

# Snakes related strongly\*-graphs

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**Abstract** —A graph with  $n$  vertices is said to be strongly\*-graph if its vertices can be assigned the values  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  in such a way that when an edge whose end vertices are labeled  $i$  and  $j$ , is labeled with the value  $i + j + ij$  such that all edges have distinct labels. Here we derive some snakes related strongly\*-graphs.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Here graph  $G$  is considered as a simple, finite, undirected graph.

**Definition I.1.** [1] A graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices is said to be strongly\*-graph if there is a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that the induced edge function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined as  $f^*(e = uv) = f(u) + f(v) + f(u) \cdot f(v)$  is injective. Here  $f$  is called strongly\*-labeling of graph  $G$ .

## II. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition II.1.** [2] A triangular snake  $T_n$  is obtained from a path  $P_n$  by replacing each edge of the  $P_n$  by a cycle  $C_3$ .

**Definition II.2.** [4] An alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is obtained from a path  $P_n$  by replacing each alternate edge of  $P_n$  by a cycle  $C_3$ .

**Theorem II.1.** Alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is strongly\*-graph.

*Proof.* Let  $A(T_n)$  be the alternate triangular snake obtained from a path  $P_n$  with consecutive vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  with new vertex  $v_j$  alternatively,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ . To define vertex labeling function  $f : V(A(T_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(A(T_n))|\}$  we consider the following cases.

**Case 1:** Triangle in  $A(T_n)$  starts from  $u_1$ . Note that in this case  $|V(A(T_n))| = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + n$  and  $|E(A(T_n))| = \begin{cases} 2n-1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \\ 2(n-1), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$   
 $f(u_i) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + n$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .  
 $f(v_j) = 3j - 1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .  
Strongly\*-labeling of  $A(T_n)$  in this case is shown in Figure 1.

**Case 2:** Triangle in  $A(T_n)$  starts from  $u_2$ .

**Subcase 1:**  $n$  is odd.

Defined as case-1.

**Subcase 2:**  $n$  is even.

Note that  $|V(A(T_n))| = \frac{3n}{2} - 1$  and  $|E(A(T_n))| = 2n - 3$

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

$f(v_j) = 3j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

Strongly\*-labeling of  $A(T_n)$  in this case is shown in Figure 2.

Here the vertex labels produced by labeling  $f$  in  $A(T_n)$  are strictly increasing.

Hence obviously edge labels produced by  $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v) + f(u) \cdot f(v)$  are increasing for all pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $A(T_n)$ . Hence the edge labels produced are all distinct. So, the labeling pattern defined above satisfies the conditions of strongly\*-labeling. i.e.  $A(T_n)$  is strongly\*-graph.  $\square$

**Definition II.3.** [3] A double triangular snake  $DT_n$  consists of two triangular snakes that have a common path.

**Theorem II.2.** Double triangular snake  $DT_n$  is strongly\*-graph.

*Proof.* Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be successive vertices of  $P_n$  in  $DT_n$ , where  $u_i$  is adjacent to  $u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Join  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  with two new vertices  $v_i$  and  $w_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

Here,  $|V(DT_n)| = 3n - 2$  and  $|E(DT_n)| = 5(n - 1)$ .

We define vertex labeling function  $f : V(DT_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(DT_n)|\}$  as follows.

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

$$\left. \begin{matrix} f(v_i) = 3i - 1 \\ f(w_i) = 3i \end{matrix} \right\} 1 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

Strongly\*-labeling of  $DT_n$  is shown in Figure 3.

Since the vertex labels are strictly increasing, for any pair of adjacent vertices  $(u_i, v_j)$  and  $(u_s, u_t)$ , we have  $(f(u_i) + f(v_j) + f(u_i)f(v_j)) \neq (f(u_s) + f(u_t) + f(u_s)f(u_t)) \Rightarrow f^*(u_i v_j) \neq f^*(u_s v_t)$ . Hence above defined labeling pattern satisfies the conditions of strongly\*-labeling. i.e. Double triangular snake is strongly\*-graph.  $\square$

**Definition II.4.** [4] An alternate double triangular snake  $DA(T_n)$  consists of two alternate triangular snakes that have common path.

**Theorem II.3.** Alternate double triangular snake  $DA(T_n)$  is strongly\*-graph.

*Proof.* Let  $DA(T_n)$  be the alternate double triangular snake obtained from a path  $P_n$  with consecutive vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  with two new vertices  $v_j$  and  $w_j$  alternatively,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

In this case we define vertex labeling function  $f : V(DA(T_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(DA(T_n))|\}$  as follows.

