

LOGARITHMIC MEAN LABELING OF PATH RELATED GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT

A function  $f$  is called a logarithmic mean labeling of a graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges if  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q + 1\}$  is injective and the induced function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$  defined as

$$f^*(uv) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(v) - f(u)}{\ln f(v) - \ln f(u)} \right\rfloor, \text{ for all } uv \in E(G),$$

is bijective. A graph that admits a logarithmic mean labeling is called a logarithmic mean graph. In this paper, we have discussed the logarithmic meanness of the graphs path  $P_n$ , the star graph  $S_n$ ,  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ ,  $TW(P_n)$ , the graph  $P_n e S_m$ , the graph  $[P_n; S_m]$ , square graph of a path, total graph of a path, middle graph of a path, the graph  $P(1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1)$ , the graph  $S(P_n \circ K_1)$  and the arbitrary subdivision of  $S_3$ .

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1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, by a graph we mean a finite, undirected and simple graph. Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. For notations and terminology, we follow [4]. For a detailed survey on graph labeling we refer to [3].

Path on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $P_n$ .  $K_{1,n}$  is called a star graph and it is denoted by  $S_n$ . A tree is a connected acyclic graph.  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is a tree obtained from a path on  $n$  vertices by attaching  $X_i$  pendent vertices at each  $i^{th}$  vertex of the path, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . A Twig  $TW(P_n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$  is a graph obtained from a path by attaching exactly two pendant vertices to each internal vertices of the path. If  $v_1^{(i)}, v_2^{(i)}, v_3^{(i)}, \dots, v_{m+1}^{(i)}$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the star graph  $S_m$  and the path  $P_n$ , then the graph  $[P_n; S_m]$  is obtained from  $n$  copies of  $S_m$  and the path  $P_n$  by joining  $u_i$  with the central vertex  $v_1^{(i)}$  of the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $S_m$  by means of an edge, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The corona  $G_1 \circ G_2$  is a graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  of order  $p_1$  and  $p_1$  copies of  $G_2$  and then joining the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G_1$  with every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ . The graph  $P_n \circ K_1$  is called as comb. When  $G_2 = \overline{K_m}$ , then the graph  $G_1 \circ G_2$  is denoted as  $G_1 e S_m$ . Square of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $G^2$ , has the vertex set as in  $G$  and two vertices are adjacent in  $G^2$  if they are at a distance either 1 or 2 apart in  $G$ . The total graph  $T(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  and two vertices are adjacent if and only if either they are adjacent vertices of  $G$  or adjacent edges of  $G$  or one is a vertex of  $G$  and the other one is an edge incident on it. The middle graph  $M(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $\{v: v \in V(G)\} \cup \{e: e \in E(G)\}$  and the edge set is  $\{e_1 e_2: e_1, e_2 \in E(G) \text{ and } e_1 \text{ and } e_2 \text{ are adjacent edges of } G\} \cup \{ve: v \in V(G), e \in E(G) \text{ and } e \text{ is incident with } v\}$ . For a graph  $G$  the graph  $S(G)$  is obtained by subdividing each edge of  $G$  by a vertex. An arbitrary subdivision of a graph  $G$  is a graph obtained from  $G$  by a sequence of elementary subdivisions forming edges into paths through new vertices of degree 2. An arbitrary super subdivision  $P(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{n-1})$  of a path  $P_n$  is a graph obtained by replacing each  $i^{th}$  edge of  $P_n$  by identifying its end vertices of the edge with a partition of  $K_{2, m_i}$  having 2 elements, where  $m_i$  is any positive integer.

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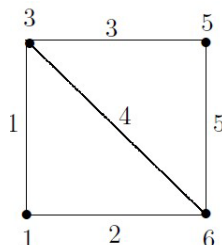
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The concept of mean labeling was first introduced by S. Somasundaram and R. Ponraj [5] and it was developed in [6]. Similarly the concept of  $F$ -geometric mean labeling was first introduced by A. Durai Baskar *et al.* [1] and it was developed in [2].

