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Edge pair sum labeling of spider graph

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ABSTRACT

An injective map $f: E(G) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots, \pm q\}$ is said to be an edge pair sum labeling of a graph G(p,q) if the induced vertex function $f^*: V(G) \to Z - \{0\}$ defined by $f^*(v) = \sum_{e \in E_v} f(e)$ is one-one, where E_v denotes the set of edges in G that are incident with a vetex v and $f^*(V(G))$ is either of the form $\{\pm k_1, \pm k_2, \cdots, \pm k_{\frac{p}{2}}\}$ or $\{\pm k_1, \pm k_2, \cdots, \pm k_{\frac{p-1}{2}}\} \bigcup \{k_{\frac{p+1}{2}}\}$ according as p is even or odd. A graph which admits edge pair sum labeling is called an edge pair sum graph. In this paper we exhibit some spider graph.

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1 Introduction

All graphs in this paper are finite, simple and undirected. For standard terminology and notations we follow Gross and Yellen [1]. The symbols V(G) and E(G) denote the vertex set and edge set of a graph. R. Ponraj et. al. introduced the concept of pair sum labeling in [8]. An injective map $f: V(G) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots, \pm p\}$ is said to be a pair sum labeling of a graph G(p,q) if the induced edge function $f_e: E(G) \to Z - \{0\}$ defined by $f_e(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$ is one-one and $f_e(E(G))$ is either of the form $\{\pm k_1, \pm k_2, \ldots, \pm k_{\frac{q}{2}}\}$ or $\{\pm k_1, \pm k_2, \ldots, \pm k_{\frac{q-1}{2}}\} \cup \{\pm k_{\frac{q+1}{2}}\}$ according as q is even or odd. A graph with a pair sum labeling, it is called a pair sum graph. Analogous to pair sum labeling we define a new labeling called an edge pair sum labeling in [3] and further studied in [4]-[7]. We proved that the path, cycle, star graph, $P_m \cup K_{1,n}, C_n \odot K_m^c$ if n is even, triangular snake, bistar, $K_{1,n} \cup K_{1,m}, C_n \cup C_n$ and complete bipartite graphs $K_{1,n}$ are edge pair sum graph.

Definition 1.1. A tree is called a spider if it has a center vertex c of degree R > 1 and all the other vertex is either a leaf or with degree 2. Thus a spider is an amalgamation of k paths with various lengths. If it has x_1 's path of length a_1, x_2 's path of length a_2, \ldots . We shall denote the spider by $SP(a_1^{x_1}, a_2^{x_2}, \ldots, a_m^{x_m})$ where $a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_m$ and $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_m = R[9].$

Theorem 1.2. The spider graph $SP(1^m, 2^t)$ is an edge pair sum graph.

Proof. Let $V(SP(1^m, 2^t)) = \{u, v_i, u_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq 2t\}$ and $E(SP(1^m, 2^t)) = \{e_i = uv_i : 1 \leq i \leq m, e'_i = uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq t, e''_i = u_iu_{t+i} : 1 \leq i \leq t\}$ be the vertices and edges of the graph $SP(1^m, 2^t)$.

Define the edge labeling $f : E(SP(1^m, 2^t)) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm (m+2t)\}$ by considering the following three cases.

Case (i) m is odd and t is odd.

 $f(e_1) = -1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}, f(e_{1+i}) = (2i+1) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{t-1}{2},$ $f(e'_i) = (m+2i) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t-1}{2}+i}\right) \text{ and } f(e''_i) = 2i = -f\left(e''_{\frac{t-1}{2}+i}\right), f(e'_t) = -(m+t+1) \text{ and }$ $f(e''_t) = (m+t+2). \text{ The induced vertex labeling are as follows } f^*(v_1) = -1 = -f^*(u_t),$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2} f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i+1) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right), \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{t-1}{2} f^*(u_i) = (m+4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t-1}{2}+i}\right), f^*(u_{t+i}) = 2i = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t-1}{2}+i}\right), \text{ and } f^*(u_{2t}) = (m+t+2) = -f^*(u). \text{ From the above vertex labeling } f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t))) = \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm m, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots, \pm (t-1)\}$ 1), $\pm(m+4)$, $\pm(m+8)$, ..., $\pm(m+2t-2)$, $\pm(m+t+2)$ }. Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t)$.

