Super (a, d)-edge antimagic total labeling of some classes of graphs

P. Roushini Leely Pushpam and A. Saibulla

(Received June 23, 2010; Revised April 7, 2012)

Abstract. A graph G(V, E) is (a, d)-edge antimagic total if there exists a bijection $f: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \ldots, |V(G)| + |E(G)|\}$ such that the edge-weights $\Lambda(uv) = f(u) + f(uv) + f(v)$, $uv \in E(G)$ form an arithmetic progression with first term a and common difference d. It is said to be a super (a, d)-edge antimagic total if $f(V(G)) = \{1, 2, \ldots, |V(G)|\}$. In this paper, we have obtained a relation between a super (a, 0)-edge antimagic total labeling of any graph. Also we study the super (a, d)-edge antimagic total labeling of fan graphs and two special classes of star graphs namely bi-star and extended bi-star.

AMS 2010 Mathematics Subject Classification. 05C78.

 $Key\ words\ and\ phrases.$ Edge weight, magic labeling, antimagic labeling, fan graph, star graph.

§1. Introduction

By a graph G(V, E) we mean a finite, undirected, connected graph without loops or multiple edges. The order and size of G(V, E) are denoted by p and q respectively. For graph theoretic terminologies we refer to Harary [7].

A labeling of a graph is an assignment of numbers (usually positive or nonnegative integers) to the vertices (a vertex labeling) or to the edges (an edge labeling) or to the combined set of vertices and edges (a total labeling) of the graph. There are many types of labelings and a detailed survey of many of them can be found in the dynamic survey of graph labeling by J.A. Gallian [6].

The edge weight of an edge uv, denoted by $\Lambda(uv)$, is defined as the sum of labels of the graph elements associated with uv. That is, if f is an edge labeling, then $\Lambda(uv) = f(uv)$; if f is a vertex labeling, then $\Lambda(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$; and if f is a total labeling, then $\Lambda(uv) = f(u) + f(uv) + f(v)$. Similarly the vertex weight of a vertex v, denoted by $\Lambda(v)$, is defined as the sum of labels of the graph elements associated with v. That is, if f is a vertex labeling, then $\Lambda(v) = \sum_{u \in N(v)} f(u)$; if f is an edge labeling, then $\Lambda(v) = \sum_{uv \in E} f(uv)$; and if fis a total labeling, then $\Lambda(v) = f(uv) + \sum_{uv \in E} f(uv)$

 $u \in N(v)$ is a total labeling, then $\Lambda(v) = f(v) + \sum_{uv \in E} f(uv)$.

In 1970 Kotzig and Rosa [9] defined an *edge-magic total labeling* of a graph G(V, E) as a bijection f from $V \cup E$ to the set $\{1, 2, \ldots, |V| + |E|\}$ such that for each edge $uv \in E$, the edge weight f(u) + f(uv) + f(v) is a constant.

Enomoto et al. [4] defined a super edge magic labeling as an edge-magic total labeling such that the vertex labels are $\{1, 2, ..., |V|\}$ and the edge labels are $\{|V| + 1, |V| + 2, ..., |V| + |E|\}$. They have proved that if a graph with p vertices and q edges is super edge-magic, then $q \leq 2p - 3$. They also conjectured that every tree is super edge-magic.

As a natural extension of the notion of edge-magic total labeling, Simanjuntak et al. [10] defined an (a, d)-edge antimagic total labeling of a graph G(V, E)as an injective mapping f from $V \cup E$ onto the set $\{1, 2, \ldots, |V| + |E|\}$ such that the set $\{f(u) + f(uv) + f(v) | uv \in E\}$ is $\{a, a+d, a+2d, \ldots, a+(|E|-1)d\}$ for any two integers a > 0 and $d \ge 0$.

An (a, d)-edge antimagic total labeling of a graph G(V, E) is called a *super* (a, d)-edge antimagic total if the vertex labels are $\{1, 2, \ldots, |V|\}$ and the edge labels are $\{|V| + 1, |V| + 2, \ldots, |V| + |E|\}$. The super (a, 0)-edge antimagic total labelings are usually called as super edge magic in the literature (see [4, 5]).

Many researchers investigated different forms of antimagic labelings [8]. Bača et al. [1, 2] proved several results on antimagic labelings. Also in [3] Bača and Barrientos presented some relationships between (a, d)-edge antimagic vertex labelings and super (a, d)-edge antimagic total labelings.

