

# On Beta Combination Labeling Graphs

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. A graph  $G(p, q)$  is said to be a Beta combination graph if there exist a bijection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  such that the induced function  $B_f: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}$  is a natural number, given by  $B_f$

$$(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}, \text{ every edges } uv \in G \text{ and are all distinct}$$

and the function  $f$  is called the Beta combination labeling of  $G$  [8]. In this paper, we prove quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$ , double triangular snake, alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$ , alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$ , helm  $H_n$ , the gear graph, Comb  $P_n \circ K_1$ , the graph  $C_n \circ K_1$  and the diamond graph are the Beta combination graphs.

## General Terms

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Graph labeling, where the vertices and edges are assigned real values or subsets of a set are subject to certain conditions. Throughout this paper, by a graph we mean a finite, undirected, simple graph. The vertex set and the edge set of a graph  $G$  are denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  respectively. Let  $G(p, q)$  be a graph with  $p = |V(G)|$  vertices and  $q = |E(G)|$  edges. A detailed survey of graph labeling can be found in [6]. Combinations play a major role in combinatorial problems. The concept of beta combination labeling of graphs was introduced in [8] which is a logical-mathematical attempt. We use the following definitions in the subsequent sections.

### Definition 1.1. [8]

A graph  $G(p, q)$  is said to be a Beta combination graph if there exist a bijection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  such that the induced function  $B_f: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}$  is a natural number, given by  $B_f$

$$\frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}$$

$(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}$ , every edges  $uv \in G$  and are all distinct and the function  $f$  is called the Beta combination labeling.

### Definition 1.2. [5]

A quadrilateral snake is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  by joining  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  to new vertices  $v_i, w_i$ . That is, every edge of the path is replaced by the cycle.

### Definition 1.3. [5]

A triangular snake is obtained from a path  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  by joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to a new vertex  $w_i$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

### Definition 1.4. [5]

A double triangular snake consists of two triangular snakes that have a common path. That is, a double triangular snake is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  to new vertex  $v_i$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and to a new vertex  $w_i$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

### Definition 1.5. [7]

An alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) to new vertex  $v_i$ . That is every alternative edge of a path is replaced by a cycle  $C_3$ .

### Definition 1.6. [7]

An alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$  is obtained from a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  by joining  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  (alternatively) to new vertex  $v_i, w_i$  respectively and then joining  $v_i$  and  $w_i$ . That is every alternative edge of a path is replaced by a cycle  $C_4$ .

### Definition 1.7. [5]

The wheel  $W_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) is obtained by joining all nodes of cycle  $C_n$  to a further node called the center, and contains  $(n+1)$  nodes and  $2n$  edges.

### Definition 1.8. [5]

The helm  $H_n$  is the graph obtained from a wheel by attaching a pendent edge at each vertex of the  $n$ -cycle.

### Definition 1.9. [5]

A gear graph is obtained from the wheel  $W_n$  by adding a vertex between every pair of adjacent vertices of the  $n$ -cycle.

### Definition 1.10. [5]

The corona  $G_1 \odot G_2$  of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is defined as the graph  $G$  obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  (which has  $p$  points) and  $p$  copies of  $G_2$  and then joining the  $i^{\text{th}}$  point of  $G_1$  to every point in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$ .

In this paper, we prove quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$ , double triangular snake, alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$ , alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$ , helm  $H_n$ , the gear graph, Comb  $P_n \circ K_1$ , the graph  $C_n \circ K_1$  and the diamond graph are the Beta combination graphs.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem: 2.1** The quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is a beta combination graph.

