorem.

**K-HARMONIC MEAN LABELLING OF SOME GRAPHS**

**Theorem: 5.1**

The path  $P_n$  a k-harmonic mean graph for all k and  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof**

Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$$E(P_n) = \{e_i = v_i, v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$$

Define a function  $f : V(P_n) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, k+2, \dots, k+q\}$  by

$$f(v_i) = k + i - 1, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Then the induced edge labels are

$$f^*(e_i) = k + i - 1, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

The above defined function  $f$  provides k-harmonic mean labelling of the graph.

Hence  $P_n$  is a k-harmonic meangraph.

**Theorem: 5.2**

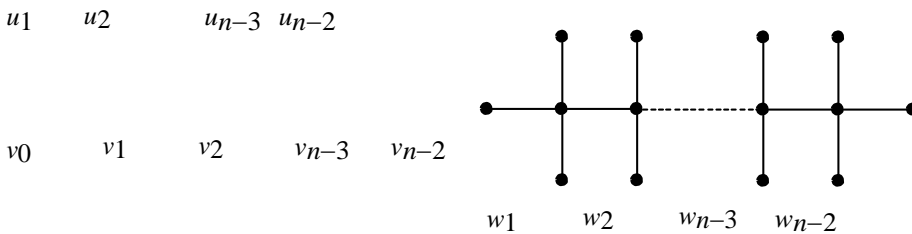
The Twig graph  $T_n$  is k-harmonic mean graph for all  $n \geq 3$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $V(T_n) = \{v_i; 0 \leq i \leq n-1, u_i, w_i; 1 \leq i \leq n-2\}$  and

$$E(T_n) = \{v_i u_i, v_i w_i; 1 \leq i \leq n-2, v_i v_{i+1}; 0 \leq i \leq n-2\}$$

The ordinary labelling is



First we label the vertices as follows

Define the function  $f : V(T_n) \rightarrow \{k, k+2, k+2, \dots, k+q\}$  by

$$f(v_0) = k$$

$$f(v_i) = k + 3i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(w_i) = k + 3i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

$$f(u_i) = k + 3i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

Then the induced edge labels are

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = k + 3i, \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq n-2$$

$$f^*(v_i u_i) = k + 3i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

$$f^*(v_i w_i) = k + 3i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

The above defined function  $f$  provides k-harmonic mean labelling of the graph.

**Theorem: 5.3**

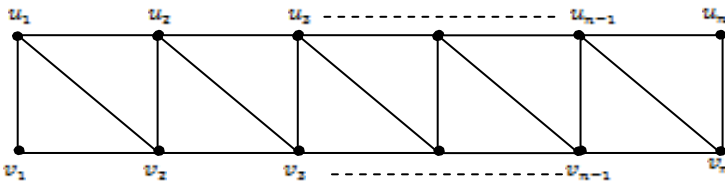
The Triangular ladder  $TL_n$  is k-harmonic mean graph for all  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $V(TL_n) = \{u_i, v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$$E(TL_n) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1, u_i v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

The ordinary labelling is



First we label the vertices as follows

Define the function  $f : V(TL_n) \rightarrow \{k, k + 2, k + 2, \dots, k + q\}$  by

$$f(u_i) = k + 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_1) = k$$

$$f(v_i) = k + 4i - 5, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n$$

Then the induced edge labels are

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = k + 4i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = k + 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(u_i v_i) = k + 4i - 4, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_i v_{i+1}) = k + 4i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

The above defined function  $f$  provides k-harmonic mean labelling of the graph.

Hence  $TL_n$  is a k-harmonic graph.



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## CONCLUSION

In this paper we discuss Harmonic mean labelling behaviour of some cycle related graphs such as duplication, joint sum of the cycle and identification of cycle. Also we investigate Harmonic mean labelling behaviour of Alternate Triangular Snake  $A(T_n)$ , Alternate Quadrilateral Snake  $A(Q_n)$ .

In this paper, we establish harmonic mean labels of some well known subdivision graphs and some disconnected graphs.

In this paper we prove the Harmonic mean labelling behaviour for some special graphs.

In this paper, we establish the harmonic mean labelling of some standard graphs like subdivision of star  $(K_1)$ , subdivision of bistar  $(B_n)$ , the disconnected graph  $S(K_{1,n}) \cup kC_m$ .

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