In this paper, we prove that a graph is super $(a_1, 0)$ -edge antimagic total, then it is super $(a_2, 2)$ -edge antimagic total. Also we study the super (a, d)edge antimagic total labeling of fan graphs and two special classes of star graphs namely bi-star and extended bi-star.

§2. Super (a, d)-edge antimagic total labeling

The following theorem gives a relation between a super $(a_1, 0)$ -edge antimagic total labeling and a super $(a_2, 2)$ -edge antimagic total labeling of any graph.

Theorem 1. If a graph G(V, E) is super $(a_1, 0)$ -edge antimagic total, then it is super $(a_2, 2)$ -edge antimagic total.

Proof. Suppose the graph G(V, E) is super $(a_1, 0)$ -edge antimagic total, then by definition, there exists a bijection $f: V \cup E \to \{1, 2, \ldots, p+q\}$ such that

- (i) $\{f(v)|v \in V\} = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$
- (ii) $\{f(uv)|uv \in E\} = \{p+1, p+2, \dots, p+q\}$ and
- (iii) for all $uv \in E$, $f(u) + f(uv) + f(v) = a_1$.

In order to prove G(V, E) has a super $(a_2, 2)$ -edge antimagic total labeling, we define an induced map g_f as follows:

Let $g_f: V \cup E \to \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\}$ such that

- (i) for all $u \in V$, $g_f(u) = f(u)$ and
- (ii) for all $uv \in E$, $g_f(uv) = 2p + q + 1 f(uv)$.

Then we see that $\{g_f(v)|v \in V\} = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ and $\{g_f(uv)|uv \in E\} = \{p+1, p+2, \dots, p+q\}.$

Also for all $uv \in E$ we have

$$g_f(u) + g_f(uv) + g_f(v) = f(u) + 2p + q + 1 - f(uv) + f(v)$$

= 2p + q + 1 + a₁ - 2f(uv)
= a₁ - q + 1 + 2(p + q) - 2f(uv).

Thus the set of edge-weights is in arithmetic progression with first term $(a_1 - q + 1)$ and common difference 2.

Hence G(V, E) is super $(a_2, 2)$ -edge antimagic total with $a_2 = (a_1 - q + 1)$. \Box

§3. Fan graph

A fan graph $F_{m,2}$ is defined as the graph join $\overline{K}_m + P_2$, where \overline{K}_m is an empty graph with m vertices and P_2 is a path with 2 vertices. Let the vertices be $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_m, v_1, v_2$ and the edges be v_1v_2 and $u_iv_j, 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le 2$.

Theorem 2. If the fan graph $F_{m,2}$, $m \ge 2$, is super (a, d)-edge antimagic total, then $d \le 2$.

Proof. Assume that $F_{m,2}$, $m \geq 2$ has a super (a,d)-edge antimagic total labeling $f : V(F_{m,2}) \cup E(F_{m,2}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \ldots, 3m + 3\}$ such that the set of edge-weights is given by $\{a, a + d, \ldots, a + 2md\}$.

It is easy to see that the minimum possible edge-weight in a super (a, d)edge antimagic total labeling is at least |V| + 4. On the other hand, the

maximum edge weight is no more than 3|V| + |E| - 1.

Thus we have,

$$(3.1) a \ge m + 6$$

and

$$(3.2) a+2md \le 5m+6.$$

From the inequalities (3.1) and (3.2), we get $d \leq 2$.

 \square

Theorem 3. Every fan graph $F_{m,2}$, $m \ge 2$ has a super (a, 0)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let us define the vertex labeling $f_1: V(F_{m,2}) \to \{1, 2, \ldots, m+2\}$ and the edge labeling $f_2: E(F_{m,2}) \to \{m+3, m+4, \dots, 3m+3\}$ as follows:

$$f_1(v_1) = 1;$$
 $f_1(v_2) = m + 2$ and $f_2(v_1v_2) = 2m + 3.$

For $1 \leq i \leq m$,

$$f_1(u_i) = i + 1;$$
 $f_2(u_i v_1) = 3m + 4 - i$ and $f_2(u_i v_2) = 2m + 3 - i.$

It is easy to verify that $\{\Lambda(uv)|uv \in E(F_{m,2})\} = 3(m+2).$ Thus the labelings f_1 and f_2 are super (a, 0)-edge antimagic total labeling of $F_{m,2}, m \ge 2$ with a = 3(m+2).

