

On Changing Behavior of Edges of Some Graphs I

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Abstract- Let G be a (p, q) graph and $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p + q - 1, p + q + 2\}$ be an injection. For each edge $e = uv$, the induced edge labeling f^* is defined as follows:

$$f^*(e) = \begin{cases} \frac{|f(u) - f(v)|}{2} & \text{if } |f(u) - f(v)| \text{ is even} \\ \frac{|f(u) - f(v)| + 1}{2} & \text{if } |f(u) - f(v)| \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Then f is called Near Skolem difference mean labeling if $f^*(e)$ are all distinct and are from $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$. A graph that admits a Near Skolem difference mean labeling is called a Near Skolem difference mean graph. In this paper, a new parameter E^+ is introduced and applied for the graphs $(K_4 * S_n)$, $J(m, n)$, C_n and $K_{1,n}$.

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I. INTRODUCTION

All graphs in this paper are finite, undirected and simple. The vertex set and the edge set of a graph G are denoted by $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ respectively. For standard terminology and notations, we follow Harary (1) and for graph labeling, we refer to Gallian (2).

In this paper, a Near skolem difference mean graph G is investigated and a new parameter E^+ is introduced to find the minimum number of edges that should be added to G to convert the Near skolem difference mean graph G into a non-Near skolem difference mean graph G^* .

Definition 1.1: $(K_4 * S_n)$ is a graph obtained from K_4 by appending a star S_n with n vertices to its four vertices and has a vertex set $V(G) = \{u_i, v_{ij} / 1 \leq i \leq 4, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and edge set $E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq 3\} \cup \{u_2 u_{i+2}\} \cup \{u_3 u_4\} \cup \{u_i v_{ij} / 1 \leq i \leq 4, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$.

Definition 1.2: For integers $m, n \geq 0$, a Jelly fish is a graph $J(m, n)$ with vertex set and edge set as

$$V(J(m, n)) = \{u, v, x, y\} \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\} \cup \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$$

$$E(J(m, n)) = \{(u, x), (u, v), (u, y), (v, x), (v, y)\} \cup \{(x_i, x) : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{(y_i, y) : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

II. MAIN RESULT

Definition 2.1 A graph $G = (V, E)$ with p vertices and q edges is said to have Nearly skolem difference mean labeling if it is possible to label the vertices $x \in V$ with distinct elements $f(x)$ from $\{1, 2, \dots, p + q - 1, p + q + 2\}$ in such a way that each edge $e = uv$, is labeled as $f^*(e) = \frac{|f(u) - f(v)|}{2}$ if $|f(u) - f(v)|$ is even and $f^*(e) = \frac{|f(u) - f(v)| + 1}{2}$ if $|f(u) - f(v)|$ is odd. The resulting labels of the edges are distinct and are from $\{1, 2, \dots, q\}$. A graph that admits a Near skolem difference mean labeling is called a Near skolem difference mean graph.

Definition 2.2: Let G be a Near skolem difference mean graph. Then the parameter E^+ of a graph G is defined as the minimum number of edges to be added to G , so that the resulting graph is non-Near skolem difference mean.

Theorem 2.3: $E^+(K_4 * S_n) = 1, n \geq 1$.

Proof: Let G be the graph $K_4 * S_n$.

Let $V(G) = \{u_i, v_{ij} / 1 \leq i \leq 4, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and

$$E(G) = \{u_i u_j / 1 \leq i < j \leq 4\} \cup \{u_i v_{ij} / 1 \leq j \leq n\}$$

