Even vertex equitable even labeling for snake related graphs

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Abstract

Let $G$ be a graph with $p$ vertices and $q$ edges and $A = \{0, 2, 4, \cdots, q+1\}$ if $q$ is odd or $A = \{0, 2, 4, \cdots, q\}$ if $q$ is even. A graph $G$ is said to be an even vertex equitable even labeling if there exists a vertex labeling $f : V(G) \to A$ that induces an edge labeling $f^*$ defined by $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$ for all edges $uv$ such that for all $a$ and $b$ in $A$, $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$ and the induced edge labels are $2, 4, \cdots, 2q$, where $v_f(a)$ be the number of vertices $v$ with $f(v) = a$ for $a \in A$. A graph that admits even vertex equitable even labeling is called an even vertex equitable even graph. In this paper, we prove that $S(D(Q_n))$, $S(D(T_n))$, $DA(Q_m) \odot nK_1$, $DA(T_m) \odot nK_1$, $S(DA(Q_n))$ and $S(DA(T_n))$ are an even vertex equitable even graphs.

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1. Introduction

All graphs considered here are simple, finite, connected and undirected. The vertex set and the edge set of a graph are denoted by $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ respectively. We follow the basic notations and terminology of graph theory as in [2]. A labeling of a graph is a map that carries the graph elements to the set of numbers, usually to the set of non-negative or positive integers. If the domain is the set of vertices then the labeling is called vertex labeling. If the domain is the set of edges then the labeling is called edge labeling. If the labels are assigned to both vertices and edges then the labeling is called total labeling. For a dynamic survey of various graph labeling, we refer to Gallian [1].

Lourdusamy et al. introduced the concept of vertex equitable labeling in [15]. Let $G$ be a graph with $p$ vertices and $q$ edges and let $A = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, \left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil \}$. A vertex labeling $f : V(G) \rightarrow A$ induces an edge labeling $f^*$ defined by $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$ for all edges $uv$. For $a \in A$, let $v_f(a)$ be the number of vertices $v$ with $f(v) = a$. A graph $G$ is said to be vertex equitable if there exists a vertex labeling $f$ such that for all $a$ and $b$ in $A$, $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$ and the induced edge labels are $1, 2, 3, \ldots, q$.

Motivated by the concept of vertex equitable labeling and further results by Jeyanthi et al. in [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]. Lourdusamy et al. introduced the concept of even vertex equitable even labeling [16] and further studied in [12, 13, 14, 16, 17].

In this paper, we prove that $S(D(Q_n))$, $S(D(T_n))$, $DA(Q_m) \odot nK_1$, $DA(T_m) \odot nK_1$, $S(DA(Q_n))$ and $S(DA(T_n))$ admit an even vertex equitable even labeling. We use the following definitions in the subsequent sections.

**Definition 1.1.** Let $G$ be a graph with $p$ vertices and $q$ edges and $A = \{0, 2, 4, \ldots, q + 1\}$ if $q$ is odd or $A = \{0, 2, 4, \ldots, q\}$ if $q$ is even. A graph $G$ is said to be an even vertex equitable even labeling if there exists a vertex labeling $f : V(G) \rightarrow A$ that induces an edge labeling $f^*$ defined by $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$ for all edges $uv$ such
that for all \(a\) and \(b\) in \(A\), \(|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1\) and the induced edge labels are \(2, 4, \ldots, 2q\), where \(v_f(a)\) be the number of vertices \(v\) with \(f(v) = a\) for \(a \in A\). A graph that admits even vertex equitable even labeling is called an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Definition 1.2.** The double quadrilateral snake \(D(Q_n)\) is a graph obtained from a path \(P_n\) with vertices \(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n\) by joining \(u_i\) and \(u_{i+1}\) to the new vertices \(v_i, x_i\) and \(w_i, y_i\) respectively and then joining \(v_i, w_i\) and \(x_i, y_i\) for \(i = 1, 2, \ldots, n - 1\).

**Definition 1.3.** The double triangular snake \(D(T_n)\) is a graph obtained from a path \(P_n\) with vertices \(v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n\) by joining \(v_i\) and \(v_{i+1}\) to the new vertices \(w_i\) and \(u_i\) for \(i = 1, 2, \ldots, n - 1\).

