

A Qualitative Analysis of Some Magic Graphs

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Abstract

In this paper, edge-magic labeling of graph is presented. Some examples of magic graph and antimagic graph are described theorems and corollaries which are concerning constant $c(f)$ of magic labeling of odd cycles are stated. By using these theorems and corollaries, it is summarized that every odd cycle has four values of $c(f)$. Finally, it is shown that deleting of an edge with label 1 of a magic graph is also a magic graph.

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Introduction

A **graph** is a finite set of vertices and edges where every edge connects two vertices. If $G = G(V, E)$ is a graph, then $V(G)$ is a finite non-empty set of elements called **vertices** and $E(G)$ is a set (possibly empty) of unordered pairs of vertices called **edges**. (Marr and Waills, 2013)

The cardinality of the vertex set $V(G)$ is called the **order** of G , commonly denoted by $|V(G)| = p$. The cardinality of the edge set $E(G)$ is the **size** of G denoted by $|E(G)| = q$. (Wallis, 2001)

Example

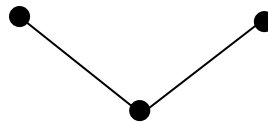


Figure 1 Graph G

In the above graph, $|V(G)| = p = 3$ and $|E(G)| = q = 2$.

A **labeling** for a graph is a map that takes graph elements such as vertices and edges to alphabets or numbers (usually positive or non-negative integers). [Wallis, 2001]



Figure 2 Graph elements labeled (a) by numbers (b) by alphabets

Preliminaries

A (p, q) graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be magic if there exists a bijection $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p+q\}$ such that for all edges uv of G , $f(u) + f(v) + f(uv)$ is constant, $c(f)$. Such a bijection is called a **magic labeling** of G . This is also called by **edge magic labeling** of G . If vertex magics, same property holds for vertices. A graph G with magic labeling is called a **magic graph**. [Marr and Waills, 2013, Wallis, 2001]

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Example

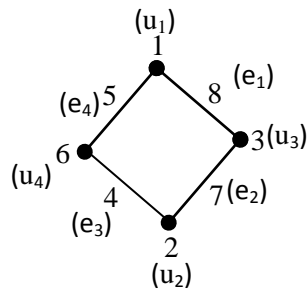


Figure 3 A graph G

$$f : \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 1, & f(e_1) &= 8. \\ f(u_2) &= 2, & f(e_2) &= 7. \\ f(u_3) &= 3, & f(e_3) &= 4. \\ f(u_4) &= 6, & f(e_4) &= 5. \end{aligned}$$

For the edge e_1 , $f(u_1) + f(u_3) + f(u_1u_3) = 1 + 3 + 8 = 12$.

For the edge e_2 , $f(u_2) + f(u_3) + f(u_2u_3) = 2 + 3 + 7 = 12$.

For the edge e_3 , $f(u_2) + f(u_4) + f(u_2u_4) = 2 + 6 + 4 = 12$.

For the edge e_4 , $f(u_1) + f(u_4) + f(u_1u_4) = 1 + 6 + 5 = 12$.

For any magic labeling of G, there is a constant $c(f)$ such that all the edges uv of G, $f(u) + f(v) + f(uv) = c(f)$. In Figure 3, $c(f) = 12$.

Example [Gallian, 2019]

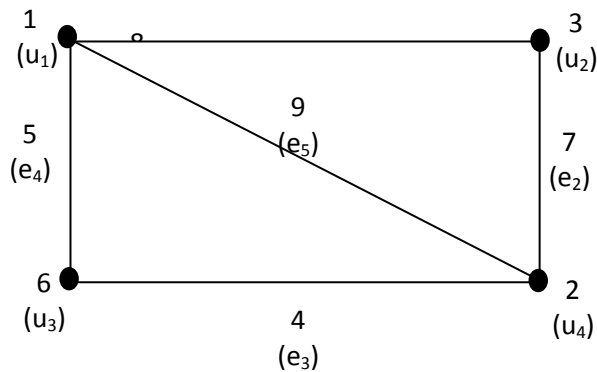


Figure 4 A graph G

$$f : \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 9\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 1, & f(e_1) &= 8. \\ f(u_2) &= 3, & f(e_2) &= 7. \\ f(u_3) &= 6, & f(e_3) &= 4. \\ f(u_4) &= 2, & f(e_4) &= 5. \\ & & f(e_5) &= 9. \end{aligned}$$

In the above figure, $c(f) = 12$.

