

## Vertex BIMAGIC Total Labeling for BISTAR $B_{n,n}$

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**Abstract:** A vertex bimagic total labeling on a graph with  $v$  vertices and  $e$  edges is a one-to-one map taking the vertices and edges onto the integers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, v+e$  with the property that the sum of the label on the vertex and the labels of its incident edges is one of the constants  $k_1$  or  $k_2$ , independent of the choice of the vertex. In this paper we have discussed that bistar  $B_{n,n}$  are vertex bimagic total labeling for odd  $n > 1$  and even  $n > 2$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

A graph  $G(V,E)$  has vertex set  $V = V(G)$  and edge set  $E = E(G)$  and  $e = |E|$  and  $v = |V|$ .

A general reference for the graph theoretic notions is D. B West [1]. Graph labelings were first introduced in the mid sixties. A labeling of a graph  $G(V,E)$  is a mapping from the set of vertices, edges, or both vertices and edges to the set of labels. Based on the domain we distinguish vertex labelings, edge labelings and total labeling.

There are basically two types of labelings of graph, based on assignment of some numbers to the elements of graph and assignment of qualitative nature of the elements of graph named as Quantitative Labelings and Qualitative Labelings respectively. Labeling of graphs subject to certain conditions gave raise to enormous work which is listed by G.J.Gallian [2]. Magic labelings were introduced by Sedl'áček in 1963 [3]. In [4] Kotzig and Rosa defined magic labeling which was called as edge magic labeling by Ringel and Llado [5]. Based on edge magic labeling of graphs, super magic strength of simple graphs like bistar  $B_{n,n}$ ,  $(2n+1)P_2$ ,  $P_{n^2}$ ,  $W_n = C_n + k_1$  are discussed in [6].

W. D. Wallis and others [7][8], introduced Edge-magic total labelings that generalize the idea of a magic square and can be referred for a discussion of magic labelings and a standardization of the terminology. J. Basker Babujee & V.Vishnu Priya have introduced (1,1) edge bimagic labeling in their paper "Edge Bimagic labeling in certain types of graphs obtained by some standard graphs" [9]. Also V.Vishnu Priya, K.Manimegalai & J. Basker Babujee [10] have proved edge bimagic labeling for some trees like  $B_{m,n}$ ,  $k_{1,n,n}$ ,  $Y_{n+1}$ , J. Basker Babujee has himself introduced (1,1) vertex bimagic labeling in [11]. For simplicity in this paper we name it as vertex bimagic total labeling and discuss that bistar  $B_{n,n}$  are vertex bimagic total labeling for odd  $n > 1$  and even  $n > 2$ .

### 2. VERTEX MAGIC TOTAL LABELING

In general, by labeling a graph we mean an injective map defined from the set of vertices to the set of natural numbers, the same is extended to the set of edges. The labeling from the set of vertices and edges to the set of natural numbers, such that the sum of labels of vertex and the edges incident to that vertex is a constant. Let  $G = \{V, E, f\}$  be a simple graph with  $v = |V|$  and  $e = |E|$ . A one to one and onto mapping  $f$  from  $V \cup E$  to the finite subset  $\{1, 2, \dots, v+e\}$  of natural numbers such that for every vertex  $x$ ,  $f(x) + f(xy_i) = k$ , where  $y_i$ 's are vertices adjacent to  $x$ , is called as a vertex magic total labeling and denoted by VMTL. The constant  $k$  is called magic constant.

### 3. VERTEX BIMAGIC TOTAL LABELING

A graph with vertex magic total labeling with two constants  $k_1$  or  $k_2$  is called a vertex bimagic total labeling and denoted by VBMTL. The constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are called magic constants.

#### 3.1. Example

Consider a Path  $P_4$ . This is a graph with 4 vertices and 3 edges as given below.



Fig.1. Path  $P_4$

In this graph the integers from 1 to 7 are used such that, at the vertex labeled 3,4 the magic constant is 10 and at vertices labeled 1,2 the magic constant is 13.

