

ON ARITHMETIC GRAPHS

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A (p, q) -graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be (k, d) -arithmetic, where k and d are positive integers if its p vertices admits a labeling of distinct non-negative integers such that the values of the edges obtained as the sums of the labels of their end vertices form the set $\{k, k + d, k + 2d, \dots, k + (q - 1)d\}$. In this paper we prove that for all odd n , the generalized web graph $W(t, n)$ and some cycle related graphs are (k, d) -arithmetic. Also we prove that a class of trees called T_p -trees and subdivision of T_p -trees are $(k + q - 1)(d, d)$ -arithmetic for all positive integers k and d .

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1. INTRODUCTION

For all terminology and notation in graph theory we follow⁶.

Graph labelings where the vertices are assigned values subject to certain conditions have been motivated by practical problems. Labeled graphs serves as useful mathematical models for a broad range of applications such as Coding theory, including the design of good radar type codes, synch-set codes, missile guidance codes and convolutional codes with optimal autocorrelation properties. They facilitate the optimal nonstandard encodings of integers.

Labeled graphs have also been applied in determining ambiguities in X-ray crystallographic analysis, to design a communication network addressing system, in determining optimal circuit layouts and radio astronomy problems etc. A systematic presentation of diverse applications of graph labelings is presented in⁴.

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, the set N of non-negative integers and a commutative binary operation $*$: $N \times N \rightarrow N$, every vertex function $f: V(G) \rightarrow N$ induces an edge function $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow N$ such that $f^*(uv) = f(u) * f(v)$ for all $uv \in E(G)$.

Acharya and Hegde² have introduced the notion of (k, d) -arithmetic labelings of graphs. For a non-negative integer k and positive integer d , a (p, q) -graph $G = (V, E)$, a (k, d) -arithmetic labeling is an injective mapping $f: V(G) \rightarrow N$, where the induced edge function $f^+: E(G) \rightarrow \{k, k+d, k+2d, \dots, k+(q-1)d\}$ such that $f^+(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$ for all $uv \in E(G)$ is also injective. If a graph G admits such a labeling then the graph G is called (k, d) -arithmetic graph.

We recall the following cycle related graphs.

1. The *wheel* $W_n = C_n + K_1$, where C_n cycle of length n .
2. The *helm* H_n , is the graph obtained from the wheel W_n by attaching a pendant edge at each vertex of the n -cycle.
3. The *web graph* $W(2, n)$, is the graph obtained by joining the pendant points of a helm H_n to form a cycle and then adding a single pendant edge to each vertex of the outer cycle.
4. The *generalized web graph* $W(t, n)$, is the graph obtained by iterating the process of constructing web graph $W(2, n)$ from the helm H_n , so that the web has t, n -cycles. (Fig. 1) (Yang's definition in⁵).
5. The *crown* $C_n \odot K_1$, is the graph obtained from a cycle C_n by attaching a pendant edge at each vertex of the cycle.
6. The *generalized web graph without centre* $W_0(t, n)$, is the graph obtained by removing the central vertex of $W(t, n)$.
7. We define the graph *generalized p -web cone* as $W_0(t, n) + \bar{K}_p$ where \bar{K}_p is the complement of complete graph with p vertices.

2. CYCLE RELATED ARITHMETIC GRAPHS

In this section, we prove that for all odd n , the cycle related graphs $W_n, H_n, W(2, n), W(t, n), C_n \odot K_1, W_0(t, n)$ and $W_0(t, n) + \bar{K}_p$ are (k, d) -arithmetic for $k = [(n-1)/2]d$ and for $k = [(3n-1)/2]d$.

Theorem 1 — For all positive integer d and odd n , the generalized web graph $W(t, n)$ is (k, d) -arithmetic for $k = [(n-1)/2]d$.

PROOF : Label the vertices of $W(t, n)$ as follows :

Denote the vertices of the innermost cycle of $W(t, n)$ successively as $v_{1,1}, v_{1,2}, v_{1,3}, \dots, v_{1,n}$. Then denote the vertices adjacent to $v_{1,1}, v_{1,2}, \dots, v_{1,n}$ on the second cycle as $v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}, \dots, v_{2,n}$ respectively and the vertices adjacent to $v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}, \dots, v_{2,n}$ on the 3rd cycle as $v_{3,1}, v_{3,2}, \dots, v_{3,n}$ and the vertices on the t th cycle as $v_{t,1}, v_{t,2}, \dots, v_{t,n}$.

