



## EVEN VERTEX EQUITABLE EVEN LABELING FOR PATH RELATED GRAPHS

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**Abstract:** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges and  $A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, q + 1\}$  if  $q$  is odd or  $A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, q\}$  if  $q$  is even. A graph  $G$  is said to be an even vertex equitable even labeling if there exists a vertex labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow A$  that induces an edge labeling  $f^*$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$  for all edges  $uv$  such that for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $A$ ,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  and the induced edge labels are  $2, 4, \dots, 2q$ , where  $v_f(a)$  be the number of vertices  $v$  with  $f(v) = a$  for  $a \in A$ . A graph that admits even vertex equitable even labeling is called an even vertex equitable even graph. In this paper, we prove that square of path,  $S(P_n \odot K_1)$ ,  $S'(P_n)$ ,  $T(P_n)$ , graph obtained by duplication of each vertex by an edge in  $P_n$ , quadrilateral snake,  $S(Q_n)$ ,  $D(Q_n)$ ,  $A(T_n)$  and  $DA(T_n)$  are even vertex equitable even graphs.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

All graphs considered here are simple, finite, connected and undirected. Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. We follow the basic notations and terminologies of graph theory as in [2]. A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges or both, subject to certain conditions and a detailed survey of graph labeling can be found in [1]. The concept of vertex equitable labeling was introduced by Lourdusamy and Seenivasan [3]. We introduced the concept of even vertex equitable even labeling in [4].

**Definition 1.1:** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges and  $A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, q + 1\}$  if  $q$  is odd or  $A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, q\}$  if  $q$  is even. A graph  $G$  is said to be an even vertex equitable even labeling if there exists a vertex labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow A$  that induces an edge labeling  $f^*$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$  for all edges  $uv$  such that for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $A$ ,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  and the induced edge labels are  $2, 4, \dots, 2q$ , where  $v_f(a)$  be the number of vertices  $v$  with  $f(v) = a$  for  $a \in A$ . A graph that admits even vertex equitable even labeling is called an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Definition 1.2:** For a simple connected graph  $G$  the *square of graph  $G$*  is denoted by  $G^2$  and defined as the graph with the same vertex set as of  $G$  and two vertices are adjacent in  $G^2$  if they are at a distance 1 or 2 apart in  $G$ .

**Definition 1.3:** The *subdivision of graph  $S(G)$*  is obtained from  $G$  by subdividing each edge of  $G$  with a vertex.

**Definition 1.4:** The *corona  $G_1 \odot G_2$*  of two graphs  $G_1(p_1, q_1)$  and  $G_2(p_2, q_2)$  is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  and  $p_1$  copies of  $G_2$  and joining the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G_1$  with an edge to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ .

**Definition 1.5:** For a graph  $G$  the *splitting graph  $S(G')$*  of graph  $G$  is obtained by adding a new vertex  $v'$  corresponding to each vertex  $v$  of  $G$  such that  $N(v) = N(v')$ .

**Definition 1.6:** For every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , the open neighbourhood set  $N(v)$  is the set of all vertices adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$ .

**Definition 1.7:** Duplication of a vertex  $v_k$  by a new edge  $e = v'_k v''_k$  in a graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G'$  such that  $N(v'_k) \cap N(v''_k) = v_k$ .

**Definition 1.8:** The *total graph*  $T(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  and two vertices are adjacent whenever they are either adjacent or incident in  $G$ .

**Definition 1.9:** A *quadrilateral snake*  $Q_n$  is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  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 the path is replaced by a cycle  $C_4$ .

**Definition 1.10:** A *double quadrilateral snake*  $D(Q_n)$  consists of two quadrilateral snakes that have a common path.

**Definition 1.11:** An *alternate triangular snake*  $A(T_n)$  is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  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 1.12:** A *double alternate triangular snake*  $DA(T_n)$  consists of two alternate triangular snakes that have a common path. That is, a double alternate triangular snake is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_i + 1$  (alternatively) to two new vertices  $v_i$  and  $w_i$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1** The graph  $P_n^2$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of  $P_n^2$ . Then  $P_n^2$  is of order  $n$  and size  $2n - 3$ .