The example for the edge pair sum graph labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t)$ for m = 3 and t = 3 is shown in Figure 1.

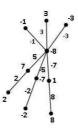


Figure 1.

Case (ii) m is even and t is odd.

For $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$, $f(e_i) = (2i+1) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_1) = 1$, $f(e''_1) = -2$, for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{t-1}{2}$, $f(e'_{1+i}) = (m+2i+1) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f(e''_{1+i}) = 2(1+i) = -f\left(e''_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right)$. The induced vertex labeling are as follows, for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$, $f^*(v_i) = (2i+1) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, $f^*(u_1) = -1 = -f^*(u)$, $f^*(u_{t+1}) = -2$, for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{t-1}{2}$, $f^*(u_{1+i}) = (m+4i+3) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f^*(u_{t+1+i}) = 2(1+i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+1}{2}+i}\right)$. From the above vertex labeling we get $f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t))) = \{\pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm(m+1), \pm 1, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots, \pm(t+1), \pm(m+7), \pm(m+1), \dots, \pm(m+2t+1)\} \cup \{-2\}$. Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t)$. Figure 2 illustrates the edge sum graph scheme for $SP(1^m, 2^t)$ where m = 2 and t = 1.

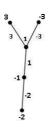


Figure 2.

Case (iii) m is even and t is even.

 $\begin{aligned} f(e_1) &= -1, f(e_2) = 2, \text{ for } 1 \le i \le \frac{m}{2} - 1, f(e_{2+i}) = (2i+1) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m}{2}+1+i}\right), \text{ for } 1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2}, \\ f(e'_i) &= (m+2i-1) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right) \text{ and } f(e''_i) = 2(1+i) = -f\left(e''_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right). \text{ The induced vertex labeling are } f^*(v_1) = -1 = -f^*(u), f^*(v_2) = 2, \text{ for } 1 \le i \le \frac{m}{2} - 1, f^*(v_{2+i}) = (2i+1) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m}{2}+1+i}\right), \text{ for } 1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2}, f^*(u_i) = (m+4i+1) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right) = \text{ and } f^*(u_{t+i}) = 2(1+i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t}{2}+i}\right). \text{ From the above vertex labeling we get } f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t))) = 2(1+i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t}{2}+i}\right). \end{aligned}$

 $\{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm (m-1), \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots, \pm (t+2), \pm (m+5), \pm (m+9), \dots, \pm (m+2t+1)\} \cup \{2\}.$

Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t)$.

The example for the edge pair sum graph labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t)$ for m = 2 and t = 2 is shown in Figure 3.

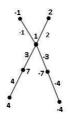


Figure 3.

Theorem 1.3. The spider graph $SP(1^m, 2^t, 3)$ is an edge pair sum graph.

 $\begin{array}{l} Proof. \ \text{Let} \ V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 3)) = \{u, v_i, u_j, v : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq 2t+2\} \ \text{and} \ E(SP(1^m, 2^t, 3)) = \{e_i = uv_i : 1 \leq i \leq m, for 1 \leq i \leq t+1, e_i' = uu_i and e_i'' = u_i u_{t+1+i}, e_1''' = u_{2t+2}v\} \ \text{be the vertices and edges of the graph} \ SP(1^m, 2^t, 3). \ \text{Define the edge labeling} \ f : E(SP(1^m, 2^t, 3)) \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm, 2, \dots, \pm (m+2t+3)\} \ \text{by considering four cases.} \end{array}$

Case (i) m is even and t is even.

for $1 \le i \le \frac{m}{2}$, $f(e_i) = (2i-1) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, for $1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2}$, $f(e'_i) = (m+2i-1) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f(e''_i) = (2i+6) = -f\left(e''_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_{t+1}) = 2$, $f(e''_{t+1}) = 4$ and $f(e''_1) = -6$. The induced vertex labelings are for $1 \le i \le \frac{m}{2}$, $f^*(v_i) = (2i-1) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, for $1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2}$, $f^*(u_i) = (m+4i+5) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f^*(u_{t+1+i}) = (2i+6) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}\right)$, $f^*(u_{t+1}) = 6 = -f^*(v)$, $f^*(u_{2t+2}) = -2 = -f^*(u)$.