Motivated by the works of so many authors in the area of graph labeling, we introduced a new type of labeling called logarithmic mean labeling. A function  $f$  is called a logarithmic mean labeling of a graph  $G(V, E)$  if  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q + 1\}$  is injective and the induced function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$  defined as

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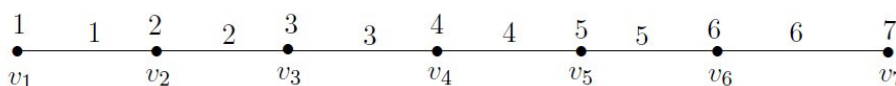
**Figure-1.1:** A logarithmic mean graph

In this paper, we have obtained the logarithmic meanness of the graphs path  $P_n$ , the star graph  $S_n$ ,  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ ,  $TW(P_n)$ , the graph  $P_n e S_m$ , the graph  $[P_n; S_m]$ , square graph of a path, total graph of a path, middle graph of a path, the graph  $P(1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1)$ , the graph  $S(P_n \circ K_1)$  and the arbitrary subdivision of  $S_3$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1:** Every path is a logarithmic mean graph.

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$ . We define  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  as follows  $f(v_i) = i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The induced edge labeling is as follows  $f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Hence  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of the path  $P_n$ . Thus the path  $P_n$  is a logarithmic mean graph.



**Figure-2.1:** A logarithmic mean labeling of  $P_7$ .

**Theorem 2.2:** Union of any two trees is not a logarithmic mean graph.

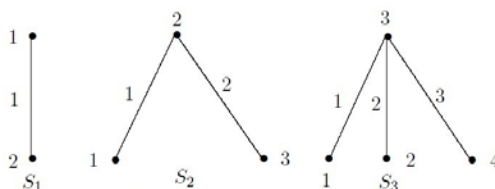
**Proof:** Let  $G$  be the union of two trees  $S$  and  $T$ , then  $|V(G)| = |V(S)| + |V(T)|$  and  $|E(G)| = |E(S)| + |E(T)| = |V(S)| + |V(T)| - 2$ . Since  $|V(G)| > |E(G)| + 1$ , a logarithmic mean labeling does not exist on  $V(G)$ .

**Corollary 2.3:** Any forest is not a logarithmic mean graph.

**Proof:** By the above Theorem 2.2, the result follows.

**Theorem 2.4:** The star graph  $S_n$  is a logarithmic mean graph if and only if  $n \leq 3$ .

**Proof:** The number of vertices and edges of  $S_n$  are  $n + 1$  and  $n$  respectively. If  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of  $S_n$ , then it is a bijective function from  $V(S_n)$  to  $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$ . As we have to label 1 for an edge, the vertex labels of its pair of adjacent vertices are either 1 and 2 or 1 and 3. So, the central vertex of  $S_n$  is labeled as either 1 or 2 or 3. 1 can not be a label for the central vertex in case of  $n \geq 2$ , since two of the pendant vertices of  $S_n$  are to be labeled as 2 and 3. When  $n \geq 3$ , 2 cannot be the label for the central vertex, since two of its pendant vertices having the labels 3 and 4. When  $n \geq 4$ , the pendant vertices are labeled to be 4 and 5 if the label of central vertex is 3.



**Figure-2.2:** A logarithmic mean labeling of  $S_n, n \leq 3$ .

**Theorem 2.5:**  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is a logarithmic mean graph, for  $1 \leq X_i \leq 3$  and  $|X_i - X_{i+1}| \leq 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$ . Let  $v_1^{(i)}, v_2^{(i)}, \dots, v_{X_i}^{(i)}$  be the pendant vertices attached at  $u_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Define  $f: V(P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + n\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_1^{(1)}) = 1, f(v_i^{(1)}) = \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} X_k + i, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n,$$

for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f(v_i^{(j)}) = \begin{cases} f(v_i^{(1)}) + 2 & X_i = 2 \text{ and } j = 2 \\ f(v_i^{(1)}) + 1 & X_i = 3 \text{ and } j = 2 \\ f(v_i^{(1)}) + 3 & X_i = 3 \text{ and } j = 3 \end{cases}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} f(v_i^{(1)}) + 1 & X_i = 1, 2 \\ f(v_i^{(1)}) + 2 & X_i = 3. \end{cases}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

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

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} f(u_i) & X_i = 1 \\ f(u_i) + 1 & X_i = 2, 3, \end{cases}$$

