

# Cube Difference Labeling of Some Snakes

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**Abstract-** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph.  $G$  is said to have a cube difference labeling if there exists a injection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$  such that the edge set of  $G$  has assigned a weight defined by the absolute cube difference of its end-vertices, the resulting weights are distinct. A graph which admits cube difference labeling is called cube difference graph. In this paper, a discussion is made on cube difference labeling of some snakes like quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$ , alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$ , triangular snake  $T_n$  and alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$ .

**Keywords-** Cube difference labeling, cube difference graph, path, snakes, quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$ , alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$ , triangular snake  $T_n$ , alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$ .

## I. INTRODUCTION

Mathematics is an important branch of science. Graph theory is an important branch in mathematics, plays a vital role in solving real life problems. Labeling concept in mathematics are used in computer networks, circuit design, communication networks, data base management, astronomy etc...., There are many types of labeling are discussed by various researchers. Cube difference labeling was introduced by J. Shiama in 2013[6]. S.S. Sandhya, E. Ebin Raja Merly and B. Shiny discussed super geometric mean labeling of double quadrilateral snake graphs in 2015[5]. I.I. Jadav and G.V. Ghodasara investigated alternate quadrilateral snake graphs are strongly\*-graphs in 2016[2]. Triangular snake and alternate triangular snake satisfies mean cordiality which was proved by R.Ponraj and S.Sathish Narayanan in 2015[4]. In this paper, a study is made on cube difference labeling of quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$ , alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$ , triangular snake  $T_n$  and alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$ .

## II. PRELIMINARIES

**Cube difference labeling:** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph.  $G$  is said to be cube difference labeling if there exist a injection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$  such that the induced function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow N$  given by  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^3 - [f(v)]^3|$  is injective.

**Path:** A walk is called a path if all its points are distinct. A path of length  $n$  is denoted by  $P_n$ .

**Quadrilateral snake:** The quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  by joining  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  to new vertices  $v_i, w_i$  respectively and then joining  $v_i$  and  $w_i$ . That is every edge of path is replaced by a cycle  $C_4$ .

**Alternate quadrilateral snake:** An alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$  is obtained from a path  $P_n$ , each alternate edge of  $P_n$  is replaced by a cycle  $C_4$ .

**Triangular snake:** The triangular snake  $T_n$  is obtained from the path  $P_n$  by replacing each edge of the path by a triangle  $C_3$ .

**Alternate triangular snake:** An alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  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 cycle  $C_3$ .

## III. CUBE DIFFERENCE LABELING OF SOME SNAKES

**Theorem 1:** Quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  satisfies cube difference labeling for all values of  $n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  of order  $p = 3n + 1$  and size  $q = 4n$ . The vertex set  $V(G) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ . The function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$  is defined as follows:

$f(u_i) = 3i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ ;  
 $f(v_i) = 3i - 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ;  
 $f(w_i) = 3i - 2$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then the induced function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined by  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^3 - [f(v)]^3|$  are distinct. Hence quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is a cube difference graph.

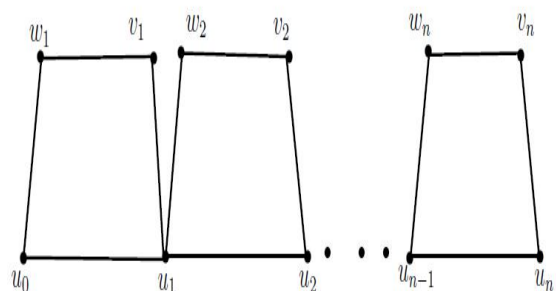
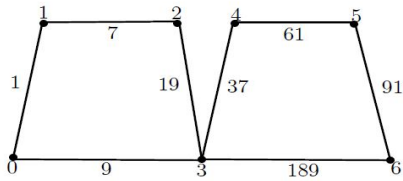