Next denote the pendant vertices adjacent to $v_{t,1}, v_{t,2}, \dots, v_{t,n}$ as $v_{t+1,1}, v_{t+1,2}, \dots, v_{t+1,n}$ respectively and the centre of the web as $v_{0,0}$.

Define a labeling $f: V(W(t, n)) \rightarrow N$ such that

$$f(v_{m,i}) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{i-1}{2}\right)d + (m-1)nd & m \text{ odd, } i \text{ odd; } 1 \leq m \leq t+1, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)d + \left(\frac{i}{2}\right)d + (m-1)nd & m \text{ odd, } i \text{ even; } 1 \leq m \leq t+1, 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ \left(\frac{3n-1}{2}\right)d + \left(\frac{i-1}{2}\right)d + (m-2)nd & m \text{ even, } i \text{ odd; } 2 \leq m \leq t+1, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ (n-1)d + \left(\frac{i}{2}\right)d + (m-2)nd & m \text{ even, } i \text{ even; } 2 \leq m \leq t+1, 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)d + 2tnd & m = i = 0. \end{cases} \dots (1)$$

Because f is injective on every cycle and the maximum vertex value in the m^{th} cycle is less than the minimum vertex value in the $(m + 1)^{\text{th}}$ cycle, it is not hard to verify that f defined above is injective.

Similarly one can see that $f^+(W(t, n)) = \{k, k + d, \dots, k + [(2t + 1)n - 1]d\}$ where $k = [(n - 1)/2]d$. Hence $W(t, n)$ is (k, d) -arithmetic for $k = [(n - 1)/2]d$. ■

For example, $(4, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of $W(4, 9)$ using Theorem 1 is shown in Fig. 1.

