



TRIBONACCI r -GRACEFUL LABELING OF SOME TREE RELATED GRAPHS

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Abstract

Let r be any natural number. An injective function $\phi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, T_{q+r-1}\}$, where T_{q+r-1} is the $(q+r-1)^{th}$ Tribonacci number in the Tribonacci sequence is said to be Tribonacci r -graceful if the induced edge labeling $\phi^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{T_r, T_{r+1}, \dots, T_{q+r-1}\}$ such that $\phi^*(uv) = |\phi(u) - \phi(v)|$ is bijective. If a graph G admits Tribonacci r -graceful labeling, then G is called a Tribonacci r -graceful graph. A graph G is said to be Tribonacci arbitrarily graceful if it is Tribonacci r -graceful for all r . In this paper we investigate the Twig graph T_n , the regular caterpillar graph $P_m \odot nK_1$, the Bistar graph $B_{m,n}$ and the Subdivision of the bistar graph $S(B_{m,n})$ are Tribonacci r -graceful.

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1. Motivation and Main Results

Graphs considered throughout this paper are finite, simple, undirected and nontrivial. Labeling of graph is the assignment of values to vertices and edges or both subject to certain conditions. In 1967, Rosa [6] introduced the concept of graceful labeling. In 1982, Slater [4] introduced the concept of k -graceful labeling of graphs. Let G be a simple graph with p vertices and q edges. Let k be any natural number. Define an injective mapping $\phi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q+k-1\}$ that induces bijective mapping $\phi^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{k, k+1, \dots, q+k-1\}$ where $\phi^*(uv) = |\phi(u) - \phi(v)|$ for all $uv \in E(G)$ and $u, v \in V(G)$, then ϕ is called k -graceful labeling while ϕ^* is called an induced edge k -graceful labeling and the graph G is called k -graceful graph. Graphs that are k -graceful for all k are sometimes called arbitrarily graceful. In this sequel, we introduce a Tribonacci r -graceful labeling. We follow D. B. West [10] and J. A. Gallian [2], for standard terminology and notations.

Definition 1.1. Let r be any natural number. An injective function $\phi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, T_{q+r-1}\}$, where T_{q+r-1} is the $(q+r-1)^{th}$ Tribonacci number in the Tribonacci sequence is said to be Tribonacci r -graceful if the induced edge labeling $\phi^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{T_r, T_{r+1}, \dots, T_{q+r-1}\}$ such that $\phi^*(uv) = |\phi(u) - \phi(v)|$ is bijective. If a graph G admits Tribonacci r -graceful labeling, then G is called a Tribonacci r -graceful graph. A graph G is said to be Tribonacci arbitrarily graceful if it is Tribonacci r -graceful for all r .

Definition 1.2 [8]. A Twig graph T_n is obtained from P_n by attaching exactly two pendent edges to each internal vertices of P_n .

Definition 1.3 [4]. A regular caterpillar graph $P_m \odot nK_1$ is obtained from the path P_m by joining nK_1 vertices to each vertices of the path P_m .

Definition 1.4 [9]. Bistar $B_{m,n}$ is the graph obtained from K_2 by attaching m pendent edges to one end of K_2 and n pendent edges to the other end of K_2 .

Definition 1.5 [10]. Let u, v be the central vertices of the bistar graph $B_{m,n}$. Let u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices joined with u and v respectively. The subdivision of bistar graph $S(B_{m,n})$ is obtained from the bistar graph $B_{m,n}$ by subdividing the edges uu_i ($1 \leq i \leq m$) and vv_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) with new vertices u_i^1 ($1 \leq i \leq m$) and v_i^1 ($1 \leq i \leq n$) respectively.

Our main result can be stated as the following theorems.

Theorem 1. *The Twig graph T_n is Tribonacci r -graceful for all $n \geq 3, r \geq 2$.*

Proof. Let $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ be the vertices of the path P_n and let $u_i^j, 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2$ be the vertices which are attached to the internal vertices of the path P_n . The resultant graph is T_n with $V(T_n) = \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i^1, u_i^2 / 2 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ and $E(T_n) = \{v_i u_i^1, v_i u_i^2 / 2 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ such that $|V(T_n)| = p = 3n - 4$ and $|E(T_n)| = q = 3n - 5$.