**Definition 1.4.** A double alternate quadrilateral snake \(DA(Q_n)\) consists of two alternate quadrilateral snakes that have a common path. That is, a double alternate quadrilateral snake is obtained from a path \(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n\) by joining \(u_i\) and \(u_{i+1}\) (alternately) to the two new vertices \(v_i, x_i\) and \(w_i, y_i\) respectively and adding the edges \(v_iw_i\) and \(x_iy_i\) for \(i = 1, 2, \ldots, n - 1\).

**Definition 1.5.** A double alternate triangular snake \(DA(T_n)\) consists of two alternate triangular snakes that have a common path. That is, a double alternate triangular snake is obtained from a path \(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n\) by joining \(u_i\) and \(u_{i+1}\) (alternately) to the two new vertices \(v_i\) and \(w_i\) for \(i = 1, 2, \ldots, n - 1\).

**Definition 1.6.** Let \(G\) be a graph. The subdivision graph \(S(G)\) is obtained from \(G\) by subdividing each edge of \(G\) with a vertex.

**Definition 1.7.** The corona \(G_1 \odot G_2\) of two graphs \(G_1(p_1, q_1)\) and \(G_2(p_2, q_2)\) is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of \(G_1\) and \(p_1\) copies of \(G_2\) and joining the \(i^{th}\) vertex of \(G_1\) to every vertex in the \(i^{th}\) copy of \(G_2\).

### 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let \(G_1(p_1, q_1), G_2(p_2, q_2), \ldots, G_m(p_m, q_m)\) be an even vertex equitable even graphs with \(\sum_{i=1}^{m} q_i\) is even and let \(u_i, v_i\) be
the vertices of \( G_i(1 \leq i \leq m) \) labeled by 0 and \( q_i \). Then the graph \( G \) obtained by identifying \( v_1 \) with \( u_2 \) and \( v_2 \) with \( u_3 \) and \( v_3 \) with \( u_4 \) and so on until we identify \( v_{m-1} \) with \( u_m \) is also an even vertex equitable even labeling.

**Proof.** Let \( f_i \) be an even vertex equitable even labeling of a graph \( G_i \) of order \( p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_m - (m - 1) \) and size \( \sum_{i=1}^{m} q_i \). We define a vertex labeling \( h \) of \( G \) such that \( h(x) = f_1(x), x \in V(G_1), \)

\[
\begin{align*}
h(x) &= f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} q_i, x \in V(G_i), 2 \leq i \leq m. \\
&
\end{align*}
\]

Then the induced edge labels of \( G_i \) are 2, 4, \( \cdots \), \( 2q_1 \), \( 2q_1 + 2, 2q_1 + 4, \cdots, 2q_1 + 2q_2, 2q_1 + 2q_2 + 2, 2q_1 + 2q_2 + 4, \cdots, 2q_1 + 2q_2 + 2q_3, \cdots, 2\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} q_i + 2, 2\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} q_i + 4, \cdots, 2\sum_{i=1}^{m} q_i. \) It can be verified that the induced edge labels of \( G \) are distinct and \(|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1\) for all \( a, b \in A \). Thus, \( G \) admits an even vertex equitable even labeling.

\( \square \)

**Theorem 2.2.** The graph \( S(D(Q_n)) \) admits an even vertex equitable even labeling.

**Proof.** An even vertex equitable even labeling of \( S(D(Q_2)) \) is shown in Figure 1. Let \( G_i = S(D(Q_2)) \) for \( 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \). By Theorem 2.1, \( S(D(Q_n)) \) admits an even vertex equitable even labeling.

\( \square \)

**Figure 1**

**Theorem 2.3.** The graph \( S(D(T_n)) \) admits an even vertex equitable even labeling.
Proof. An even vertex equitable even labeling of $S(D(T_2))$ is shown in Figure 2. Let $G_i = S(D(T_2))$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$. By Theorem 2.1, $S(D(T_n))$ admits an even vertex equitable even labeling. □

![Figure 2](image_url)

**Theorem 2.4.** Let $G_1(p_1, q), G_2(p_2, q), \ldots, G_m(p_m, q)$ be an even vertex equitable even graphs with $q$ odd and $u_i, v_i$ be vertices of $G_i(1 \leq i \leq m)$ labeled by 0 and $q$. Then the graph $G$ obtained by joining $v_1$ with $u_2$ and $v_2$ with $u_3$ and $v_3$ with $u_4$ and so on until joining $v_{m-1}$ with $u_m$ by an edge is also an even vertex equitable even labeling.

