



## SQUARE DIFFERENCE GEOMETRIC MEAN 3-EQUITABLE LABELING OF CERTAIN GRAPHS

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### Abstract

A Square Difference Geometric Mean (SDGM) 3-Equitable labeling of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a surjective mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  such that the induced mapping  $g : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is defined by  $\left\lceil \sqrt{|(f(u))^2 - (f(v))^2|} \right\rceil, \forall uv \in E(G)$  with the condition  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . A graph is called a Square Difference Geometric Mean (SDGM) 3-Equitable graph if there exists a SDGM 3-Equitable labeling. In this paper we define the SDGM 3-Equitable labeling and we investigate the SDGM 3-Equitable labeling of certain graphs such as Path graph, Cycle graph, Star graph, Bistar graph and Comb graph.

### 1. Introduction

Here we are considering non trivial, simple, finite and undirected graphs. An assignment of integers to the vertices or edges, or both subject to certain conditions is called graph labeling [5]. The concept of cordial and 3-equitable labeling was introduced by Cahit [2]. Ponraj, Sivakumar and Sundaram introduced the concept of mean cordial labeling [7]. Geometric mean cordial

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labeling was introduced by K. Chitra Lakshmi, K. Nagarajan [3]. Meghpara Meera et al., points out that the name “Geometric Mean Cordial Labeling” should be “Geometric Mean 3-Equitable Labeling” as K. Chitra Lakshmi, K. Nagarajan are using  $e_f(0)$ ,  $e_f(1)$ ,  $e_f(2)$  [6].

Motivated by these definitions, in this paper we define the new notion called Square Difference Geometric Mean (SDGM) 3-Equitable labeling. We investigate the SDGM 3-Equitable labeling of certain graphs such as Path graph, Cycle graph, Star graph, Bistar graph and Comb graph. Terms and definitions not defined here are used in the sense of Harary [4].

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** [8]. The bistar graph  $B[n, n]$  is the graph obtained by joining the center (apex) vertices of two copies of  $K_{(1, n)}$  by an edge.

**Definition 2.2** [1]. Let  $P_n$  be a path graph with  $n$  vertices and  $n - 1$  edges. The comb graph is defined as  $P_n \cup K_1$ . The comb is a graph formed by joining a pendant edge to each vertices of the path. The comb graph has  $2n$  vertices and  $2n - 1$  edges.

## 3. Main Results

**Definition 3.1.** A Square Difference Geometric Mean (SDGM) 3-Equitable labeling of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a surjective mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  such that the induced mapping  $g : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is defined by  $\left\lceil \sqrt{|(f(u))^2 - (f(v))^2|} \right\rceil, \forall uv \in E(G)$  with the condition  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . A graph is called a Square Difference Geometric Mean (SDGM) 3-Equitable graph if there exists a SDGM 3-Equitable labeling.

**Remarks 3.1.** If we consider  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  the definition 3.1 coincides with that of cordial labeling. Hence we consider  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Any Path graph  $P_n$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph.

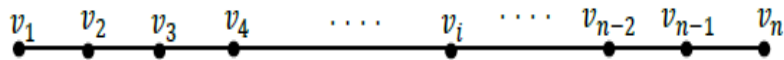
**Proof.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a Path Graph  $P_n$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{v_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $E(G) = \{v_i v_{i+1}/1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ .

Let  $|V(G)| = l$  and  $|E(G)| = k$ . Then  $l = n$  and  $k = n - 1$ .

The Path Graph  $P_n$  is shown below in Figure 1



**Figure 1.** Path Graph  $P_n$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ . as follows:

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod } 6) \\ 1, & i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod } 6) \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 2, & i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod } 6) \end{cases}$$

**Case (i).**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3)$

Let  $n = 3t, t \geq 1$

Here  $l = n = 3t$  and  $k = n - 1 = 3t - 1$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t$  and  $e_g(0) = t - 1, e_g(1) = e_g(2) = t$ .

**Case (ii).**  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod } 3)$

Let  $n = 3t + 1, t \geq 0$

Here  $l = n = 3t + 1$  and  $k = n - 1 = 3t$ .

**Subcase (i).**  $t$  is odd

$v_f(0) = v_f(1) = t, v_f(2) = t + 1$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = e_g(2) = t$ .

**Subcase (ii).**  $t$  is even

$v_f(0) = t + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = e_g(2) = t$ .

**Case (iii).**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t + 2$ ,  $t \geq 0$

Here  $l = n = 3t + 2$  and  $k = n - 1 = 3t + 1$ .