Define  $f: V(P_n^2) \rightarrow A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 2n - 2\}$  as follows:

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

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $P_n^2$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 4n - 6$ .

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $P_n^2$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.2** The graph  $S(P_n \odot K_1)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$$E(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

Let  $v'_i$  be the newly added vertex between  $u_i$  and  $v_i$ . Let  $u'_i$  be the newly added vertex between  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$ . Then  $S(P_n \odot K_1)$  is of order  $4n - 1$  and size  $4n - 2$ .

Define  $f: V(S(P_n \odot K_1)) \rightarrow A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 4n - 2\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 4i - 2 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i - 4 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 4i - 4 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i - 2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u'_i) = \begin{cases} 4i & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i + 2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f(v'_1) = 2;$$

$$f(v'_i) = \begin{cases} 4i - 4 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i - 2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 2 \leq i \leq n$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $S(P_n \odot K_1)$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 8n - 4$ .

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $S(P_n \odot K_1)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.3** The splitting graph  $S'(P_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of  $P_n$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n$  be the vertices of  $S'(P_n)$ . Then  $S'(P_n)$  is of order  $2n$  and size  $3(n - 1)$ .

Define  $f: V(S'(P_n)) \rightarrow A = \begin{cases} 0, 2, 4, \dots, 3(n - 1) + 1 & \text{if } 3(n - 1) \text{ is odd} \\ 0, 2, 4, \dots, 3(n - 1) & \text{if } 3(n - 1) \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  as follows:

**Case (i):**  $n$  is odd,  $n > 3$ .

$$f(u_1) = 0; f(u_2) = 2;$$

$$f(u_{n-1}) = 3(n - 1);$$

$$f(u_n) = 3(n - 1) - 2;$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 3i - 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i - 2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 3 \leq i \leq n - 2$$

$$f(u'_1) = 0 ; f(v'_2) = 2 ;$$

$$f(u'_i) = \begin{cases} 3i - 3 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i - 6 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases} ; 3 \leq i \leq n$$

**Case (ii):**  $n$  is even

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 3i - 3 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i - 2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases} ; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u'_i) = \begin{cases} 3i - 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i - 4 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases} ; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $S'(P_n)$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 6(n-1)$ .

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $S'(P_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.4** The total graph  $T(P_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of  $P_n$ . Let  $V(T(P_n)) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n\}$ . Then  $T(P_n)$  is of order  $2n - 1$  and size  $4n - 5$ .

Define  $f: V(T(P_n)) \rightarrow A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 4n - 4\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_1) = 0 ;$$

$$f(u_i) = 4i - 6 ; 2 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u'_i) = 4i ; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $T(P_n)$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 8n - 10$ .

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $T(P_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.5** The graph obtained by duplication of each vertex by an edge in  $P_n$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$  and  $G$  be the graph obtained by duplication of each vertex  $u_i$  of the path  $P_n$  by an edge  $u'_i u''_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  at a time.

Let  $V(G) = \{u_i, u'_i, u''_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  
 $E(G) = \{u_i u'_i, u_i u''_i, u'_i u''_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ . Then  $G$  is of order  $3n$  and size  $4n-1$ . Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 4n\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 4i-4 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u'_i) = 4i-2; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u''_i) = \begin{cases} 4i & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i-4 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $G$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 8n-2$ .

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph obtained by duplication of each vertex by an edge in  $P_n$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.6** The quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** The quadrilateral snake is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ . By joining  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  to the new vertices  $v_i, w_i$  represented and joining  $v_i$  and  $w_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Then  $Q_n$  is of order  $3n-2$  and size  $4n-4$ .

Define  $f: V(Q_n) \rightarrow A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 4n-4\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_i) = 4i-4; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = 4i-2; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(w_i) = 4i; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $Q_n$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 8n-8$ .

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $Q_n$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.7** The subdivision of quadrilateral snake  $S(Q_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** Let  $P_n$  be a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ .

Let  $V(S(Q_n)) = \{v_i, w_i, x_i, y_i, z_i, u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  
 $E(S(Q_n)) = \{u_i u'_i, u'_i u_{i+1}, u_i x_i, u_{i+1} y_i, v_i x_i, w_i y_i, v_i z_i, z_i w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ . Then  
 $S(Q_n)$  is of order  $7n-6$  and size  $8n-8$ .