Define a function $\phi : V(T_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, T_{q+r-1}\}$ by

$$\phi(v_1) = 0, \phi(v_i) = \phi(v_{i-1}) + (-1)^i T_{q+r-1-3(i-2)}, 2 \leq i \leq n, r \geq 2$$

$$\phi(u_i^j) = \phi(v_i) - T_{q+r-1-(3i-j-3)}, 2 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2, r \geq 2$$

Thus ϕ admits Tribonacci r -graceful labeling.

Hence the Twig graph T_n is Tribonacci r -graceful for all $n \geq 3, r \geq 2$.

Example 1. The Tribonacci 3-graceful labeling of T_5 is given in Figure 1

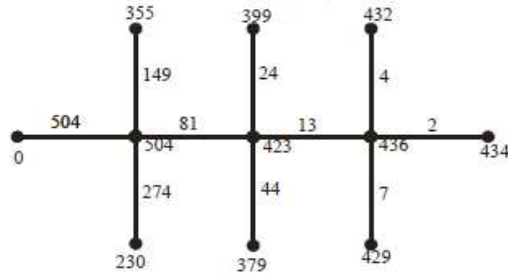


Figure 1.

Theorem 2. *The regular caterpillar graph $P_m \Theta nK_1$ is Tribonacci r -graceful for all $m, r \geq 2, n \geq 1$.*

Proof. Let $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ be the vertices of the path P_m and let $v_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$ be the vertices attached to each vertices of the path P_m . The resultant graph is $P_m \Theta nK_1$ whose vertex set is $V[P_m \Theta nK_1] = \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{v_{ij} / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and edge set is $E[P_m \Theta nK_1] = \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq m - 1\} \cup \{v_i v_{ij} / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ such that $|V[P_m \Theta nK_1]| = p = m + mn$ and $|E[P_m \Theta nK_1]| = q = m + mn - 1$.

Define a function $\phi : V[P_m \Theta nK_1] \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, T_{q+r-1}\}$ by

$$\phi(v_1) = 0, \phi(v_i) = \phi(v_{i-1}) + (-1)^i T_{q+r-1-(i-2)}, 2 \leq i \leq m, r \geq 2$$

$$\phi(v_{1j}) = T_{q+r-1-j-(m-2)}, 1 \leq j \leq n, r \geq 2$$

$$\phi(v_{ij}) = \phi(v_i) - T_{q+r-1-(i-1)n-j-(m-2)}, 2 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n, r \geq 2.$$

Thus ϕ admits Tribonacci r -graceful labeling.

Hence the regular caterpillar graph $P_m \Theta nK_1$ are Tribonacci r -graceful for all $m, r \geq 2, n \geq 1$.

Example 2. The Tribonacci 2-graceful labeling of $P_4 \Theta 3K_1$ is given in Figure 2

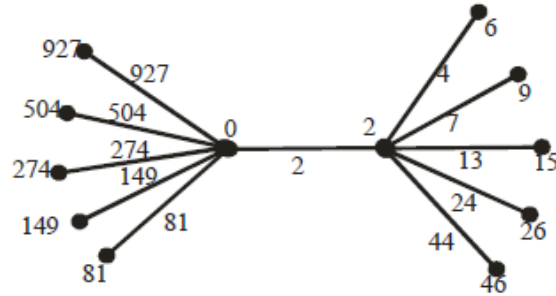


Figure 3.

Theorem 4. *The subdivision of the bistar graph $S(B_{m,n})$ is arbitrarily graceful for all $m, n \geq 1$.*

Proof. Let u, v be the central vertices of the bistar graph $B_{m,n}$ and let $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ and $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ be the vertices joined with u and v respectively. Let $u_i^1, 1 \leq i \leq m$ and $v_i^1, 1 \leq i \leq n$ be the new vertices obtained by subdividing the edges $uu_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ and $vv_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ respectively. The resulting graph is $S(B_{m,n})$ whose vertex set is $V[S(B_{m,n})] = \{u_i, u_i^1 / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{v_i, v_i^1 / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u, v\}$ and edge set is $E[S(B_{m,n})] = \{u_i^1 u_i, uu_i^1 / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{uv\} \cup \{vv_i^1, v_i^1 v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ such that $|V[S(B_{m,n})]| = p = 2(m+n+1)$ and $|E[S(B_{m,n})]| = q = 2(m+n) + 1$.