**Subcase (i).**  $t$  is odd

$v_f(0) = t$ ,  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t + 1$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = t$ ,  $e_g(2) = t + 1$ .

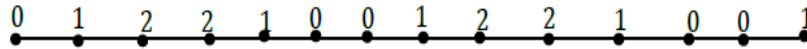
**Subcase (ii).**  $t$  is even

$v_f(0) = v_f(1) = t + 1$ ,  $v_f(2) = t$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(2) = t$ ,  $e_g(1) = t + 1$ .

In all the above three cases, we see that  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

Hence Path graph  $P_n$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph.

**Illustration 3.1.** SDGM 3-Equitable Labeling of Path graph  $P_{14}$  is shown in Figure 2



**Figure 2.** Path Graph  $P_{14}$ .

Here  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = 5$ ,  $v_f(2) = 4$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(2) = 4$ ,  $e_g(1) = 5$ .

Therefore  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *The Cycle graph  $C_n$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph except for  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ .*

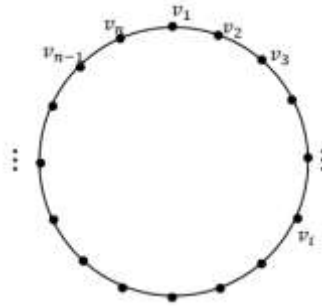
**Proof.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a Cycle Graph  $C_n$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $E(G) = \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_n v_1\}$

Let  $|V(G)| = l$  and  $|E(G)| = k$ . Then  $l = n$  and  $k = n$ .

The Cycle Graph  $C_n$  is shown below in Figure 3



**Figure 3.** Cycle Graph  $C_n$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  as follows:

**Case (i).**  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 6)$

Let  $n = 6t + 2, t > 0$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 1, 4(\text{mod } 6) \\ 1, & i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod } 6) \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 \\ 2, & i \equiv 0, 5(\text{mod } 6) \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_{n-1}) = 1$$

$$f(v_n) = 0$$

Here  $l = n = 6t + 2$  and  $k = n = 6t + 2$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = 2t + 1, v_f(2) = 2t$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 2t + 1, e_g(2) = 2t$ .

**Case (ii).**  $n \not\equiv 2(\text{mod } 6)$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod } 6) \\ 1, & i \equiv 2, 5(\text{mod } 6) \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 2, & i \equiv 3, 4(\text{mod } 6) \end{cases}$$

**Subcase (i).**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 6)$

Let  $n = 6t, t > 0$

Here  $l = n = 6t$  and  $k = n = 6t$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = e_g(2) = 2t$ .

**Subcase (ii).**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$

Let  $n = 6t + 1$ ,  $t > 0$

Here  $l = n = 6t + 1$  and  $k = n = 6t + 1$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t$  and  $e_g(0) = 2t + 1$ ,  $e_g(1) = e_g(2) = 2t$ .

**Subcase (iii).**  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$

Let  $n = 6t + 4$ ,  $t \geq 0$

Here  $l = n = 6t + 4$  and  $k = n = 6t + 4$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(2) = 2t + 2$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 2t + 1$ ,  
 $e_g(2) = 2t + 2$ .

**Subcase (iv).**  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$

Let  $n = 6t + 5$ ,  $t \geq 0$

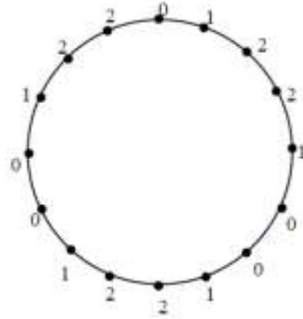
Here  $l = n = 6t + 5$  and  $k = n = 6t + 5$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t + 2$  and  $e_g(0) = 2t + 1$ ,  $e_g(1)$   
 $= e_g(2) = 2t + 2$ .

In all the above cases, we see that  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  
 $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

Hence Cycle graph  $C_n$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph.

**Illustration 3.2.** SDGM 3-Equitable Labeling of Cycle graph  $C_{16}$  is shown in Figure 4



**Figure 4.** Cycle Graph  $C_{16}$ .

Here  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = 5$ ,  $v_f(2) = 6$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 5$ ,  $e_g(2) = 6$ .

Therefore  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

**Note.** For  $n \equiv 3(\text{mod } 6)$ , the cycle graph  $C_n$  is not a SDGM 3-Equitable graph.

**Theorem 3.3.** *The Star graph  $K_{1,n}$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph for all  $n \geq 1$ .*

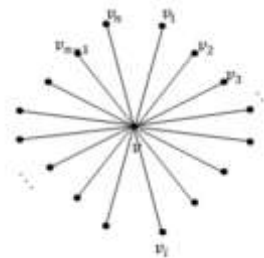
**Proof.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a Star Graph  $K_{1,n}$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $E(G) = \{vv_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $|V(G)| = l$  and  $|E(G)| = k$ . Then  $l = n + 1$  and  $k = n$ .

