



## 4-total mean cordial labeling of spider graph

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $G$  be a graph. Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$  be a function where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k > 1$ . For each edge  $uv$ , assign the label  $f(uv) = \left\lceil \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \right\rceil$ .  $f$  is called a  $k$ -total mean cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|t_{mf}(i) - t_{mf}(j)| \leq 1$ , for all  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ , where  $t_{mf}(x)$  denotes the total number of vertices and edges labelled with  $x$ ,  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ . A graph with admit a  $k$ -total mean cordial labeling is called  $k$ -total mean cordial graph. In this paper we investigate the 4-total mean cordial labeling behaviour of some spider graph.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper we consider simple, finite and undirected graphs only. Cordial labeling was introduced by Cahit [1]. The notion of  $k$ -total mean cordial labeling has been introduced in [5]. The 4-total mean cordial labeling behaviour of several graphs like cycle, complete

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graph, star, bistar, comb and crown have been studied in [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]. In this paper we investigate the 4- total mean cordial labeling of spider graph. Let  $x$  be any real number. Then  $\lceil x \rceil$  stands for the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ . Terms are not defined here follow from Harary[3] and Gallian[2]. .

## 2 $k$ -total mean cordial graph

**Definition 1.** Let  $G$  be a graph. Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$  be a function where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k > 1$ . For each edge  $uv$ , assign the label  $f(uv) = \left\lceil \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \right\rceil$ .  $f$  is called a  $k$ -total mean cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|t_{mf}(i) - t_{mf}(j)| \leq 1$ , for all  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ , where  $t_{mf}(x)$  denotes the total number of vertices and edges labelled with  $x$ ,  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ . A graph with admit a  $k$ -total mean cordial labeling is called  $k$ -total mean cordial graph.

## 3 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.** [3] A connected acyclic graph is called a *tree*.

**Definition 3.** [4] A tree is called a *spider graph* if it has a centre vertex  $u$  of degree  $> 1$  and all the other vertex is either degree 1 or degree 2. Thus the spider is an amalgamation of  $k$  paths with various lengths. If it has  $x'_1$  of length  $a_1$ ,  $x'_2$  of length  $a_2$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $x'_m$  of length  $a_m$ . then it is denoted by  $SP(a_1^{x_1}, a_2^{x_2}, \dots, a_m^{x_m})$  where  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_m$ .

## 4 MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 4.** The spider graph  $SP(1^m, 2^n)$  is 4-total mean cordial for all values of  $m, n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(SP(1^m, 2^n)) = \{u, u_i, v_j, w_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E(SP(1^m, 2^n)) = \{uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{uv_j, v_jw_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Note that  $|V(SP(1^m, 2^n))| + |E(SP(1^m, 2^n))| = 2m + 4n + 1$ .

Assign the label 2 to the vertex  $u$ . Now we assign the label 0 to the  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . Next we assign the label 3 to the  $n$  vertices  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ .

**Case 1.**  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r$ ,  $r \geq 1$ . Assign the label 0 to the  $2r$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{2r}$ . Now we assign the label 2 to the  $r$  vertices  $u_{2r+1}, u_{2r+2}, \dots, u_{3r}$ . Next we assign the label 3 to the  $r$

vertices  $u_{3r+1}, u_{3r+2}, \dots, u_{4r}$ .

**Case 2.**  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r + 1, r \geq 0$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4r$ ) as in case 1. Next we assign the label 0 to the vertex  $u_{4r+1}$ .

**Case 3.**  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r + 2, r \geq 0$ . Label the vertices  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4r + 1$ ) as in Case 2. Now we assign the labels 3 to the vertex  $u_{4r+2}$ .

**Case 4.**  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r + 3, r \geq 0$ . As in case 3, we assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4r + 2$ ). Finally we assign the label 0 to the vertex  $u_{4r+3}$ .

Thus this vertex labeling  $f$  is a 4-total mean cordial labeling follows from the Table 1.

$m$	$t_{mf}(0)$	$t_{mf}(1)$	$t_{mf}(2)$	$t_{mf}(3)$
$m = 4r$	$2r + n$	$2r + n$	$2r + n + 1$	$2r + n$
$m = 4r + 1$	$2r + n + 1$	$2r + n + 1$	$2r + n + 1$	$2r + n$
$m = 4r + 2$	$2r + n + 1$	$2r + n + 1$	$2r + n + 1$	$2r + n + 2$
$m = 4r + 3$	$2r + n + 2$	$2r + n + 2$	$2r + n + 1$	$2r + n + 2$

Table 1:

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**Theorem 5.** The spider graph  $SP(1^m, 3^n)$  is 4-total mean cordial for all values of  $m, n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(SP(1^m, 3^n)) = \{u, u_i, x_j, y_j, z_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E(SP(1^m, 3^n)) = \{uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{ux_j, x_jy_j, y_jz_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Clearly  $|V(SP(1^m, 3^n))| + |E(SP(1^m, 3^n))| = 2m + 6n + 1$ .

Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $u$ .

**Case 1.**  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $m = 2t + 1, t \geq 0$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the  $t + 1$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{t+1}$ . Next we assign the label 0 to the  $t$  vertices  $u_{t+2}, u_{t+3}, \dots, u_{2t+1}$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r, r \geq 1$ . Assign the label 0 to the  $2r$  vertices  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2r}$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the  $2r$  vertices  $x_{2r+1}, x_{2r+2}, \dots, x_{4r}$ . Next we assign the label 0 to the  $r$  vertices  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r$ . We now assign the label 1 to the  $r$  vertices  $y_{r+1}, y_{r+2}, \dots, y_{2r}$ . Next we assign the label 2 to the  $2r$  vertices  $y_{2r+1}, y_{2r+2}, \dots, y_{4r}$ . Now we assign the label

0 to the  $r$  vertices  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_r$ . We now assign the label 1 to the  $r$  vertices  $z_{r+1}, z_{r+2}, \dots, z_{2r}$ . Now we assign the label 1 to the  $r$  vertices  $z_{2r+1}, z_{2r+2}, \dots, z_{3r}$ . Next we assign the label 3 to the  $r$  vertices  $z_{3r+1}, z_{3r+2}, \dots, z_{4r}$ .

**Subcase 2.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r + 1, r \geq 0$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r$ ) as in Subcase 1. Next we assign the labels 0, 0, 3 to the vertices  $x_{4r+1}, y_{4r+1}, z_{4r+1}$ .

**Subcase 3.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r + 2, r \geq 0$ . Label the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r + 1$ ) as in Subcase 2. Now we assign the labels 3, 2, 0 to the vertices  $x_{4r+2}, y_{4r+2}, z_{4r+2}$ .

**Subcase 4.**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r + 3, r \geq 0$ . As in Subcase 3, we assign the label to the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r + 1$ ). Finally we assign the labels 0, 2, 3 to the vertices  $x_{4r+3}, y_{4r+3}, z_{4r+3}$ .

**Case 2.**  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $m = 2t, t \geq 1$ . Assign the label 3 to the  $t$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_t$ . Now we assign the label 0 to the  $t$  vertices  $u_{t+1}, u_{t+2}, \dots, u_{2t}$ .

**Subcase 1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r, r \geq 1$ . Label the vertices as in Subcase 1 of Case 1.

**Subcase 2.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r + 1, r \geq 0$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r$ ) as in Subcase 1 of Case 2. Now we assign the labels 0, 3, 0 to the vertices  $x_{4r+1}, y_{4r+1}, z_{4r+1}$ .

**Subcase 3.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r + 2, r \geq 0$ . Label the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r + 1$ ) as in Subcase 2 of Case 2. Next we assign the labels 3, 2, 0 to the vertices  $x_{4r+2}, y_{4r+2}, z_{4r+2}$ .

**Subcase 4.**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r + 3, r \geq 0$ . Now we assign the label to the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r + 1$ ) as in Subcase 3 of Case 2. Finally we assign the label 0, 2, 3 to the vertices  $x_{4r+3}, y_{4r+3}, z_{4r+3}$ .

Thus this vertex labeling  $f$  is a 4-total mean cordial labeling follows from the Table 2.

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**Theorem 6.** The Spider graph  $SP(1^m, 4^n)$  is a 4-total mean cordial for all values of  $m, n \geq 1$ .

$m$	$n$	$t_{mf}(0)$	$t_{mf}(1)$	$t_{mf}(2)$	$t_{mf}(3)$
$m = 2t + 1$	$n = 4r$	$t + 6r$	$t + 6r + 1$	$t + 6r + 1$	$t + 6r + 1$
$m = 2t + 1$	$n = 4r + 1$	$t + 6r + 3$	$t + 6r + 2$	$t + 6r + 2$	$t + 6r + 2$
$m = 2t + 1$	$n = 4r + 2$	$t + 6r + 4$	$t + 6r + 3$	$t + 6r + 4$	$t + 6r + 4$
$m = 2t + 1$	$n = 4r + 3$	$t + 6r + 5$	$t + 6r + 5$	$t + 6r + 5$	$t + 6r + 6$
$m = 2t$	$n = 4r$	$t + 6r$	$t + 6r + 1$	$t + 6r$	$t + 6r$
$m = 2t$	$n = 4r + 1$	$t + 6r + 2$	$t + 6r + 2$	$t + 6r + 2$	$t + 6r + 1$
$m = 2t$	$n = 4r + 2$	$t + 6r + 3$	$t + 6r + 3$	$t + 6r + 4$	$t + 6r + 3$
$m = 2t$	$n = 4r + 3$	$t + 6r + 4$	$t + 6r + 5$	$t + 6r + 5$	$t + 6r + 5$