Proof. The graph $G$ has $p_1+p_2+\cdots+p_m$ vertices and $mq+(m-1)$ edges. Let $f_i$ be an even vertex equitable even labeling of $G_i(1 \leq i \leq m)$. Define a vertex labeling $f : V(G) \rightarrow A = \{0, 2, \ldots, mq+(m-1)\}$ by $f(x) = f_i(x) + (i-1)(q+1)$ if $x \in G_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$. The edge labels of $G_i$ are increased by $2(i-1)(q+1)$ for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$ under the new labeling $f$. The bridge between the two graphs $G_i, G_{i+1}$ will get the label $2i(q+1)$, $1 \leq i \leq m-1$. It can be verified that the induced edge labels of $G$ are $2, 4, \ldots, 2mq+m-1$ and $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$ for all $a, b \in A$. Thus, $G$ admits an even vertex equitable even labeling. □

**Theorem 2.5.** The graph $DA(Q_2) \circ nK_1$ admits an even vertex equitable even labeling.

Proof. Let $V(DA(Q_2) \circ nK_1) = \{u_1, u_2, v, w, x, y\} \cup \{u_{i,j} : 1 \leq i \leq 2, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{v_{j}, w_{j}, x_{j}, y_{j} : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and...
\( E(DA(Q_2) \odot nK_1) = \{ u_iu_{i,j} : 1 \leq i \leq 2, 1 \leq j \leq n \} \)
\( \bigcup \{ u_1u_2, u_1v, vw, wu_2, u_1x, xy, yu_2 \} \bigcup \{ vv_j, ww_j, xx_j, yy_j : 1 \leq j \leq n \} \). Then \( DA(Q_2) \odot nK_1 \) has \( 6(n+1) \) vertices and \( 6n + 7 \) edges.

Define a vertex labeling \( f : V(DA(Q_2) \odot nK_1) \rightarrow A = \{ 0, 2, 4, \cdots, 6n+8 \} \) as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
  f(u_1) &= 0, \\  f(u_2) &= 6n + 8, \\  f(v) &= 2n + 2, \\  f(w) &= 4(n + 1), \\  f(x) &= 2n + 4, \\  f(y) &= 4(n + 2), \\  f(u_{1,j}) &= 2j \text{ if } 1 \leq j \leq n, \\  f(v_j) &= 2j + 2 \text{ if } 1 \leq j \leq n, \\  f(y_j) &= 2(n + 4) + 2j \text{ if } 1 \leq j \leq n, \\  f(u_{2,j}) &= 6n + 8 - 2j \text{ if } 1 \leq j \leq n - 1, \\  f(u_{2,n}) &= f(x_n) = 4n + 6, \\  f(w_1) &= 2, \\  f(w_j) &= 6n + 10 - 2j \text{ if } 2 \leq j \leq n \text{ and } f(x_j) = 2n + 2j + 2 \text{ if } 1 \leq j \leq n - 1. 
\end{align*}
\]

It can be verified that the induced edge labels of \( DA(Q_2) \odot nK_1 \) are 2, 4, \cdots, 12n + 14 and \( |v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1 \) for all \( a, b \in A \). Thus, \( DA(Q_2) \odot nK_1 \) admits an even vertex equitable even labeling. \( \square \)

An even vertex equitable even labeling of \( DA(Q_2) \odot 3K_1 \) is shown in Figure 3.

