

# Super weak sum labeling of some families of graphs

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## Abstract

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is called super weak sum (briefly *sw-sum*) graph, if there is a bijection  $\phi : V \mapsto \{1, 2, \dots, |V|\}$  such that for every edge  $uv$  in  $G$ , there is a vertex  $w$  in  $G$  with  $\phi(u) + \phi(v) = \phi(w)$ . A mapping  $\phi$  here is called a *sw-sum labeling* of graph  $G$ . A *sw-sum* graph must have at least one isolated vertex, namely the vertex with the largest label, so can not be connected. The *sw-sum* number,  $\omega(G)$  of a connected graph  $G$  is the least number of isolated vertices needs to be added such that  $G \cup \overline{K_{\omega(G)}}$  is a *sw-sum* graph. A lower bound for *sw-sum* number is the minimum degree  $\delta$  of a vertex in the graph. A graph is termed as  $\delta$ -optimal *sw-sum* if it needs  $\delta$  isolates to *sw-sum* label a graph. We in this paper provide labeling schemes for some graphs named as Book graph, Prism Graph, Shell butterfly graph, Bistar graph proving that they are  $\delta$ -optimal *sw-sum*.

*Key words* : super weak sum labeling, super weak sum number,  $\delta$ -optimal *sw-sum* .

## 1 Introduction

In 1990 Harary [1] introduced the notation of sum graph. A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is called sum graph if there exists an injective function  $\theta$  called sum labeling, from  $V$  to a set of positive integers  $S$  such that,  $uv \in E$  if and only if there exists  $w \in V$  such that  $\theta(u) + \theta(v) = \theta(w)$ . In every sum graph there must be at least one isolated vertex, namely the vertex with the largest label so every sum graph is disconnected. The sum number,  $\sigma(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimum number of isolated vertices required to be added to the graph so that  $G \cup \overline{K_{\sigma(G)}}$  is a sum graph.

In [2] Javaid, Khalid, Ahmad and Imran introduced a weaker version of sum labeling of graphs as follows. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple finite undirected graph with  $|V| = p$ .  $G$  is *weak sum* graph if there exists a labeling  $L$  (called a *w-sum* labeling) of the vertices of  $V$  by distinct positive integers such that, for  $uv \in E$  there exists a vertex  $w \in V$  such that,  $L(w) = L(u) + L(v)$ . This is weaker in the sense that sum graph requires the "only if" condition. If  $G$  *w-sum* graph with

the additional constraint that all the labels fall in set  $[p]$  (that is set of integers from 1 to  $p$ ), then  $G$  is called *super weak sum graph* (*sw-sum* graph) and the corresponding labeling is called *super weak sum labeling*. A *sw-sum* graph has to be disconnected as it has at least one isolated vertex, namely the vertex with highest label. So in order to *sw-sum* label a connected graph, one needs to add a set of isolated vertices known as *isolates* as a disjoint union and the labeling scheme that requires the fewest isolates is termed as *optimal*. The minimum number of isolates required for a graph  $G$  to support a *sw-sum* labeling is known as *sw-sum number* of a graph, denoted by  $\omega(G)$ . In [2] Javaid, Khalid, Ahmad and Imran have proved following lemma about the lower bound of *sw-sum* number of a graph.

**Lemma 1.** *A lower bound for the sw-sum number  $\omega(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimum degree  $\delta$  of a vertex in the graph.*

A *sw-sum* graph is termed as  $\delta$ -optimal *sw-sum* if it needs  $\delta$  isolates to be added to the graph to yield *sw-sum* graph. Javaid et al.

[2] have also shown that families of graphs like paths, cycles, wheels, complete graph, complete multipartite graphs so in particular star graphs are  $\delta$ -optimal superweak summable.

We in this paper will explore some more families of graphs which are  $\delta$ -optimal sw-summable and also provide corresponding optimal labeling for them.

## 2 Super weak sum labeling of Book graph $B_n, n \geq 2$

The *Book graph* ( $B_n$ ) is a cartesian product of star and single edge that is  $S_n \times P_2$  [3],[9]. It may be also pictured as  $n$  quadrilaterals sharing a common edge known as spine or base or edge of the book. The graph has  $2n + 2$  vertices and its  $\delta$  is 2.

For our convenience we refer to the vertices in the following way: The two vertices consisting spine of book graph are named  $v_1, v_2$  and remaining two vertices of each page are addressed as  $p_1^i$  and  $p_2^i$  where  $i$  denote the page number,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $p_1^i$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $p_2^i$  is adjacent to  $v_2$ .

