

## Harmonic Mean Labeling on Double Triangular Snakes

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### Abstract

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is called a Harmonic mean graph if it is possible to label the vertices  $x \in V$  with distinct labels  $f(x)$  from  $1, 2, \dots, q+1$  in such a way that when each edge  $e = uv$  is labeled with  $f(uv) = \left\lfloor \frac{2f(u)f(v)}{f(u)+f(v)} \right\rfloor$  (or)  $\left\lceil \frac{2f(u)f(v)}{f(u)+f(v)} \right\rceil$ , then the edge labels are distinct. In this case,  $f$  is called Harmonic mean labeling of  $G$ . In this paper we prove that Double Triangular snake and Alternate Double Triangular snake graphs are Harmonic graphs.

**Keywords:** Graph, Harmonic mean graph, Double Triangular snake, Alternative Double Triangular snake.

### 1. Introduction

All graph in this paper are finite, simple and undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. For all detailed survey of graph labeling we refer to Gallian [1]. For all other standard terminology and notations we follow Harry [2]. We will provide brief summary of definitions and other information which are prerequisites for the present investigation.

**Definition 1.1:** A graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is called a Harmonic

mean graph if it is possible to label vertices  $x \in V$  with distinct labels  $f(x)$   $1, 2, \dots, q+1$  in such a way that when each edge  $e=uv$  is labeled with  $f(uv) = \left\lfloor \frac{2f(u)f(v)}{f(u)+f(v)} \right\rfloor$  (or)  $\left\lceil \frac{2f(u)f(v)}{f(u)+f(v)} \right\rceil$ , then the edge labels are distinct. In this case  $f$  is called Harmonic mean labeling of  $G$ .

**Definition 1.2:** Triangular snake  $T_n$ , is obtained from a path  $u_1u_2\dots u_n$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  to new vertex  $v_i$ .

**Definition 1.3:** An Alternate Triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is obtained from a path  $u_1u_2\dots u_n$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) to new vertex  $v_i$ .

**Definition 1.4:** A Double triangular snake  $D(T_n)$  is the graph obtained from the path  $u_1u_2\dots u_n$  by joining  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  with two new vertices  $v_i$  and  $w_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

**Definition 1.5:** Alternate Double triangular snake  $A(DT_n)$  is the graph obtained from the path  $u_1u_2\dots u_n$  by joining  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  (Alternatively) with two new vertices  $v_i$  and  $w_i$   $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

S. Somasundaram and S.S.Sandhya introduced Harmonic mean labeling of a Graph in [4] and studied their behaviour in [5] and [6]. In this paper we prove that Double Triangular snakes and Alternate Double Triangular snakes are Harmonic mean graphs.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1:** A Double Triangular snake  $D(T_n)$  is a harmonic mean graph.

**Proof,** Consider a path  $u_1u_2\dots u_n$ . Join  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  with two new vertices  $v_i, w_i$   $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

Define a function  $f: V(D(T_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by

$$f(u_1)=3; f(u_i)=5i-4, 2 \leq i \leq n;$$

$$f(v_1)=1; f(v_i)=5i-3, 2 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

$$f(w_i) = 5i-1, 1 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

The edges are labeled with

$$f(u_1u_2) = 4; f(u_iu_{i+1})=5i-2, 2 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

$$f(u_iv_i)=5i-4, 1 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

$$f(u_2u_1) = 2; f(u_{i+1}v_i)=5i-1, 2 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

$$f(u_1w_1)=3; f(u_iw_i)=5i-3, 2 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

$$f(u_{i+1}w_i)=5i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

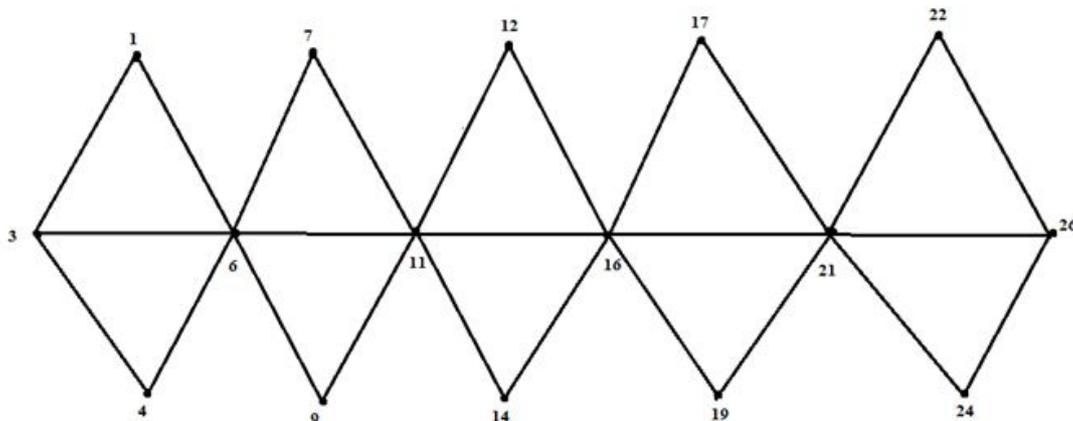


Figure : 1

In the view of the above labeling,  $f$  provides Harmonic mean labeling for the graph  $D(T_n)$ .