If there is a bijection $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p+q\}$ such that for all edges $xy, f(x)+f(y)+f(xy)$ are all distinct, then G is called **antimagic**.

Example

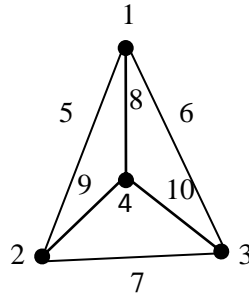


Figure 5 An antimagic graph

A **walk** of a graph G is an alternating sequence of points and lines $v_0, x_1, v_1, x_2, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, x_n, v_n$ beginning and ending with points such that each line x_i is incident with v_{i-1} and v_i . The walk joins v_0 and v_n , and it is called a $v_0 - v_n$ **walk**. (Marr and Waills, 2013, Wallis, 2001)

A $v_0 - v_n$ walk is called **closed** if $v_0 = v_n$. A closed walk $v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_0$ in which $n > 3$ and $v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$ are distinct is called a **cycle** of length n . A cycle on n vertices is denoted by C_n . [Marr and Waills, 2013, Wallis, 2001]

Example

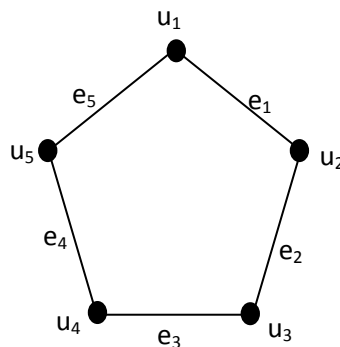


Figure 6 A cycle C_5 .

Discussion on Some Magic Graph

Theorem 1

Every odd cycle has a magic labeling with $c(f) = \frac{1}{2}(5p + 3)$.

Proof: See [Wallis, 2000]. ■

Corollary 1

Every odd cycle has a magic labeling with $c(f) = \frac{1}{2}(7p + 3)$.

Proof: See [Wallis, 2000]. ■

Theorem 2

Every odd cycle has a magic labeling with $c(f)=3p + 1$.

Proof: See [Wallis, 2000]. ■

Corollary 2

Every odd cycle has a magic labeling with $c(f) = 3p + 2$.

Proof: See [Wallis, 2000]. ■

According to the above theorems and corollaries, it is summarized that every odd cycle has four values of $c(f)$. Four values of $c(f)$ of cycles C_3, C_5, C_7 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Four values of $c(f)$ of some cycles.

	C(f) of C_3	C(f) of C_5	C(f) of C_7
By Theorem 1	9	14	19
By Corollary 1	12	19	26
By Theorem 2	10	16	22
By Corollary 2	11	17	23

Example

According to Table 1, cycle C_3 has four values of $c(f)$. Four magic labelings of C_3 are illustrated in Figure 7.

