

## On the Evaluation of a Subdivision of the Ladder Graph

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**Abstract.** Let  $G$  be a subdivision of a ladder graph. In this paper, we study magic evaluation with type  $(1, 1, 1)$  for a given any general ladder graph  $G$ . We prove that subdivided ladder admits magic evaluation having type  $(1, 1, 1)$ . We also prove that such a subdivision admits consecutive magic evaluation having type  $(1, 1, 0)$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G$  be a ladder graph. Let  $G$  has set of vertices  $V(G)$ , set of edges  $E(G)$  and set of faces  $F(G)$ . We took  $G$  to be a planar, simple, connected, undirected and finite graph. Let  $|V(G)| = v$  counts number of vertices,  $|E(G)| = e$  counts number of edges and  $|F(G)| = f$  counts the faces of  $G$ .

A map sending graph elements to positive or non-negative numbers is called a *valuation* (or *labeling*) of a graph. In 1983, Lih [6] introduced a magic-type valuation of the faces, edges and vertices for graph  $G$ . The type of valuation is defined as a one-one function  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, |F(G)| \cup |E(G)| \cup |V(G)|\}$  mapped to  $F(G) \cup E(G) \cup V(G)$  in such way that for all inner face the sum of the labels of the vertices, edges and faces around that face having there fixed value. We denote it as a magic type evaluation of  $(1, 1, 1)$  of a planar graph  $G(F(G), E(G), V(G))$ . The magic labeling of grid graphs and honeycomb graphs was discussed in [1] and [2], respectively. On the same way, in [6] a valuation having the planar faces of a planar graph is called consecutive if corresponding to every integer  $s$  the sum of the valuation of all faces with  $s$  sides are given by some set of consecutive positive integers. For more details about consecutive valuations see [3], [5].

A bijective map from set of edges  $E(G)$  onto  $\{1, 2, \dots, |E(G)|\}$  (the subset of positive integers) is called a magic valuation having type  $(0, 1, 0)$  of a given  $G$  which is a planar graph if for each inner face summing over all the values of the edges is fixed which are contained in that face. Similarly, a bijective map from the union of sets  $E(G) \cup V(G)$  onto  $\{1, 2, \dots, |V(G) \cup E(G)|\}$  which are subset of the positive integers is called a magic valuation of type  $(1, 1, 0)$  of  $G(V, E)$  the planar graph if for each face which is internal

the resultant of summing up the labels of the edges and the vertices contained in that face having a fixed value. Such magic valuation having type  $(1, 1, 0)$  is known as super if  $\mu(V(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)|\}$ . For more details see [7]. There is a natural relation between magic labeling having type  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $H$ -magic labeling of a graph which is planar. The later one was also introduced by Lih [6]. It is defined as a total labeling  $\mu$  from the union of two sets  $E(G) \cup V(G)$  onto  $\{1, 2, \dots, |V(G) \cup E(G)|\} \subset \mathbb{Z}$  the subset of positive integers such that for every subgraph  $A$  of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$  there exist a positive integer  $c$  such that  $\sum_{v \in V(A)} \mu(v) + \sum_{e \in E(A)} \mu(e) + \mu(y) = c$ . A graph that admits such a labeling is called  $H$ -magic. An  $H$ -magic labeling  $\mu$  is called an  $H$ -supermagic valuation subject to  $\mu(V(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)|\}$ . A detailed survey [4] is available on Graph valuations.

In the following section, we present few magic valuation has the type  $(1, 1, 1)$  of the subdivided ladder.

## 2. SUBDIVISION OF LADDERS

Let  $L_m \cong P_m \times P_2$  be a ladder graph. We take  $V(L_m)$  and  $E(L_m)$  to be the set of edges and the set of vertices of  $L_m$ , respectively. We take

$$V(L_m) = \{\nu_i, \epsilon_i; 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

and

$$E(L_m) = \{\nu_i \nu_{i+1}, \epsilon_i \epsilon_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq m-1\} \cup \{\nu_i \epsilon_i; 1 \leq i \leq m\}.$$

Let  $S_1(L_m)$  be a graph, namely the subdivision of the ladder graph  $L_m$ , obtained by dividing each edge of  $L_m$  by exactly one vertex. Note that the total number of vertices, edges and faces of  $S_1(L_m)$  are  $5m-2$ ,  $6m-4$  and  $m-1$ , respectively. We write  $V(S_1)$  and  $E(S_1)$  to be the set of vertices and edges of  $S_1(L_m)$ , respectively, such that

$$V(S_1) = \{\nu_i, \epsilon_i, w_i; 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{\nu'_i, \epsilon'_i; 1 \leq i \leq m-1\},$$

$$E(S_1) = \{\nu_i \nu'_i, \nu'_i \nu_{i+1}, \epsilon_i \epsilon'_i, \epsilon'_i \epsilon_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq m-1\} \cup \{\nu_i w_i, w_i \epsilon_i; 1 \leq i \leq m\}.$$

Here  $\nu'_i, \epsilon'_i$  and  $w_i$  be the new vertices introduced between the edges  $\nu_i \nu_{i+1}, \epsilon_i \epsilon_{i+1}$  and  $\nu_i \epsilon_i$ , respectively.