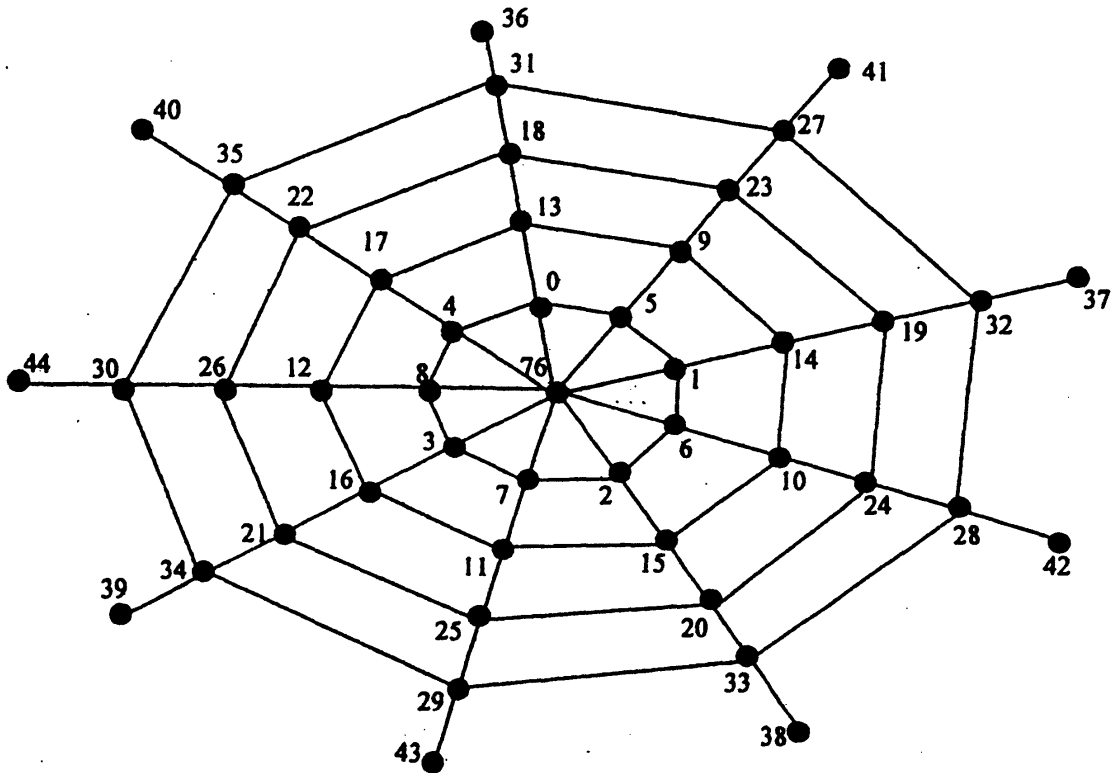


FIG. 1. $(4, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of $W(4, 9)$

Remark : For all positive integers d and odd n , the generalized web graph $W(t, n)$, is (k, d) -arithmetic for $k = [(3n - 1)/2]d$. (Proof is analogous to Theorem 1). Therefore the value of k is not unique for $W(t, n)$, to be (k, d) -arithmetic.

For example, using $k = [(3n - 1) / 2]d$, a $(13, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of $W(4, 9)$ is shown in Fig. 2.

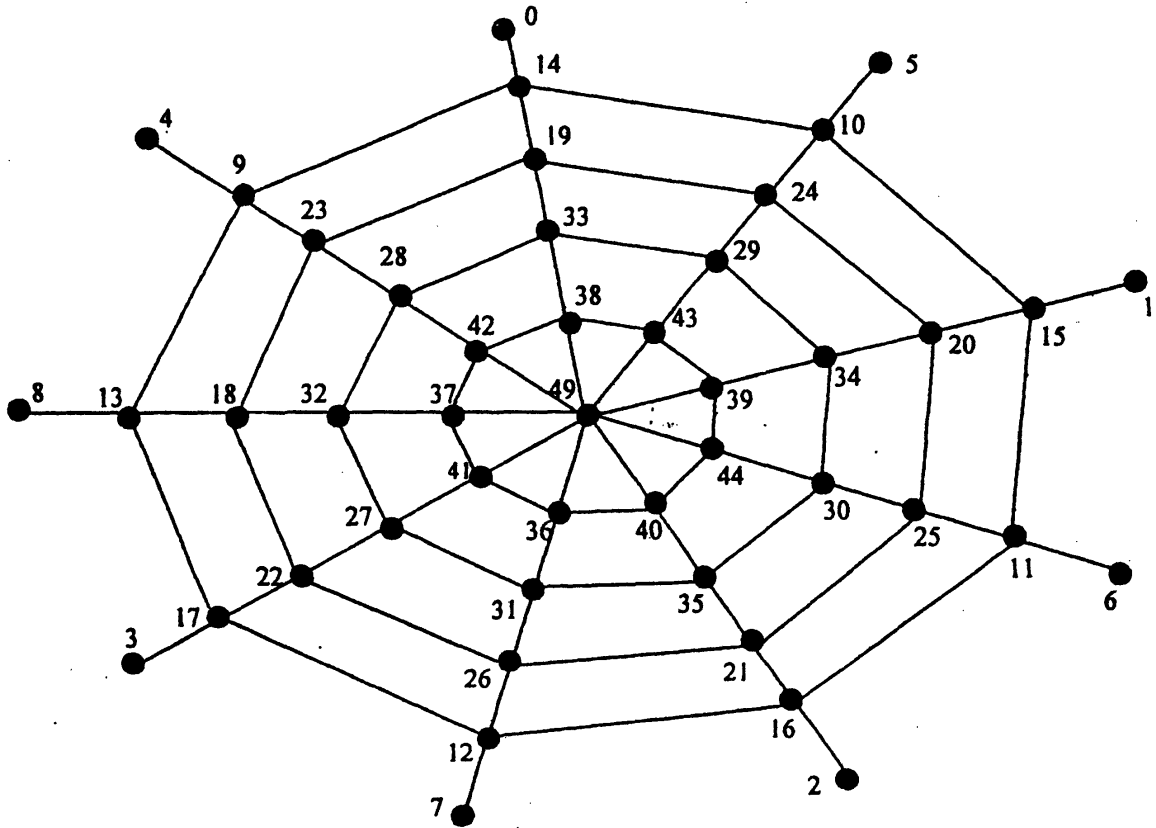


FIG. 2. $(13, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of $W(4, 9)$

Corollary 1 — For n odd, the helm H_n and the web graph $W(2, n)$ are (k, d) -arithmetic for $k = [(n - 1) / 2]d$.

