

Power Mean Labeling of Identification Graphs

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Abstract: A graph $G = (V, E)$ is called a Power mean graph with p vertices and q edges, if it is possible to label the vertices $x \in V$ with distinct elements $f(x)$ from $1, 2, 3, \dots, q + 1$ in such way that when each edge $e = uv$ is labeled with

$$f(e = uv) = \left[\left(f(u)^{f(v)} f(v)^{f(u)} \right) \frac{1}{f(u) + f(v)} \right]$$

or

$$f(e = uv) = \left[\left(f(u)^{f(v)} f(v)^{f(u)} \right)^{\frac{1}{f(u)+f(v)}} \right]$$

so that the resulting edge labels are distinct. Here f is called a Power mean labeling of G . We investigate Power mean labeling for some standard graphs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The graphs considered here are finite and undirected graphs. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with p vertices and q edges. For a detailed survey of graph labeling we refer to Gallian [2] and Acharya et al.[1]. For all other standard terminology and notations we follow Harary [3]. In [6] Somasundaram and Ponraj introduced and studied [9] mean labeling for some standard graphs. Sandhya and Somasundaram [5] introduced Harmonic mean labeling of graphs and Sandhya et al. [4] studied the technique in detail. Somasundaram et al.[7] introduced the concept of Geometric mean labeling of graphs and studied their labeling in [8]. In this paper we define Power mean labeling and investigate some standard graphs for C_n^2 , $C_m @ P_n$, $C_m \circ P_n$, and C_m and C_n sharing a common edge for power mean labeling. We provide illustrative examples to support our study.

2. DEFINITION AND RESULTS

Now we introduce the main concept of this paper

Definition 2.1. A graph $G = (V, E)$ with p vertices and q edges is said to be a Power Mean Graph if it is possible to label the vertices $x \in V$ with distinct labels $f(x)$ from $1, 2, 3, \dots, q + 1$ in such a way that when each edge $e = uv$ is labeled with

$$f(e = uv) = \left[\left(f(u)^{f(v)} f(v)^{f(u)} \right) \frac{1}{f(u) + f(v)} \right]$$

or

$$f(e = uv) = \left[\left(f(u)^{f(v)} f(v)^{f(u)} \right)^{\frac{1}{f(u)+f(v)}} \right]$$

so that the resulting edge labels are distinct. In this case, f is called Power mean labeling of G .

Remark 2.1. If G is a Power mean labeling graph, then 1 must be a label of one of the vertices of G , since an edge should get label 1.

Remark 2.2. If $p > q + 1$, then the graph $G = (p, q)$ is not a Power mean graph, since it does not have sufficient labels from $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, q + 1\}$ for the vertices of G .

The following results will be used in the edge labelings of some standard graphs to get Power mean labeling.

Proposition 2.1. Let a, b and i be the positive integers with $a < b$. Then

- (i) $a < (a^b b^a)^{\frac{1}{a+b}} < b$,
- (ii) $i < (i^{i+2} (i+2)^i)^{\frac{1}{2i+2}} < (i+1)$,
- (iii) $i < (i^{i+3} (i+3)^i)^{\frac{1}{2i+3}} < (i+2)$,
- (iv) $i < (i^{i+4} (i+4)^i)^{\frac{1}{2i+4}} < (i+2)$, and
- (v) $(i^i)^{\frac{1}{i+1}} = \sqrt[i]{i} < 2$.

Proof. (i) Since $a^{a+b} = a^a a^b < b^a a^b < b^a b^b = b^{a+b}$, we get the inequality in Proposition 2.1.(i). That is, the Power mean of two numbers lies between the numbers a and b . Thus we infer that if vertices u, v have labels $i, i + 1$ respectively, then the edge uv may be labeled i or $i + 1$ for Power mean labeling.

