

On $(k,1)$ - Strongly Indexable Graphs Associated with Sequences of Positive Integers

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ABSTRACT

For any integers $k, d \geq 1$, a (p,q) -graph G with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$, $p=|V(G)|$ and $q=|E(G)|$, is said to be (k,d) -strongly indexable (in short (k,d) -SI) if there exists a function pair (f, f') which assigns integer labels to the vertices and edges, i.e., $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,\dots,p-1\}$ and $f': E(G) \rightarrow \{k,k+d, k+2d,\dots,k+(q-1)d\}$ are onto, where $f'(u, v) = f(u)+f(v)$ for any $(u, v) \in E(G)$. For any sequence of positive integers (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) with $a_i \geq 2$, for $i=1,2,\dots,n-1$, we associate some $(1,1)$ -SI graphs. We contain the result of Acharya and Hegde [8] on level joined planar grids as special case.

1. Introduction. In 1990, Acharya and Hegde [2] have introduced the concept of strongly k -indexable graphs: A (p, q) -graph $G = (V; E)$ with p vertices and q edges is said to be **strongly k -indexable** if its vertices can be assigned distinct numbers $0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ so that the values of the edges, obtained as the sums of the numbers assigned to their end vertices form an arithmetic progression $k, k+1, k+2, \dots, k+(q-1)$. When $k=1$ strongly k -indexable graph is simply called strongly indexable graph. Later, they extend the concept to the following definition

Definition 1.1. For any integers $k, d \geq 1$, a graph G with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$, $p=|V(G)|$ and $q=|E(G)|$, is said to be **(k, d) - strongly indexable** (in short **(k, d) -SI**) if there exists a function pair (f, f') which assigns integer labels to the vertices and edges as follows:

$f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,\dots,p-1\}$ and $f': E(G) \rightarrow \{k,k+d,k+2d,\dots,k+(q-1)d\}$ are onto, where $f'(u, v) = f(u)+f(v)$ for any $(u, v) \in E(G)$.

Thus, the strongly k -indexable graphs are $(k, 1)$ -strongly indexable and the strongly indexable graphs are $(1, 1)$ -strongly indexable.

If we relaxed the definition of f in strongly (k, d) -indexable graph by $f: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, then we have the concept of (k, d) -arithmetic graphs of Acharya and Hegde [1].

For any $k, d \geq 1$, we denote the class of all (k, d) -SI graphs by $\Omega(k, d)$.

Example 1. Figure 1 shows that the tree is $(7, 1)$ -, and $(10, 1)$ -SI.

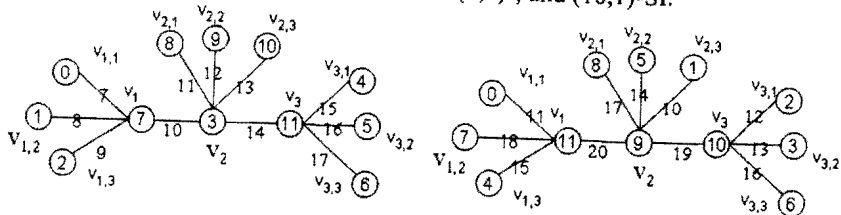


Figure 1. Tree which is $(7, 1)$ -SI and $(10, 1)$ -SI.

Example 2. The following are two different $(1, 1)$ -SI labeling of $K_2 \times C_3$.

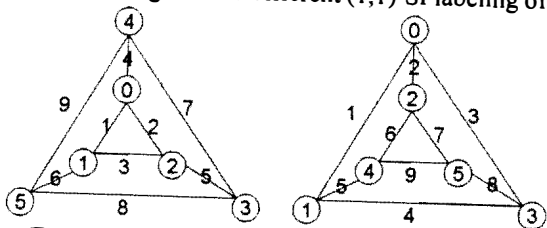


Figure 2. $K_2 \times C_3$ has different $(1, 1)$ -SI labeling.

Example 3. The following graphs are $(1, 1)$ -SI.