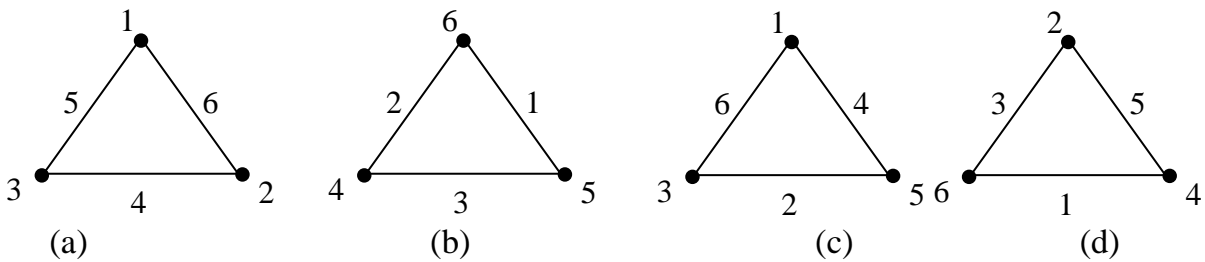


Figure 7 (a) Cycle C_3 with $c(f) = 9$ (b) Cycle C_3 with $c(f) = 12$ (c) Cycle C_3 with $c(f) = 10$.
(d) Cycle C_3 with $c(f) = 11$.

Example

According to Table 1, cycle C_5 has four values of $c(f)$. Four magic labelings of C_5 are illustrated in Figure 8.

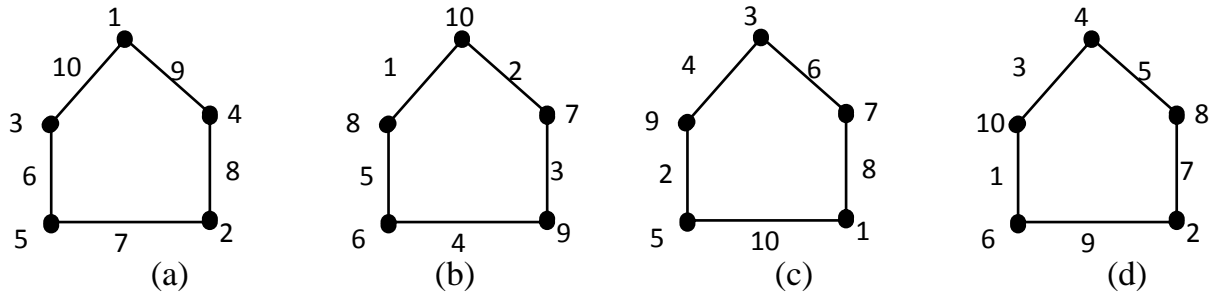


Figure 8 (a) Cycle C_5 with $c(f) = 14$ (b) Cycle C_5 with $c(f) = 19$ (c) Cycle C_5 with $c(f) = 16$ (d) Cycle C_5 with $c(f) = 17$.

Example

According to Table 1, cycle C_7 has four values of $c(f)$. Four magic labelings of C_7 are illustrated in Figure 9.