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\end{figure}

**Theorem 2.6.** The graph \( DA(Q_m) \odot nK_1 \) admits an even vertex equitable even labeling.

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.5, \( DA(Q_2) \odot nK_1 \) is an even vertex equitable even graph. Let \( G_i = DA(Q_2) \odot nK_1 \) for \( 1 \leq i \leq m - 1 \). Since each \( G_i \) has \( 6n + 7 \) edges, by Theorem 2.4, \( DA(Q_m) \odot nK_1 \) admits an even vertex equitable even labeling. \( \square \)
**Theorem 2.7.** The graph $DA(T_2) \odot nK_1$ admits an even vertex equitable even labeling.

**Proof.** Let $V(DA(T_2) \odot nK_1) = \{u_1, u_2, u, w\} \cup \{u_{i,j} : 1 \leq i \leq 2, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $E(DA(T_2) \odot nK_1) = \{u_iu_{i,j} : 1 \leq i \leq 2, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{v_j, w_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$. Then $DA(T_2) \odot nK_1$ has $4(n+1)$ vertices and $4n+5$ edges.

Define a vertex labeling $f : V(DA(T_2) \odot nK_1) \rightarrow A = \{0, 2, 4, \cdots, 8n+10\}$ as follows: $f(u_1) = 0$, $f(u_2) = 4n+6$, $f(v) = 2n+2$, $f(w) = 2n+4$, $f(u_{1,j}) = 2j$, $f(v_j) = 2j+2$, $f(y_j) = 2n+4+2j$, $f(u_{2,j}) = 4n+6-2j$, for $1 \leq j \leq n$. It can be verified that the induced edge labels of $DA(T_2) \odot nK_1$ are $2, 4, \cdots, 8n+10$ and $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$ for all $a, b \in A$. Thus, $DA(T_2) \odot nK_1$ admits an even vertex equitable even labeling. □

An even vertex equitable even labeling of $DA(T_2) \odot 3K_1$ is shown in Figure 4.

![Figure 4](image)

**Theorem 2.8.** The graph $DA(T_m) \odot nK_1$ admits an even vertex equitable even labeling.

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.7, $DA(T_2) \odot nK_1$ is an even vertex equitable even graph. Let $G_i = DA(T_2) \odot nK_1$ for $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$. Since each $G_i$ has $4n+5$ edges, by Theorem 2.4, $DA(T_m) \odot nK_1$ admits an even vertex equitable even labeling. □
Theorem 2.9. The graph $S(\text{DA}(Q_n))$ is an even vertex equitable even graph.

Proof. Let $G = S(\text{DA}(Q_n))$. Let $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$ be the vertices of the path $P_n$. We construct $\text{DA}(Q_n)$ by joining every $u_{2i-1}$ is adjacent to $v_i$, $x_i$ and $u_{2i}$ is adjacent to $w_i$, $y_i$ and also $v_i$, $x_i$ is adjacent to $w_i$, $y_i$ respectively for $1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$. Let $V(G) = V(\text{DA}(Q_n)) \cup \{ u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \} \cup \{ v_i', w_i', x_i', y_i', z_i', z_i' : 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \}$ and $E(G) = \{ u_iu_i', u_iu_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \} \cup \{ v_iv_i', v_iy_i', y_iw_i', w_iw_i', x_iy_i', x_iy_i', z_iy_i', y_iy_i' : 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \} \cup \{ u_{2i-1}v_i, u_{2i-1}x_i, u_{2i}w_i, u_{2i}y_i : 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \}$. Then

$$|V(G)| = \begin{cases} 7n - 6 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd}, \\ 7n - 7 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$|E(G)| = \begin{cases} 8n - 8 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd}, \\ 8n - 7 & \text{if } n \text{ is even}. \end{cases}$$

Case (i): $n$ is even.
Define $f : V(G) \to A = \{0, 2, \ldots, 8n - 2\}$ as follows:

- $f(u_{2i-1}) = 16(i - 1)$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$;
- $f(u_{2i}) = f(u'_{2i-1}) = 16i - 2$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$;
- $f(u_{2i}') = 16i$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$;
- $f(v_i) = f(v_i') = 16i - 8$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$;
- $f(w_i) = f(w_i') = 16i - 4$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$;
- $f(x_i) = f(x_i') = 16i - 14$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$;
- $f(y_i) = f(y_i') = 16i - 10$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$;
- $f(z_i) = f(z_i') = 16i - 6$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$;
- $f(z_i') = 16i - 12$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$.