This graph has vertex bimagic total labeling with constant  $k_1 = 10, k_2 = 13$ .

### 4. VERTEX BIMAGIC TOTAL LABELING FOR BISTAR $B_{n,n}$

#### 4.1. Definition

$B_{n,n}$  is the bistar obtained from two disjoint copies of  $K_{1,n}$  by joining the centre vertices through an edge.

In a bistar there are  $2n+2$  vertices and  $2n+1$  edges, altogether there are  $4n+3$  elements. There are totally  $2n$  pendant vertices and 2 centre vertices. The degree of the pendant vertices are 1 and the degree of the central vertices are  $n+1$  obtained from both the  $n$  edges of  $K_{1,n}$  and the common edge of the centres.

#### 4.2. Theorem

The bistar,  $B_{n,n}$  is vertex bimagic total labeling, for odd  $n > 1$ .

Proof:

Let the vertex set be  $V = \{u, v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}\}$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are the centre vertices of the two stars  $K_{1,n}$  where  $n > 1$  and odd.  $u_i$ 's and  $v_i$ 's are the vertices of the pendant vertices of the two stars  $K_{1,n}$  and the edge set is  $E(G) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2n+1}\}$ .

We can define the bijection as  $f: VUE \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n+3\}$  by

$$f(u) = 1; f(v) = 2$$

The vertex labeling is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 4n + 6 - 4i \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\ &= 6n + 7 - 4i \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{n+3}{2} \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= 4n + 7 - 4i \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\ &= 6n + 6 - 4i \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{n+3}{2} \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

and the edge labeling is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f(uv) &= 2n+3 \\ f(uu_i) &= 4i \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\ &= 4i - 2n - 1 \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{n+3}{2} \leq i \leq n \\ f(vv_i) &= 4i - 1 \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\ &= 4i - 2n \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{n+3}{2} \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

Then the constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  of the vertex bimagic total labeling is obtained as are obtained below,

To find  $k_1$ :

$$2nk_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n f(u_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(uu_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(vv_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4n + 6 - 4i) + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (6n + 7 - 4i) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4n + 7 - 4i) + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (6n + 6 - 4i) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4i) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (4i - 2n - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4i - 1) + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (4i - 2n) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4n + 6 - 4i + 4n + 7 - 4i + 4i + 4i - 1) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (6n + 7 - 4i + 6n + 6 - 4i + 4i - 2n - 1 + 4i - 2n) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (8n + 12) + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (8n + 12) = \sum_{i=1}^n (8n + 12) = (8n + 12)n = 2n(4n + 6)
 \end{aligned}$$

(i.e)  $2nk_1 = 2n(4n + 6)$

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$$2k_2 = \left[ f(u) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(uu_i) \right] + \left[ f(v) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(vv_i) \right]$$

it is sufficient to find  $k_2$  as below

To find  $k_2$ :

(i)  $k_2 = f(u) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(uu_i)$  or

(ii)  $k_2 = f(v) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(vv_i)$

Consider

(i)  $k_2 = f(u) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(uu_i)$

$$= 1 + (2n + 3) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4i) + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (4i - 2n - 1)$$

$$= (2n + 4) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4i) + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (4i) - \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (2n + 1)$$

$$= (2n + 4) + \sum_{i=1}^n (4i) - (2n + 1) \left( n - \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$= (2n + 4) + 4n \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) - (2n + 1) \left( n - \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$= (2n + 4) + 2n(n + 1) - (2n + 1) \left( \frac{n-1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (2n^2 + 9n + 9)$$

(i.e)  $k_2 = \frac{1}{2} (2n^2 + 9n + 9)$

Consider

(ii)  $k_2 = f(v) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(vv_i)$

$$= 2 + (2n + 3) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4i - 1) + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (4i - 2n)$$

$$= (2n + 5) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n+1}{2}} (4i) - \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) + \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (4i) - \sum_{i=\frac{n+3}{2}}^n (2n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2n + 5) + \sum_{i=1}^n (4i) - \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) - 2n \left(n - \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)\right) \\
 &= (2n + 5) + 4n \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) - 2n \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(2n^2 + 9n + 9) \\
 (i, e) k_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(2n^2 + 9n + 9)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the bistar,  $B_{n,n}$  is vertex bimagic total labeling, for odd  $n > 1$ .