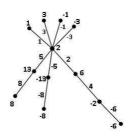


Figure 4.

From the above arguments we get $f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 3))) = \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm (m-1), \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 10, \dots, 6), \pm 2, \pm (m+9), \pm (m+13), \pm (m+17), \dots, \pm (m+2t+5)\}$. Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t, 3)$.

Figure 4 shows that $SP(1^m, 2^t, 3)$ is an edge pair sum graph for m = 4 and t = 2. Case (ii) m is even and t is odd.

For $1 \le i \le \frac{m}{2}$, $f(e_i) = (5+2i) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, for $1 \le i \le \frac{t-1}{2}$, $f(e'_i) = (m+2i+5) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t-1}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f(e''_i) = (2+2i) = -f\left(e''_{\frac{t-1}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_t) = -2$, $f(e'_{t+1}) = -1$, $f(e''_{t+1}) = 3$ and $f(e''_t) = 5 = -f(e'''_t)$. The induced vertex labelings are as follows, for $1 \le i \le \frac{m}{2}$, $f^*(v_i) = (2i+5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, for $1 \le i \le \frac{t-1}{2}$, $f^*(u_i) = (m+7+4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t-1}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f^*(u_{t+1+i}) = (2+2i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+1}{2}+i}\right)$, $f^*(u_t) = 3 = -f^*(u)$, $f^*(u_{t+1}) = 2 = -f^*(u_{2t+2})$ and $f^*(u_{2t+1}) = 5 = -f^*(v)$. From the above vertex labeling we get $f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 3))) = \{\pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 7, \pm 9, \dots, \pm(m+5), \pm(m+11), \pm(m+15), \dots, \pm(m+2t+5), \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots, \pm(t+1)\}$. Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^{2k}, 2^t, 3)$.

Figure 5 shows that the spiders $SP(1^m, 2^t, 3)$ is an edge pair sum graph labeling for m = 4and t = 3.

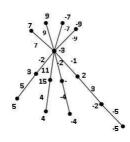


Figure 5.

 $\begin{aligned} f(e_1) &= 1, \ f(e_1') = 2, \ f(e_1'') = (m+2) = -f(e_1'''), \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f(e_{1+i}) = (2i+1) = \\ -f\left(e_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{t-1}{2}, \ f(e_{1+i}) = (m+2i+2) = -f\left(e_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right) \ \text{and} \ f(e_{1+i}'') = \\ (m+3+2i) &= -f\left(e_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ f(e_{t+1}') = -4, \ \text{and} \ f(e_{t+1}'') = -2. \ \text{The induced vertex labelings} \\ \text{are} \ f^*(v_1) &= 1 = -f^*(u), \ f^*(u_1) = (m+4) = -f^*(u_{2t+2}), \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = \\ (2i+1) &= -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{t-1}{2}, \ f^*(u_{1+i}) = (2m+5+4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right) \\ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{t+2+i}) &= (m+3+2i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+3}{2}+i}\right), \ f^*(u_{t+2}) = (m+2) = -f^*(v) = \\ f(e_1''') \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{t+1}) = -6. \ \text{From the above vertex labeling we get} \ f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 3))) = \\ \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm m, \pm (m+2), \pm (m+4), \pm (m+5), \pm (m+7), \dots, \pm (m+t+2), \pm (2m+4), \pm (2m+$

Case (iv) m is odd and t is even.

 $\begin{aligned} f(e_1) &= -1, \ f(e'_{t+1}) = 2, \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f(e_{1+i}) = (2i+1) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{t}{2}, \ f(e'_i) = (m+2i) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right) \ \text{and} \ f(e''_i) = (2i+6) = -f\left(e''_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right), \ f(e''_{t+1}) = 4 \ \text{and} \ f(e''_1) = -6. \ \text{The induced vertex labelings are} \ f^*(v_1) = -1 = -f^*(u), \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i+1) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{t}{2}, \ f^*(u_i) = (m+4i+6) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{t+1+i}) = (2i+6) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}\right), \ f^*(v) = -6 = -f^*(u_{t+1}), \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{2t+2}) = -2. \ \text{From the above arguments we get} \ f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 3))) = \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm (m-2), \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 10, \dots, \pm (t+6), \pm (m+10), \pm (m+14), \pm (m+18), \dots, \pm (m+2t+6)\} \cup \{-2\}. \ \text{Hence} \ f \ \text{is an edge pair sum labeling of} \ SP(1^m, 2^t, 3). \end{aligned}$

Figure 6 shows that the spiders $SP(1^m, 2^t, 3)$ is an edge pair sum graph labeling for m = 3and t = 4.