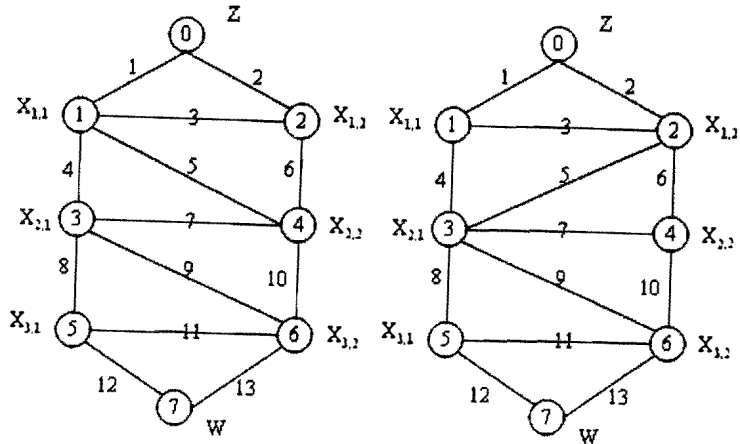


Figure 3. Two graphs with their $(1, 1)$ -SI labelings.

Acharya and Hegde showed that the only non-trivial regular graphs that are strongly indexable are K_2 , K_3 and $K_2 \times K_3$, and that every strongly indexable graph has exactly one non-trivial component that is either a star or a triangle. Results on strongly indexable graphs are meager. There are few examples of strongly indexable graphs were known.

General (k, d) -SI graphs were considered by the authors in [11]. Lee et al [14] determine classes of graphs that are $(1, 2)$ -SI and $(2, 2)$ -SI. Lee and Lo [13] determine classes of spiders that are $(1, 2)$ -SI.

For any sequence of positive integers (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) with $a_i \geq 2$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we associate $(1, 1)$ -SI graph $H(\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle)$. We obtain the result of Acharya and Hegde [8] on level joined planar grids as special case.

2. A Construction of (k, d) -SI graphs.

We have shown in [11] a general construction of (k, d) -SI graph from two given (k, d) -SI graphs.

Ingredient: Suppose G is a (p_1, q_1) -graph in $\Omega(k_1, d)$ and H is a (p_2, q_2) -graph in $\Omega(k_2, d)$ with labelings g, h respectively.

Constraint: d is a divisor of $2p_1 + (k_2 - k_1)$ and $[2p_1 + (k_2 - k_1)] / d - q_1 \geq 0$.

We can construct a new graph on $V(G) \cup V(H)$ as follows:

Keep the original (k_1, d) -labeling on G and extend the vertex labeling on H by $h \oplus p_1$ where $(h \oplus p_1)(v) = h(v) + p_1$ for all $v \in V(H)$.

Under the $h \oplus p_1$ labeling H becomes a $(2p_1 + k_2, d)$ -SI graphs.

Let $t = [2p_1 + (k_2 - k_1)] / d - q_1 \geq 0$.

If $t = 0$, then the disjoint union $G \cup H$ is (k_1, d) -SI.

If $t > 0$, let us fill in t edges which connect vertices of G and H by the following scheme:

Pick u in G with label x and v in H with label $2p_1 + y$ join them so that its induced edge label $2p_1 + x + y$ is range from $k_1 + q_1 d$ to $k_1 + (q_1 + 1)d, \dots, k_1 + (q_1 + t - 1)d$. We denote the set of these edges by Π . That is $\Pi = \{(u, v): g(u) = x \text{ and } h(v) = y \text{ and } x + y = k_1 + q_1 d, k_1 + (q_1 + 1)d, \dots, k_1 + (q_1 + t - 1)d\}$.

Then $E(G) \cup E(H) \cup \Pi$ is (k_1, d) -SI.

We denote this graph by $G \oplus \Pi \oplus H$.

Theorem 2.1. If G is a (p_1, q_1) -graph in $\Omega(k_1, d)$ and H is a (p_2, q_2) -graph in $\Omega(k_2, d)$ and d is a factor of $2p_1 + (k_2 - k_1)$ with $[2p_1 + (k_2 - k_1)] / d - q_1 \geq 0$, then there exists a $(p_1 + p_2, q_2 + [2p_1 + (k_2 - k_1)] / d)$ graph in $\Omega(k_1, d)$ which contains G, H as induced subgraphs.

Theorem 2.2. If G is a (p_1, q_1) -graph and H is a (p_2, q_2) -graph in $\Omega(k, d)$ with $2p_1 / d - q_1$ then the graph $G \oplus \Pi \oplus H$ is a $(p_1 + p_2, 2p_1 / d + q_2)$ -graph in $\Omega(k, d)$.

