

# Pair Sum Labeling of some Special Graphs

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. A one-one map  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm p\}$  is said to be a pair sum labeling if the induced edge function,  $f_e : E(G) \rightarrow Z - \{0\}$  defined by  $f_e(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$  is one-one and  $f_e(E(G))$  is either of the form  $\{\pm k_1, \pm k_2, \dots, \pm k_{q/2}\}$  or  $\{\pm k_1, \pm k_2, \dots, \pm k_{(q-1)/2}\} \cup \{k_{(q+1)/2}\}$  according as  $q$  is even or odd. Recently, the pair sum labeling was introduced by R.Ponraj, J. V. X. Parthipan [3]. In this paper we study about the pair sum labeling of the coconut tree  $CT(m, n)$ , the Y-tree  $Y_{n+1}$ , the Jelly fish graph  $J(m, n)$ , the  $(m, 2)$ -kite,  $(m, 1)$ -kite, the theta graph  $\Theta(l^{[m]})$ , for  $m$  even and complete binary tree.

## Keywords

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The graph considered here are all finite, undirected and simple.  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denote the vertex set and edge set of a graph  $G$ . The pair sum labeling is introduced in [3] by R. Ponraj and et al. In [3],[4] [5] and [6] they study the pair sum labeling of cycle, path, star and some of their related graphs like  $B_{m,n}$ ,  $K_{1,n} \cup K_{1,m}$ ,  $P_m \cup K_{1,n}$ ,  $C_n \cup C_n$  etc. In this paper we prove that the pair sum labeling of coconut tree  $CT(m, n)$ , the Y-tree  $Y_{n+1}$ , Jelly fish  $J(m, n)$ ,  $(m, 2)$ -kite,  $(m, 1)$ -kite and the theta graph  $\Theta(l^{[m]})$ , for  $m$  even and complete binary tree. Let  $x$  be any real number, then  $\lceil x \rceil$  denotes the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . Terms and terminology as in Harary [2].

**Definition 1.1[3]:** Let  $G(V, E)$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. A one-one function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm p\}$  is said to be a pair sum labeling if the induced edge function  $f_e : E(G) \rightarrow Z - \{0\}$  defined by  $f_e(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$  is one-one and  $f_e(E(G))$  is either of the form  $\{\pm k_1, \pm k_2, \dots, \pm k_{q/2}\}$  or  $\{\pm k_1, \pm k_2, \dots, \pm k_{(q-1)/2}\} \cup \{k_{(q+1)/2}\}$  according as  $q$  is even or odd. A graph with a pair sum labeling defined on it is called a pair sum graph.

**Definition 1.2:** A coconut Tree  $CT(m, n)$  is the graph obtained from the path  $P_m$  by appending  $n$  new pendent edges at an end vertex of  $P_m$ .

**Definition 1.3:** A Y-tree  $Y_{n+1}$  is a graph obtained from the path  $P_n$  by appending an edge to a vertex of the path  $P_n$  adjacent to an end point.

**Definition 1.4:** An  $(n, t)$ -kite is a cycle of length  $n$  with a  $t$ -edge path (the tail) attached to one vertex. In particular, the  $(n, 1)$ -kite is a cycle of length  $n$  with an edge attached to one vertex.  $(n, 1)$ -kite is also known as flag  $Fl_n$ .

**Definition 1.5:** The Jelly fish graph  $J(m, n)$  is obtained from a 4-cycle  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  by joining  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  with an edge and appending  $m$  pendent edges to  $v_2$  and  $n$  pendent edges to  $v_4$ .

**Definition 1.6:** Take  $k$  paths of length  $l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots, l_k$  where  $k \geq 3$  and  $l_i = 1$  for at most one  $i$ . Identify their end points to form a new graph. The new graph is called a generalized theta graph, and is denoted by  $\Theta(l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots, l_k)$ . In other words,  $\Theta(l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots, l_k)$  consists  $k \geq 3$  pair wise internally disjoint paths of length  $l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots, l_k$  that share a pair of common end points  $u$  and  $v$ . If each  $l_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) is equal to 1, we will write  $\Theta(l^{[k]})$ .

**Definition 1.7:** A binary tree is defined as a tree in which there is exactly one vertex (root vertex) of degree two and each of the remaining vertices is of degree one or three. A  $d$ -level complete binary tree (complete binary tree of depth  $d$ ) is a binary tree in which each internal vertex (non-pendent vertex) other than the root is of degree three and all the pendent vertices are at level  $d$ . (In a binary tree a vertex  $v$  is said to be at level  $l$ , if  $v$  is at a distance of  $l$  from the root).