Case 1. For $m, n \geq 1$ and $r = 1$.

Define a function $\phi : V[S(B_{m,n})] \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, T_{q+r-1}\}$ by

$$\phi(u) = 0, \phi(v) = T_{q+r-1}, r \geq 2, \phi(u_i^1) = T_{r+i}, 1 \leq i \leq m, r \geq 2$$

$$\phi(u_i) = \phi(u_i^1) + T_{2m+r+1-i}, 1 \leq i \leq m, r \geq 2, \phi(v_1^1) = \phi(v) - T_r, r \geq 2$$

$$\phi(v_i^1) = \phi(v) - T_{q+r-i}, 2 \leq i \leq n, r \geq 2$$

$$\phi(v_i) = \phi(v_i^1) - T_{2m+i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Case 2. For $m, n \geq 1$ and $r \geq 2$.

Define a function $\phi : V[S(B_{m,n})] \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, T_{q+r-1}\}$ by

$$\phi(u) = 0, \phi(v) = T_{q+r-1}, r \geq 2, \phi(u_i^1) = T_{r+i-1}, 1 \leq i \leq m, r \geq 2$$

$$\phi(u_i) = \phi(u_i^1) + T_{2m+r-i}, 1 \leq i \leq m, r \geq 2, \phi(v_i^1) = \phi(v)$$

$$-T_{q+r-1-i}, 1 \leq i \leq n, r \geq 2$$

$$\phi(v_i) = \phi(v_i^1) - T_{2m+i+2}, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Thus ϕ admits Tribonacci r -graceful labeling for all.

Hence the subdivision of the bistar graph $S(B_{m,n})$ is arbitrarily graceful for all $m, n \geq 1$.

Example 4. The Tribonacci 1-graceful labeling of $S(B_{2,3})$ is given in Figure 4

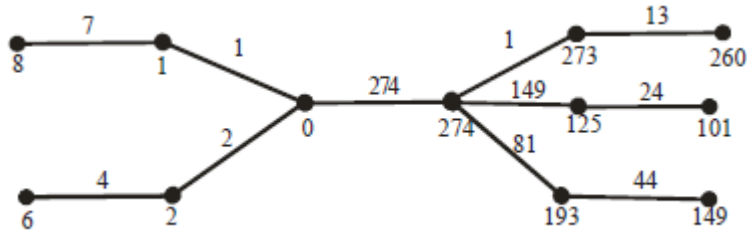


Figure 4.

The Tribonacci 3-graceful labeling of $S(B_{3,3})$ is given in Figure 5.

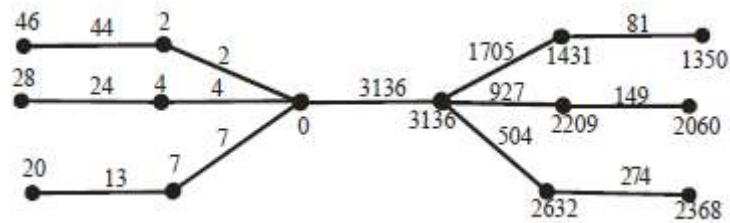


Figure 5.

2. Remark

Finally we list some remarks on our main results and closely related things.

Remark 2.1. The Tribonacci sequence is obtained as follows:

$$T_0 = 0, T_1 = T_2 = 1 \text{ and } T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + T_{n-3} \quad \forall n \geq 3$$

i.e., $\{0, 1, 1, 2, 4, 7, 13, 24, 44, 81, \dots\}$ is the Tribonacci sequence

Conclusion

In this paper, we find that the Twig graph T_n , the regular caterpillar graph $P_m \odot nK_1$, the Bistar graph $B_{m,n}$, the Subdivision of the bistar graph $S(B_{m,n})$ are Tribonacci r -graceful. In future, we investigate that Tribonacci r -odd graceful labeling of some graphs.

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