**Theorem 1.** For any integer  $m \geq 3$  and  $L_m \cong P_m \times P_2$ , the subdivision graph  $S_1(L_m)$  own up a magic valuation of type  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

*Proof.* For  $S_1(L_m)$ , we have  $|V(S)| + |E(S)| + |F(S)| = 12m - 7$ . Let  $U$  denotes the set of all vertices, edges and faces of  $S_1(L_m)$ . Define a valuation function  $\mu$  in a way defined by

$$\mu : U \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 12m - 7\}.$$

For vertices:

$$\mu(x) =$$

$$\begin{cases} 4(i-1) + 1, & \text{if } x = \nu_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ 4(2m-i) - 2, & \text{if } x = \epsilon_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ 4(i-1) + 3, & \text{if } x = \nu'_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1, \\ 4(2m-i-1), & \text{if } x = \epsilon'_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1, \end{cases}$$

for  $m$  to be even

$$\begin{cases} 5(2m-1) + i, & \text{if } x = w_{2i-1} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m/2, \\ 5(2m-1) + i + m/2 - 1, & \text{if } x = w_{2i} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m/2, \end{cases}$$

for  $m$  to be odd

$$\begin{cases} 5(2m-1) + i, & \text{if } x = w_{2i-1} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq (m+1)/2, \\ 5(2m-1) + i + (m+1)/2 - 1, & \text{if } x = w_{2i} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq (m-1)/2. \end{cases}$$

We label the edges in the following way

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 4(i-1) + 2, & \text{if } x = \nu_i \nu'_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1, \\ 4i, & \text{if } x = \nu'_i \nu_{i+1} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1, \\ 4(2m-i) - 3, & \text{if } x = \epsilon_i \epsilon'_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1, \\ 4(2m-i-1) - 1, & \text{if } x = \epsilon'_i \epsilon_{i+1} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1, \\ 8m+i-6, & \text{if } x = \nu_i w_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ 5(2m-1) - i, & \text{if } x = w_i \epsilon_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m. \end{cases}$$

If we denote the faces containing  $\nu'_i, \epsilon'_i$  as  $f_i$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, m-1$ , then we label the faces in the following way

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 12m - 6 - i, & \text{if } x = f_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1. \end{cases}$$

□

### 3. MAIN RESULT

After studying subdivided ladder obtained by dividing each edge by exactly one vertex. In this section, we generalize our result by giving magic type labeling having type  $(a, b, c)$  of the subdivided ladder obtained by dividing each edge by exactly  $n$  vertices.

Let  $S_n(L_m)$  be a graph, namely the subdivision of ladder, obtained by dividing each edge of  $L_m$  by exactly  $n$  vertices. The total number of vertices, edges and faces of  $S_n(L_m)$  are  $m(3n+2) - 2n$ ,  $(3m-2)(n+1)$  and  $m-1$ , respectively. We write  $V(S_n)$  and  $E(S_n)$  to be the set of vertices and edges of  $S_n(L_m)$ , respectively, such that

$V(S_n) = \{\nu_{i0}, \epsilon_{i0}; 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{\nu_{ij}, \epsilon_{ij}; 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{w_{ij}; 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . For our convenience, we use the notations  $\nu_{i(n+1)} = \nu_{(i+1)0}$ ,  $\epsilon_{i(n+1)} = \epsilon_{(i+1)0}$  and  $w_{i0} = \nu_{i0}$ ,  $w_{i(n+1)} = \epsilon_{i0}$ . Thus  $E(S_n) = \{\nu_{ij}\nu_{i(j+1)}, \epsilon_{ij}\epsilon_{i(j+1)}; 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 0 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{w_{ij}, w_{i(j+1)}; 1 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Here  $\nu_{ij}, \epsilon'_{ij}$  and  $w_{ij}$  be the new vertices introduced between the edges  $\nu_{i0}\nu_{(i+1)0}, \epsilon_{i0}\epsilon_{(i+1)0}$  and  $\nu_{i0}\epsilon_{i0}$ , respectively.