(ii) As a proof of this inequality, we see

$$\begin{aligned} i^{i+2} (i+2)^i &< i^2 [i(i+2)]^i, \\ &< i^2 (i+1)^{2i}, \text{ since } i(i+2) < (i+1)^2, \\ &< (i+1)^2 (i+1)^{2i}, \\ &= (i+1)^{2i+2}. \end{aligned}$$

This leads to $[(i^{i+2} (i+2)^i)^{\frac{1}{2i+2}}] < i + 1$. Therefore, if u, v have labels $i, i + 2$ respectively, then the edge uv may be labeled i and $i + 1$.

(iii) Next we have

$$\begin{aligned} i^{i+3} (i+3)^i &= i^3 [i(i+3)]^i, \\ &< i^3 (i+2)^{2i}, \text{ since } i(i+3) < (i+2)^2, \\ &< (i+2)^3 (i+2)^{2i}, \\ &= (i+2)^{2i+3}. \end{aligned}$$

This leads to $[(i^{i+3} (i+3)^i)^{\frac{1}{2i+3}}] < (i+2)$. Hence, if u, v have labels $i, i + 3$ respectively, then the edge uv may be labeled $i + 1$ without ambiguity.

(iv) Now

$$\begin{aligned} i^{i+4} (i+4)^i &= i^4 [i(i+4)]^i, \\ &< i^4 (i+2)^{2i}, \text{ since } i(i+4) < (i+2)^2, \\ &< (i+2)^4 (i+2)^{2i}, \\ &= (i+2)^{2i+4}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$[i^{i+4}(i+4)^i]^{i+4} < i+2.$$

Hence if u, v have labels $i, i+4$ respectively, then the edge uv may be labeled $i+1$.

(v) Now

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{i+1} &= (i+1)^{i+1}, \\ &= 1 + (i+1)C_1 + \dots + (i+1)C_{i+1}, \\ &\geq 1 + 1 + \dots + (i+2) \text{ terms,} \\ &\geq i+2 > i. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(1^i i^1) \overline{i+1} = \overline{i i+1} < 2$. Thus we observe that if u, v are labeled $1, 1$ respectively, then the edge uv may be labeled 1 or 2.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF TWO GRAPHS

In this section we study the power mean labeling of some identification graphs.

Theorem 3.1. Let $G_1 = (p_1, q_1)$ and $G_2 = (p_2, q_2)$ be any two graphs with power mean labeling f and g respectively. Let u and v be the vertices of G_1 and G_2 respectively, such that $f(u) = g(v) = q_1$. Then the graph $(G_1)_f * (G_2)_g$ obtained from G_1 and G_2 by identifying the vertices u and v is a power mean graph.

Proof. Obviously $(G_1)_f * (G_2)_g$ has $p_1 + p_2 - 1$ vertices and $q_1 + q_2$ edges. Let the vertex set of G_1 be $V(G_1) = \{u, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq p_1 - 1\}$ and that of G_2 be $V(G_2) = \{v, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq p_2 - 1\}$.

Define a function

$$h : V((G_1)_f * (G_2)_g) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q_1 + q_2 - 1\}$$

by $h(u_i) = f(u_i), 1 \leq i \leq p_1 - 1, h(v_i) = q_1 + g(v_i), 1 \leq i \leq p_2 - 1$. Then edge labels of G_1 are $1, 2, 3, \dots, q_1$ and edge labels of G_2 are $q_1 + 1, q_2 + 2, q_3 + 3, \dots, q_1 + q_2$. Hence $(G_1)_f * (G_2)_g$ is a power mean graph.

3.1 Power mean labeling for $C_n^{(2)}$

In this section, we prove the power mean labeling of common vertices between two cycles with n number of vertices and illustrate with examples.

Theorem 3.2. The graph $C_n^{(2)}$ is a Power mean graph.