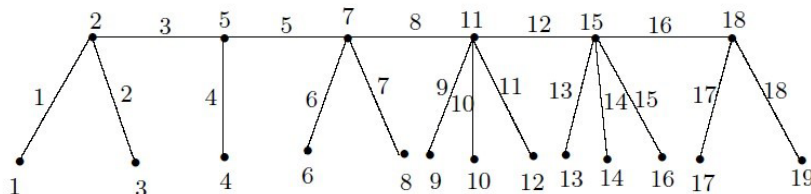
for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f^*(v_i^{(1)} u_i) = f(v_i^{(1)}) \text{ and}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f^*(v_i^{(j)} u_i) = \begin{cases} f(u_i) & X_i = 2 \text{ and } j = 2 \\ f(u_i) - 1 & X_i = 3 \text{ and } j = 2 \\ f(u_i) & X_i = 3 \text{ and } j = 3. \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ . Thus the graph  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is a logarithmic mean graph for  $1 \leq X_i \leq 3$  and  $|X_i - X_{i+1}| \leq 1$ .



**Figure-2.3:** A logarithmic mean labeling of  $P_6(2,1,2,3,3,2)$

**Corollary 2.6:**  $TW(P_n)$  is a logarithmic mean graph for  $m \leq 3$ .

**Corollary 2.7:**  $P_n \circ S_m$  is a logarithmic mean graph for  $m \leq 3$ .

**Theorem 2.8:**  $[P_n; S_m]$  is a logarithmic mean graph, for  $m \leq 2$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$  and Let  $v_1^{(i)}, v_2^{(i)}, \dots, v_{m+1}^{(i)}$  be the vertices of the star graph  $S_m$  such that  $v_1^{(i)}$  is the central vertex of  $S_m$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Case-i.  $m = 1$ .**

Define  $f: V([P_n; S_m]) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 3i & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i - 2 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_1^{(i)}) = 3i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and}$$

$$f(v_2^{(i)}) = \begin{cases} 3i - 2 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = 3i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1,$$

$$f^*(u_i v_1^{(i)}) = \begin{cases} 3i - 1 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i - 2 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } f^*(v_1^{(i)} v_2^{(i)}) = \begin{cases} 3i - 2 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd} \\ 3i - 1 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Case-ii.**  $m = 2$ .

Define  $f: V([P_n; S_m]) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n\}$  as follows:

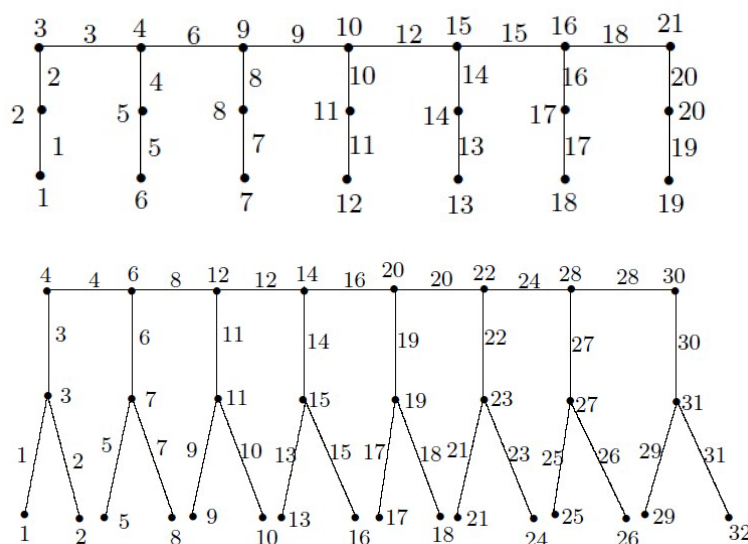
$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 4i & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i - 2 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1^{(i)}) &= 4i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_2^{(i)}) &= 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and} \\ f(v_3^{(i)}) &= \begin{cases} 4i - 2 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) &= 4i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f^*(u_i v_1^{(i)}) &= \begin{cases} 4i - 1 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i - 2 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even} \end{cases} \\ f^*(v_1^{(i)} v_2^{(i)}) &= 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and} \\ f^*(v_1^{(i)} v_3^{(i)}) &= \begin{cases} 4i - 2 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4i - 1 & 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of  $[P_n; S_m]$ . Thus the graph  $[P_n; S_m]$  is a logarithmic mean graph, for  $m \leq 2$  and  $n \geq 1$ .