**Proof:** Let  $Q_n$  be the quadrilateral snake with  $3n-2$  vertices

$u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-1}$ . Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$  and every  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$  are joined to new vertices  $v_i$  and  $w_i$  respectively and every  $v_i$  and  $w_i$  are joined by an edge  $v_i w_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

Then  $E(Q_n) = \{u_i u_{i+1}; u_i v_i; u_{i+1} w_i; v_i w_i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  and  $|E(Q_n)| = 4n-4$ . Define a bijection  $f: V(Q_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n-2\}$  by  $f(u_i) = 3i-2$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $f(v_i) = 3i-1$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ;  $f(w_i) = 3i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . And  $f$  induces  $B_f: E(Q_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by

$B_f(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}$ , for every edges  $uv$  of  $Q_n$  and are all distinct.

**Theorem: 2.2** Every double triangular snake is a beta combination graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a double triangular snake with  $3n-2$  vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-1}\}$ .

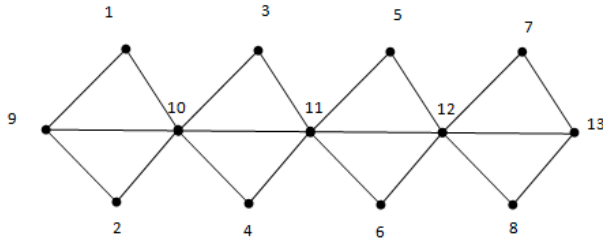
$E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1} ; u_i v_i ; u_i w_i ; u_{i+1} v_i ; u_{i+1} w_i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  and  $|E(G)| = 5n-5$ . Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n-2\}$  by

$$f(u_i) = 2n-2+i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } f(v_i) = 2i-1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 ;$$

$$f(w_i) = 2i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \text{ And } f \text{ induces that } B_f: E(G) \rightarrow N \text{ by}$$

$$B_f(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}, \text{ for every edges } uv \text{ of } G \text{ and are all distinct.}$$

**Example:2.3** The beta combination labeling of a double triangular snake is shown in the Fig-1.



**Fig-1.**

**Theorem: 2.4** Every alternate triangular snake  $A(T_n)$  is a beta combination graph.

**Proof:**

**Case (i)** If the triangle starts from  $u_1$ .

In this case  $A(T_n)$  has  $(3n/2)$  ( $n$  is even) vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n/2}\}$  such that  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of  $P_n$  and every  $u_{2i-1}$  and  $u_{2i}$  are adjacent to  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq (n/2)$ .

$$E(A(T_n)) = \{u_i u_{i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 ; u_{2i-1} v_i ; v_i u_{2i} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq (n/2)\}$$

and  $|E(A(T_n))| = 2n-1$ . Define  $f: V(A(T_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, (3n/2)\}$  by  $f(u_{2i-1}) = 3i-2$  if  $1 \leq i \leq (n/2)$ ;  $f(u_{2i}) = 3i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq (n/2)$  and

$$f(v_i) = 3i-1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq (n/2).$$

**Case (ii)** If the triangle starts from  $u_2$ .

In this case  $A(T_n)$  has  $(3n-2)/2$  ( $n$  is even) vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{(n-2)/2}\}$  such that  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of path  $P_n$  and every  $u_{2i}$  and  $u_{2i+1}$  are adjacent to  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq (n-2)/2$ .

$$E(A(T_n)) = \{u_i u_{i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 ; u_{2i} v_i ; v_i u_{2i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq (n-2)/2\}.$$

and  $|E(A(T_n))| = 2n-3$ . Define  $f: V(A(T_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, (3n-2)/2\}$  by  $f(u_{2i-1}) = 3i-2$  if  $1 \leq i \leq (n/2)$ ;  $f(u_{2i}) = 3i-1$  if  $1 \leq i \leq (n/2)$  and  $f(v_i) = 3i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq (n-2)/2$ .