Proof. Let u be the central vertex of $C_n^{(2)}$. Let the vertices of first cycle be $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$ and the vertices of second cycle be $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$. Each cycle is a Power mean graph. Let f be the corresponding Power mean labeling of the cycle. Take $G_1 = G_2 = C_n$ then $(G_1)_f * (G_2)_f = C_n$ then $(G_1)_f * (G_2)_f = C_n^{(2)}$. By Theorem 3.1, $C_n^{(2)}$ is a Power mean graph.

Example 3.1. A Power mean labeling of $C_6^{(2)}$ is given in Figure 3.1.

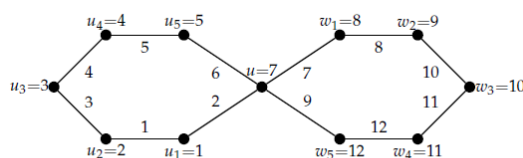


Figure 3.1: $C_6^{(2)}$

Example 3.2. A power mean labeling of $C_3^{(2)}$ is given in Figure 3.2

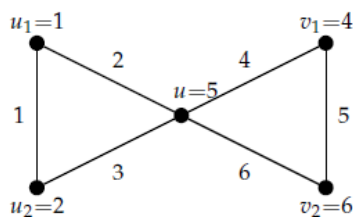


Figure 3.2: C_3^2

3.2 Power mean labeling for Two cycles C_n and C_m sharing a common edge

In this section, we prove the power mean labeling of common edge between two cycles with different number of vertices and provide an example.

Theorem 3.3. Two cycles C_n and C_m sharing a common edge admit Power mean labeling.

Proof. Let $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ be the vertices of cycle C_n . Let $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_m$ be the vertices of cycle C_m . Let G be the graph sharing a common edge of the two cycles. Without loss generality, assume that $e = v_{n-1}v_n$ is the common edge between C_n and C_m . Define a function $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q + 1\}$ as

- (i) $f(v_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1.$
- (ii) $f(v_n) = n + 1.$
- (iii) $f(w_i) = n + i, 2 \leq i \leq n - 1,$ and
- (iv) $f(v_{n-1}) = f(w_n)$ and $f(v_n) = f(w_1)$

By Proposition 2.1 (i) and (v), the edges are labeled.

- (i) $E(v_i v_{i+1}) = i + 1, 1 \leq i \leq n - 2$
- (ii) $E(v_{n-1} v_n) = n$
- (iii) $E(v_n v_1) = 1$
- (iv) $E(w_{i-1} w_i) = n + i, 2 \leq i \leq n,$ and
- (v) $E(w_{m-1} w_m) = n + 1.$

As the edges are distinct, the graph G is a Power mean graph.

Example 3.3. A graph G sharing a common edge between the cycles C_5 and C_8 is explained in Figure 3.3.

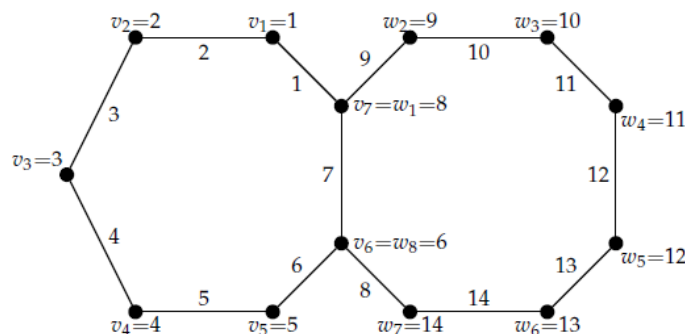


Figure 3.3: C_7 and C_8

3.3 Power mean labeling for Dragon $C_m @ P_n$

Dragon: A dragon is a graph formed by joining an end vertex of a path P_n with a vertex of the cycle C_m . It is denoted by $C_m @ P_n$.

Here, we prove the power mean labeling of dragon and provide an illustrative example.

Theorem 3.4. A Dragon $C_m @ P_n$ is a Power mean graph.