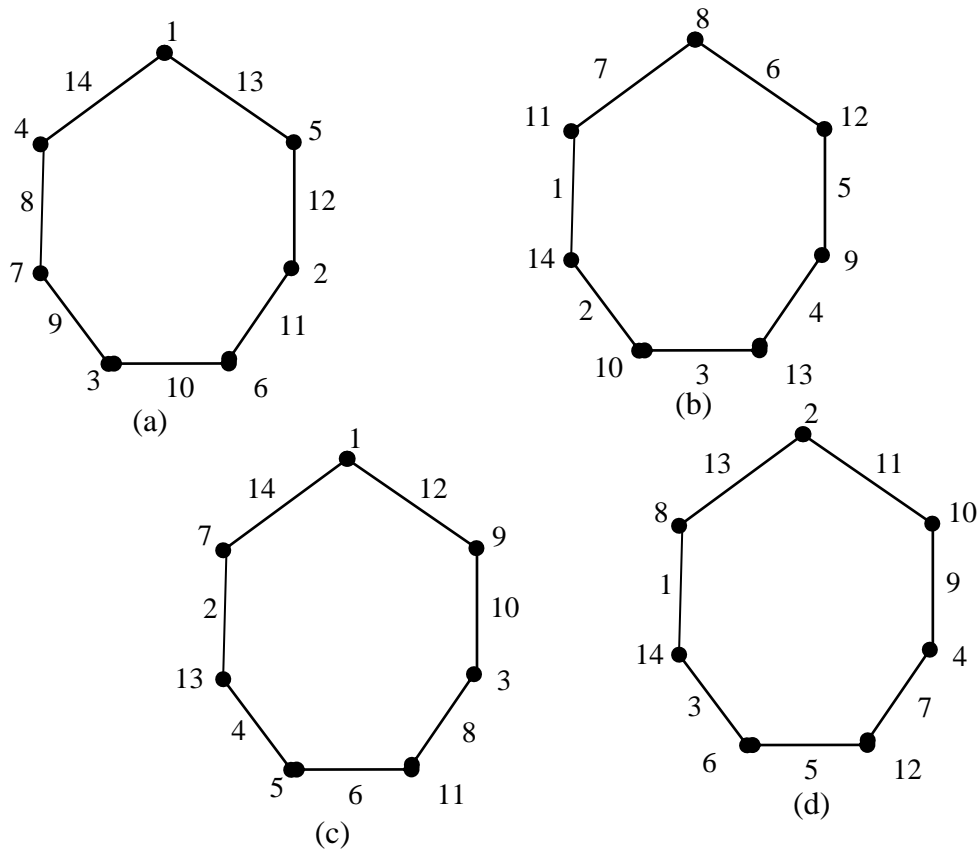


Figure 9 (a) Cycle C_7 with $c(f) = 19$ (b) Cycle C_7 with $c(f) = 26$ (c) Cycle C_7 with $c(f) = 22$. (d) Cycle C_7 with $c(f) = 23$

Theorem 3 [Gallian, 2019]

If G is a magic graph and f is a magic labeling of G for which there exists $e \in E(G)$ such that $f(e) = 1$. Then $G - e$ is a magic.

Proof:

Let $G(p, q)$ be magic graph. And f is a magic labeling.

Let $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p+q\}$.

Let $g : V(G) \cup E(G) - \{e\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p+q-1\}$.

$g(x) = f(x) - 1, \forall x \in (V(G) \cup E(G) - \{e\})$.

G is also magic labeling. Therefore, $G - e$ is magic.

The proof is complete. ■

Example

We consider a cycle C_3 and magic labeling edge is shown in Figure 10. Then C_3 is a magic graph.

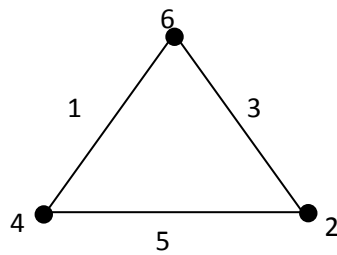


Figure 10 A cycle C_3

Let e be the edge with label 1. Then $C_3 - e$ is shown in Figure 11. $C_3 - e$ has $c(f) = 11$.

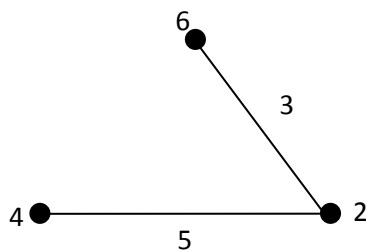
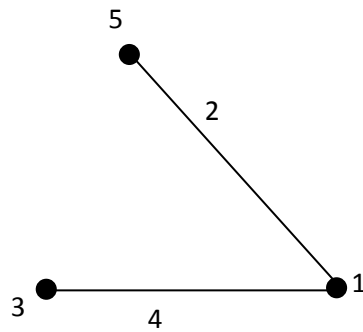


Figure 11 $C_3 - e$ with $c(f) = 11$

We consider the another magic labeling g such that $g(x) = f(x) - 1$,

$\forall x \in [V(C_3) \cup E(C_3) - \{e\}]$. Then $C_3 - e$ is also magic graph with $c(g) = 8$.

Figure 12 $C_3 - e$ with $c(g) = 8$.

Conclusion

In this research work, some magic graphs are analyzed by using the survey of graph labeling and edge-magic labeling of graphs that lead to successful approaches to other label problems.

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