The Star Graph  $K_{1,n}$  is shown below in Figure 5



**Figure 5.** Star Graph  $K_{1,n}$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  as follows.

$$f(v) = 0$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \\ 1, & i \equiv 2(\text{mod } 3) \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 2, & i \equiv 1(\text{mod } 3) \end{cases}$$

**Case (i).**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3)$

Let  $n = 3t, t > 0$

Here  $l = n + 1 = 3t + 1$  and  $k = n = 3t$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = t + 1, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = e_g(2) = t$ .

**Case (ii).**  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod } 3)$

Let  $n = 3t + 1, t \geq 0$

Here  $l = n + 1 = 3t + 2$  and  $k = n = 3t + 1$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = t + 1, v_f(1) = t$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = t, e_g(2) = t + 1$ .

**Case (iii).**  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 3)$

Let  $n = 3t + 2, t \geq 0$

Here  $l = n + 1 = 3t + 3$  and  $k = n = 3t + 2$ .

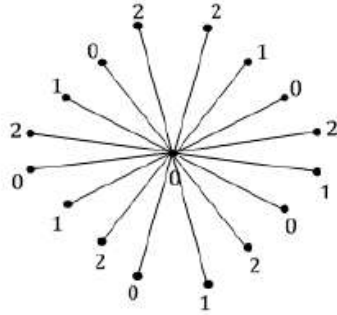
Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t + 1$  and  $e_g(0) = t, e_g(1) = e_g(2) = t + 1$ .

In all the above three cases, we see that  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

Hence Star graph  $K_{1,n}$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph.

**Illustration 3.3.** SDGM 3-Equitable Labeling of Star graph  $K_{1,16}$  is shown in Figure 6





**Figure 6.** Star Graph  $K_{1,16}$ .

Here  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 6$ ,  $v_f(1) = 5$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 5$ ,  $e_g(2) = 5$ .

Therefore  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *The Bistar graph  $B(n, n)$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph for all  $n \geq 1$ .*

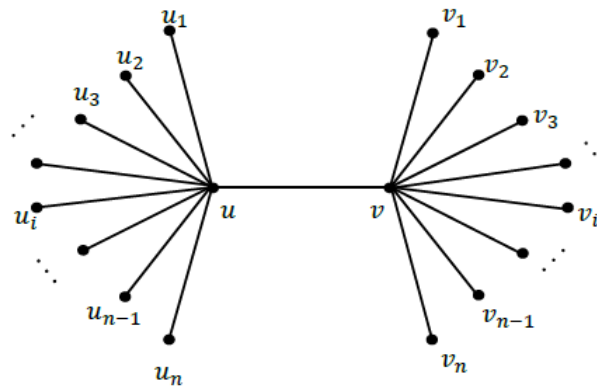
**Proof.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a Bistar Graph  $B(n, n)$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $E(G) = \{uu_i, vv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $|V(G)| = l$  and  $|E(G)| = k$ . Then  $l = 2n + 2$  and  $k = 2n + 1$ .

The Bistar Graph  $B(n, n)$  is shown below in Figure 7



**Figure 7.** Bistar Graph  $B[n, n]$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  as follows:

**Case (i).**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t, t \geq 1$

$$f(u) = f(v) = 0$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, & t+1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases} \text{ and } f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq t-1 \\ 2, & t \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}$$

Here  $l = 2n + 2 = 6t + 2$  and  $k = 2n + 1 = 6t + 1$ .

$$\text{Then } v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 2t + 1, v_f(1) = 2t \quad \text{and} \quad e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 2t, e_g(2) = 2t + 1.$$

**Case (ii).**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t + 1, t \geq 0$

$$f(u) = f(v) = 0$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, & t+1 \leq i \leq 3t+1 \end{cases} \text{ and } f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 2, & t+1 \leq i \leq 3t+1 \end{cases}$$

Here  $l = 2n + 2 = 6t + 4$  and  $k = 2n + 1 = 6t + 3$ .

$$\text{Then } v_f(0) = 2t + 2, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad e_g(0) = e_g(1) = e_g(2) = 2t + 1.$$

**Case (iii).**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t + 2, t \geq 0$

$$f(u) = f(v) = 0$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, & t+1 \leq i \leq 3t+2 \end{cases} \text{ and } f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 2, & t+1 \leq i \leq 3t+2 \end{cases}$$