PROOF : By taking $t = 1$ and $t = 2$ respectively in (1), the proof is trivial. ■

Corollary 2 — For n odd, the crown $C_n \odot K_1$ is (k, d) -arithmetic for $k = [(n - 1) / 2]d$.

PROOF : Taking $t = 1$ in (1) and removing the centre of the helm H_n the proof follows. ■

Strongly k -Indexable Graph

A (p, q) -graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be *strongly k -indexable* if there exists a bijective labeling $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)\}$ such that induced edge labeling $f^+: E(G) \rightarrow \{k, k + 1, k + 2, \dots, k + (q - 1)\}$ is also bijective. (Acharya and Hegde²).

Corollary 3 — For n odd, the generalized web without centre $W_0(t, n)$, is strongly k -indexable for $k = (n - 1) / 2$. ■

Corollary 4 — For n odd, the generalized p -web cone $W_0(t, n) + \bar{K}_p$ is (k, d) -arithmetic for $k = [(n - 1) / 2]d$. ■

We have examples for arithmetic wheels W_n and arithmetic helms H_n when n is even (Fig. 3). But whether the generalized web $W(t, n)$ is (k, d) -arithmetic or not when n even is an open problem.

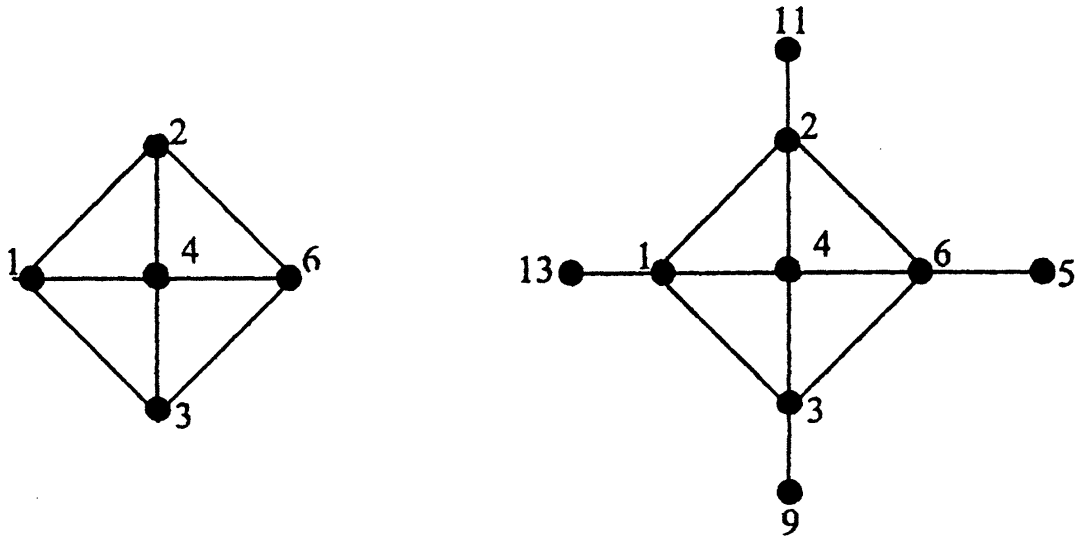


FIG. 3. $(3, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of W_4 and H_4

3. A CLASS OF ARITHMETIC TREES

In this section we prove that a class of trees called T_p -trees (transformed trees) are $(k + (q - 1)d, d)$ -arithmetic for all positive integers k and d . Also we prove that the subdivision $S(T)$ of a T_p -tree T , obtained by subdividing every edge of T exactly once is $(k + (q - 1)d, d)$ -arithmetic for all positive integers k and d . (Note that q is the number of edges of T and that the subdivision $S(T)$ of a T_p -tree T is not necessarily a T_p -tree)

Transformed Trees (T_p -trees)

Let T be a tree and u_0 and v_0 be two adjacent vertices in T . Let there be two pendant vertices u and v in T such that the length of $u_0 - u$ path is equal to the length of $v_0 - v$ path. If the edge $u_0 v_0$ is deleted from T and u and v are joined by an edge uv , then such a transformation of T is called an elementary parallel transformation (or an ept) and the edge $u_0 v_0$ is called a transformable edge. (Acharya¹).