In view of Theorem 1, it is clear that the fan graph $F_{m,2}$, $m \ge 2$ has a super (a, 2)-edge antimagic total labeling with a = m + 6.

Theorem 4. Every fan graph $F_{m,2}$, $m \ge 2$ has a super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let the vertex labeling f_1 be defined as in Theorem 3.

We define the edge labeling $f_3: E(F_{m,2}) \to \{m+3, m+4, \dots, 3m+3\}$ as follows:

Case (i) m is odd:

$$f_3(v_1v_2) = 2(m+1) - \left(\frac{m-1}{2}\right)$$

For $1 \leq i \leq m$

$$f_3(u_i v_1) = \begin{cases} 3(m+1) - \frac{i-1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 2m+3 - \frac{i}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

and

$$f_3(u_i v_2) = \begin{cases} 3(m+1) - \frac{m+i}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 2(m+1) - \frac{m-1+i}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Case (ii) m is even:

$$f_3(v_1v_2) = 3(m+1) - \frac{m}{2}$$

For $1 \leq i \leq m$

$$f_3(u_i v_1) = \begin{cases} 3(m+1) - \frac{i-1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 2m+3 - \frac{i}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

and

$$f_3(u_i v_2) = \begin{cases} 2m + 3 - \frac{m+i+1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3(m+1) - \frac{m+i}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

In both the cases, it is easy to see that $\{\Lambda(uv)|uv \in E(F_{m,2})\} = \{(2m+6), (2m+7), \dots, (4m+6)\}.$

Thus the labelings f_1 and f_3 are super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total labeling of $F_{m,2}, m \ge 2$ with a = 2m + 6.

§4. Bistar

A bistar $B_{m,n}$ is defined as the graph obtained by attaching an edge with the center vertices of two stars $K_{1,m}$ and $K_{1,n}$. Let the vertices be $c_1, c_2, u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$ and the edges be $c_1c_2, c_1u_i, 1 \le i \le m$ and $c_2v_j, 1 \le j \le n$.

Theorem 5. If the bistar $B_{m,n}$, $m \ge 2$, $n \ge 2$ is super (a, d)-edge antimagic total, then $d \le 3$.

Proof. Assume that $B_{m,n}$, $m \ge 2$, $n \ge 2$ has a super (a, d)-edge antimagic total labeling $f: V(B_{m,n}) \cup E(B_{m,n}) \to \{1, 2, \ldots, 2m + 2n + 3\}$ such that the set of edge-weights is given by $\{a, a + d, \ldots, a + (m + n)d\}$.

Clearly the maximum edge-weight is no more than

$$(m + n + 1) + (m + n + 2) + (2m + 2n + 3).$$

Thus,

(4.1)
$$a + (m+n)d \le 4m + 4n + 6.$$

On the other hand, the minimum possible edge-weight is at least 1 + 2 + (m + n + 3).

Thus,

$$(4.2) a \ge m + n + 6.$$

From the inequalities (4.1) and (4.2), we get $d \leq 3$.

Theorem 6. Every bistar $B_{m,n}$, $m \ge 2$, $n \ge 2$ has a super (a, 0)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let us define the vertex labeling $f_4 : V(B_{m,n}) \to \{1, 2, \ldots, m + n + 2\}$ and the edge labeling $f_5 : E(B_{m,n}) \to \{m + n + 3, m + n + 4, \ldots, 2m + 2n + 3\}$ as follows:

 $f_4(c_1) = 1;$ $f_4(c_2) = m + n + 2$ and $f_5(c_1c_2) = m + 2n + 3.$

For $1 \leq i \leq m$

$$f_4(u_i) = n + i + 1;$$
 $f_5(c_1u_i) = 2m + 2n + 4 - i$

and for $1 \leq j \leq n$

$$f_4(v_j) = j + 1;$$
 $f_5(c_2v_j) = m + 2n + 3 - j.$

By direct computation we obtain that $\{\Lambda(uv)|uv \in E(B_{m,n})\} = 2m + 3n + 6.$

Thus the labelings f_4 and f_5 are super (a, 0)-edge antimagic total labeling of $B_{m,n}, m \ge 2, n \ge 2$ with a = 2m + 3n + 6.