Then $|V(G)| = 4n + 4$ and $|E(G)| = 4n + 6$

Define $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 8n + 9, 8n + 12\}$ as follows:

$$f(u_1) = 8n + 12$$

$$f(u_2) = 3$$

$$f(u_3) = 8n + 9$$

$$f(u_4) = 1$$

$$f(v_{1j}) = 4 + 2j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$f(v_{2j}) = 2n + 4 + 2j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$f(v_{3j}) = 7 + 2j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$f(v_{4j}) = 2n + 7 + 2j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Let f^* be the induced edge labeling of f . Then,

$$f^*(u_1 u_2) = 4n + 4$$

$$f^*(u_2 u_3) = 4n + 3$$

$$f^*(u_3 u_4) = 4n + 5$$

$$f^*(u_1 u_4) = 4n + 6$$

$$f^*(u_1 u_3) = 1$$

$$f^*(u_1 v_{1j}) = 2 + i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_2 v_{2j}) = 2n + 2 + i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_3v_{3j}) = n + 2 + i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_4v_{4j}) = 3n + 2 + i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Clearly the induced edge labels $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, \dots, 4n + 6\}$ are all distinct.

Hence, the graph $K_4 * S_n$ admits Near skolem difference mean labeling.

Let G^* be the graph $K_4 * S_n \cup \{uv\}$ where u and v are non-adjacent vertices of $K_4 * S_n$.

u_i are the vertices of K_4 ($1 \leq i \leq 4$) and

v_{ij} are the vertices of the star S_n ($1 \leq j \leq n$ and $1 \leq i \leq 4$).

Then $V(G^*) = \{u_i, v_{ij} / 1 \leq i \leq 4, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and

$$E(G^*) = \{u_i u_j / 1 \leq i < j \leq 4\} \cup \{u_i v_{ij} / 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{(uv)\}.$$

$$\text{Then } |V(G^*)| = 4n + 4 \text{ and } |E(G^*)| = 4n + 7$$

$$\text{let } f: V(G^*) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 8n + 10, 8n + 13\}$$

$$\text{Let } e = xy \in E(G^*) \text{ with } 1 \leq f(x) < f(y) \leq 8n + 13.$$

Now two cases arise:

Case (i) $\frac{|f(y)-f(x)|}{2} = 4n + 7$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{This implies } f(y) &= 8n + 14 + f(x) \\ &\geq 8n + 14 + 1 \\ &= 8n + 15 \end{aligned}$$

Case (ii) $\frac{|f(y)-f(x)|+1}{2} = 4n + 7$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{This implies } f(y) - f(x) &= 8n + 14 - 1 \\ \text{This implies } f(y) &= 8n + 13 + f(x) \\ &\geq 8n + 13 + 1 \\ &= 8n + 14 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in both cases, we get a contradiction since by definition, $f(v) \leq 8n + 13$

Hence, G^* is not a Near Skolem Difference Mean graph.

$$\text{Hence, } E^+(K_4 * S_4) = 1.$$

Theorem 2.4: $E^+(J(m, n)) = 2$ where $J(m, n)$ is a Jelly fish graph.

Proof: It has already been proved that the graph $J(m, n)$ is Near Skolem Difference Mean. [4]

Let G be a graph obtained from $J(m, n)$ by adding an edge.

Let $V(G) = \{u, v, x, y, u_i, v_j / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and

$$E(G) = \{xu, xv, yu, yv, xy\} \cup \{uu_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{vv_j / 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{(uv)\}.$$

$$\text{Then } |V(G)| = m + n + 4 \text{ and } |E(G)| = m + n + 6$$

Define: $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2m + 2n + 9, 2m + 2n + 12\}$ as follows:

$$f(u) = 2m + 2n + 12$$

$$f(v) = 2m + 2n + 9$$

$$f(x) = 2m + 1$$

$$f(y) = 2m + 3$$

$$f(u_i) = 2i - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(v_j) = 2m + 3 + 2j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

Let f^* be the induced edge label of f . Then,

$$f^*(uu_i) = m + n + 7 - i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f^*(vv_j) = n + 3 - j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$f^*(xu) = n + 6$$

$$f^*(xv) = n + 4$$

$$f^*(yu) = n + 5$$

$$f^*(yv) = n + 3$$

$$f^*(xy) = 1$$

$$f^*(uv) = 2$$

The induced edge labels are all distinct and are $\{1, 2, \dots, m + n + 6\}$.