**Figure-2.4:** A logarithmic mean labeling of  $[P_7; S_1]$  and  $[P_8; S_2]$

**Theorem 2.9:**  $P_n^2$  is a logarithmic mean graph for every  $n \geq 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$ .

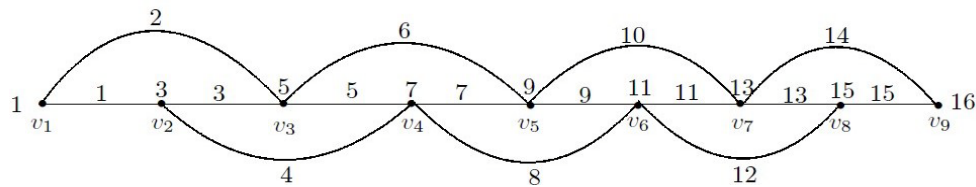
Define  $f: V(P_n^2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2(n-1)\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 2i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and} \\ f(v_n) &= 2(n - 1). \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and} \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+2}) &= 2i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of the graph  $P_n^2$ . Thus the graph  $P_n^2$  is a logarithmic mean graph, for  $n \geq 3$ .



**Figure-2.5:** A logarithmic mean labeling of  $P_9^2$

**Theorem 2.10:**  $T(P_n)$  is a logarithmic mean graph, for any  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(P_n) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$  be the vertex set and edge set of the path  $P_n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} V(T(P_n)) &= \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\} \text{ and} \\ E(T(P_n)) &= \{v_i v_{i+1}, e_i v_i, e_i v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{e_i e_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n - 2\}. \end{aligned}$$

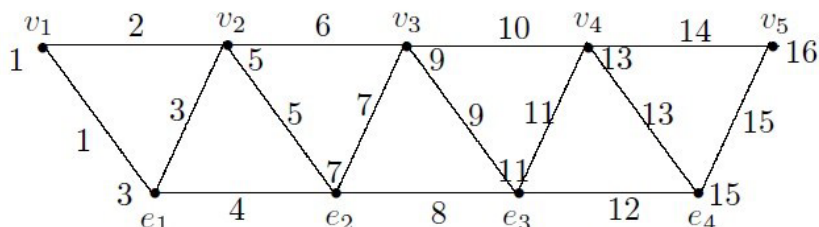
Define  $f: V(T(P_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4(n-1)\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(v_n) &= 4n - 4 \text{ and} \\ f(e_i) &= 4i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 4i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f^*(e_i e_{i+1}) &= 4i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2, \\ f^*(e_i v_i) &= 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and} \\ f^*(e_i v_{i+1}) &= 4i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of the graph  $T(P_n)$ . Thus the graph  $T(P_n)$  is a logarithmic mean graph, for  $n \geq 2$ .



**Figure-2.6:** A logarithmic mean labeling of  $T(P_5)$

**Theorem 2.11:** The middle graph of a path is a logarithmic mean graph.

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(P_n) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$  be the vertex set and edge set of the path  $P_n$ .

Then  $V(M(P_n)) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$  and

$$E(M(P_n)) = \{v_i e_i, e_i v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{e_i e_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n - 2\}.$$

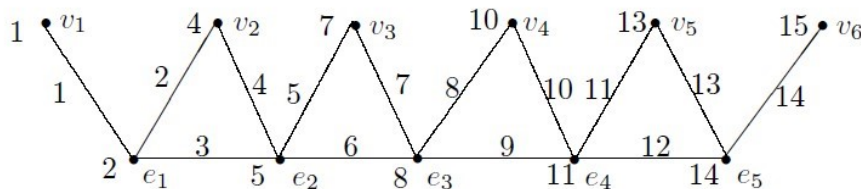
Define  $f: V(M(P_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n - 3\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 3i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(v_n) &= 3n - 3 \text{ and} \\ f(e_i) &= 3i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i e_i) &= 3i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f^*(e_i v_{i+1}) &= 3i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and} \\ f^*(e_i e_{i+1}) &= 3i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of the middle graph  $M(P_n)$ . Thus the middle graph  $M(P_n)$  is a logarithmic mean graph.