Proof. Let $G = C_m @ P_n$ be the given graph. Let $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m$ be the vertices of cycle C_m . Let $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$ be the vertices of path P_n . Here $u_m = w_1$. Define a function $f: V(C_m @ P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q + 1 = 2(n + 1)\}$ as

- (i) $f(u_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq m$
- (ii) $f(w_{i+1}) = m + i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$
- (iii) $f(u_m) = f(w_1)$.

We get the edge labels as

- (i) $E(u_i u_{i+1}) = i + 1; 1 \leq i \leq m - 1$
- (ii) $E(w_i w_{i+1}) = m + i; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$
- (iii) $E(u_m w_1) = 1$

By Proposition 2.1.(i) and (v), the edge labels are distinct. The Dragon $C_m @ P_n$ is a Power mean graph.

Example 3.4. The graph Dragon $C_m @ P_n$ is given in Figure 3.4.

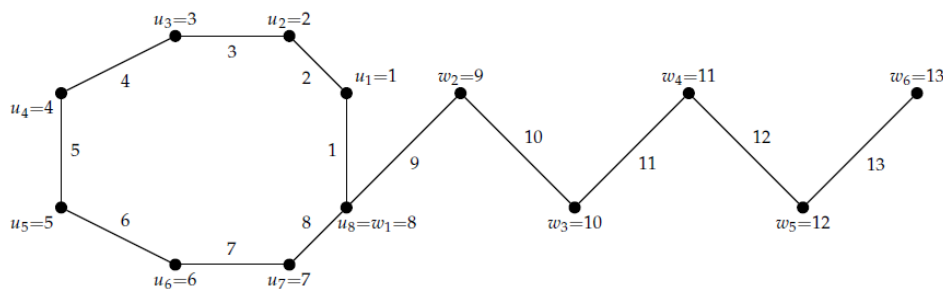


Figure 3.4: Dragon $C_m @ P_n$

3.4 Power mean labeling for $C_m \circ P_n$

In this section, we establish the power mean labeling of the graph G . It is obtained by identifying a pendant vertex of P_n and a vertex of C_m , and illustrate with an example.

Theorem 3.5. Let G be a graph obtained by identifying a pendant vertex of P_n and a vertex of C_m . The graph G admits a Power mean graph.

Proof. Let $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m$ be the vertices of C_m and $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ be the vertices of P_n . Here we may take $u_m = v_1$.

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

- (i). $f(u_i) = i; 1 \leq i \leq m$.
- (ii). $f(v_{i+1}) = m + i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

By Proposition 2.1.(i) and (v), the edges are labeled

- (i) $E(u_i u_{i+1}) = i + 1; 1 \leq i \leq m - 1$
- (ii) $E(u_m u_1) = 1$
- (iii) $E(v_i v_{i+1}) = m + i; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$

As the edges are distinct, the graph $C_m \circ P_n$ is a Power mean graph.

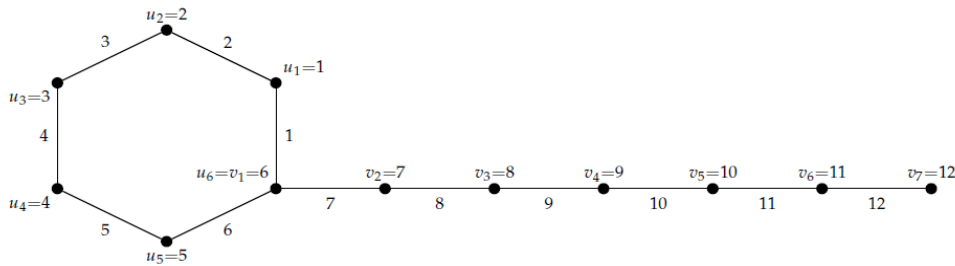


Figure 3.5: $C_6 \circ P_7$

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have proved that C_n^2 , $C_m @ P_n$, $C_m \circ P_n$, and, C_m and C_n sharing a common edge are amenable for Power mean labeling. Also illustrative examples are provided.

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