It can be verified that the induced edge labels of $S(\text{DA}(Q_n))$ are 2, 4, \ldots, 16n - 4 and $|v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1$ for all $a, b \in A$. Hence, $S(\text{DA}(Q_n))$ is an even vertex equitable even graph.

Case (ii): $n$ is odd.
We define a vertex labeling $f : V(G) \to A = \{0, 2, \ldots, 8n - 8\}$ as follows. Assign the labels to the vertices $u_{2i-1}(1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$ and
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\[ u_{2i}; u'_{2i-1}, u'_{2i}; v_i; v'_i, \\
w_i, w_i, x_i, y_i; y_i, z_i, z'_i (1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor) \] as in Case (i). It can be verified that the induced edge labels of \( S(DA(Q_n)) \) are 2, 4, \ldots, 16n − 16 and \( |v_f(a) − v_f(b)| \leq 1 \) for all \( a, b \in A \). Hence, \( S(DA(Q_n)) \) is an even vertex equitable even graph. \( \square \)

An even vertex equitable even labeling of \( S(DA(Q_6)) \) is shown in Figure 5.

![Figure 5](image_url)

**Theorem 2.10.** The graph \( S(DA(T_n)) \) is an even vertex equitable even graph.

**Proof.** Let \( G = S(DA(T_n)) \). Let \( u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n \) be the vertices of the path \( P_n \). We construct \( DA(T_n) \) by joining every \( u_{2i−1}, u_{2i} \) to the new vertices \( v_i, w_i \) for \( 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \). Let \( V(G) = V(DA(T_n)) \cup \{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n−1\} \cup \{x_i, y_i, x'_i, y'_i : 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\} \) and \( E(G) = \{u_iu'_i, u_iu_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n−1\} \cup \{x_iw_i, x'_iw_i, y_iw_i, y'_iw_i : 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\} \cup \{u_{2i−1}x_i, u_{2i−1}x'_i, u_{2i}y_i, u_{2i}y'_i : 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\} \). Then

\[
|V(G)| = \begin{cases} 
5n - 4 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\
5n - 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even}, 
\end{cases}
\]

\[
|E(G)| = \begin{cases} 
6n - 6 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\
6n - 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even}. 
\end{cases}
\]
Case (i): \( n \) is even.

Define \( f : V(G) \to A = \{0, 2, \ldots, 6n - 2\} \) as follows:
\[
\begin{align*}
  f(u_{2i-1}) &= 12(i-1), \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\
  f(u_{2i}) &= f(y_i) = 12i - 2, \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\
  f(u'_{2i-1}) &= 12i - 10, \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\
  f(u'_{2i}) &= 12i, \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}; \\
  f(v_i) &= 12i - 4, \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\
  f(x_i) &= f(y'_i) = 12i - 6, \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\
  f(w_i) &= f(x'_i) = 12i - 8, \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}.
\end{align*}
\]

It can be verified that the induced edge labels of \( S(DA(T_n)) \) are \( 2, 4, \ldots, 12n - 4 \) and \( |v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1 \) for all \( a, b \in A \). Hence, \( S(DA(T_n)) \) is an even vertex equitable even graph.

An even vertex equitable even labeling of \( S(DA(T_6)) \) is shown in Figure 6.

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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{fig6.png}
\caption{Figure 6}
\end{figure}
\end{center}

Case (ii): \( n \) is odd.

We define a vertex labeling \( f : V(G) \to A = \{0, 2, \ldots, 6n - 6\} \) as follows. Assign the labels to the vertices \( u_{2i-1}(1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) \) and \( u_{2i}, u'_{2i-1}, u'_2i, v_i, w_i, x_i, x'_i, y_i, y'_i(1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) \) as in Case (i). It can be verified that the induced edge labels of \( S(DA(T_n)) \) are \( 2, 4, \ldots, 12n - 12 \) and \( |v_f(a) - v_f(b)| \leq 1 \) for all \( a, b \in A \). Hence, \( S(DA(T_n)) \) is an even vertex equitable even graph. \( \Box \)

An even vertex equitable even labeling of \( S(DA(T_6)) \) is shown in Figure 6.
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