Hence, from the above labeling pattern, the graph $G = J(m, n) \cup \{(uv)\}$ admits Near Skolem Difference Mean labeling.

Hence, G is a Near Skolem Difference Mean graph.

Now, consider $G^* = J(m, n) \cup \{u_1u_2, u_2u_3\}$ where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } V(G^*) &= \{u, v, x, y, u_i, v_j, \mid 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \text{ and} \\ E(G^*) &= \{xu, xv, yu, yv, xy\} \cup \{uu_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{vv_j / 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{u_1u_2, u_2u_3\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } |V(G^*)| = m + n + 4 \text{ and } |E(G^*)| = m + n + 7$$

$$\text{Let } f: V(G^*) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2m + 2n + 10, 2m + 2n + 13\}.$$

Let $e = w_1w_2 \in E(G^*)$ with

$$\text{Now, } 1 \leq f(w_1) < f(w_2) \leq 2m + 2n + 13$$

There are two cases:

Case(i): Suppose $\frac{|f(w_2)-f(w_1)|}{2} = m + n + 7$

$$f(w_2) - f(w_1) = 2m + 2n + 14.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(w_2) &= 2m + 2n + 14 + f(w_1) \\ &\geq 2m + 2n + 15. \end{aligned}$$

Case(ii): Suppose $\frac{|f(w_2)-f(w_1)|+1}{2} = m + n + 7$

$$\text{This implies } f(w_2) - f(w_1) = 2m + 2n + 14 - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(w_2) &= 2m + 2n + 13 + f(w_1) \\ &\geq 2m + 2n + 14. \end{aligned}$$

From both the cases, we have $f(w_2) \geq 2m + 2n + 13$.

This is a contradiction since, by definition, $f(w_2) \leq 2m + 2n + 13$

Hence, G^* is not Near Skolem Difference Mean graph.

$$\text{Hence } E^+(J(m, n)) = 2.$$

Theorem 2.5: $E^+(C_n) = 3$.

Proof: It has already been proved that the cycle graph C_n is Near Skolem Difference Mean for $n \geq 3$. [3]

To prove the theorem, we consider the following two cases:

Case(i): When $E^+(C_n) = 1$

Subcase (i): When $n = 2k + 1$

Without loss of generality, let G be the graph $C_{2k+1} \cup \{u_k v_{k-1}\}$.

Let $V(G) = \{u_i, v_j, 1 \leq i \leq k + 1, 1 \leq j \leq k\}$ and

$$E(G) = \{u_1v_1, u_{k+1}v_k, u_iu_{i+1}, v_jv_{j+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq k - 1\} \cup \{u_kv_{k-1}\}.$$

Then $|V(G)| = 2k + 1$ and $|E(G)| = 2k + 2$.

Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4k + 2, 4k + 5\}$ be defined as follows:

When k is odd:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{2i+1}) &= 4i + 1, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}. \\ f(u_{2i}) &= 4k + 6 - 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k+1}{2}. \\ f(v_1) &= 4k + 5. \\ f(v_{2i+1}) &= 4k + 5 - 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}. \\ f(v_{2i}) &= 4i + 2, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

When k is even:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{2i+1}) &= 4i + 1, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}. \\ f(u_{2i}) &= 4k + 6 - 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}. \\ f(v_1) &= 4k + 5 \\ f(v_{2i+1}) &= 4k + 5 - 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k-2}{2}. \\ f(v_{2i}) &= 4i + 2, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let f^* be the induced edge labeling for f .