We illustrate the above method by the following examples:

Example 4. Let $G = P_2$ and $H = C_3$. We see that $p_1=2$ and $q_1=1$. G, H are $(1,1)$ -SI. Thus $t=2p_1/d - q_1 = 4-1=3$. Hence we need to add three edges with edge labels 2,3,4. Since $2=0+2$, $3=0+3=1+2$ and $4=0+4=1+3$. Thus we have

$\Pi_1 = \{(0,2), (1,2), (0,4)\}$ or $\Pi_2 = \{(0,2), (0,3), (0,4)\}$.

Figure 4 depicts $G \oplus \Pi_1 \oplus H$ and $G \oplus \Pi_2 \oplus H$.

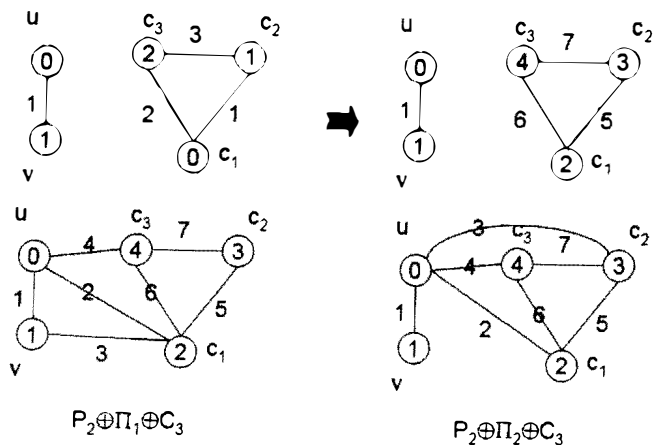


Figure 4. The graphs depicts $G \oplus \Pi_1 \oplus H$ and $G \oplus \Pi_2 \oplus H$ where $G = P_2$ and $H = C_3$.

Example 5. Consider $G = P_7, H = P_5$ which are $(1,2)$ -SI. Thus $t = [2p_1 + (k_2 - k_1)] / d - q_1 = [2 \times 7 + (1 - 1)] / 2 - (7 - 1) = 1$. Hence $\Pi = \{(x_{1,3}, y_{1,5})\}$. We see that $G \oplus \Pi \oplus H$ is $(1,2)$ -SI.

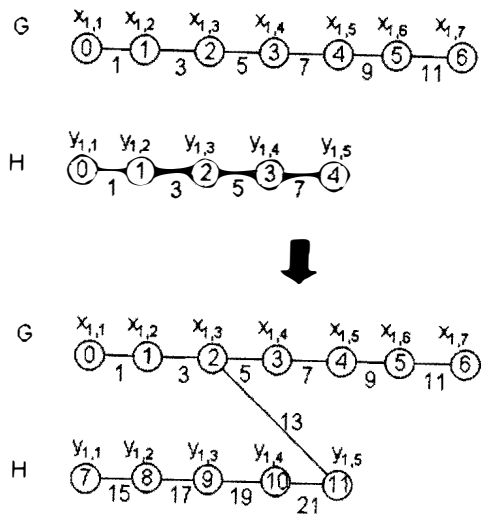


Figure 5. The graphs depicts $P_7 \oplus \Pi \oplus P_5$.

Example 6. Let $G = P_9$ and $H = P_6$ with the $(1,2)$ -SI labeling as shown in Figure 6. As $t = [2p_1 + (k_2 - k_1)] / d - q_1 = [2 \times 9 + (1 - 1)] / 2 - (9 - 1) = 1$.