**Theorem 2.** For any integers  $n \geq 1, m \geq 3$ , the graph  $S_n(L_m)$  own up a super magic valuation having type  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v = |V(S_n)|$ ,  $e = |E(S_n)|$  and  $f = |F(S_n)|$ . We write  $U$  to be the set of all vertices, edges and faces of  $S_1(L_m)$ . Define a valuation function  $\mu$  in a way defined as

$$\mu : U \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, \}.$$

*Case 1:* when  $n$ -odd

Let  $n = 2k - 1$ , for some  $k \geq 1$ . For vertices and for  $1 \leq i \leq m$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\nu_{i0}) &= i, \\ \mu(\epsilon_{i0}) &= 2m + 1 - i, \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\nu_{ij}) &= 2jm - 2(j-1) + i, \\ \mu(\epsilon_{ij}) &= 2(j+1)m - 2j + 1 - i, \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq k-1, k > 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(w_{i(2j-1)}) &= 2m(n+j) - 2n + i, \\ \mu(w_{i(2j)}) &= 2m(n+1+j) - 2n + 1 - i,\end{aligned}$$

for  $m$  to be even and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(w_{(2i-1)n}) &= m(3n+1) - 2n + i, \\ \mu(w_{(2i)n}) &= \frac{3m}{2}(2n+1) - 2n + i,\end{aligned}$$

for  $m$  to be odd and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m+1}{2}$

$$\mu(w_{(2i-1)n}) = m(3n+1) - 2n + i,$$

for  $m$  to be odd and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}$

$$\mu(w_{(2i)n}) = \frac{3m(2n+1)+1}{2} - 2n + i.$$

Now for edges, we have

for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1, 0 \leq j \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\nu_{ij}\nu_{i(j+1)}) &= m(3n+2j+2) - 2(n+j) + i, \\ \mu(\epsilon_{ij}\epsilon_{i(j+1)}) &= m(3n+2j+4) - 2(n+j) - 1 - i,\end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(w_{i(2j)}w_{i(2j+1)}) &= m(5n+2j+4) - 4n - 2 + i, \\ \mu(w_{i(2j+1)}w_{i2(j+1)}) &= m(5n+2j+6) - 4n - 1 - i.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, if  $f_i$  be a face containing  $\nu_{ij}$  and  $\epsilon_{ij}$  for all  $i$ , then for the faces we have the following map

$$\mu(x) = 6m(n+1) - 4n - 2 - i, \quad \text{if } x = f_i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1.$$

Case 2: for  $n$ -even, say  $n = 2k$ , for some  $k \geq 1$ .

For vertices and

for  $1 \leq i \leq m$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\nu_{i0}) &= i, \\ \mu(\epsilon_{i0}) &= 2m + 1 - i,\end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\nu_{ij}) &= 2jm - 2(j-1) + i, \\ \mu(\epsilon_{ij}) &= 2(j+1)m - 2j + 1 - i,\end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq k$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(w_{i(2j-1)}) &= 2m(n+j) - 2n + i, \\ \mu(w_{i(2j)}) &= 2m(n+1+j) - 2n + 1 - i.\end{aligned}$$

Now for edges, we have

for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1, 0 \leq j \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\nu_{ij}\nu_{i(j+1)}) &= m(3n+2j+2) - 2(n+j) + i, \\ \mu(\epsilon_{ij}\epsilon_{i(j+1)}) &= m(3n+2j+4) - 2(n+j) - 1 - i,\end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(w_{i(2j)}w_{i(2j+1)}) &= m(5n+2j+4) - 4n - 2 + i, \\ \mu(w_{i(2j+1)}w_{i2(j+1)}) &= m(5n+2j+6) - 4n - 1 - i,\end{aligned}$$

for  $m$  to be even and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(w_{(2i-1)n}\epsilon_{(2i-1)0}) &= 2m(3n+2) - 2(2n+1) + i, \\ \mu(w_{(2i)n}\epsilon_{(2n)0}) &= \frac{3m}{2}(4n+3) - 2(2n+1) + i,\end{aligned}$$

for  $m$  to be odd and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m+1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(w_{(2i-1)n}\epsilon_{(2i-1)0}) &= m(6n+4) - 2(2n+1) + i, \\ \mu(w_{(2i)n}\epsilon_{(2n)0}) &= \frac{2m(6n+5)+1}{2} - 2(2n+1) + i.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, if  $f_i$  be a face containing  $\nu_{ij}$  and  $\epsilon_{ij}$  for all  $i$ , then for the faces we have the following map

$$\mu(x) = 6m(n+1) - 4n - 2 - i, \quad \text{if } x = f_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m-1.$$

□

It is easy to note that in the proof of the above theorem, if we do not include the labeling of the faces then  $S_n(L_m)$  satisfy the consecutive super magic valuation with type  $CM(1, 1, 0)$ . Thus we state the following obvious corollary.

**Corollary 3.** *For any integers  $n \geq 1, m \geq 3$ , the graph  $S_n(L_m)$  has a consecutive magic valuation which is of the type  $(1, 1, 0)$ .*

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