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_1v_1) &= 2k + 2 \\ f^*(u_{k+1}v_k) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } k \text{ is even} \\ 2, & \text{when } k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \\ f^*(u_iu_{i+1}) &= 2k + 3 - 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq k \\ f^*(v_jv_{j+1}) &= 2k + 2 - 2i, & 1 \leq j \leq k - 1. \\ f^*(u_kv_{k-1}) &= \begin{cases} 2, & \text{when } k \text{ is even} \\ 1, & \text{when } k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The edge labels are all distinct and are $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, 2k + 2\}$.

Subcase (ii): When $n = 2k$

Without loss of generality, let G be the graph $C_{2k} \cup \{u_kv_{k-1}\}$.

Let $V(G) = \{u_i, v_j / 1 \leq i, j \leq k\}$ and

$$E(G) = \{u_1v_1, u_kv_k, u_iu_{i+1}, v_jv_{j+1} / 1 \leq i, j \leq k - 1\} \cup \{u_kv_{k-1}\}.$$

Then $|V(G)| = 2k$ and $|E(G)| = 2k + 1$

Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4k, 4k + 3\}$ be defined as follows.

When k is odd:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{2i+1}) &= 1 + 4i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-3}{2}. \\ f(u_k) &= 2k. \\ f(u_{2i}) &= 4k + 4 - 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k-3}{2}. \\ f(u_{k-1}) &= 2k + 7 \\ f(v_{2i+1}) &= 4k + 3 - 4i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-3}{2}. \\ f(v_k) &= 2k + 4 \\ f(v_{2i}) &= 2 + 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k-3}{2}. \\ f(v_{k-1}) &= 2k - 1. \end{aligned}$$

When k is even:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{2i+1}) &= 4i + 1, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-2}{2}. \\ f(u_{2i}) &= 4k + 4 - 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}. \\ f(v_{2i+1}) &= 4k + 3 - 4i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-2}{2}. \\ f(v_{2i}) &= 4i + 2, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let f^* be the induced edge labeling of f . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_1v_1) &= 2k + 1 \\ f^*(u_kv_k) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } k \text{ is even} \\ 2, & \text{when } k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \\ f^*(u_iu_{i+1}) &= 2k + 2 - 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq k - 1. \\ f^*(v_jv_{j+1}) &= 2k + 1 - 2j, & 1 \leq j \leq k - 1 \\ f^*(u_kv_{k-1}) &= \begin{cases} 2, & \text{when } k \text{ is even} \\ 1, & \text{when } k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then the induced edge labels are distinct and are

$$\{1, 2, \dots, 2k + 1\}$$

Hence the graph G admits Near skolem difference mean labeling even after adding the edge $\{u_kv_{k-1}\}$.

Case (ii): When $E^+(C_n) = 2$

Subcase(i): When $n = 2k + 1$

Without loss of generality, let G be the graph obtained by adding 2 edges to C_{2k+1} .

Let $V(G) = \{u_i, v_j, 1 \leq i \leq k + 1, 1 \leq j \leq k\}$ and

$$E(G) = \{u_1v_1, u_{k+1}v_k, u_iu_{i+1}, v_jv_{j+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq k - 1\} \cup \{u_2v_1, u_4v_1 (\text{when } k \text{ is odd})\} \cup \{u_kv_{k-1}, u_{k+1}v_{k-1} (\text{when } k \text{ is even})\}.$$

Then $|V(G)| = 2k + 1$ and $|E(G)| = 2k + 3$.

Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4k + 3, 4k + 6\}$ be defined as follows:

When k is odd:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{2i+1}) &= 4i + 1, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}. \\ f(u_{2i}) &= 4k + 7 - 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k+1}{2}. \\ f(v_{2i+1}) &= 4k + 6 - 4i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}. \\ f(v_{2i}) &= 4i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

When k is even:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{2i+1}) &= 4i + 1, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}. \\ f(u_{2i}) &= 4k + 7 - 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}. \\ f(v_{2i+1}) &= 4k + 6 - 4i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-2}{2}. \\ f(v_{2i}) &= 4i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let f^* be the induced edge labeling for f .