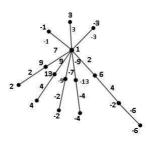


Figure 6.

Theorem 1.4. The spider graph $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$ is an edge pair sum graph.

Proof. Let $V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)) = \{u, v_i, u_j, v'_1, v'_2 : 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le 2t + 2\}$ and $E(SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)) = \{e_i = uv_i : 1 \le i \le m, for 1 \le i \le t + 1, e'_i = uu_i and e'_{t+1+i} = u_i u_{t+1+i}, e''_1 = u_{2t+2}v'_1, e'''_1 = v'_1v'_2\}$ be the vertices and edges of the graph $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$. Define the edge labeling $f : E(SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm (m + 2t + 4)\}$ as follows by four cases.

Case (i) m is odd and t is odd.

 $\begin{aligned} f(e_1) &= -1, \ f(e_1'') = -2, \ f(e_1''') = -5, \ f(e_1') = 2, \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f(e_{1+i}) = (2i+7) = \\ -f\left(e_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{t-1}{2}, \ f(e_{1+i}') = (m+2i+6) = -f\left(e_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right) \ \text{and} \ f(e_{t+2+i}') = \\ (6+2i) &= -f\left(e_{\frac{3t+3}{2}+i}\right), \ f(e_{t+1}') = -3, \ f(e_{2t+2}') = 4 \ \text{and} \ f(e_{t+2}') = 5. \ \text{The induced} \\ \text{vertex labelings are} \ f^*(v_1) = -1 = -f^*(u_{t+1}), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i+7) \\ (2i+7) &= -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right) =, \ f^*(u_1) = 7 = -f^*(v_1') = -7, \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{t-1}{2}, \ f^*(u_{1+i}) = \\ (m+12+4i) &= -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right) \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{t+2+i}) = (6+2i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+3}{2}+i}\right), \ f^*(u_{t+2}) = \end{aligned}$

 $5 = -f^*(v'_2) = -5, \ f^*(u_{2t+2}) = 2 = -f^*(u) = -2.$ From the above vertex labeling we get $f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 4))) = \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 7, \pm 9, \pm 11, \dots, \pm (m+6), \pm (m+16), \pm (m+21), \pm (m+24), \dots, \pm (m+2t+10), \pm 8, \pm 10, \dots, \pm (t+5)\}.$

Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$.

Figure 7 shows that $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$ is an edge pair sum graph for m = 3 and t = 1.

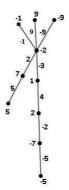


Figure 7.

Case (ii) m is odd and t is even.

 $\begin{aligned} f(e_1) &= 5, \ f(e_1'') = 3, \ f(e_1''') = -5, \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f(e_{1+i}) = (2i+5) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right) = \\ &-(2i+5), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2}, \ f(e_i') = (m+2i+4) = -f\left(e_{\frac{t}{2}+i}'\right), \ f(e_{t+1+i}') = (2i+2) = \\ &-f\left(e_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}'\right), \ f(e_{t+1}') = -2, \ f(e_{2t+2}') = -1. \ \text{The induced vertex labelings are} \ f^*(v_1) = \\ &5 = -f^*(v_2') = -5, \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i+5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2}, \\ &f^*(u_i) = (m+4i+6) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{t+1+i}) = (2i+2) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}\right), \\ &f^*(u_{t+1}) = -3 = -f^*(u) = 3 \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{2t+2}) = 2 = -f^*(v_1'). \ \text{From the above vertex labeling use} \\ &\text{ing we get} \ f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 4))) = \{\pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 7, \pm 9, \dots, \pm(m+4), \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots, \pm(t+2), \pm(m+10), \pm(m+14), \pm(m+18), \dots, \pm(m+2t+6)\}. \end{aligned}$

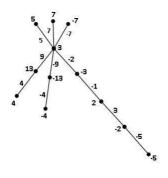


Figure 8.

Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$.

The example for the edge pair sum graph labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$ for m = 3 and t = 2 is shown in Figure 8.

Case (iii) m is even and t is odd.

For $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$, $f(e_i) = (2i+1) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_1) = -1$, $f(e''_1) = -(m+3)$, $f(e'''_1) = -(m+2)$, for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{t-1}{2}$, $f(e'_{1+i}) = (m+2i+3) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f(e'_{t+2+i}) = (m+2+2i) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{3t+3}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_{t+1}) = (m+3)$, $f(e'_{t+2}) = 2$, $f(e'_{2t+2}) = (m+2)$. The induced vertex labeling are for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$, $f^*(v_i) = (2i+1) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, $f^*(u_1) = 1 = -f^*(u_{2t+2})$, for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{t-1}{2}$, $f^*(u_{1+i}) = (2m+5+4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t+1}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f^*(u_{t+2+i}) = (m+2+2i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+3}{2}+i}\right)$, $f^*(u_{t+1}) = (2m+5) = -f^*(v'_1)$, $f^*(u_{t+2}) = 2$ and $f^*(v'_2) = -(m+2) = -f^*(u)$. From the above vertex labeling we get $f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 4))) = \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 7, \dots, \pm(m+1), \pm(2m+9), \pm(2m+13), \dots, \pm(2m+2t+3), \pm(2m+5), \pm(m+2), \pm(m+4), \pm(m+6), \dots, \pm(m+t+1)\} \cup \{2\}$. Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$.

The example for the edge pair sum graph labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$ for m = 2 and t = 3 is shown in Figure 9.

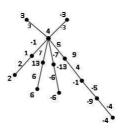


Figure 9.

Case (iv) m is even and t is even.

For $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$, $f(e_i) = (2i+3) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{t}{2}$, $f(e'_i) = (m+2i+3) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_{t+1+i}) = (m+2i+4) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_{t+1}) = 2$, $f(e'_{2t+2}) = 4$, $f(e''_1) = -1$, $f(e'''_1) = -2$. The induced vertex labeling are for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$, $f^*(v_i) = (2i+3) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{t}{2}$, $f^*(u_i) = (2m+4i+7) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f^*(u_{t+1+i}) = (m+2i+4) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}\right)$, $f^*(u_{2t+2}) = 3 = -f(v'_1)$, $f^*(v'_2) = -2 = -f^*(u)$ and $f^*(u_{t+1}) = 6$. From the above vertex labeling we get $f^*(V(SP(1^m, 2^t, 4))) = \{\pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm(m+3), \pm(2m+11), \pm(2m+15), \dots, \pm(2m+2t+7), \pm(m+6), \pm(m+8), \pm(m+10), \dots, \pm(m+t+4)\} \cup \{6\}.$

Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$.

The example for the edge pair sum graph labeling of $SP(1^m, 2^t, 4)$ for m = 2 and t = 4 is shown in Figure 10.

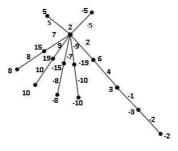


Figure 10.

Theorem 1.5. The spider graph $SP(1^m, 3^t, 4)$ is an edge pair sum graph if t is even.