Define  $f: V(S(Q_n)) \rightarrow A = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 8n-8\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_1) = 4;$$

$$f(u_{i+1}) = 8i; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(u'_1) = 8;$$

$$f(u'_i) = 8i-2; 2 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(v_i) = 8i-6; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(z_1) = 2;$$

$$f(z_i) = 8i-2; 2 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(w_1) = 0;$$

$$f(w_i) = 8i-4; 2 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(x_1) = 6;$$

$$f(x_i) = 8i-6; 2 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(y_1) = 6;$$

$$f(y_i) = 8i; 2 \leq i \leq n-1$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $S(Q_n)$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 16n-16$ .

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $S(Q_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.8** The double quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** The quadrilateral snake is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ .

Let  $V(D(Q_n)) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i, w_i, v'_i, w'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  and

$E(D(Q_n)) = \{u_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i-1} v_i, u_{2i-1} v'_i, u_{2i} w_i, v_i w_i, v'_i w'_i, v_i w_i, u_{2i} w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$

. Then  $Q_n$  is of order  $5n-4$  and size  $7n-7$ .

Define  $f: V(DQ_n) \rightarrow A = \begin{cases} 0,2,4, \dots, 7n-6 & \text{if } 7n-7 \text{ is odd} \\ 0,2,4, \dots, 7n-7 & \text{if } 7n-7 \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 7i-7 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 7i-6 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 7i-5 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 7i-6 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 7i-3 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 7i-4 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(v'_i) = \begin{cases} 7i-3 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 7i-2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(w'_i) = \begin{cases} 7i-1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 7i & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $DQ_n$  are  $2,4,6, \dots, 14n-14$ .

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $DQ_n$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.9** An alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of path  $P_n$ . The graph  $A(T_n)$  is obtained by joining the vertices  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  (alternately) to new vertex  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$  for even  $n$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n-2$  for odd  $n$ .

Let  $V(A(T_n)) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\}$  and

$E(A(T_n)) = \{u_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i-1} v_i : 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\} \cup \{u_{2i} v_i : 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\}$ . Then

$$|V(A(T_n))| = \begin{cases} \frac{3n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{3n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$



$$|E(A(T_n))| = \begin{cases} 2n - 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2n - 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Define  $f: V(A(T_n)) \rightarrow A = \begin{cases} 0, 2, 4, \dots, 2n & \text{if } 2n - 1 \text{ is odd} \\ 0, 2, 4, \dots, 2n - 2 & \text{if } 2n - 2 \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  as follows:

$$f(u_{2i-1}) = 4i - 4; 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$f(u_{2i}) = 4i; 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$f(v_i) = 4i - 2; 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $A(T_n)$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 4n - 2$  if  $n$  is even and  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 4n - 4$  if  $n$  is odd.

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $A(T_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Theorem 2.10** The double alternate triangular snake  $DA(T_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of path  $P_n$ .

Let  $V(DA(T_n)) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i, w_i : 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\}$  and

$$E(DA(T_n)) = \{u_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_{2i-1} v_i, u_{2i-1} w_i : 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\} \cup \{u_{2i} v_i, u_{2i} w_i : 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\}$$

. Then

$$|V(DA(T_n))| = \begin{cases} 2n - 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2n & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$|E(DA(T_n))| = \begin{cases} 3n - 3 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3n - 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Define  $f: V(DA(T_n)) \rightarrow A = \begin{cases} 0, 2, 4, \dots, 3n & \text{if } 3n - 1 \text{ is odd} \\ 0, 2, 4, \dots, 3n - 3 & \text{if } 3n - 3 \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 3i - 3 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = 6i - 4; 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$f(w_i) = 6i - 2; 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$$

It can be easily verified that the induced edge labels of  $DA(T_n)$  are  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 6n - 2$  if  $n$  is even and  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 6n - 6$  if  $n$  is odd.

Thus,  $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Hence the graph  $DA(T_n)$  is an even vertex equitable even graph.

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