**Figure-2.7:** A logarithmic mean labeling of  $M(P_6)$

**Theorem 2.12:** For any  $n \geq 2$ ,  $P(1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1)$  is a logarithmic mean graph.

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$  and let  $u_{ij}$  be the vertices of the partition of  $K_{2, m_i}$  with cardinality  $m_i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m_i$ .

Define  $f: V(P(1, 2, \dots, n - 1)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n(n - 1) + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= i(i - 1) + 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and} \\ f(u_{ij}) &= i(i - 1) + 2j, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq i \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i u_{ij}) &= i(i - 1) + j, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq i \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and} \\ f^*(u_{ij} v_{i+1}) &= i^2 + j, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq i \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of the graph  $P(1, 2, \dots, n - 1)$ . Thus the graph  $P(1, 2, \dots, n - 1)$  is a logarithmic mean graph.

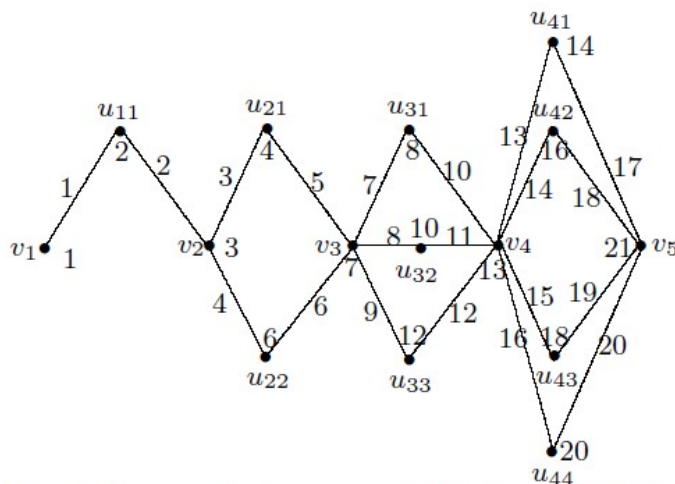


Figure-2.8: A logarithmic mean labeling of  $P(1,2,3,4,5)$

**Theorem 2.13:**  $S(P_n \circ K_1)$  is a logarithmic mean graph, for  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V[P_n \circ K_1] = \{u_i, v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Let  $x_i$  be the vertex which divides the edge  $u_i v_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $y_i$  be the vertex which divides the edge  $u_i v_{i+1}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Then

$$V[S(P_n \circ K_1)] = \{u_i, v_i, x_i, y_j; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \text{ and}$$

$$E[S(P_n \circ K_1)] = \{u_i x_i, v_i x_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i y_i, y_i u_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}.$$

We define  $f: V[S(P_n \circ K_1)] \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n-1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 4i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(y_i) &= 4i + 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f(x_i) &= 4i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and} \\ f(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 & i = 1 \\ 4i - 4 & 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_i y_i) &= 4i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ f^*(y_i u_{i+1}) &= 4i + 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ f^*(u_i x_i) &= 4i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and} \\ f^*(v_i x_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 & i = 1 \\ 4i - 4 & 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of  $S(P_n \circ K_1)$ . Thus the graph  $S(P_n \circ K_1)$  is a logarithmic mean graph, for  $n \geq 2$ .

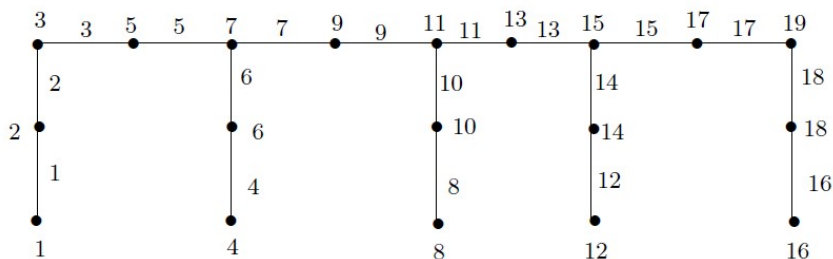


Figure-2.9: A logarithmic mean labeling of  $S(P_5 \circ K_1)$ .