**Theorem 2.2:** Alternative Double Triangular snake  $A(D(T_n))$  is a Harmonic mean graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be the graph  $A(D(T_n))$ . consider the path  $u_1u_2\dots u_n$ . To construct  $G$ , join  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) with two new vertices  $v_iw_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . There are two different cases to be considered.

**Case 1:** If the Double Triangle starts from  $u_1$  we need to considered two subcases.

**Subcase1(a):** If  $n$  is odd, then

Define a function  $f:V(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,q+1\}$  by

$$f(v_1)=1; f(v_i) = 6(i-1), 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2};$$

$$f(u_i) = 3i; f(u_i) = 3i-1, 2 \leq i \leq n-1; f(u_n)=3(n-1);$$

$$f(w_i) = 6i-2, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2};$$

The edges are labeled with

$$f(u_iu_{i+1}) = 3i+1 \text{ for all } i = 1,3,\dots,n-2;$$

$$f(u_iu_{i+1}) = 3i \text{ for all } i = 1,3,\dots,n-3;$$

$$f(u_{2i-1}v) = 6i-5 \text{ for all } i=1,2,\dots,\frac{n-1}{2};$$

$$f(u_{2i}v_i) = 6i-4 \text{ for all } i = 1,2,\dots,\frac{n-1}{2};$$

$$f(u_{2i-1}w_i) = 6i-3 \text{ for all } i=1,2,\dots,\frac{n-1}{2};$$

$$f(u_{2i}w_i) = 6i-1 \text{ for all } i=1,2,\dots,\frac{n-1}{2};$$

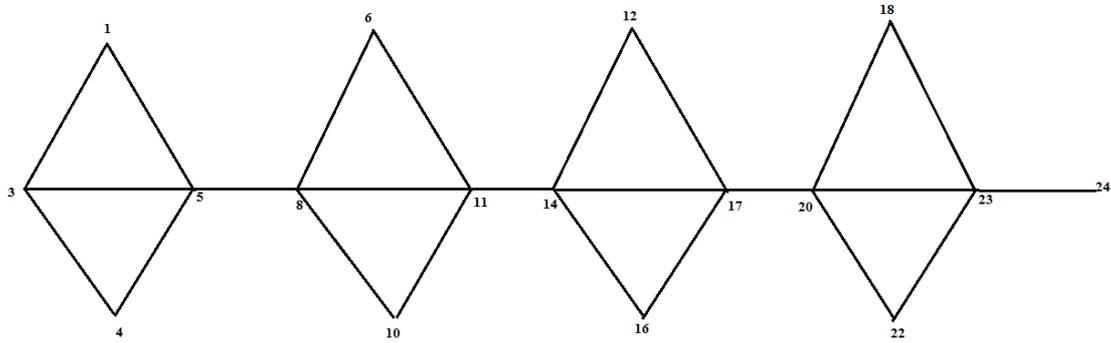


Figure : 2

In this case  $f$  is a harmonic mean labeling.

**Subcase (1) (b) :** If  $n$  is even then

Define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by

$$f(v_1) = 1; f(v_i) = 6i-1, 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2};$$

$$f(u_1) = 3; f(u_i) = 3i-1, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2};$$

The edges are labeled with

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 3i-1 \text{ for all } i= 1, 3, \dots, n-1;$$

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 3i \text{ for all } i= 2, 4, \dots, n-2;$$

$$f(2i-1 v_i) = 6i-5, \text{ for all } i= 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2};$$

$$f(u_{2i} v_i) = 6i-4, \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2};$$

$$f(u_{2i-1} w_i) = 6i-3, \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2};$$