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_1v_1) &= 2k + 3 \\ f^*(u_{k+1}v_k) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } k \text{ is even} \\ 2, & \text{when } k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = 2k + 3 - 2i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k$$

$$f^*(v_j v_{j+1}) = 2k + 4 - 2j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

When k is odd,

$$f^*(u_2 v_1) = 2$$

$$f^*(u_4 v_1) = 4$$

When k is even,

$$f^*(u_k v_{k-1}) = 1$$

$$f^*(u_{k+1} v_{k-1}) = 4$$

The edge labels are all distinct and are $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, 2k + 3\}$.

Subcase(i): When $n = 2k$

Without loss of generality, let G be the graph obtained by adding 2 edges to C_{2k} .

Let $V(G) = \{u_i, v_j, 1 \leq i \leq k + 1, 1 \leq j \leq k\}$ and

$$E(G) = \{u_1 v_1, u_{k+1} v_k, u_i u_{i+1}, v_j v_{j+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq k - 1\} \cup \{u_2 v_1, u_3 v_2\}.$$

Then $|V(G)| = 2k$ and $|E(G)| = 2k + 2$.

Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4k + 1, 4k + 4\}$ be defined as follows:

When k is odd:

$$f(u_{2i+1}) = 1 + 4i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-3}{2}.$$

$$f(u_k) = 2k.$$

$$f(u_{2i}) = 4k + 5 - 4i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}.$$

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = 4k + 4 - 4i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}.$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = 4i - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2}.$$

When k is even:

$$f(u_{2i+1}) = 4i + 1, \quad 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-2}{2}.$$

$$f(u_{2i}) = 4k + 5 - 4i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}.$$

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = 4k + 4 - 4i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-2}{2}.$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = 4i - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{k}{2}.$$

Let f^* be the induced edge labeling for f .

$$f^*(u_1 v_1) = 2k + 2$$

$$f^*(u_k v_k) = 3$$

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = 2k + 2 - 2i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k - 1$$

$$f^*(v_j v_{j+1}) = 2k + 3 - 2j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq k - 1.$$

$$f^*(u_2 v_1) = 2$$

$$f^*(u_3 v_2) = 1$$

The edge labels are all distinct and are

$$f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, 2k + 2\}.$$

Hence, the graph G admits Near Skolem difference mean labeling when $E^+(C_n) = 2$

Case(ii): Let G^* be the graph $C_n \cup \{u_i u_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq 4\}$.

Then $|V(G^*)| = n$ and $|E(G^*)| = n + 3$

Let $f: V(G^*) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 2, 2n + 5\}$.

Let $e = uv \in E(G^*)$ with $1 \leq f(u) < f(v) \leq 2n + 5$

Now, two subcases arise:

Subcase(i): Suppose, $\frac{|f(v)-f(u)|}{2} = n + 3$.

This implies $f(v) = 2n + 6 + f(u)$

$$\geq 2n + 6 + 1.$$

$$= 2n + 7$$

Subcase(ii): Suppose, $\frac{|f(v)-f(u)|+1}{2} = n + 3$

This implies, $f(v) = 2n + 6 + f(u) - 1$.

$$\geq 2n + 5 + 1.$$

$$= 2n + 6$$

Thus, in both cases, $f(v) \geq 2n + 6$.

This is a contradiction since, by definition, $f(v) \leq 2n + 5$.

Hence, adding 3 edges to the Near skolem difference mean graph C_n makes it a non-Near skolem difference mean graph.

Hence, $E^+(C_n) = 3$.

Theorem 2.6: $E^+(K_{1,n}) = 4$.

Proof: It has already been proved that the graph $K_{1,n}$ is Near skolem difference mean. [6]

To prove the theorem, we consider the following 2 cases:

Case(i): $E^+(K_{1,n}) = 1, 2$ or 3

Subcase(i): When $E^+(K_{1,n}) = 1$.