If by a sequence of ept's T can be reduced to a path then T is called a T_p -tree (transformed tree) and any such sequence regarded as a composition of mappings (ept's) denoted by P , is called a parallel transformation of T . The path, the image of T under P , is denoted as $P(T)$.

A T_p -tree and a sequence of two ept's reducing it to a path are illustrated in Fig. 4.

Theorem 2 — Every T_p -tree T is $(k + (q - 1)d, d)$ -arithmetic for all positive integers k and d .

PROOF : Let T be a T_p -tree with $n + 1$ vertices. By the definition of a T_p -tree there exists a parallel transformation P of T such that for the path $P(T)$, we have

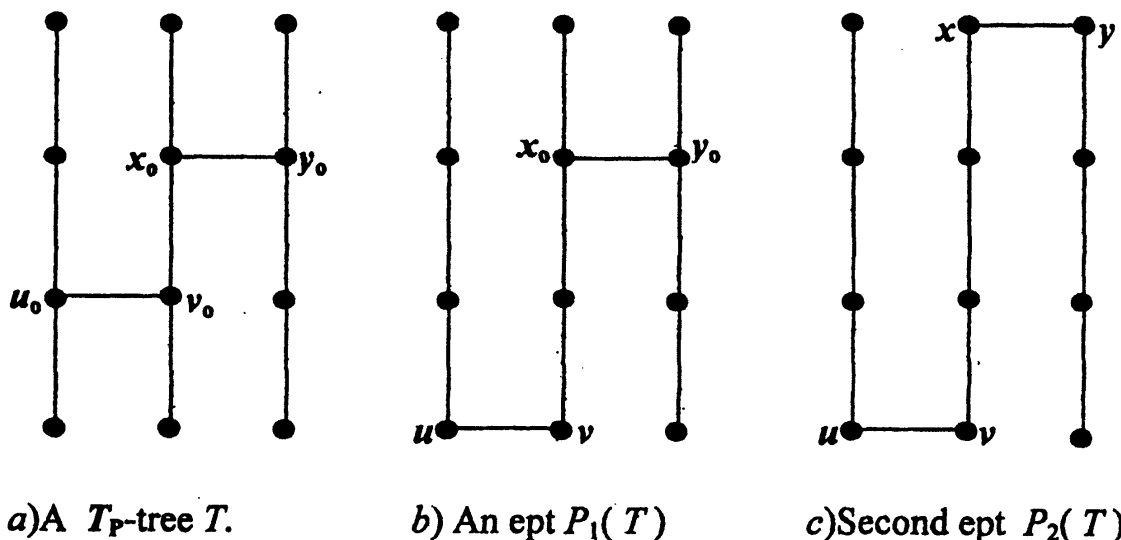


FIG. 4.

(i) $V(P(T)) = V(T)$

(ii) $E(P(T)) = (E(T) - E_d) \cup E_p$

where E_d is the set of edges deleted from T and E_p is the set of edges newly added through the sequence $P = (P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k)$ of the ept's P_i used to arrive at the path $P(T)$. Clearly E_d and E_p have the same number of edges.

Then denote the vertices of $P(T)$ successively as v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p starting from one pendant vertex of $P(T)$ right up to other.

Define $f: V(P(T)) \rightarrow N$ by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} [(i-1)/2]d & \text{for odd } i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n+1 \\ k + (q-1)d + [(i-2)/2]d & \text{for even } i, \quad 2 \leq i \leq n+1 \end{cases}$$

where k and d are positive integers and q is the number of edges of T . Clearly f is a $(k + (q - 1)d, d)$ -arithmetic labeling of $P(T)$.