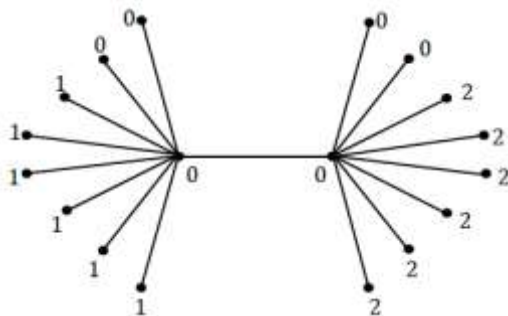
Here  $l = 2n + 2 = 6t + 6$  and  $k = 2n + 1 = 6t + 5$ .

$$\text{Then } v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t + 2 \quad \text{and} \quad e_g(0) = 2t + 1, e_g(1) = e_g(2) = 2t + 2.$$

In all the above three cases, we see that  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

Hence Bistar graph  $B(n, n)$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph.

**Illustration 3.4.** SDGM 3-Equitable Labeling of Bistar graph  $B(8, 8)$  is shown in Figure 8



**Figure 8.** Bistar Graph  $B[8, 8]$ .

Here  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 6$  and  $e_g(0) = 5, e_g(1) = e_g(2) = 6$ .

Therefore  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *The Comb graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph for all  $n$ .*

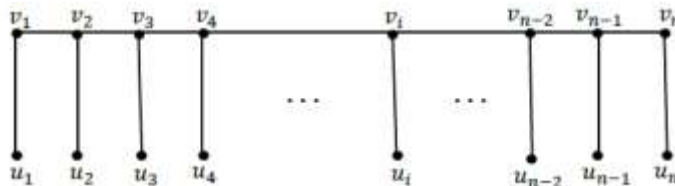
**Proof.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a Comb Graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{v_i, u_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $v_i$  represents the vertices of the path and  $u_i$  represents the pendent vertices corresponding to each  $v_i$  respectively.

Let  $E(G) = \{v_i v_{i+1}/1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_i u_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $|V(G)| = l$  and  $|E(G)| = k$ . Then  $l = 2n$  and  $k = 2n - 1$

The Comb Graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$  is shown below in Figure 9



**Figure 9.** Comb Graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$ .

Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  as follows:

**Case (i).**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t$ ,  $t \geq 1$

$\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ 2, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases} \text{ and } f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ 2, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Here  $l = 2n = 6t$  and  $k = 2n - 1 = 6t - 1$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 2t$ ,  $e_g(2) = 2t - 1$ .

**Case (ii).**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t + 1$ ,  $t \geq 0$

$\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ 2, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases} \text{ and } f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ 2, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Here  $l = 2n = 6t + 2$  and  $k = 2n - 1 = 6t + 1$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(2) = 2t$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 2t$ ,  $e_g(1) = 2t + 1$ .

**Case (iii).**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t + 2$ ,  $t \geq 0$

$$f(v_n) = f(u_n) = 2$$

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

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 3) \\ 2, & i \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \end{cases} \text{ and } f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 3) \\ 2, & i \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \end{cases}$$

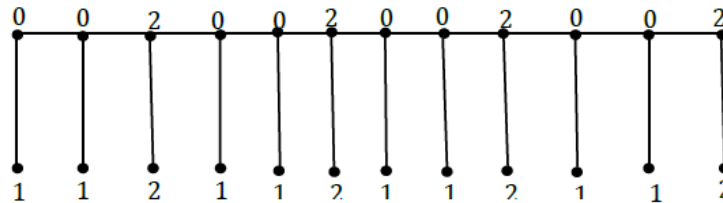
Here  $l = 2n = 6t + 4$  and  $k = 2n - 1 = 6t + 3$ .

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = 2t + 1, v_f(2) = 2t + 2$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = e_g(2) = 2t + 1$ .

In all the above three cases, we see that  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

Hence Comb graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$  is a SDGM 3-Equitable graph.

**Illustration 3.5.** SDGM 3-Equitable Labeling of Comb graph  $[P_{12} \odot K_1]$  is shown in Figure 10.



**Figure 10.** Comb Graph  $P_{12} \odot K_1$ .

Here  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 8$  and  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = 8, e_g(2) = 7$ .

Therefore  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

### Conclusion

In this paper we introduced the concept of SDGM 3-Equitable labeling and we investigated the SDGM 3-Equitable labeling of certain graphs such as Path graph, Cycle graph, Star graph, Bistar graph and Comb graph. The future work includes SDGM 3-Equitable labeling of cycle and wheel related graphs.

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