$$f(w_i w_i) = 6i-1, \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2};$$

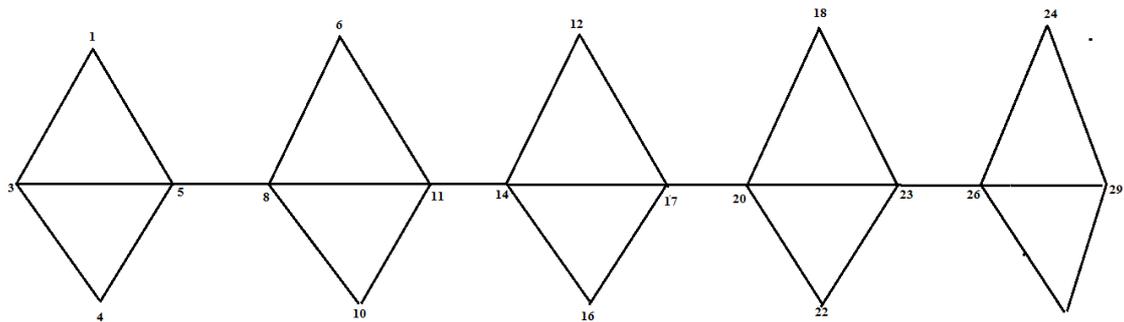


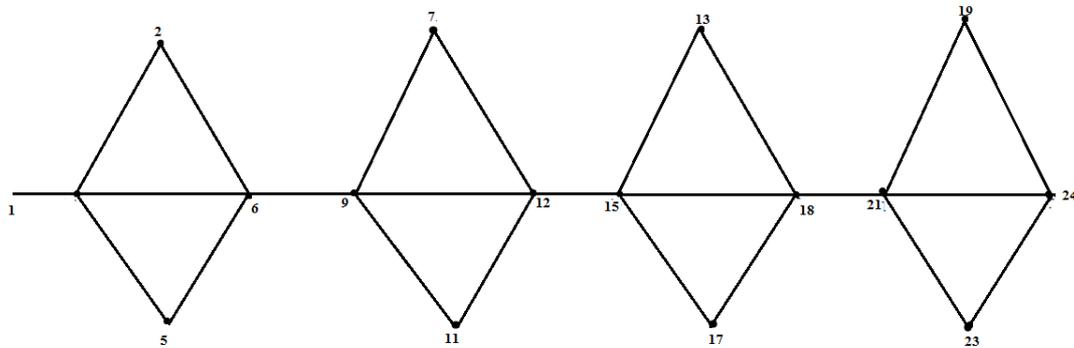
Figure: 3

In this case  $f$  is Harmonic mean labeling

**Case 2(a):** If the triangle starts from  $u_2$ , we have to consider two sub cases.

**Subcase 2(a):** If  $n$  is odd then.

Define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by  
 $f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 3i-2$  for all  $i=1, 3, \dots, n-2$ ;  
 $f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 3i-1$  for all  $i=2, 4, \dots, n-1$ ;  
 $f(u_{2i} v_i) = 6i-4$  for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ ;  
 $f(u_{2i} w_i) = 6i-3$  for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ ;  
 $f(u_{2i+1} w_i) = 6i$  for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ ;



**Figure: 4**

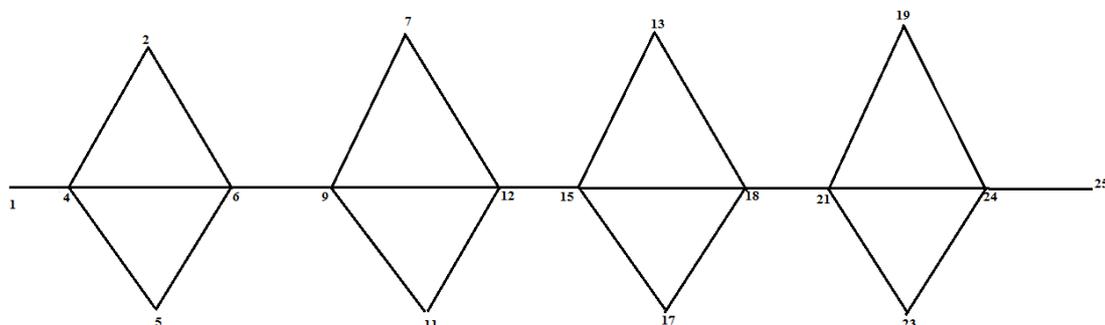
In this case  $f$  provides Harmonic mean labeling of  $G$ .

**Subcase 2(b):** If  $n$  is even

Define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q+1\}$  by  
 $f(u_1)=1; f(u_2)=4; f(u_i)=3(i-1), 3 \leq i \leq n-1; f(u_n) = 3n-5$ ;  
 $f(v_1) = 2; f(v_i)=6i-5, 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$ ;  
 $f(w_i) = 6i-1, 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$ ;

Then the edges are labeled with  
 $f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 3i-2$  for all  $i=1, 3, \dots, n-1$ ;  
 $f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 3i-1$  for all  $i = 2, 4, \dots, n-2$ ;  
 $f(u_{2i} v_i) = 6i-4$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-2}{2}$ ;  
 $f(u_{2i+1} v_i) = 6i-3$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-2}{2}$ ;  
 $f(u_{2i} w_i) = 6i-2$  for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-2}{2}$ ;  
 $f(u_{2i+1} w_i) = 6i$  for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-2}{2}$

In this case,  $f$  provides Harmonic mean labeling of  $G$ .



**Figure: 5**

From all the above cases, we conclude that Alternate Double Triangular Snake  $A(D(T_n))$  is a Harmonic mean graph.

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