Let $v_i v_j$ be an edge in T for some indices i and j , $1 < i < j \leq n+1$ and let P_1 be the ept obtained by deleting this edge and adding the edge $v_{i+t} v_{j-t}$ where t is the distance of v_i from v_{i+t} and the distance of v_j from v_{j-t} . Let P be a parallel transformation of T that contains P_1 as one of the constituent ept's. Since $v_{i+t} v_{j-t}$ is an edge in the path $P(T)$ it follows that $i+t+1 = j-t \Rightarrow j = i+2t+1$. Therefore i and j are of opposite parity.

The value of the edge $v_i v_j$ is $f^+(v_i v_j) = f^+(v_i v_{i+2t+1})$

$$= f(v_i) + f(v_{i+2t+1}) \quad \dots (2)$$

If i is odd and $1 \leq i \leq n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i) + f(v_{i+2t+1}) &= [(i-1)/2]d + k + (q-1)d + [(i+2t+1-2)/2]d \\
 &= k + (q-1)d + (i+t-1)d.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3}$$

If i is even and $2 \leq i \leq n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i) + f(v_{i+2t+1}) &= k + (q-1)d + [(i-2)/2]d \\
 &\quad + [(i+2t+1-1)/2]d \\
 &= k + (q-1)d + (i+t-1)d
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4}$$

Therefore, from (2), (3), (4), we get

$$f^+(v_i v_j) = k + (q-1)d + (i+t-1)d \text{ for all } i, 1 \leq i \leq n
 \tag{5}$$

The value of the edge $v_{i+t} v_{j-t}$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^+(v_{i+t} v_{j-t}) &= f(v_{i+t}) + f(v_{j-t}) \\
 &= f(v_{i+t}) + f(v_{i+t+1})
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6}$$

If $i+t$ is odd, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_{i+t}) + f(v_{i+t+1}) &= [(i+t-1)/2]d + k + (q-1)d \\
 &\quad + [(i+t+1-2)/2]d \\
 &= k + (q-1)d + (i+t-1)d
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7}$$

If $i+t$ is even, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_{i+t}) + f(v_{i+t+1}) &= [(i+t+1-1)/2]d + k + (q-1)d + [(i+t-2)/2]d \\
 &= k + (q-1)d + (i+t-1)d
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{8}$$

Therefore, from (6), (7), (8), we get

$$f^+(v_{i+t} v_{j-t}) = k + (q-1)d + (i+t-1)d
 \tag{9}$$

From (5) and (9), $f^+(v_i v_j) = f^+(v_{i+1} v_{j-t})$.

Hence, f is a $(k + (q-1)d, d)$ -arithmetic labeling of T . ■

For example, a $(14, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of a T_p -tree, using theorem 2 is shown in Fig. 5.

Theorem 3 — *If T is a T_p -tree with q edges then the subdivision tree $S(T)$ is $(k + (q-1)d, d)$ -arithmetic for all positive integers k and d .*

PROOF : Let T be a T_p -tree with n vertices and q edges. By the definition of a T_p -tree there exists a parallel transformation P of T so that we get $P(T)$. Denote the succession vertices of $P(T)$