**Theorem 1.**  $B_n$  is 2-optimal sw-summable, for  $n \geq 2$  that is  $\omega(B_n) = 2$ .

*Proof.* As  $\omega(B_n) \geq 2$  ( by lemma 1), it just needs to develop a sw-sum labeling of Book graph with 2 isolates. Begin the labeling for  $B_n$  by labeling the spine vertex  $v_1 = 1$ . Label the vertices as  $p_2^i = i + 1, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , thus  $p_2^1$  will get the label 2 and  $p_2^n$  will get the label  $n + 1$ . Now assign  $v_2 = n + 2$  and  $p_1^i = 2n + 3 - i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  that is  $p_1^1$  will get the label  $n + 3$  and so on  $p_1^n$  will be labeled as  $2n + 2$ , which is the maximum label. This vertex  $p_1^1$  is adjacent to two vertices  $v_1$  and  $p_2^1$  with labels 1 and 2 respectively. So we require two isolates namely  $2n + 3, 2n + 4$  to witness these two edges. For all edges independent of spine vertices, sum of their end vertices is  $2n + 4$ . Further it is easy to see that all edges incident on spine vertices are witnessed by the labeling and maximum label is  $2n + 4$  including two isolates. Thus we are through.  $\square$

Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 show a labeling for  $B_4$  and  $B_7$  respectively.

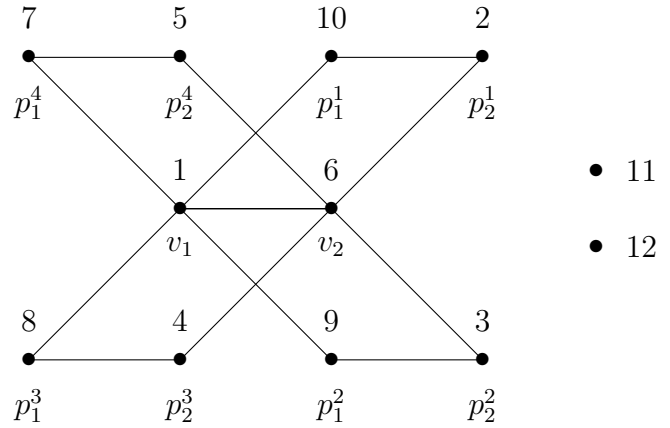


Figure 1: A 2-optimal sw-sum labeling for Book graph  $B_4$

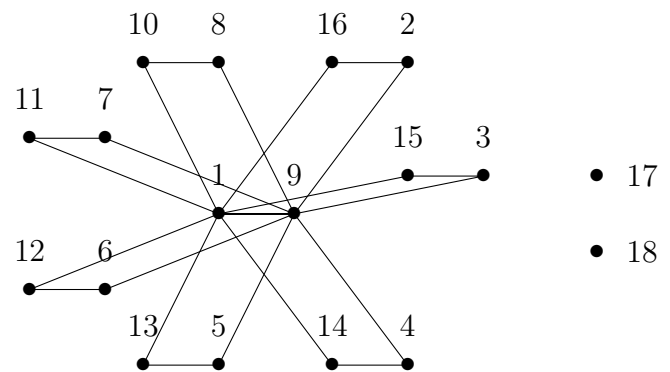


Figure 2: A 2-optimal sw-sum labeling for Book graph  $B_7$

## 3 Super weak sum labeling of Prism graph $D_n, n \geq 3$

The *prism graph*  $D_n, n \geq 3$  is the Cartesian product  $C_n \times K_2$  of the cycle  $C_n$  and the complete graph of order 2 [4],[5],[6].

**Theorem 2.** The Prism graph  $D_n, n \geq 3$  is  $\delta$ -optimal sw-summable that is  $\omega(D_n) = 3$ , for all  $n \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* From lemma 1,  $\omega(D_n) \geq 3$ . So next we provide a sw-sum labeling of  $D_n$  with three isolates and get through the proof.