In [3] and [2] R. Ponraj, J. V. X. Parthipan have proved the following results which we will use in the proof of our theorems.

**Theorem 1.1[3]:**  $(3, 1)$  - kite is not a pair sum graph.

**Theorem 1.2[2]:** The complete bipartite graphs  $K_{1,n}$  and  $K_{2,n}$  are pair sum graphs.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1:** The  $(m, 2)$ -kite is a pair sum graph for all  $m \geq 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be the vertex set and  $E$  be the edge set of  $(m, 2)$ -kite. Then  $|V| = |E| = m + 2$ . Consider the following two cases.

**Case 1:**  $m$  is even. Let  $m = 2r$ .

Let  $V = \{u_i, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq r\} \cup \{w_1, w_2\}$  and  
 $E = \{u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq r-1\} \cup \{u_r v_1, v_r u_1, u_r w_1, w_1 w_2\}$ .  
 Define a map  $f : V \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(2r+2)\}$  as follows:  
 $f(u_i) = 2i$  ;  $1 \leq i \leq r-1$   
 $f(v_i) = -f(u_i)$  ;  $1 \leq i \leq r-1$   
 $f(u_r) = 1, f(v_r) = -1, f(w_1) = -(r+1), f(w_2) = (2r+1)$ .  
 Then  $f$  is a pair sum labeling.

**Case2:**  $m$  is odd.

**Subcase 2.1:**  $m \geq 9$

Let  $m = 2r+1, r \geq 4$ .

Let  $V = \{u_i / 1 \leq i \leq r\} \cup \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq r+1\} \cup \{w_1, w_2\}$  and  
 $E = \{u_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq r-1\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq r\} \cup \{u_r v_1, v_{r+1} u_1, v_r w_1, w_1 w_2\}$ .

Define  $f: V \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(2r+3)\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_i) = 2i; 1 \leq i \leq r-1$$

$$f(v_i) = -f(u_i); 1 \leq i \leq r-2$$

$$f(u_r) = 2r-1, f(v_{r-1}) = 2r-3, f(v_r) = -(2r-2), f(v_{r+1}) = -(2r-1)$$

$$f(w_1) = -(2r-5), f(w_2) = 2r+3.$$

Then  $f$  is a pair sum labeling.

**Subcase 2.2:** for  $m = 3, 5$  and  $7$ , a pair sum labeling of  $(m, 2)$ -kite is given in Figure 1.

**Subcase 1.1:**  $m$  is even. Let  $m = 2r$ . Then  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq r\} \cup \{w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$$E(G) = \{u_r v_1, u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq r-1\} \cup \{w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

Define  $f: V \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(2r+n)\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_1) = -3, f(u_r) = 1, f(v_r) = -1$$

$$f(u_i) = 2i; 2 \leq i \leq r-1$$

$$f(v_i) = -f(u_i); 1 \leq i \leq r-1$$

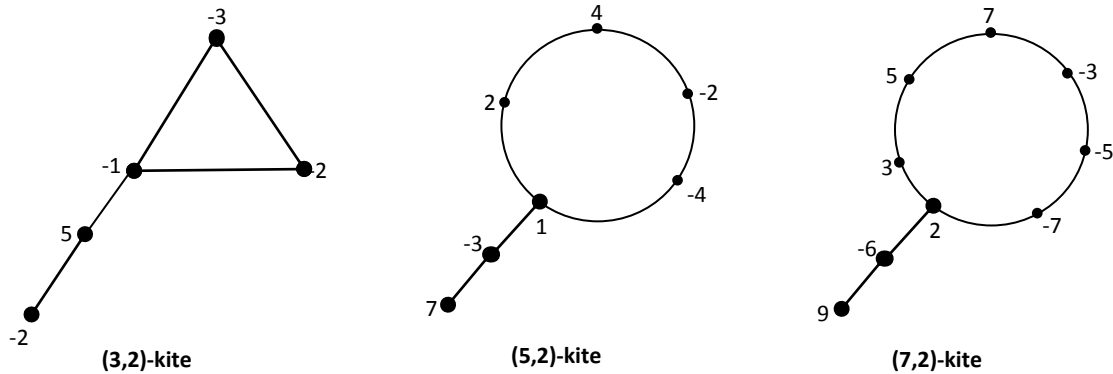


Figure 1

Hence the  $(m, 2)$ -kite is a pair sum graph for all  $m \geq 3$ .