**Case 1:** Triangle in  $DA(T_n)$  starts from  $u_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } |V(DA(T_n))| &= \begin{cases} 2n, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \\ 2n - 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \\ \text{and } |E(DA(T_n))| &= \begin{cases} 3n - 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \\ 3n - 3, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \\ f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} f(v_j) = 4j - 2, \\ f(w_j) = 4j, \end{matrix} \right\} 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor.$$

In this case strongly\*-labeling of  $DA(T_n)$  is shown in Figure 4.

**Case 2:** Triangle in  $DA(T_n)$  starts from  $u_2$ .

**Subcase 1:**  $n$  is odd.

Defined as case-1.

**Subcase 2:**  $n$  is even.

Note that  $|V(DA(T_n))| = 4n - 2$  and  $|E(DA(T_n))| = 3n - 5$ .

$$f(u_1) = 1.$$

$$f(u_i) = 2(i - 1), 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} f(v_j) = 4j - 1, \\ f(w_j) = 4j + 1, \end{matrix} \right\} 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor.$$

In this case strongly\*-labeling of  $DA(T_n)$  is shown in Figure 5.

It can be easily observed that if vertex labels are in increasing order so, the produced edge labels are also increasing. So, they produced different edge labeling.

Hence above defined labeling pattern satisfies the conditions of strongly \*-labeling. i.e.  $DA(T_n)$  is strongly\*-graph.  $\square$

**Definition II.5.** [3] A quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is obtained from a path  $P_n$  by replacing each edge of  $P_n$  by a cycle  $C_4$ .

**Theorem II.4.** Quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is strongly\*-graph.

*Proof.* Let  $P_n$  be the path of  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  to construct  $Q_n$ , join  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) to two new vertices  $v_i$  and  $w_i$  by the edges  $u_i v_i, u_{i+1} w_i$  and  $v_i w_i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

Here  $|V(Q_n)| = 3n - 2$  and  $|E(Q_n)| = 4(n - 1)$ .

We define vertex labeling function  $f : V(Q_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(Q_n)|\}$  as follows.

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

$$\left. \begin{matrix} f(v_i) = 3i - 1, \\ f(w_i) = 3i, \end{matrix} \right\} 1 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

Strongly\*-labeling of  $Q_n$  is shown in Figure 6.

Here every edge of  $P_n$  is an edge of cycle  $C_4$  having the vertices  $u_i, v_i, w_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  which are labeled in strictly increasing. So, it is obvious that for any pair of adjacent vertices produce different edge labeling for defined function. So, they satisfies the conditions of strongly \*-graph. i.e.  $Q_n$  is strongly\*-graph.  $\square$

**Definition II.6.** [4] An alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$  is obtained from a path  $P_n$ , each alternate edge of  $P_n$  is replaced by a cycle  $C_4$ .

**Theorem II.5.** Alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$  is strongly\*-graph.

*Proof.* Let  $A(Q_n)$  be the alternate quadrilateral snake obtained from a

path  $P_n$  with consecutive vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) with new vertices  $v_j$  and  $w_j, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

To define vertex labeling function  $f : V(A(Q_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(A(Q_n))|\}$  we consider the following cases.

**Case 1:** Quadrilateral in  $A(Q_n)$  starts from  $u_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } |V(A(Q_n))| &= \begin{cases} 2n, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \\ 2n - 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \\ \text{and } |E(A(Q_n))| &= \begin{cases} \frac{5n}{2} - 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \\ 5(n - 1), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 2i, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \\ 2i - 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \\ f(v_j) = 4j - 2, \\ f(w_j) = 4j - 1, \end{matrix} \right\} 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor.$$

In this case strongly\*-labeling of  $A(Q_n)$  is shown in Figure 7.

**Case 2:** Quadrilateral in  $A(Q_n)$  starts from  $u_2$ .

**Subcase 1:**  $n$  is odd.

Defined as case-1.

**Subcase 2:**  $n$  is even.

Note that  $|V(A(Q_n))| = 2(n - 1)$  and  $|E(A(Q_n))| = \frac{5n}{2} - 4$ .

$$f(u_i) = 2(i - 1), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} f(v_j) = 4j - 1, \\ f(w_j) = 4j, \end{matrix} \right\} 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor.$$

In this case strongly\*-labeling of  $A(Q_n)$  is shown in Figure 8.