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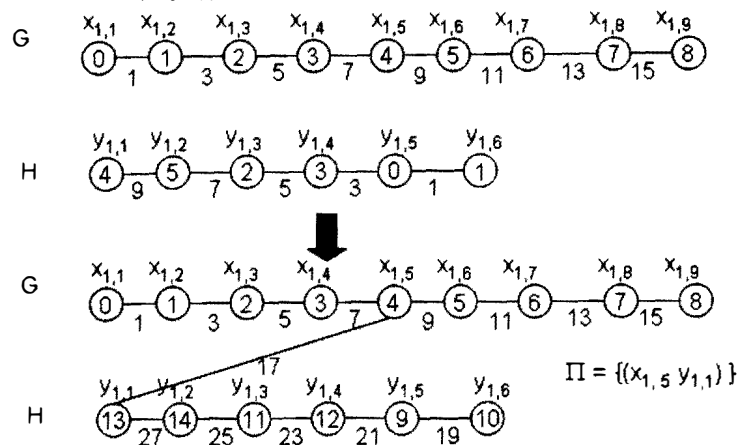


Figure 6. The graphs depicts $P_9 \oplus \Pi \oplus P_6$.

3. $(k,1)$ - Strongly Indexable Graphs Associated with Sequences of Positive Integers

We illustrate here the usefulness of this method by presenting a recursive construction of infinite families of $(k,1)$ -SI graphs associate with sequences of positive integers.

Denote $\mathbb{N}^{>1} = \{2,3,4,\dots\}$. Let σ be a sequence of non-zero integers $\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle$ of $\mathbb{N}^{>1}$ where $t \geq 2$. If $n_i = k \geq 2$, we denote $PSG(t,k)$ the class of $(k,1)$ -SI graphs constructed by the following way:

Initiate case $t=2$.

$PSG(2,k)$ consists of graphs of the form $H(\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle)$ where $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}^{>1}$

$V H(\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle) = \{v(1,1), \dots, v(1, n_1), v(2,1), \dots, v(2, n_2)\}$

$H(\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle)$ is with $n_1 + n_2$ vertices with two layers. The topmost layer has $v(1,1), \dots, v(1, n_1)$ and the second layer has vertices $v(2,1), \dots, v(2, n_2)$.

$E H(\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle)$ has edges in the form:

(1) If $n_2 \leq n_1$, then

$E H(\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle) = \{(v(1,i), v(2,i)), (v(1,i+1), v(2,i)): i = 1, 2, \dots, n_2\} \cup \{(v(1,i+1), v(2, n_1)): i = n_2, \dots, n_1 - 1\} \cup \{(v(2,1), v(2, n_2))\}$

(2) If $n_1 \leq n_2$, then

$E H(\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle) = \{(v(1,i), v(2,i)), (v(1,i+1), v(2,i)): i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1\} \cup \{(v(1, n_1), v(2, i+1)): i = n_1, \dots, n_2 - 1\} \cup \{(v(2,1), v(2, n_2))\}$.

It is $(k,1)$ -SI with the following labeling:

$f(v(1,i)) = i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n_1$ and $f(v(2,i)) = n_1 + i - 1$ for $i = 1, \dots, n_2$ (see Figure 7 for $H(\langle 5, 3 \rangle)$ and $H(\langle 5, 8 \rangle)$).

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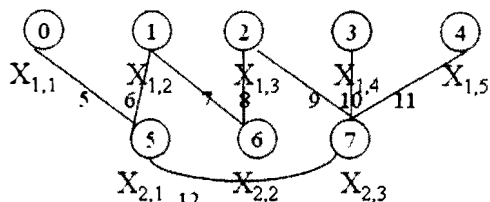
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Example 7.

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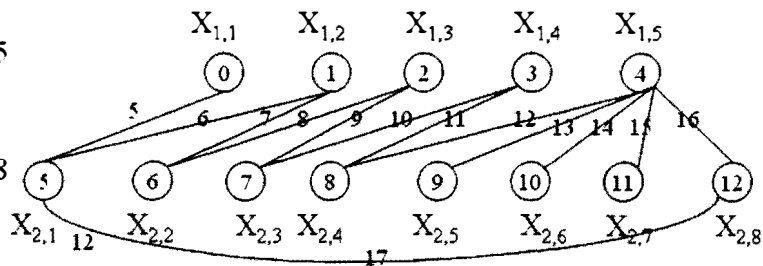


$n_2=3$

$H(\langle 5, 3 \rangle)$

$n_1=5$

$n_2=8$



$H(\langle 5, 8 \rangle)$

Figure 7. $H(\langle 5, 3 \rangle)$ and $H(\langle 5, 8 \rangle)$.

Induction Hypothesis. Assume we have $G = H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ in $PSG(t,k)$ which is $(k,1)$ -SI where $k = n_1$.