Let  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be the vertices on outer cycle of the Prism and  $v'_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be the corresponding adjacent vertices on the inner cycle of the Prism  $D_n$ . There are  $2n$  vertices. We label them using numbers from the set  $[2n]$  as follows,

$$v_i = \begin{cases} 2n - i + 1 & \text{for } i \text{ odd, } 1 \leq i < n \\ i + 1 & \text{for } i \text{ even, } 1 < i < n \end{cases}$$

where,  $v_n = 2$

and

$$v'_i = \begin{cases} i + 1 & \text{for } i \text{ odd, } 1 < i \leq n \\ 2n - i + 1 & \text{for } i \text{ even, } 1 < i \leq n \end{cases}$$

with,  $v'_1 = 1$

Note here that,  $v_1$  has label  $2n$ , and  $v'_1, v_2, v_n$ , are neighbouring vertices so to witness these edges three sums are required as below,  $v_1 + v'_1 = 2n + 1, v_1 + v_n = 2n + 2, v_1 + v_2 = 2n + 3$ . We need to introduce three isolates with these labels. Next we will show that with this labeling the graph  $D_n \cup \overline{K_3}$  is weak sum graph and we are through. Here we check the sums for remaining pairs of adjacent vertices by considering following five cases,

Case 1. Sum of the labels of every vertex  $v_i, i$  even and its previous vertex in the cycle that is  $v_{i-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v_i + v_{i-1} &= i + 1 + 2n - (i - 1) + 1 \\ &= 2n + 3 \text{ if } 2 \leq i < n \\ &= n + 4 \text{ if } i = n \text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. Sum of the labels of every vertex  $v_i, i$  even and its next vertex in the cycle that is  $v_{i+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v_i + v_{i+1} &= i + 1 + 2n - (i + 1) + 1 \\ &= 2n + 1 \text{ if } 2 \leq i < n - 1 \\ &= n + 2 \text{ if } i = n - 1 \text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

Case 3. Sum of the labels of every vertex  $v'_i, i$  even and its previous vertex in the cycle that is  $v'_{i-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v'_i + v'_{i-1} &= 2n - i + 1 + (i - 1) + 1 \\ &= 2n + 1 \text{ for } 2 < i \leq n \\ &= 2n \text{ for } i = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Case 4. Sum of the labels of every vertex  $v'_i, i$  even and its next vertex in the cycle that is  $v'_{i+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v'_i + v'_{i+1} &= 2n - i + 1 + (i + 1) + 1 \\ &= 2n + 3 \text{ for } 2 \leq i < n. \end{aligned}$$

If  $i = n$  is even, as next vertex of  $v'_n$  in the cycle is  $v'_1$ , the sum  $v'_n + v'_1 = n + 2$ .

Case 5. Sum of the labels of vertex  $v_i$  and  $v'_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v_i + v'_i &= i + 1 + 2n - i + 1 \\ &= 2n + 2 \text{ for } 2 \leq i < n \\ &= n + 3 \text{ for } i = n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can say that  $D_n$  with set of three isolates  $\{2n + 1, 2n + 2, 2n + 3\}$  is a super weak sum graph and hence with reference to lemma 1 we can conclude the result.  $\square$

Figure 3, figure 4 below show a labeling for prism graphs  $D_7$  and  $D_6$ .

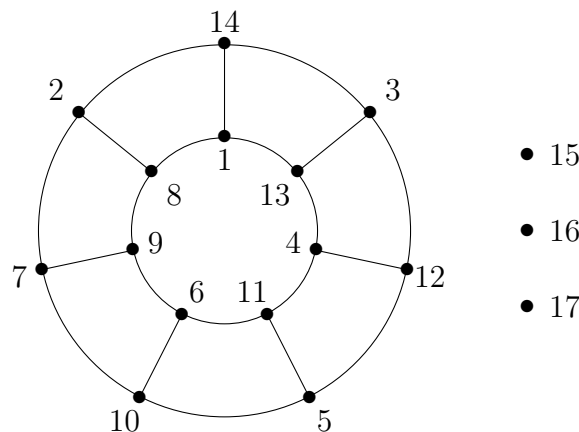


Figure 3: sw-sum labeling for  $D_7$

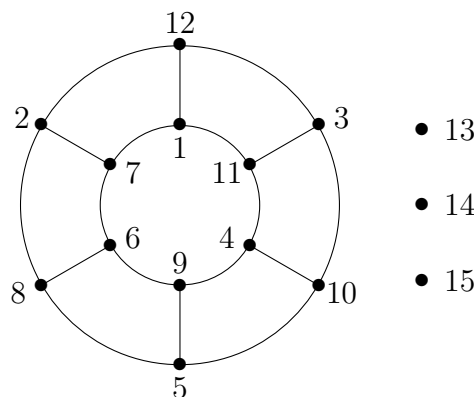


Figure 4: sw-sum labeling for  $D_6$

## 4 Super weak sum labeling of Shell butterfly Graph

Deb and Limaye have defined a shell graph as a cycle  $C_n$  with  $(n - 3)$  chords sharing a common end point called the apex [7]. Jeba Jesintha and Hilda [8] define Shell -butterfly graph as a double shell in which each shell has any order with exactly two pendant edges at the apex.