In the above two cases,  $f$  induces  $B_f: E(A(T_n)) \rightarrow N$  by

$$B_f(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}, \text{ for every edges } uv \text{ of } A(T_n) \text{ and are all distinct.}$$

**Theorem: 2.5** Every alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_n)$  is a beta combination graph.

**Proof: Case (i)** If the quadrilateral starts from  $u_1$ .

In this case  $A(Q_n)$  has  $2n$  vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n/2}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n/2}\}$  such that  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of  $P_n$  and  $u_{2i-1}$  is adjacent to  $v_i$  and  $u_{2i}$  is adjacent to  $w_i$  and  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $w_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq (n/2)$ .

$$E(A(Q_n)) = \begin{cases} u_i u_{i+1} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ u_{2i-1} v_i ; u_{2i} w_i ; v_i w_i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \end{cases}$$

and  $|E(A(Q_n))| = (5n-2)/2$ . Define  $f: V(A(Q_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  by  $f(u_{2i-1}) = 4i-3$  if  $1 \leq i \leq (n/2)$ ;  $f(u_{2i}) = 4i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq (n/2)$ ;

$$f(v_i) = 4i-2 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq (n/2) \text{ and } f(w_i) = 4i-1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq (n/2).$$

**Case (ii)** If the quadrilateral starts from  $u_2$ . In this case  $A(Q_n)$  has  $2n-2$  vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{(n-2)/2}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{(n-2)/2}\}$  such that  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of path  $P_n$  and every  $u_{2i}$  is adjacent to  $v_i$  and  $u_{2i+1}$  is adjacent to  $w_i$  and  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $w_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq (n-2)/2$ .

$$E(A(Q_n)) = \begin{cases} u_i u_{i+1} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ u_{2i} v_i ; u_{2i+1} w_i ; v_i w_i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \left(\frac{n-2}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$

and  $|E(A(Q_n))| = (5n-8)/2$ . Define  $f: V(A(Q_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n-2\}$

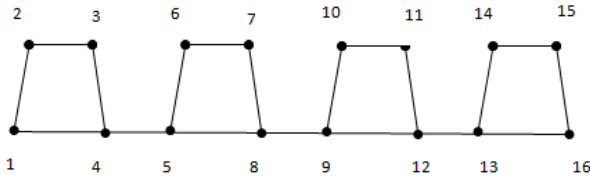
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$$f(v_i) = 4i-1 \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq (n-2)/2 \text{ and } f(w_i) = 4i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq (n-2)/2.$$

In the above two cases,  $f$  induces  $B_f: E(A(Q_n)) \rightarrow N$  by

$$B_f(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}, \text{ for every edges } uv \text{ of } A(Q_n) \text{ and are all distinct.}$$

**Example:2.6** The beta combination labeling of alternate quadrilateral snake  $A(Q_4)$  is shown in the Fig-2.



**Fig-2.**

**Theorem: 2.7** Every helm  $H_n$  is a beta combination graph.

**Proof:** Let  $H_n$  be the helm graph with  $2n+1$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u_{n+1}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  such that  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of cycle  $C_n$  and  $u_{n+1}$  be the center vertex and every vertex  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $u_i$  through  $n$  pendent edges for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $\{u_i u_{i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1; u_1 u_n; u_i u_{n+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n; u_i v_i\}$  be the  $3n$  edges of  $H_n$ . Define  $f: V(H_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n+1\}$  by

$f(u_i) = n+i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n+1$  and  $f(v_i) = i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . And  $f$

induces that  $B_f: E(H_n) \rightarrow N$  by  $B_f(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}$ ,

for every edges  $uv$  of  $H_n$  and are all distinct.

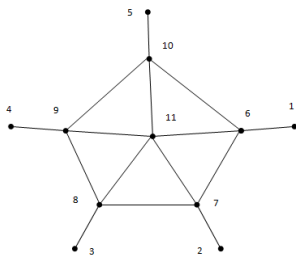
**Theorem:2.8** Every gear graph admits a beta combination labeling.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a gear graph with  $2n+1$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u_{n+1}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  such that  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of cycle  $C_n$  and every  $v_i$  between every pair of adjacent vertices of  $C_n$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .  $E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n; u_i v_i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n; v_i u_{i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1; v_n u_1\}$  and  $|E(G)| = 3n$ . Define a bijection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  by  $f(u_i) = 2i-1$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $f(u_i) = 2n+1$ ;  $f(v_i) = 2n-2(i-1)$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . And  $f$  induces that

$B_f: E(G) \rightarrow N$  by  $B_f(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}$ , for every

edges  $uv$  of  $G$  and are all distinct.