For any $n_{t+1} \in \mathbb{N}^{>1}$.

Let W be the graph with $V(W) = \{v(t+1,1), \dots, v(t+1, n_{t+1})\}$ and

$$E(W) = \{(v(t+1,1), v(t+1, n_{t+1}))\}$$

We can construct a new graph $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle)$ as follows:

The graph $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle)$ has $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_t + n_{t+1}$ vertices.

$$V(H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle)) = V(H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)) \cup \{v(t+1,1), \dots, v(t+1, n_{t+1})\}.$$

We arrange the vertices of $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle)$ layer by layer and from left to right as follows:

(A) the topmost layer is $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$,

(B) the second layer has vertices $v(t+1,1), \dots, v(t+1, n_{t+1})$,

$H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle)$ has edges in the form:

(1) If $n_{t+1} \leq n_t$, then

$$EH(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle) = EH(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle) \cup E(W) \cup \{(v(t,i), v(t+1,i)), (v(t,i+1), v(t+1,i)): i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{t+1}\} \cup \{(v(t, i+1), v(t+1, n_t)): i = n_{t+1}, \dots, n_t-1\}$$

(2) If $n_t \leq n_{t+1}$, then

$$EH(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle) = EH(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle) \cup E(W) \cup \{(v(t,i), v(t+1,i)), (v(t,i+1), v(t+1,i)): i = 1, 2, \dots, n_t\} \cup \{(v(t, n_t), v(t+1, i+1)): i = n_t, \dots, n_{t+1}-1\}.$$

We can extend the labeling of f in $G = H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ to $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle)$ by defining

$$f(v(t+1,i)) = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_t + i - 1 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n_{t+1}$$

Theorem 3.1. The graph $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle)$ is $(k,1)$ -SI where $k = n_1$.

Proof. In fact, $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t, n_{t+1} \rangle)$ is $G \oplus \Pi \oplus H$ of Theorem 2.2. where

$G = H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$, $H = W$ and

(1) $\Pi = \{(v(t,i), v(t+1,i)), (v(t,i+1), v(t+1,i)): i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{t+1}\} \cup \{(v(t, i+1), v(t+1, n_t)): i = n_{t+1}, \dots, n_t-1\}$, if $n_{t+1} \leq n_t$.

(2) $\Pi = \{(v(t,i), v(t+1,i)), (v(t,i+1), v(t+1,i)): i = 1, 2, \dots, n_t\} \cup \{(v(t, n_t), v(t+1, i+1)): i = n_t, \dots, n_{t+1}-1\}$, if $n_t \leq n_{t+1}$. \square

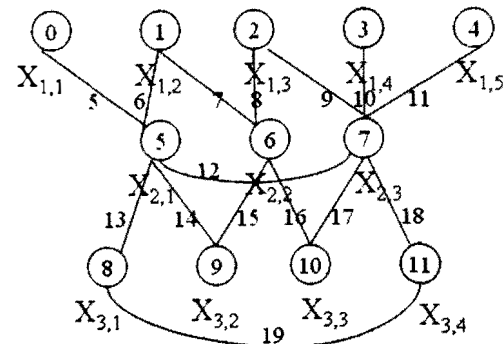
Example 8.

$H(\langle 5, 3, 4 \rangle)$

$n_1=5$

$n_2=3$

$n_3=4$



$H(\langle 5, 8, 6 \rangle)$

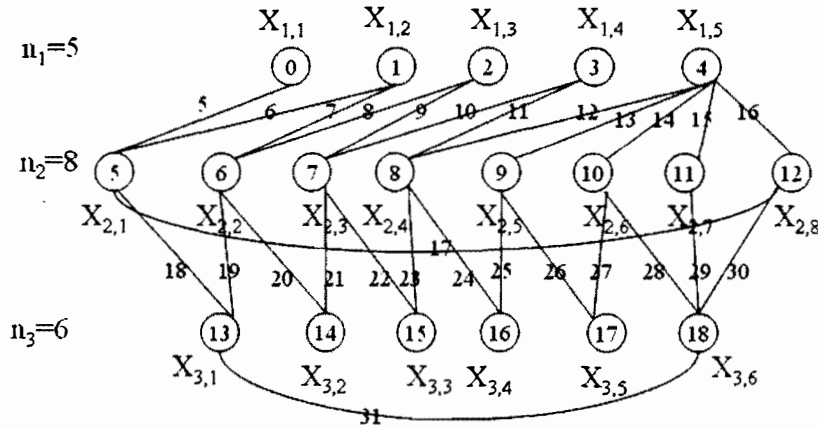


Figure 8. $H(\langle 5, 3, 4 \rangle)$ and $H(\langle 5, 8, 6 \rangle)$.