In view of Theorem 1, it is clear that the bistar $B_{m,n}$, $m \ge 2$, $n \ge 2$ has a super (a, 2)-edge antimagic total labeling with a = m + 2n + 6.

Theorem 7. For $n \in \{m-1, m, m+1\}$ or $(m+n) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, the bistar $B_{m,n}, m \geq 2, n \geq 2$ has a super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total labeling.

In order to prove the theorem, we prove the following lemmas.

Lemma 1. For $n \in \{m - 1, m, m + 1\}$, $m \ge 2$, the bistar $B_{m,n}$, has a super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let us define the vertex labeling $g_1 : V(B_{m,n}) \to \{1, 2, \ldots, m+n+2\}$ and the edge labeling $g_2 : E(B_{m,n}) \to \{m+n+3, m+n+4, \ldots, 2m+2n+3\}$ as follows: Case (i) n = m - 1: $g_1(c_1) = 2$, $g_1(c_2) = m + n + 2$, $g_1(u_i) = 2i - 1$, $1 \le i \le m$, $g_1(v_j) = 2(j + 1)$, $1 \le j \le n$, $g_2(c_1c_2) = m + 2n + 3$, $g_2(c_1u_i) = 2(m + n + 2) - i$, $1 \le i \le m$, $g_2(c_2v_j) = m + 2n + 3 - j$, $1 \le j \le n$.

Case (ii) n = m: $g_1(c_1) = 2$, $g_1(c_2) = m + n + 1$, $g_1(u_i) = 2i - 1$, $1 \le i \le m$, $g_1(v_j) = 2(j + 1)$, $1 \le j \le n$ and g_2 same as in Case (i).

Case (iii) n = m + 1:

 $g_1(c_1) = m + n + 2,$ $g_1(c_2) = 2,$ $g_1(u_i) = 2(i+1), \quad 1 \le i \le m,$ $g_1(v_j) = 2j - 1, \quad 1 \le j \le n,$ $g_2(c_1c_2) = 2m + n + 3,$ $g_2(c_1u_i) = 2m + n + 3 - i, \quad 1 \le i \le m,$ $g_2(c_2v_j) = 2m + 2n + 4 - j, \quad 1 \le j \le n.$

In all the above three cases, it is easy to verify that $\{\Lambda(uv)|uv \in E(B_{m,n})\} = \{2m+2n+6, 2m+2n+7, \ldots, 3m+3n+6\}.$

Thus the labelings g_1 and g_2 are super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total labeling of $B_{m,n}, n \in \{m-1, m, m+1\}, m \ge 2$ with a = 2m + 2n + 6.

Lemma 2. For $(m + n) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, the bistar $B_{m,n}$ has a super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let the vertex labeling f_4 be defined as in Theorem 6.

We define the edge labeling $g_3 : E(B_{m,n}) \to \{m+n+3, m+n+4, \dots, 2m+2n+3\}$ as follows:

Case (i) m and n are even:

$$g_3(c_1c_2) = 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{m}{2},$$

For $1 \leq i \leq m$,

$$g_3(c_1u_i) = \begin{cases} 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{i-1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{m+n+i}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

and for $1 \leq j \leq n$,

$$g_3(c_2v_j) = \begin{cases} 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{2m + n + j + 1}{2}, & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \\ 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{m + j}{2}, & \text{if } j \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Case (ii) m and n are odd:

$$g_3(c_1c_2) = 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{2m + n + 1}{2}$$

For $1 \leq i \leq m$,

$$g_3(c_1u_i) = \begin{cases} 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{i-1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{m+n+i}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

and for $1 \leq j \leq n$,

$$g_3(c_2v_j) = \begin{cases} 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{m+j}{2}, & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \\ 2m + 2n + 3 - \frac{2m+n+j+1}{2}, & \text{if } j \text{ is even}. \end{cases}$$

In both the cases, we see that the bistar $B_{m,n}$ is super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total with $a = 2m + 3n - \frac{m+n}{2} + 6$.

Proof of Theorem 7, directly follows from Lemmas 1 and 2.

Theorem 8. For $n \in \{m-1, m, m+1\}$, $m \ge 2$, the bistar $B_{m,n}$ has a super (a, 3)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let the vertex labeling g_1 be defined as in Lemma 1.