**Corollary 2.2:** By deleting the pendant vertex in the  $(m, 2)$ -kite of the proof of the Theorem 2.1 and by Theorem 1.1, the  $(m, 1)$ -kite is a pair sum graph except for  $m = 3$ .

**Example 2.1:** In Figure 2, pair sum labeling of  $(16, 2)$ -kite and  $(17, 2)$ -kite are illustrated.

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 7 & ; i = 1 \\ -(2i + 3) & ; 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ \& } i \text{ even} \\ (2i + 3) & ; 3 \leq i \leq n \text{ \& } i \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

**Subcase 1.2:**  $m$  is odd. Let  $m = 2r+1$ .

Then  $V(G) = \{u_{r+1}, u_i, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq r\} \cup \{w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$$E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, u_r v_1, v_r v_{r+1}, v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq r-1\} \cup \{v_{r+1} w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

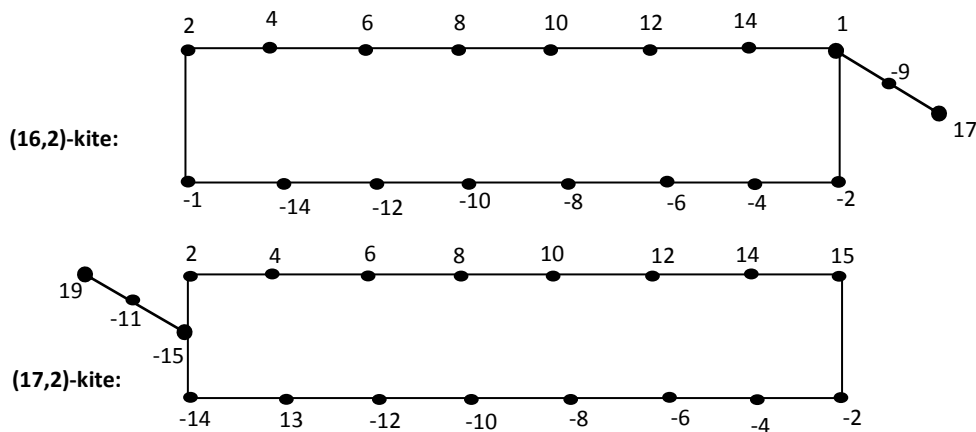


Figure 2: Pair sum labeling of  $(16, 2)$ -kite and  $(17, 2)$ -kite

**Theorem 2.3:** The coconut tree  $CT(m, n)$  is a pair sum graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G(V, E) = CT(m, n)$ . then  $|V(G)| = m + n$  and  $|E(G)| = m + n - 1$

**Case 1:**  $m \geq 5$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(2r+n+1)\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 2(i+1) & ; 1 \leq i \leq r-1 \\ 1 & ; i = r. \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} -2i & ; 1 \leq i \leq r \\ -1 & ; i = r+1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 2 & ; i = 1 \\ 7 & ; i = 2 \\ -(2i+1) & ; 3 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

Case 2:  $m \leq 4$ .

Subcase 2.1:  $m=1$ , then  $G = CT(1,n)$  is the star  $K_{1,n}$ . By Theorem 1.2 [2],  $G$  is a pair sum graph.

Subcase 2.2:  $m=2$ , then  $G = CT(2,n)$  is the star  $K_{1,n+1}$ . By Theorem 1.2 [2], it is a pair sum graph.

Subcase 2.3:  $m=3$ , then  $G = CT(3,n)$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq 3\} \cup \{w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{v_1v_2, v_2v_3\} \cup \{v_3w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Label the vertices  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  by  $-3, 2$  and  $-1$  respectively.

For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , define  $f(w_i) = \begin{cases} -(i+1) & ; i \text{ odd} \\ (i+2) & ; i \text{ even} \end{cases}$

Subcase 2.4:  $m=4$  then  $G = CT(4,n)$ .

$V(G) = \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq 4\} \cup \{w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{v_1v_2, v_2v_3, v_3v_4\} \cup \{v_4w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Label the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v_4$  by  $-2, -4, 1$  and  $2$  respectively.

For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , define

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 4 & ; i = 1 \\ -1 & ; i = 2 \\ -3 & ; i = 3 \\ i-1 & ; 4 \leq i \leq n \text{ \& i even} \\ -(i+2) & ; 5 \leq i \leq n \text{ \& i odd} \end{cases}$$

Then  $f$  is a pair sum labeling.