**4.3. Remark**

The edge labels for  $v_i$ 's of the above case may also be given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(vv_i) &= 4i + 3 & ; & & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\
 &= 4i - 2n - 2 & ; & & \frac{n+3}{2} \leq i \leq n
 \end{aligned}$$

or as below

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(vv_i) &= 4i - 1 & ; & & i = 1, 3, \dots, n \\
 &= 2i + 2 & ; & & i = 2, 4, \dots, n-1
 \end{aligned}$$

**4.4. Remark**

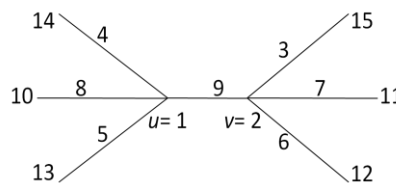
When  $n=1$ , the labeling becomes VMTL. So, the VBMTL is defined for odd  $n > 1$

**4.5. Remark**

$k_1$  follows an arithmetic sequence  $6n+4, 6n, 6n-4, 6n-8, \dots$  for all odd  $n$  values as  $n = 1, 3, \dots$  at the pendant vertices.  $k_2$  follows an arithmetic sequence  $nk_1, \frac{n-1}{2}k_1, \frac{n-2}{2}k_1, \dots$  for all odd  $n$  values as  $n = 1, 3, \dots$  at the centre vertices.  $k_2$  also follows the relation  $8m_r + r + 1$  where  $m_r = 1, 3, 6, \dots$  with  $m_r = m_{r-1} + r, r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

**4.6. Example**

Consider the bistar,  $B_{3,3}$ ,



**Fig 2.** Bistar,  $B_{3,3}$

Here  $k_1=18$  at the pendant vertices and  $k_2=27$  at the centres.

The bistar,  $B_{3,3}$  is vertex bimagic total labeling.

The same labeling is not possible for even values of  $n$  in an bistar  $B_{n,n}$  because the difference between the respective values of  $u_i$ 's and  $v_i$ 's are such that 3,1 and 1,3 alternatively.(i.e) Along  $u_i$ 's the values are 10,13,14 where the difference between these numbers is such that  $13-10 = 3,$

$14 - 13 = 1$  and similarly along  $v_i$ 's the values are 11,12,15 where the difference between these numbers is such that  $12-11=1, 15-12 = 3$ . So to complete one cycle ( $1+3= 3+1 = 4$ ) any two difference needs three values and when 2 more differences are included 5 values are required. Hence only on adding 2 values every time in  $n$ , starting with 1, this labeling becomes impossible for any even  $n$ . So a new function for bistar  $B_{n,n}$ , for even  $n$  is given.

**4.7. Theorem**

The bistar,  $B_{n,n}$  is vertex bimagic total labeling, for even  $n > 2$ .

Proof:

Let the vertex set be  $V=\{u,v,v_1,v_2, \dots, v_{2n}\}$  where  $u$  &  $v$  are the centre vertices of the two stars  $K_{1,n}$  and  $n > 1$  is odd.  $v_i$ 's and  $v_j$ 's are the vertices of the pedant vertices of the two stars  $K_{1,n}$  and the edge set is  $E(G)=\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2n+1}\}$ .