We define the edge labeling $f_6: E(B_{m,n}) \to \{m+n+3, m+n+4, \dots, 2m+2n+3\}$ as follows:

Case (i) n = m - 1 or n = m: $f_6(c_1c_2) = 2m + n + 3$, $f_6(c_1u_i) = m + n + 2 + i$, $1 \le i \le m$, $f_6(c_2v_j) = 2m + n + 3 + j$, $1 \le j \le n$.

Case (ii) n = m + 1: $f_6(c_1c_2) = m + 2n + 3$,

$$f_6(c_1u_i) = m + 2n + 3 + i, \quad 1 \le i \le m,$$

$$f_6(c_2v_j) = m + n + 2 + j, \quad 1 \le j \le n.$$

In both the cases, we see that $\{\Lambda(uv)|uv \in E(B_{m,n})\} = \{m+n+6, m+n+6+3, \dots, 4m+4n+6\}.$

Thus the bistar $B_{m,n}$, $n \in \{m-1, m, m+1\}$, $m \ge 2$ is super (a, 3)-edge antimagic total with a = m + n + 6.

§5. Extended Bistar

An extended bistar $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$ is defined as the graph obtained by attaching a path of length n with the centre vertices of two copies of the star graph $K_{1,m}$. Let the vertices be $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_{n+1}, u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m$ and the edges be $c_1u_i, c_{n+1}v_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ and $c_ic_{i+1}, 1 \leq j \leq n$.

Theorem 9. If the extended bistar $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$, $m, n \ge 2$ is super (a, d)-edge antimagic total, then $d \le 3$.

Proof. Assume that $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$, $m, n \geq 2$ has a super (a, d)-edge antimagic total labeling $f : V(\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle) \cup E(\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4m+2n+1\}$ such that the set of edge-weights is given by $\{a, a+d, \dots, a+(2m+n-1)d\}$.

Clearly the maximum edge-weight is no more than

(2m+n) + (2m+n+1) + (4m+2n+1).

Thus,

(5.1)
$$a + (2m + n - 1)d \le 8m + 4n + 2.$$

On the other hand, the minimum possible edge-weight is at least 1+2+(2m+n+2).

Thus,

$$(5.2) a \ge 2m + n + 5.$$

From the inequalities (5.1) and (5.2), we get $d \leq 3$.

Theorem 10. Every extended bistar $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$, $m, n \geq 2$ has a super (a, 0)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let us define the vertex labeling $f_7: V(\langle K_{1,m}:n \rangle) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \ldots, 2m + n + 1\}$ and the edge labeling $f_8: E(\langle K_{1,m}:n \rangle) \rightarrow \{2m + n + 2, 2m + n + 3, \ldots, 4m + 2n + 1\}$ as follows:

Case (i) n is odd: For $1 \le i \le m$,

$$f_7(u_i) = \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) + m + i; \qquad f_7(v_i) = \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) + i$$

and for $1 \leq j \leq n+1$,

$$f_7(c_j) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{j+1}{2}\right), & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \\ 2m + \left(\frac{n+j+1}{2}\right), & \text{if } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Case (ii) n is even: For $1 \le i \le m$,

$$f_7(u_i) = \frac{n}{2} + i + 1;$$
 $f_7(v_i) = m + n + i + 1$

and for $1 \leq j \leq n+1$,

$$f_7(c_j) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{j+1}{2}\right), & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \\ m+1+\left(\frac{n+j}{2}\right), & \text{if } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

For any n, we define

 $\begin{array}{ll} f_8(c_1u_i) &= 4m + 2(n+1) - i, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f_8(c_jc_{j+1}) &= 3m + 2(n+1) - j, & 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ f_8(c_{n+1}v_i) &= 3m + (n+2) - i, & 1 \leq i \leq m. \end{array}$

By direct computation, we get

$$\{\Lambda(uv)|uv \in E\} = \begin{cases} 5\left(m + \frac{n+1}{2}\right) + 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 4(m+1) + \frac{5n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Thus the labelings f_7 and f_8 are super (a, 0)-edge antimagic total labeling of $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle, m, n \geq 2$ with

$$a = \begin{cases} 5(m + \frac{n+1}{2}) + 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 4(m+1) + \frac{5n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