Now, we want to consider sequence σ on $N^{>0} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ with the following property: $\sigma = \langle 1, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle$ where $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \in N^{>1}$.

We can construct a new graph $H^*(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ as follows:

The graph $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ has $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_t$ vertices is in $PSG(t, k)$.

$V(H^*(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)) = V(H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)) \cup \{z\}$.

We arrange the vertices of $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ layer by layer and from left to right as before. The lower layer has vertex z .

$H^*(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ has edges in the form:

$E(H^*(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)) = E(H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)) \cup \{(v(t, i), z) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n_t\}$

It is follows that

Theorem 3.2. The graph $H^*(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ is $(n_1, 1)$ -SI.

Example 9. Figure 9 depicts $H^*(\langle 5, 3 \rangle)$.

$H^*(\langle 5, 3 \rangle)$

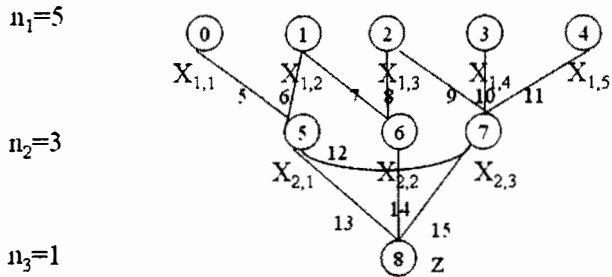


Figure 9.

Dually, we can construct a new graph $*H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ as follows:

The graph $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ has $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k + n_{t+1}$ vertices is in $PSG(t, k)$.

$V(H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)) = \{u\} \cup V(H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle))$

The upper layer has vertex u . We arrange the vertices of $H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ layer by layer and from left to right as before.

$*H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ has edges in the form:

$E(*H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)) = \{(u, v(1, i)) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1\} \cup E(H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle))$

It is follows that

Theorem 3.3. The graph $*H(\langle n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \rangle)$ is $(1, 1)$ -SI.

Example 10. We illustrate $*H\langle 3, 3 \rangle$, $*H\langle 4, 4 \rangle$ in Figure 10.

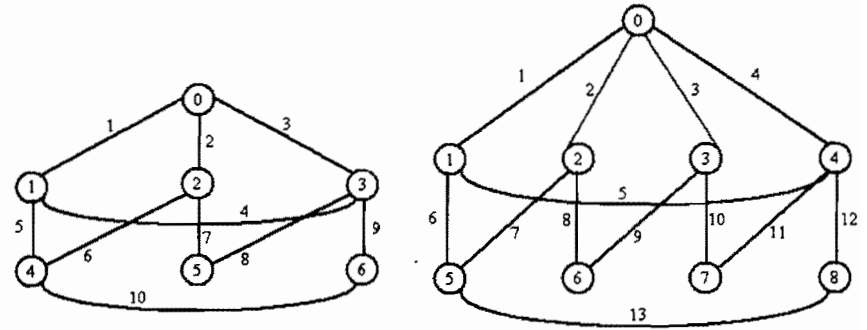


Figure 10. $*H\langle 3, 3 \rangle$ and $*H\langle 4, 4 \rangle$.

Example 11. We illustrate $*H\langle 2, 3, 2 \rangle$, $*H\langle 2, 3, 4, 3 \rangle$ in Figure 11.