 $\begin{array}{l} Proof. \ \text{Let} \ V(SP(1^m, 3^t, 4)) = \{u, v_i, u_j, v_1' : 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le 3t + 3\} \ \text{and} \ E(SP(1^m, 3^t, 4)) = \{e_i = uv_i : 1 \le i \le m, \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le t + 1, e_i' = uu_i, e_{t+1+i}' = u_i u_{t+1+i} \ \text{and} \ e_{2t+2+i}' = u_{t+1+i} u_{2t+2+i}, e_1'' = u_{3t+3} v_1'\} \ \text{be the vertices and edges of the graph} \ SP(1^m, 3^t, 4). \\ \text{Define the edge labeling} \ f : E(SP(1^m, 3^t, 4)) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm (m + 3t + 4)\} \ \text{as follows}. \\ \text{Case (i)} \quad m \ \text{is odd}. \\ f(e_1) = 5, \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2}, \ f(e_{1+i}) = (2i + 5) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2} \ f(e_i') = (m + 2i + 4) = -f\left(e_{\frac{t}{2}+i}'\right), \ f(e_{t+1+i}') = (m + t + 4 + 2i) = -f\left(e_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}'\right), \ f(e_{2t+2+i}') = (6 + 2i) = -f\left(e_{\frac{5t+4}{2}+i}'\right), \ f(e_{2t+2}') = -1, \ f(e_{3t+3}') = 3, \ f(e_1'') = -5, \ f(e_{t+1}) = -2. \\ \text{The induced vertex labelings are} \ f^*(v_1) = 5 = -f^*(v_1'), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2} \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i + 5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2} \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i + 5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2} \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i + 5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2} \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i + 5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2} \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i + 5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2} \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i + 5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2} \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i + 5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ \text{for} \ 1 \le i \le \frac{m-1}{2} \ f^*(v_{1+i}) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right), \ f^*(u_{1+i+i}) = (m + t + 10 + 4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}'\right) \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{2t+2+i}) = (6 + 2i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{5}{2}+i}'\right), \ f^*(u_{1+i+i}) = (m + t + 10 + 4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3m+2}{2}+i}'\right) \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{2t+2+i}) = (6 + 2i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{5}{2}+i}'\right), \ f^*(u_{1+i+i}) = (m + t + 10 + 4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3m+2}{2}+i}'\right) \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{2t+2+i}) = (6 + 2i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{5}{2}+i}'\right), \ f^*(u_{1+i+i}) = (m + t + 10 + 4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3m+2}{2}+i}'\right) \ \text{and} \ f^*(u_{2t+2+i})$

 $f^*(u_{3t+3}) = -2 = -f^*(u_{2t+2}), \ f^*(u) = 3 = -f^*(u_{t+1}).$ From the above arguments we get $f^*(V(SP(1^m, 3^t, 4))) = \{\pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 7, \pm 9, \pm 11, \dots, \pm (m+4), \pm (2m+t+12), \pm (2m+t+16), \dots, \pm (2m+3t+8), \pm (m+t+14), \pm (m+t+18), \dots, (m+3t+10), \pm 8, \pm 10, \dots, \pm (t+6)\}.$ Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 3^t, 4).$

Case (ii) m is even.

For $1 \le i \le \frac{m}{2}$, $f(e_i) = (2i+5) = -f\left(e_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, for $1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2}$, $f(e'_i) = (m+2i+5) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_{t+1+i}) = (m+t+5+2i) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}\right)$ and $f(e'_{2t+2+i}) = (6+2i) = -f\left(e'_{\frac{5t+4}{2}+i}\right)$, $f(e'_{3t+3}) = -1$, $f(e'_1) = -2$, $f(e'_{t+1}) = 2$ and $f(e'_{2t+2}) = 4$. The induced vertex labeling are for $1 \le i \le \frac{m}{2}$, $f^*(v_{1+i}) = (2i+5) = -f^*\left(v_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right)$, for $1 \le i \le \frac{t}{2}$, $f^*(u_i) = (2m+t+10+4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{t}{2}+i}\right)$, $f^*(u_{t+1+i}) = (m+t+11+4i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{3t+2}{2}+i}\right)$

and $f^*(u_{2t+2+i}) = (6+2i) = -f^*\left(u_{\frac{5t+4}{2}+i}\right)$, $f^*(u_{3t+3}) = -3 = -f^*(u_{2t+2})$, $f^*(v'_1) = 2 = -f^*(u)$, $f^*(u_{t+1}) = 6$. From the above arguments we get $f^*(V(SP(1^m, 3^t, 4))) = \{\pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 7, \pm 9, \pm 11, \dots, \pm (m+5), \pm (2m+t+14), \pm (2m+t+18), \dots, \pm (2m+3t+10), \pm (m+t+15), \pm (m+t+19), \dots, \pm (m+3t+11), \pm 8, \pm 10, \dots, \pm (t+6)\} \cup \{6\}.$ Hence f is an edge pair sum labeling of $SP(1^m, 3^t, 4)$.

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