**Example:2.9** The beta combination labeling of helm  $H_5$  is shown in the Fig-3.



**Fig-3.**

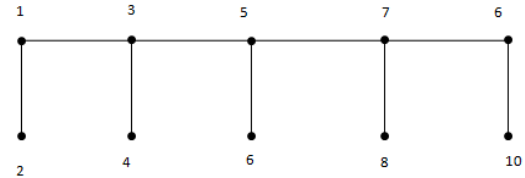
**Theorem:2.10** The Comb  $P_n \circ K_1$  admits a beta combination labeling.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of Path  $P_n$  and  $v_i$  be the vertex of  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of the complete graph  $K_1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Therefore Comb  $P_n \circ K_1$  has  $2n$  vertices. Then  $E(P_n \circ K_1) = \{u_i u_{i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1; u_i v_i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $|E(P_n \circ K_1)| = 2n-1$ . Define  $f: V(P_n \circ K_1) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  by  $f(u_i) = 2i-1$  and  $f(v_i) = 2i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . And  $f$  induces that

$B_f: E(P_n \circ K_1) \rightarrow N$  by  $B_f(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}$ , for every

edges  $uv$  of  $P_n \circ K_1$  and are all distinct.

**Example: 2.11** The beta combination labeling of Comb  $P_5 \circ K_1$  is shown in the Fig-4.



**Fig-4**

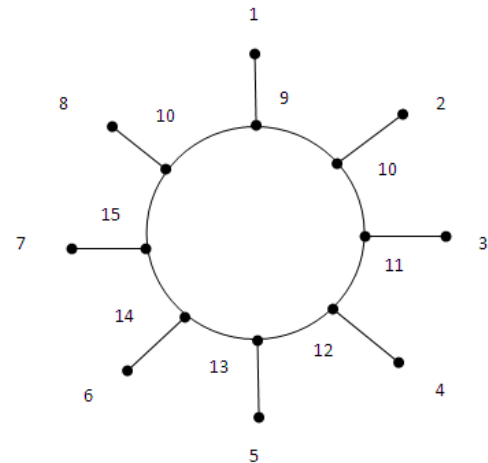
**Theorem :2.1** The graph  $C_n \circ K_1$  is a beta combination graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the  $n$  vertices of  $C_n$  and  $v_i$  be the vertex of  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of the complete graph  $K_1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Therefore  $C_n \circ K_1$  has  $2n$  vertices.  $E(C_n \circ K_1) = \{u_i u_{i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1; u_1 u_n; u_i v_i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $|E(C_n \circ K_1)| = 2n$ . Define a bijection  $f: V(C_n \circ K_1) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  by  $f(u_i) = n+i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $f(v_i) = i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . And  $f$  induces that  $B_f:$

$E(C_n \circ K_1) \rightarrow N$  by  $B_f(uv) = \frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}$ , for every

edges  $uv$  of  $C_n \circ K_1$  and are all distinct.

**Example:2.13** The beta combination labeling of  $C_8 \circ K_1$  is shown in the Fig-5.



**Fig-5.**

**Theorem :2.14** Every diamond graph is a Beta Combination graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a diamond graph with 4 vertices  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$ .  $E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1} \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq n-1; u_1 u_4; u_2 u_4\}$  and  $|E(G)| = 5$ . Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  is defined by  $f(u_i) = i$ , if  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . And  $f$  induces that  $B_f: E(G) \rightarrow N$  by  $B_f(uv) =$

$\frac{[f(u) + f(v)]!}{f(u)!f(v)!}$  for every edges  $uv$  in  $G$  and are all distinct.

### 3. CONCLUSION

We have planned to find applications of beta combination graphs.

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