Hence the coconut tree  $CT(m, n)$  is a pair sum graph.

**Example 2.2:** In Figure 3, the pair sum labeling for  $CT(4,7)$  is exhibited.

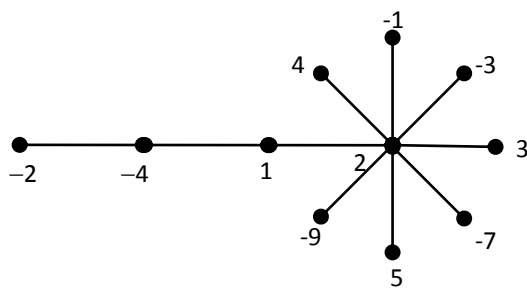


Figure 3: Pair sum labeling  $CT(4,7)$

**Corollary 2. 4:** For  $r \geq 3$ , the  $Y$ -tree  $Y_{r+1}$  is a pair sum graph.

**Proof:** It is easily observed that  $Y_{r+1} \cong CT(r-1,2)$  for  $r \geq 3$ . Hence by Theorem 2.1,  $Y_{r+1}$  is a pair sum graph.

**Example 2.3:** In Figure 4 a pair sum labeling of  $Y_{4+1}$  and  $Y_{5+1}$  are illustrated.

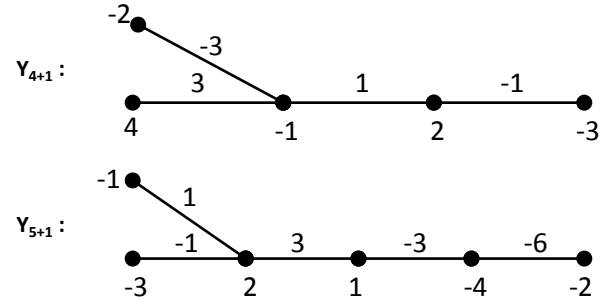


Figure 4: pair sum labeling of  $Y_{6+1}, Y_{4+1}$  and  $Y_{5+1}$

**Theorem 2.5:** For  $m, n \geq 1$ , Jelly fish graph  $J(m, n)$  is a pair sum graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G(V,E) = J(m, n)$ . Then  $G$  has  $(m+n+4)$  vertices and  $(m+n+5)$  edges. Let  $n \geq m$ . Let  $V(G) = V_1 \cup V_2$  where  $V_1 = \{x, u, y, v\}, V_2 = \{u_i, v_j ; 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$ , where  $E_1 = \{xu, uy, yv, vx, xy\}, E_2 = \{uu_i, vv_j ; 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Define  $f: V \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(m+n+4)\}$  as follows:

Label the vertices  $x, u, y, v$  by  $-5, -1, 3$  and  $1$  respectively.

Define

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 5 & ; i = 1 \\ 2(i-1) & ; 2 \leq i \leq 4 \\ (i+2) & ; 5 \leq i \leq m+1 \end{cases}$$

For  $2 \leq j \leq n-m$

$$f(v_{m+j}) = \begin{cases} m+3+(j/2) & ; 2 \leq j \leq m-n \text{ \& j even} \\ -(m+5+(j-1)/2) & ; 3 \leq j \leq m-n \text{ \& j odd} \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = -f(v_{i+1}) ; 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

Then  $f$  is a pair sum labeling. Hence the Jelly fish graph  $J(m, n)$  is a pair sum graph.

**Example 2.4:** In Figure 5, the pair sum labeling for the Jelly fish graph  $J(4, 7)$  is exhibited.

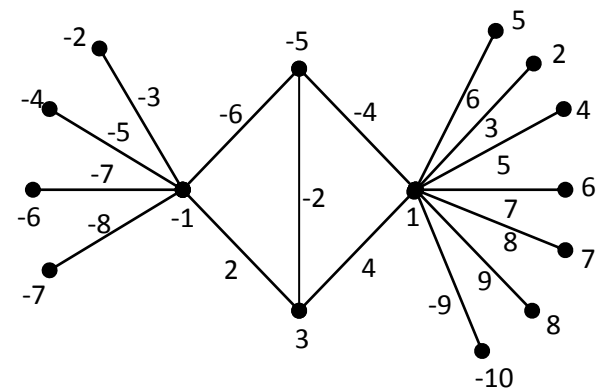


Figure 5: pair sum labeling for the Jelly fish  $J(4, 7)$

Next we will prove that the theta graph  $\Theta(\ell^{[m]})$  is a pair sum graph, for  $m$  even.