Figure 1. Quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$

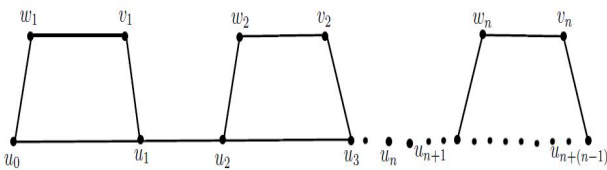
**Example 1:**



**Figure 2. Quadrilateral snake  $Q_2$**

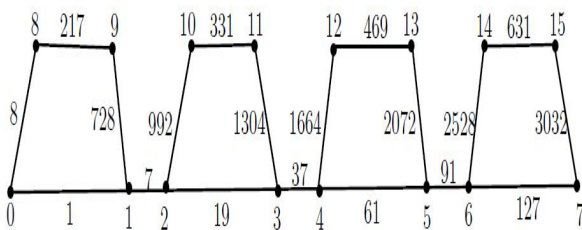
**Theorem 2:** Alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$  is a cube difference graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$ . Then  $p = 4n$ ,  $q = 4n + (n - 1)$  are order and size of  $G = A(Q_n)$ . The vertex set  $V(G) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u_{n+1}, u_{n+2}, \dots, u_{n+(n-1)}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Now define the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$  as follows:  
 $f(u_i) = i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ;  
 $f(u_{n+i}) = n + i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ;  
 $f(w_{i+1}) = 2n + 2i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ;  
 $f(v_{i+1}) = 2n + 2i + 1$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Then the induced function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow N$  admits cube difference labeling. Hence  $A(Q_n)$  is cube difference graph.



**Figure 3. Alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$**

**Example 2:**

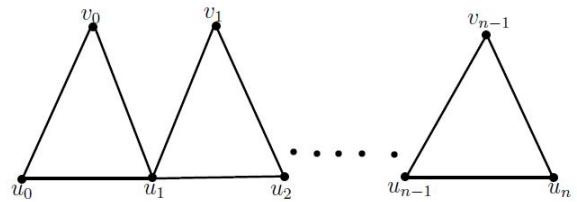


**Figure 4. Alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_4)$**

**Theorem 3:** Triangular snake  $T_n$  admits cube difference labeling for all values of  $n$ .

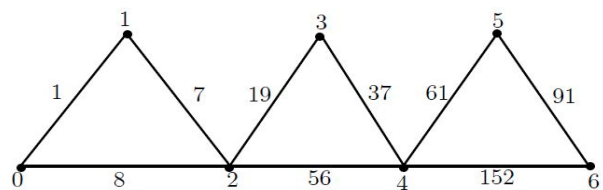
**Proof:** Let  $G$  be triangular snake  $T_n$ . By the definition of  $T_n$ , the order is  $p = 2n + 1$  and the size is  $q = 3n$ . The vertex set  $V(G) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}, u_n, v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ . Now define the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$  as follows:  
 $f(u_i) = 2i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ ;

$f(v_i) = 2i + 1$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Then the induced function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined by  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^3 - [f(v)]^3|$  are distinct. Hence triangular snake  $T_n$  is a cube difference graph.



**Figure 5. Triangular snake  $T_n$**

**Example 3:**

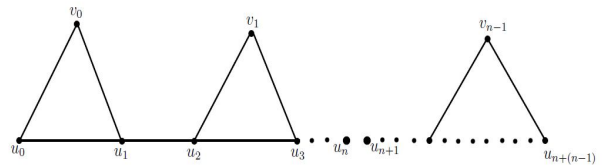


**Figure 6. Triangular snake  $T_3$**

**Theorem 4:** Alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is a cube difference graph.

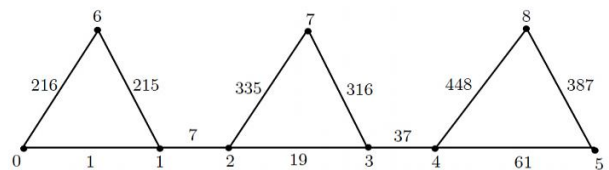
**Proof:** Let  $G$  be alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  with order  $p = 3n$  and size  $q = 3n + (n - 1)$ . The vertex set  $V(G) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u_{n+1}, u_{n+2}, \dots, u_{n+(n-1)}, v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  as shown in figure 7.

Now define the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$  as follows:  
 $f(u_i) = i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ;  
 $f(u_{n+i}) = n + i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ;  
 $f(v_i) = 2n + i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Then the induced function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow N$  is defined by  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^3 - [f(v)]^3|$  are distinct. Hence alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is a cube difference graph.



**Figure 7. Alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$**

**Example 4:**



**Figure 8. Alternate triangular snake  $A(T_3)$**

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a study on cube difference labeling of some snakes are successfully discussed. This might be a small area of research but may be a spark for other labeling concepts.

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