In above cases every alternate edge of path is related to cycle  $C_4$  and defined labeling function  $f$  for  $A(Q_n)$  are strictly increasing. So, the induced edge labels by  $f^*(u_i v_j) = f(u_i) + f(v_j) + f(u_i) \cdot f(v_j), f^*(w_j v_j) = f(w_j) + f(v_j) + f(w_j) \cdot f(v_j), f^*(u_i w_j) = f(u_i) + f(w_j) + f(u_i) \cdot f(w_j)$  and  $f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) + f(u_i) \cdot f(u_{i+1})$ .

$f(u_{i+1})$  are increasing and distinct for all pair of adjacent vertices  $(u_i, u_{i+1}), (u_i, v_j), (w_j, v_j)$  and  $(w_j, u_{i+1})$  in  $A(Q_n)$ . Hence above defined labeling pattern satisfies the conditions of strongly\*-labeling. i.e.  $A(Q_n)$  is strongly\*-graph  $\square$

**Definition II.7.** [3] A double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_n$  is consist of two quadrilateral snakes that have common path.

**Theorem II.6.** Double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_n$  is strongly\*-graph.

*Proof.* Let  $P_n$  be the path of  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  to construct  $DQ_n$ , join  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$ (alternatively) to four new vertices  $v_i, w_i, v'_i$  and  $w'_i$  by the edges  $u_i v_i, u_{i+1} w_i, v_i w_i, u_i v'_i, u_{i+1} w'_i$  and  $v'_i w'_i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

Here  $|V(DQ_n)| = 5n - 4$  and  $|E(DQ_n)| = 7(n - 1)$ .

We define vertex labeling function  $f : V(DQ_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(DQ_n)|\}$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 1. \\ f(u_i) &= 5i - 6, 2 \leq i \leq n. \\ \left. \begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 5i - 3, \\ f(w_i) &= 5i - 2, \\ f(v'_i) &= 5i + 1, \\ f(w'_i) &= 5i, \end{aligned} \right\} 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Strongly\*-labeling of  $DQ_n$  is shown in Figure 9.

Here every edge of  $P_n$  is an edge of cycle  $C_6$  with one chord having the vertices  $u_i, v_i, w_i, u_{i+1}, w'_i$  and  $v'_i$  which are labeled in strictly increasing. So, it is obvious that for any pair of adjacent vertices  $(u_i, v_i), (v_i, w_i), (u_i, u_{i+1}), (w'_i, v'_i), (w'_i, u_{i+1})$  and  $(u_i, v'_i)$  produce different edge labeling for defined function. So, they satisfies the conditions of strongly \*-graph. i.e.  $DQ_n$  is strongly\*-graph.  $\square$

**Definition II.8.** [4] An alternate double quadrilateral snake  $A(DQ_n)$  is consist of two alternate double quadrilateral snakes that have common path.

**Theorem II.7.** Alternate double quadrilateral snake  $DA(Q_n)$  is strongly\*-graph.

*Proof.* Let  $DA(Q_n)$  be the alternate double quadrilateral snake obtained from a path  $P_n$  with consecutive vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) with four new vertices  $v_j, w_j, v'_j$  and  $w'_j$  by the edges  $u_i v_j, u_{i+1} w_j, v_j w_j, u_i v'_j, u_{i+1} w'_j$  and  $v'_j w'_j, 1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

To define vertex labeling function  $f : V(DA(Q_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(DA(Q_n))|\}$  we consider the following cases.

**Case 1:** Quadrilateral in  $DA(Q_n)$  starts from  $u_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } |V(DA(Q_n))| &= \begin{cases} 3n, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \\ 3n - 2, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \\ \text{and } |E(DA(Q_n))| &= \begin{cases} 4n - 5, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \\ 4(n - 1), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \\ f(u_i) &= 3i - 2, 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(v_j) &= 6j - 4, \\ f(w_j) &= 6j - 3, \\ f(v'_j) &= 6j, \\ f(w'_j) &= 6j - 1, \end{aligned} \right\} 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor.$$

In this case strongly\*-labeling of  $DA(Q_n)$  is shown in Figure 10.

**Case 2:** Quadrilateral in  $DA(Q_n)$  starts from  $u_2$ .

**Subcase 1:**  $n$  is odd.

Defined as case-1.