**Theorem 2.6:** For  $m$  even, the theta graph  $\Theta(\ell^{[m]})$  is a pair sum graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G(V,E) = \Theta(\ell^{[m]})$ . Then  $|V(G)| = m(\ell - 1) + 2$

and  $|E(G)| = m\ell$ . Let  $V(G) = V_1 \cup V_2$  where

$$V_1 = \{u_{i,j}, v_{i,j} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m/2 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq \ell - 1\},$$

$V_2 = \{u, v\}$  and  $E(G) = E_1 \cup E_2$  where

$$E_1 = \{u_{i,j}u_{i,j+1}, v_{i,j}v_{i,j+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m/2, 1 \leq j \leq \ell - 2\},$$

$$E_2 = \{uu_{i,1}, uv_{i,\ell-1}, vv_{i,1}, vu_{i,\ell-1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m/2\}.$$

Define a map  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm m(\ell - 1) + 2\}$  as follows:

$$f(u) = 1, f(v) = -1,$$

$$f(u_{i,j}) = 2(\ell - i + j - \ell + 1); 1 \leq i \leq m/2 \text{ \& } 1 \leq j \leq \ell - 1$$

$$f(v_{i,j}) = f(u_{i,j}); 1 \leq i \leq m/2 \text{ \& } 1 \leq j \leq \ell - 1$$

Clearly  $f$  is a pair sum labeling. Hence the theta graph  $\Theta(\ell^{[m]})$  is a pair sum graph for  $m$  even.

**Example 2.5:** In Figure 6, a pair sum labeling for the theta graph  $\Theta(7^{[6]})$  is exhibited.

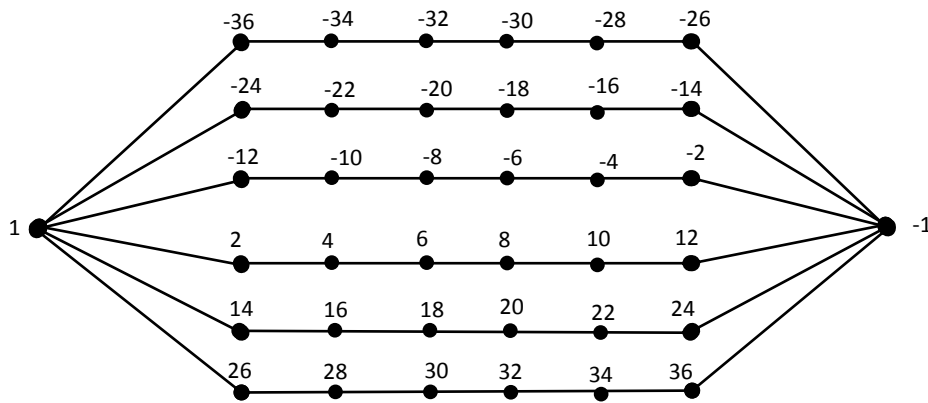


Figure 6: pair sum labeling for the theta graph  $\Theta(7^{[6]})$

Next we will prove that a complete binary tree is a pair sum graph. In a binary tree a vertex  $v$  is said to be at level  $d$ , if  $v$  is at a distance of  $d$  from the root. The number of vertices at levels  $0, 1, 2, \dots, m$  in a  $m$ -level complete binary tree are  $2^0, 2^1, 2^2, \dots, 2^m$  respectively. Thus the total number of vertices in  $m$ -level complete binary tree is  $2^{m+1} - 1$ .

**Example 2.6:** A 3-level complete binary tree is shown in Figure 7.

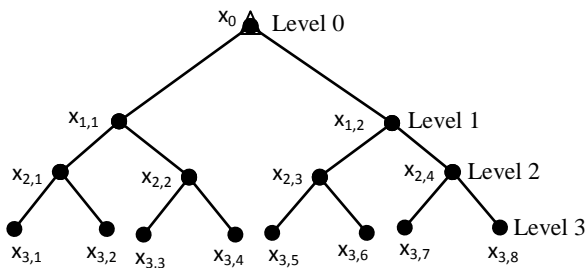


Figure 7 : 3-level complete binary tree

**Theorem 2.7:** For all  $m \geq 1$ , the  $m$ -level complete binary tree is a pair sum graph.

**Proof:** Construct the  $m$ -level complete binary tree as shown in figure 2.6. Let the vertex set  $V$  and the edge set  $E$  be defined as  $V = \{x_0\} \cup \{x_{i,j} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq 2^i\}$  and  $E = \{x_0x_{1,1}, x_0x_{1,2}\} \cup \{x_{i,j}x_{i+1,2j-1}, x_{i,j}x_{i+1,2j} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq 2^i\}$ . Then  $|V| = 2^{m+1} - 1$  and  $|E| = 2^{m+1} - 2$ .