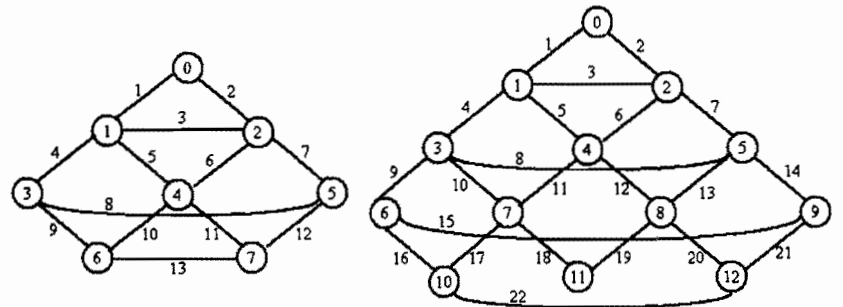
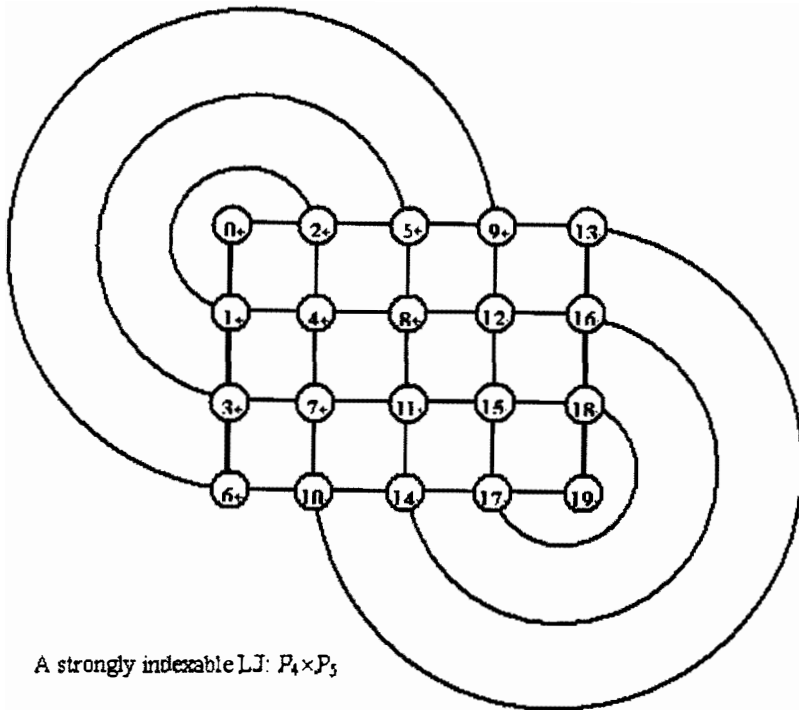


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Hegde and Shetty [8] introduced a class of strongly indexable graphs which they called *level joined planar grids*: Let u be a vertex of $P_m \times P_n$ such that $deg(u) = 2$. Introduce an edge between every pair of distinct vertices v, w with $deg(v), deg(w) \neq 4$ if $d(u, v) = d(u, w)$ where $d(u, v)$ is the distance between u and v . The graph so obtained is defined as the *level joined planar grid* and is denoted by $LJ: P_m \times P_n$. An example $LJ: P_4 \times P_5$ is illustrated in Figure 12.



A strongly indexable LJ: $P_4 \times P_5$

Figure 12. LJ: $P_4 \times P_5$.

We observe that LJ: $P_m \times P_n$ is the graph $*H^* \langle 2, 3, 4, \dots, n-1, (n-m) \rangle$'s $n, n-1, n-2, \dots, 3, 2$. The Figure 18 is $m=4$ and $n=5$, it is $*H^* \langle 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2 \rangle$.

Hence by Theorem 3.3, we have

Corollary 3.4. The graph LJ: $P_m \times P_n$ is (1,1)-SI.

4. Final Remark.

A (p, q) -graph $G = (V, E)$ with p vertices and q edges is called **total edge magic** if there is a bijection $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\}$ such that there exists a constant s for any $(u, v) \in E$ $f(u) + f(u, v) + f(v) = s$. The original concept of a total edge-magic graph is credited to Kotzig and Rosa [9,10]. Originally, they termed it as a magic graph. Motivated by the definition of total edge-magic labelings, Enomoto, Llado, Nakamigawa and Ringel [4] introduced the concept of super edge-magic graphs in 1998. A total edge-magic graph is called **super edge-magic** if $f(V(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$.

Super edge-magic graphs were studied in [3,4,8,12]. Recently, Hegde and S. Shetty [8] showed that the concepts of (1,1)-SI and super edge-magic are equivalent. Thus our paper produces infinitely many super edge-magic graphs.

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