Table 2:

*Proof.* Let  $V(SP(1^m, 4^n)) = \{u, u_i, w_j, x_j, y_j, z_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E(SP(1^m, 4^n)) = \{uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{uw_j, w_jx_j, x_jy_j, y_jz_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Obviously  $|V(SP(1^m, 4^n))| + |E(SP(1^m, 4^n))| = 2m + 8n + 1$ .

Assign the label 2 to the vertex  $u$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the  $n$  vertices  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ . Next we assign the label 0 to the  $n$  vertices  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . We now assign the label 2 to the  $n$  vertices  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ . Next we assign the label 0 to the  $n$  vertices  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ .

**Case 1.**  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r, r \geq 1$ . Assign the label 0 to the  $2r$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{2r}$ . Next we assign the label 2 to the  $r$  vertices  $u_{2r+1}, u_{2r+2}, \dots, u_{3r}$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the  $r$  vertices  $u_{3r+1}, u_{3r+2}, \dots, u_{4r}$ .

**Case 2.**  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r + 1, r \geq 0$ . Now we assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4r$ ) as in case 1. Next we assign the label 0 to the vertex  $u_{4r+1}$ .

**Case 3.**  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r + 2, r \geq 0$ . Label the vertices  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4r + 1$ ) as in Case 2. Now we assign the labels 3 to the vertex  $u_{4r+2}$ .

**Case 4.**  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $m = 4r + 3, r \geq 0$ . As in case 3, we assign the label to the vertices  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4r + 2$ ). Finally we assign the label 0 to the vertex  $u_{4r+3}$ .

Thus this vertex labeling  $f$  is a 4-total mean cordial labeling follows from the Table 3.

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**Theorem 7.** The Spider graph  $SP(2^m, 3^n)$  is a 4-total mean cordial for all values of

$m$	$t_{mf}(0)$	$t_{mf}(1)$	$t_{mf}(2)$	$t_{mf}(3)$
$m = 4r$	$2r + 2n$	$2r + 2n$	$2r + 2n + 1$	$2r + 2n$
$m = 4r + 1$	$2r + 2n + 1$	$2r + 2n + 1$	$2r + 2n + 1$	$2r + 2n$
$m = 4r + 2$	$2r + 2n + 1$	$2r + 2n + 1$	$2r + 2n + 1$	$2r + 2n + 2$
$m = 4r + 3$	$2r + 2n + 2$	$2r + 2n + 2$	$2r + 2n + 1$	$2r + 2n + 2$

Table 3:

$m, n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(SP(2^m, 3^n)) = \{u, u_i, v_i, x_j, y_j, z_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E(SP(2^m, 3^n)) = \{uu_i, u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{ux_j, x_j y_j, y_j z_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Clearly  $|V(SP(2^m, 3^n))| + |E(SP(2^m, 3^n))| = 4m + 6n + 1$ .

Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $u$ . Next we assign the label 0 to the  $m$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the  $m$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$ .

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r, r \geq 1$ . Assign the label 0 to the  $2r$  vertices  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2r}$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the  $2r$  vertices  $x_{2r+1}, x_{2r+2}, \dots, x_{4r}$ . Next we assign the label 0 to the  $r$  vertices  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r$ . We now assign the label 1 to the  $r$  vertices  $y_{r+1}, y_{r+2}, \dots, y_{2r}$ . Next we assign the label 2 to the  $2r$  vertices  $y_{2r+1}, y_{2r+2}, \dots, y_{4r}$ . Now we assign the label 0 to the  $r$  vertices  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_r$ . We now assign the label 1 to the  $r$  vertices  $z_{r+1}, z_{r+2}, \dots, z_{2r}$ . Now we assign the label 1 to the  $r$  vertices  $z_{2r+1}, z_{2r+2}, \dots, z_{3r}$ . Next we assign the label 3 to the  $r$  vertices  $z_{3r+1}, z_{3r+2}, \dots, z_{4r}$ .