**Subcase 2:**  $n$  is even.

Note that  $|V(DA(Q_n))| = 3n - 4$  and  $|E(DA(Q_n))| = 4n - 7$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 1. \\ f(u_i) &= 3i - 4, 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(v_j) &= 6j - 3, \\ f(w_j) &= 6j - 2, \\ f(v'_j) &= 6j + 1, \\ f(w'_j) &= 6j, \end{aligned} \right\} 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor.$$

In this case strongly\*-labeling of  $DA(Q_n)$  is shown in Figure 11.

It can be easily observed that if vertex labels are strictly increasing then the produced edge labels are also increasing. That means the edge labels produced are all distinct. Hence above defined labeling pattern satisfies the conditions of strongly \*-labeling. i.e.  $DA(Q_n)$  is strongly\*-graph.  $\square$

III. FIGURES

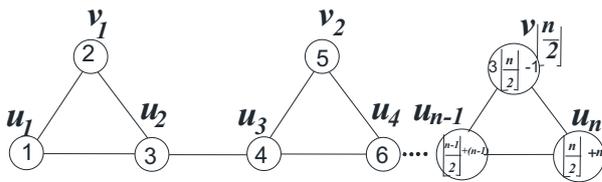


Fig. 1

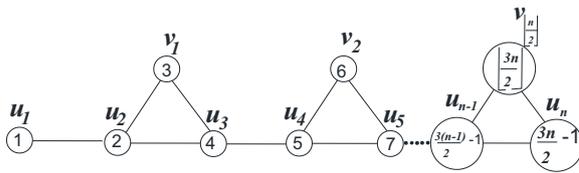


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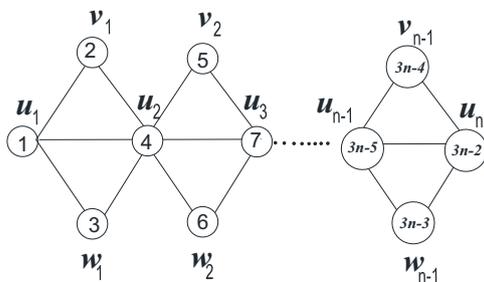


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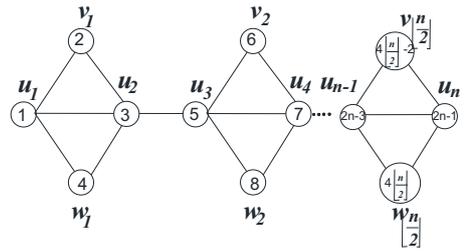


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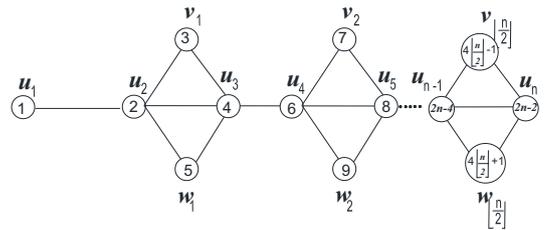


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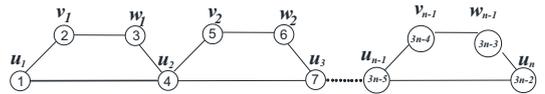


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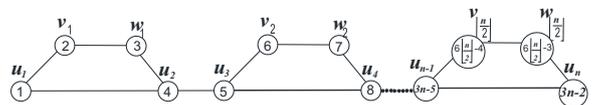


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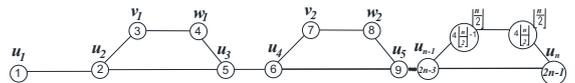


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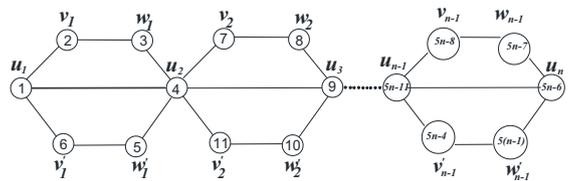


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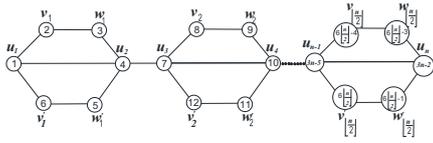


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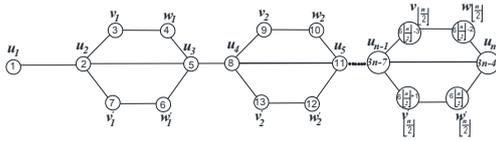


Fig. 11

#### IV. CONCLUSION

It has been proved that all cycles and paths admit labeling specific manner produces specific snakes-type graphs. It is instructing to see whether these combination admit strong \* labeling or not.

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