Let G be the graph $K_{1,n} \cup \{e = u_1 u_2\}$.

Let $V(G) = \{v, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and

$$E(G) = \{vu_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_1 u_2\}.$$

Then $|V(G)| = n + 1$ and $|E(G)| = n + 1$

Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1, 2n + 4\}$ be defined as follows:

$$f(v) = 2n + 4$$

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

Let f^* be the induced edge labeling of f . Then,

$$f^*(vu_i) = n + 1 - i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f^*(u_1 u_2) = 1$$

The induced edge labels are all distinct and are $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$.

Subcase(ii): When $E^+(K_{1,n}) = 2$.

Let G be the graph $K_{1,n} \cup \{u_1 u_2, u_3 u_5\}$.

Let $V(G) = \{v, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and

$$E(G) = \{vu_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_1 u_2, u_3 u_5\}.$$

Then $|V(G)| = n + 1$ and $|E(G)| = n + 2$

Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 2, 2n + 5\}$ be defined as follows:

$$f(v) = 2n + 5$$

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

Let f^* be the induced edge labeling of f . Then,

$$f^*(vu_i) = n + 3 - i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f^*(u_1 u_2) = 1$$

$$f^*(u_3u_5) = 2$$

The induced edge labels are all distinct and are $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, n + 2\}$.

Subcase(iii): If $E^+(G) = 3$

Let G be the graph $K_{1,n} \cup \{u_1u_2, u_3u_5, u_4u_7\}$.

Let $V(G) = \{v, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and

$E(G) = \{vu_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_1u_2, u_3u_5, u_4u_7\}$.

Then $|V(G)| = n + 1$ and $|E(G)| = n + 3$.

Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 3, 2n + 6\}$ be defined as follows:

$$f(v) = 2n + 6$$

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

Let f^* be the induced edge labeling of f . Then,

$$f^*(vu_i) = n + 4 - i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f^*(u_1u_2) = 1$$

$$f^*(u_3u_5) = 2$$

$$f^*(u_4u_7) = 3$$

The induced edge labels are all distinct and are

$$f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, n + 3\}.$$

Hence, from all the above three subcases, it can be concluded that adding up to 3 edges to the graph $K_{1,n}$ retains the Near Skolem Difference Mean property of the graph.

Case(ii): Let G^* be the graph $K_{1,n} \cup \{e = u_iu_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq 4\}$.

Then $V^+(G^*) = \{v, u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and

$E^+(G^*) = \{vu_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_ju_{j+1} / 1 \leq j \leq 4\}$

Then $|V(G^*)| = n + 1$ and $|E(G^*)| = n + 4$

Let $f: V(G^*) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 4, 2n + 7\}$

Let $e = uv \in E(G^*)$ with $1 \leq f(u) < f(v) \leq 2n + 7$

Now, two subcases arise:

Subcase(i): Suppose, $\frac{|f(v) - f(u)|}{2} = n + 4$.

This implies, $|f(v) - f(u)| = 2n + 8$.

This implies $f(v) = 2n + 8 + f(u)$.

$$\geq 2n + 8 + 1.$$

$$= 2n + 9.$$

Subcase(ii): Suppose, $\frac{|f(v) - f(u)| + 1}{2} = n + 4$

This implies, $|f(v) - f(u)| = 2n + 8 - 1$

This implies, $f(v) = 2n + 7 + f(u)$

$$\geq 2n + 8.$$

Thus, in both subcases, we get a contradiction, since, by definition, $f(v) \leq 2n + 7$.

Hence, G^* is not a Near Skolem Difference Mean graph.

Hence, $E^+(G) = 4$.

III. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have investigated and concluded that a Near Skolem difference mean graph with $p = q - 2$, $q - 1$, q and $q + 1$ becomes non-Near Skolem difference mean graph for $E^+(G) = 1, 2, 3$ and 4 respectively.

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