In view of Theorem 1, it is clear that the extended bistar $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$, $m, n \geq 2$ has a super (a, 2)-edge antimagic total labeling with

$$a = \begin{cases} 3\left(m + \frac{n+3}{2}\right), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2(m+2) + \frac{3n}{2} + 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 11. For odd n, the extended bistar $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$, $m, n \geq 2$ has a super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let us define the vertex labeling $f_9: V(\langle K_{1,m}:n \rangle) \to \{1, 2, \ldots, 2m + n + 1\}$ as follows:

 $f_9(u_i) = 2i, \quad 1 \le i \le m,$

 $f_9(v_i) = n + 2i, \quad 1 \le i \le m$, (since n is odd, f_9 is bijective) and for $1 \le j \le n + 1$,

 $f_9(c_j) = \begin{cases} j, & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \\ 2m+j, & \text{if } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$

Let the edge labeling f_8 be as defined in Theorem 10.

Then we see that $\{\Lambda(uv)|uv \in E\} = \{4m+2n+4, 4m+2n+5, \dots, 6m+3n+3\}.$

Hence, when n is odd, the extended bistar $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$, $m, n \geq 2$ is super (a, 1)-edge antimagic total with a = 4m + 2n + 4.

Theorem 12. For odd n, the extended bistar $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$, $m, n \geq 2$ has a super (a, 3)-edge antimagic total labeling.

Proof. Let the vertex labeling f_9 be as defined in Theorem 11.

We define the edge labeling $f_{10} : E(\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle) \to \{2m + n + 2, 2m + n + 3, \dots, 4m + 2n + 1\}$ as follows:

 $f_{10}(c_1u_i) = 2m + n + 1 + i, \quad 1 \le i \le m,$ $f_{10}(c_jc_{j+1}) = 3m + n + 1 + j, \quad 1 \le j \le n,$ $f_{10}(c_{n+1}v_i) = 3m + 2n + 1 + i, \quad 1 \le i \le m.$

Then we see that $\{\Lambda(uv)|uv \in E\} = \{2m + n + 5, 2m + n + 5 + 3, \dots, 2m + n + 5 + (2m + n - 1)3\}.$

Hence, when n is odd, the extended bistar $\langle K_{1,m} : n \rangle$, $m, n \geq 2$ is super (a, 3)-edge antimagic total with a = 2m + n + 5.

Acknowledgement

The authors are grateful to the anonymous referees whose comments helped a lot to improve the presentation of this paper.

References

- M. Bača, Y. Lin, M. Miller, M.Z. Youssef, *Edge antimagic graphs*, Discrete Mathematics, **307** (2007), 1232–1244.
- [2] M. Bača, Barrientos, On super edge antimagic total labelings of mK_n , Discrete Mathematics, **308** (2008), 5032–5037.
- [3] M. Bača, Barrientos, *Graceful and edge antimagic labelings*, Ars Combinatoria, to appear.
- [4] H. Enomoto, A.S. Llodo, T. Nakanigawa, G. Ringel, Super edge magic graphs, SUT J. of Math. 34 (1998), 105–109.
- R.M. Figueroa-Centeno, R. Ichishima, F.A. Muntaner-Batle, *The place of super edge-magic labelings among other classes of labelings*, Discrete Mathematics, 231 (2001), 153–168.
- [6] J.A. Gallian, A dynamic survey of graph labeling, Electronic Journal of Combinatorics 18 (2011), #DS6.
- [7] F. Harary, Graph Theory (Addison-Wesley, 1994).
- [8] N. Hartsfield, G. Ringel, *Pearls in Graph Theory*, (Academic Press, Boston, San Diego, New York, London, 1990).
- [9] A. Kotzig, A. Rosa, Magic valuation of finite graphs, Canad. Math. Bull., 13 (1970), 451–561.
- [10] R. Simanjuntak, F. Bertault, M. Miller, Two new (a, d)-antimagic graph labelings, Proc. Eleventh Australian Workshop Combin. Algor., Hunrer Valley, Australia (2000), 179–189.

P. Roushini Leely Pushpam Department of Mathematics, D.B. Jain College Chennai - 600097, Tamil Nadu, India *E-mail*: roushinip@yahoo.com

A. Saibulla Department of Mathematics, B.S. Abdur Rahman University Chennai - 600048, Tamil Nadu, India *E-mail*: saibulla.a@gmail.com