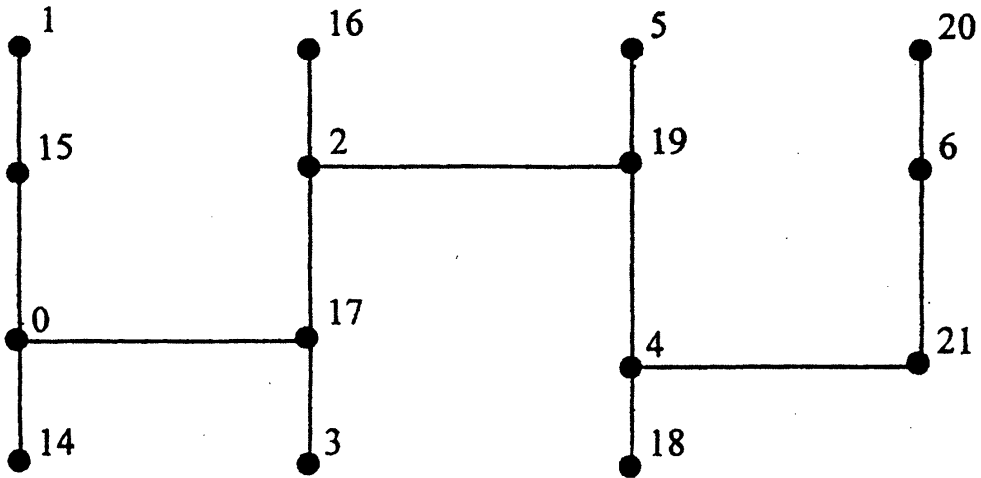


FIG. 5. $(14, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of a T_p -tree

as v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n starting from one pendant vertex of $P(T)$ right up to other and preserve the same for T .

Now construct the subdivision tree $S(T)$ of T by introducing exactly one vertex between every edge $v_i v_j$ of T and denote the vertex as $v_{i,j}$. Let $v_m x v_h x, x = 1, 2, \dots, z$ be the z transformable edges of T with $m^x < m^x + 1$ for all x . Let t_x be the path length from the vertex $v_m x$ to the corresponding pendant vertex decided by the transformable edge $v_m x v_h x$ of T .

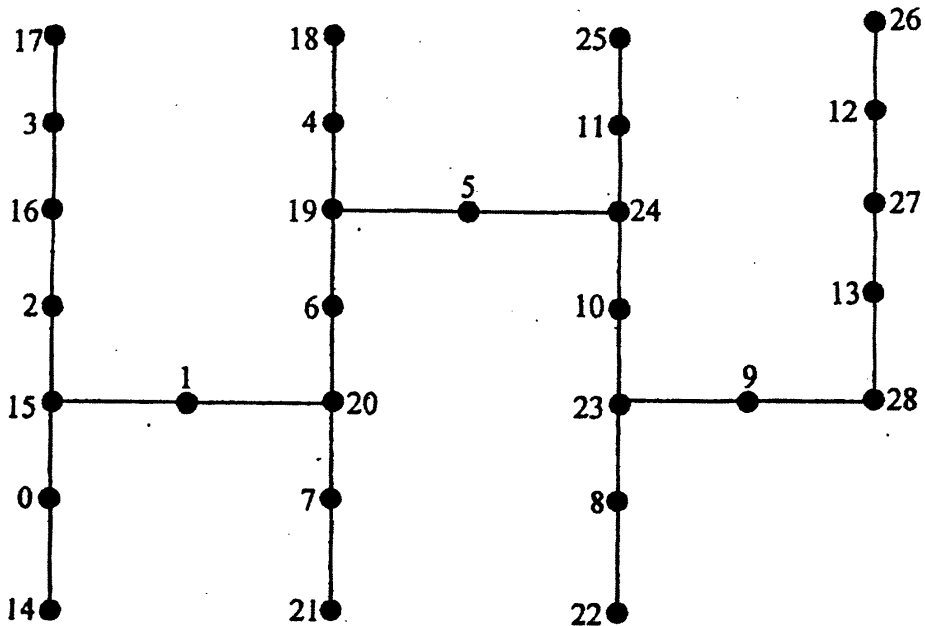


FIG. 6. $(14, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of subdivision of a T_p -tree

Define a labeling $f: V(S(T)) \rightarrow N$ by

$$f(v_i) = k + (q - 1)d + (i - 1)d \text{ if } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$f(v_{i,j}) = (i - 1)d \text{ if } j \neq i + 1.$$

$$f(v_{i,j}) = id \text{ if } j = i + 1 \text{ and } i = m^c, m^c + 1, \dots, m^c + t_c - 1, c = 1, 2, \dots, z$$

$$f(v_{ij}) = +(i-1)d \text{ if } j = i + 1 \text{ and } i \neq m^c, m^c + 1, \dots, m^c + t_c - 1, c = 1, 2, \dots, z$$

where k and d are positive integers and $2q$ is the number of edges of $S(T)$. Clearly f is a $(k + (q - 1)d, d)$ -arithmetic labeling of $S(T)$. ■

For example a $(14, 1)$ -arithmetic labeling of subdivision of a T_p -tree, using Theorem 3 is shown in Fig. 6.

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