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r + 1, r \geq 0$ . Assign the label to the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r$ ) as in Case 1. Next we assign the labels 3, 2, 0 to the vertices  $x_{4r+1}, y_{4r+1}, z_{4r+1}$ .

**Case 3.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r + 2, r \geq 0$ . Label the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r + 1$ ) as in Case 2. Now we assign the labels 0, 3, 0 to the vertices  $x_{4r+2}, y_{4r+2}, z_{4r+2}$ .

**Case 4.**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $n = 4r + 3, r \geq 0$ . As in Case 2, we assign the label to the vertices  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 4r + 1$ ). Finally we assign the labels 0, 0, 3, 3, 2, 0 to the vertices  $x_{4r+2}, y_{4r+2}, z_{4r+2}, x_{4r+3}, y_{4r+3}, z_{4r+3}$ .

Thus this vertex labeling  $f$  is a 4-total mean cordial labeling follows from the Table 4.

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$n$	$t_{mf}(0)$	$t_{mf}(1)$	$t_{mf}(2)$	$t_{mf}(3)$
$n = 4r$	$m + 6r$	$m + 6r + 1$	$m + 6r$	$m + 6r$
$n = 4r + 1$	$m + 6r + 1$	$m + 6r + 2$	$m + 6r + 2$	$m + 6r + 2$
$n = 4r + 2$	$m + 6r + 3$	$m + 6r + 3$	$m + 6r + 4$	$m + 6r + 3$
$n = 4r + 3$	$m + 6r + 5$	$m + 6r + 4$	$m + 6r + 5$	$m + 6r + 5$

Table 4:

**Theorem 8.** The Spider graph  $SP(2^m, 4^n)$  is a 4-total mean cordial for all values of  $m, n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(SP(2^m, 4^n)) = \{u, u_i, v_i, w_j, x_j, y_j, z_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E(SP(2^m, 4^n)) = \{uu_i, u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{uw_j, w_j x_j, x_j y_j, y_j z_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Note that  $|V(SP(2^m, 4^n))| + |E(SP(2^m, 4^n))| = 4m + 8n + 1$ .

Assign the label 2 to the vertex  $u$ . Next we assign the label 0 to the  $m$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$ . Now we assign the label 3 to the  $m$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$ . We now assign the label 3 to the  $n$  vertices  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ . Next  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . We now assign the label 2 to the  $n$  vertices  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ . Finally we assign the label 3 to the  $n$  vertices  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ . Obviously  $t_{mf}(0) = t_{mf}(1) = t_{mf}(3) = m + 2n$ ;  $t_{mf}(2) = m + 2n + 1$ .

□

**Theorem 9.** The Spider graph  $SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n)$  is 4-total mean cordial for all values of  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n)) = \{u, u_i, v_i, w_i, x_i, y_i, z_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n)) = \{uu_i, uv_i, v_i w_i, ux_i, x_i y_i, y_i z_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Obviously  $|V(SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n))| + |E(SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n))| = 12n + 1$ .

Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $u$ . We now assign the label 0 to the  $n$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ . Now we assign the label 0 to the  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . Next we assign the label 3 to the  $n$  vertices  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ . Now we assign the label 0 to the  $n$  vertices  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . We now assign the label 3 to the  $n$  vertices  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ . Finally we assign the label 2 to the  $n$  vertices  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ .

Clearly  $t_{mf}(0) = t_{mf}(2) = t_{mf}(3) = 3n$ ;  $t_{mf}(1) = 3n + 1$ .

□

**Theorem 10.** The Spider graph  $SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n, 4^n)$  is 4-total mean cordial for all values of  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n, 4^n)) = \{u, u_i, v_i, w_i, x_i, y_i, z_i, p_i, q_i, r_i, s_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n, 4^n)) = \{uu_i, uv_i, vw_i, ux_i, xy_i, yz_i, up_i, pq_i, qr_i, rs_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Obviously  $|V(SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n, 4^n))| + |E(SP(1^n, 2^n, 3^n, 4^n))| = 20n + 1$ .

Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $u$ . We now assign the label 0 to the  $4n$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ . Next we assign the label 1 to the  $n$  vertices  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Now we assign the label 2 to the  $2n$  vertices  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ . Finally we assign the label 3 to the  $3n$  vertices  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$ .

Clearly  $t_{mf}(0) = t_{mf}(2) = t_{mf}(3) = 5n$ ;  $t_{mf}(1) = 5n + 1$ .

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