We can define the bijection as  $f:VUE \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n+3\}$  by

$$f(u) = 1; f(v) = 3$$

the vertex labeling is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 4(n+1) - 2i && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ &= 4(n+1) - 2i + 1 && \text{for } \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= 4(n+1) - 2i + 1 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ &= 4(n+1) - 2i && \text{for } \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

and the edge labeling is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f(uv) &= 2 \\ f(uu_i) &= i + 5 && \text{for } i = 1, 2 \\ &= 2i + 3 && \text{for } 3 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ &= 2i + 2 && \text{for } 1 \leq r \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ f(vv_i) &= i + 3 && \text{for } i = 1, 2 \\ &= 2i + 2 && \text{for } 3 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ &= 2i + 3 && \text{for } 1 \leq r \leq \frac{n}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Then the constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  of the vertex bimagic total labeling are obtained as below,

To find  $k_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 2nk_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(u_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(uu_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(vv_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} (4(n+1) - 2i) + \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}+1}^n (4(n+1) - 2i + 1) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} (4(n+1) - 2i + 1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}+1}^n (4(n+1) - 2i) + \sum_{i=1}^2 (i + 5) + \sum_{i=3}^{\frac{n}{2}} (2i + 3) + \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}+1}^n (2i + 2) + \sum_{i=1}^2 (i + 3) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=3}^{\frac{n}{2}} (2i + 2) + \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}+1}^n (2i + 3) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} (4(n+1) - 2i) + \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}+1}^n (4(n+1) - 2i) + \left(n - \frac{n}{2}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} (4(n+1) - 2i) + \frac{n}{2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}+1}^n (4(n+1) - 2i) + \sum_{i=1}^2 (i + 5 + i + 3) + \sum_{i=3}^{\frac{n}{2}} (2i + 2) + \sum_{i=3}^{\frac{n}{2}} (2i + 3) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} (4(n+1) - 2i) + n + \sum_{i=1}^2 (2i + 8) + \sum_{i=3}^{\frac{n}{2}} (2i + 2 + 2i + 3) \\ &= 8(n+1)n - 4 \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} (i) + n + 8(2) + 2(3) + \sum_{i=3}^{\frac{n}{2}} (4i + 5) \\ &= 8(n+1)n - 2n(n+1) + n + 22 + 4 \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 3 \right) + 5(n-2) = n(8n+14) \\ &= 2n(4n+7) \\ (i.e) \quad 2nk_1 &= 2n(4n+7) \\ k_1 &= 4n+7 \end{aligned}$$

To find  $k_2$ :

$$k_2 = f(u) + f(uv) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(uu_i) = 1 + 2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 (i + 5) + \sum_{i=3}^{\frac{n}{2}} (2i + 3) + \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}+1}^n (2i + 2)$$

$$= 3 + 5(2) + 3 + \sum_{i=3}^n (2i + 2) + \binom{n}{2} - 2 = 16 + 2 \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 3 \right) + 2(n - 2) + \left( \frac{n}{2} - 2 \right)$$

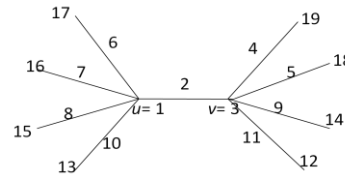
$$= n^2 + 7\frac{n}{2} + 4 = \frac{1}{2}(2n^2 + 7n + 8)$$

(i.e)  $k_2 = \frac{1}{2}(2n^2 + 7n + 8)$

In a similar manner  $k_2$  can be obtained for  $v_i$ 's.

**4.8. Example**

The bistar  $B_{4,4}$  is considered here.



**Fig. 3.** Bistar,  $B_{4,4}$

Here  $k_1=23$  at the pendant vertices and  $k_2=34$  at the centres.

The bistar,  $B_{4,4}$  is vertex bimagic total labeling.

**5. CONCLUSION**

Vertex bimagic total labeling on  $n$ - bistar  $B_{n,n}$  for odd  $n>1$  and even  $n>2$  have been discussed in this paper. Further VBMTL can be studied for many other graphs like regular graphs, complete graphs etc.

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