**Theorem 3.** *Shell butterfly graph is  $\delta$ -optimal sw-summable that is  $\omega(\text{Shell butterfly graph}) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a shell butterfly graph of order  $m + n + 3$ . We denote the apex of  $G$  as  $v_0$ . Denote the vertices in the path of the right shell of  $G$  from bottom to top as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  and that of the left shell of  $G$  from top to bottom

as  $v_{m+1}, v_{m+2}, \dots, v_{m+n}$ . The pendant vertices are denoted as  $v_{m+n+1}$  and  $v_{m+n+2}$ . We label the graph with numbers from set  $[m + n + 3]$ . We start by labeling apex  $v_0$  as 1 and distribute the labels 2, 3, 4, ... alternately along right shell from bottom to top. The maximum label at the end of right shell is  $\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$  on  $v_m$  or  $v_{m-1}$  depending upon whether  $m$  is even or odd. Then continue labeling sequence on left shell alternatively from top to bottom starting with vertex  $v_{m+2}$  and distributing next labels  $\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor + 1, \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor + 2, \dots$ . Thus the maximum label at end of this is  $\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1$  and it is on  $v_n$  or  $v_{n-1}$  depending upon whether  $n$  is even or odd. If  $n$  is odd assign next label to  $v_n$ . Now continue labeling for remaining vertices in reverse direction on left shell followed by right. The maximum label at the end of this is  $m + n + 1$  on the vertex  $v_1$ . The two pendants are labeled as  $m + n + 2, m + n + 3$ . It is easy to see here that all edges are witnessed by the labeling except the edge between apex  $v_0$  and pendant vertex with label  $m + n + 3$ . So we can conclude that  $G$  with one isolated vertex labeled as  $m + n + 4$  yield a sw-sum graph.  $\square$

Fig. 5 below shows a labeling for shell butterfly graph of order 16.

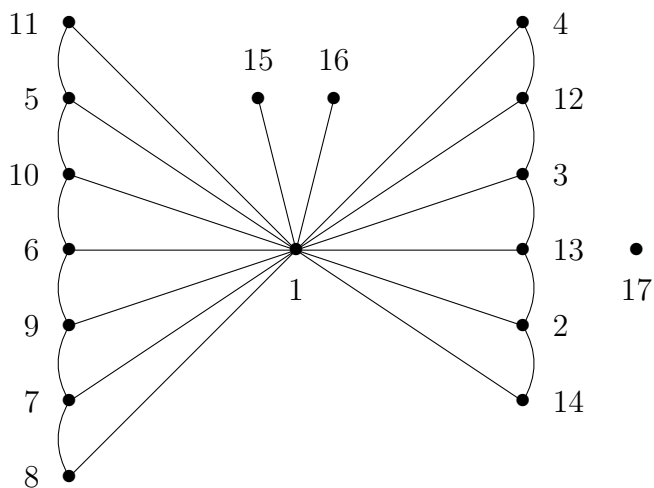


Figure 5: A 1-optimal sw-sum labeling for Shell butterfly Graph

## 5 Super weak sum labeling of Bistar graph

The bistar  $B_{m,n}$  is graph obtained by joining the center (apex) vertices of two star graphs  $S_m$  and  $S_n$  by an edge, where  $S_n = K_{1,n}$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Bistar graph is  $\delta$ -optimal sw-summmable that is  $\omega(B_{m,n}) = 1$ , for all  $n \geq 3$ .*

*Proof.* Similar to earliar proofs here also it is enough to produce a sw-sum labeling of graph with  $\delta = 1$  isolate. As the graph  $B_{m,n}$  has  $m + n + 2$  vertices we must give labeling using numbers from set  $[m + n + 3]$  including isolates. W.l.o.g. let  $m \geq n$ , assign label 1 and 2 to apex of  $S_m$  and  $S_n$  respectively. Allot labels 3 to  $n + 2$  to pendant vertices of star  $S_n$  and then from  $n + 3$  to  $n + m + 2$  to pendant vertices of star  $S_m$ . It is easy to observe that with this labeling the only isolate required is  $m + n + 3$ . So we are through.  $\square$

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