**Theorem 2.14:** Arbitrary subdivision of  $S_3$  is a logarithmic mean graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a graph of arbitrary subdivision of  $S_3$ . Let  $v_0, v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  be the vertices of  $G$  in which  $v_0$  is the central vertex and  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are the pendant vertices of  $S_3$ . Let the edges  $v_0 v_1, v_0 v_2$  and  $v_0 v_3$  of  $S_3$  be subdivided by  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  number of vertices respectively.

Let  $v_0, v_1^{(1)}, v_2^{(1)}, v_3^{(1)}, \dots, v_{p_1+1}^{(1)} (= v_1), v_0, v_1^{(2)}, v_2^{(2)}, v_3^{(2)}, \dots, v_{p_2+1}^{(2)} (= v_2)$  and  $v_0, v_1^{(3)}, v_2^{(3)}, v_3^{(3)}, \dots, v_{p_3+1}^{(3)} (= v_3)$  be the vertices of  $G$  and  $v_0 = v_0^{(i)}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

Let  $e_j^{(i)} = v_{j-1}^{(i)} v_j^{(i)}, 1 \leq j \leq p_i + 1$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  be the edges of  $G$  and it has  $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + 4$  vertices and  $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + 3$  edges with  $p_1 \leq p_2 \leq p_3$ .

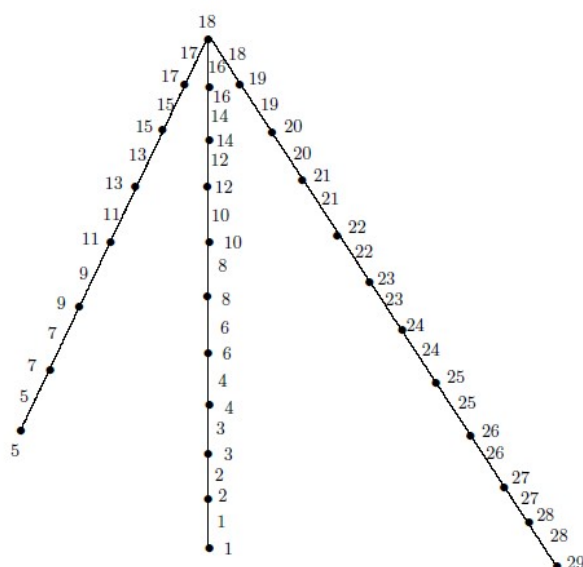
Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + 4\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= p_1 + p_2 + 3, \\ f(v_i^{(1)}) &= p_1 + p_2 + 4 - 2i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq p_1 + 1, \\ f(v_i^{(2)}) &= \begin{cases} p_1 + p_2 + 3 - 2i & 1 \leq i \leq p_1 + 1 \\ p_2 + 2 - i & p_1 + 2 \leq i \leq p_2 + 1 \end{cases} \text{ and} \\ f(v_i^{(3)}) &= p_1 + p_2 + 3 + i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq p_3 + 1. \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labeling is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i^{(1)}v_{i+1}^{(1)}) &= p_1 + p_2 + 2 - 2i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq p_1, \\ f^*(v_i^{(2)}v_{i+1}^{(2)}) &= \begin{cases} p_1 + p_2 + 1 - 2i & 1 \leq i \leq p_1 \\ p_2 + 1 - i & p_1 + 1 \leq i \leq p_2, \end{cases} \\ f^*(v_i^{(3)}v_{i+1}^{(3)}) &= p_1 + p_2 + 3 + i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq p_3, \\ f^*(v_0v_1^{(1)}) &= p_1 + p_2 + 2, \\ f^*(v_0v_2^{(1)}) &= p_1 + p_2 + 1 \text{ and} \\ f^*(v_0v_3^{(1)}) &= p_1 + p_2 + 3. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is a logarithmic mean labeling of  $G$ . Thus the arbitrary subdivision of  $S_3$  is a logarithmic mean graph.



**Figure-2.10:** A logarithmic mean labeling of arbitrary subdivision of  $S_3$ .

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