Consider the following two cases.

**Case 1:**  $m \geq 2$ .

Define  $f : V \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm (2^{m+1} - 1)\}$  as follows:

$$f(x_0) = 1, f(x_{1,1}) = 3, f(x_{1,2}) = -3, f(x_{2,1}) = -2, f(x_{2,2}) = -7, f(x_{2,3}) = 2, f(x_{2,4}) = 5.$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq 2^i$$

**Subcase 1.1:**  $i$  is odd.

$$f(x_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} -2^i - j + 1 & ; 1 \leq j \leq \frac{1}{2}2^i \\ 2^{i-1} + j - 1 & ; \frac{1}{2}2^i + 1 \leq j \leq \frac{3}{4}2^i \\ 2^{i-1} + j + 1 & ; \frac{3}{4}2^i + 1 \leq j \leq 2^i \end{cases}$$

**Subcase 1.2:**  $i$  is even.

$$f(x_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} -2^i - j + 1 & ; 1 \leq j \leq \frac{1}{4}2^i \\ -(2^i + j + 1) & ; \frac{1}{4}2^i + 1 \leq j \leq \frac{1}{2}2^i \\ 2^{i-1} + j - 1 & ; \frac{1}{2}2^i + 1 \leq j \leq 2^i \end{cases}$$

Then it is clearly observed that  $f$  is a pair sum labeling.

**Case 2:** Let  $m = 1$ . Then  $V = \{x_0, x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}\}$  and  $E = \{x_0x_{1,1}, x_0x_{1,2}\}$ . Define  $f : V \rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3\}$  by  $f(x_0) = -2, f(x_{1,1}) = 3, f(x_{1,2}) = 1$ . Clearly  $f$  is a pair sum labeling.

Hence for all  $m \geq 1$ , the  $m$ -level complete binary tree admits a pair sum labeling.

**Example 2.7:** In Figure 8, pair sum labeling of four-level complete binary tree is illustrated.

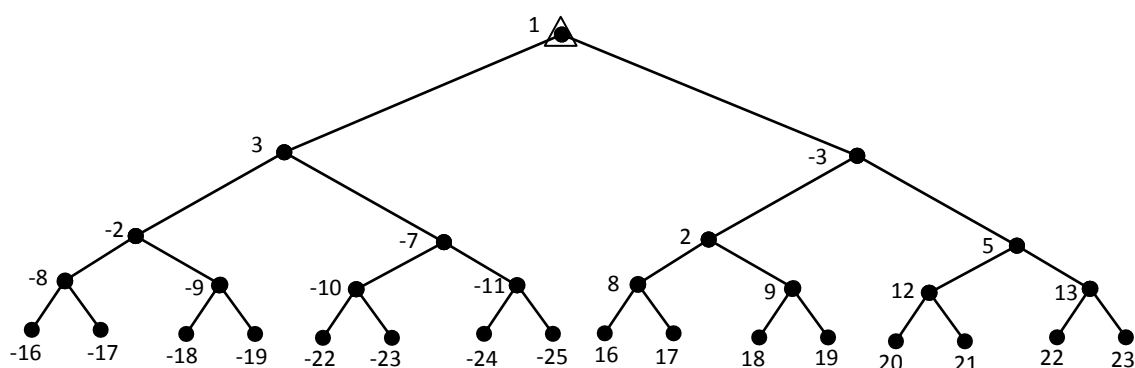


Figure 8: pair sum labeling of four level complete binary tree

### 3. CONCLUSION

In this paper we investigated some graphs like the coconut tree  $CT(m, n)$ , the Y-tree  $Y_{n+1}$ , Jelly fish graph  $J(m, n)$ , the  $(m, 2)$ -kite,  $(m, 1)$ -kite, the theta graph  $\Theta(l[m])$ , for  $m$  even and complete binary tree are pair sum graphs. For the graphs like trees,  $(m, n)$ -kites for all  $n > 2$  this labeling can be verified.

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