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# On super edge-antimagic total labeling of generalized extended w-trees

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#### Abstract

This paper deals with the construction of generalized extended w-trees denoted by GEwt(n, m, r, k)and the existence of a super (a, d)-edge-antimagic total labeling on them for  $d \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

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### **1** Introduction

Let G be a finite, simple and undirected graph with vertex-set V(G) and edge-set E(G). Moreover, suppose that |V(G)| = v and |E(G)| = e. A general reference for graph-theoretic ideas can be seen in [25]. A *labeling* (or *valuation*) of a graph is a map that carries graph elements to numbers (usually to positive or non-negative integers). In this paper, the domain will be the set of all vertices and edges and such a labeling is called a *total labeling*.

Labeling of graphs has its origin in the works of Kotzig and Rosa [18, 19]. There are several types of graph labelings such as harmonius, cordial, graceful, magic, antimagic and the like. The complete survey of graph labelings can be found in [8]. In this paper, we focus on antimagic total labeling. More details on antimagic total labeling can be found in [1].

**Definition 1.1.** An (s, d)-edge-antimagic vertex ((s, d)-EAV) labeling of a graph G is a bijective function  $\lambda : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, ..., v\}$  such that the set of edge-sums of all edges in G,  $\{w(xy) = \lambda(x) + \lambda(y) : xy \in E(G)\}$ , forms an arithmetic progression  $\{s, s + d, s + 2d, ..., s + (e - 1)d\}$ , where s > 0 and  $d \ge 0$  are two fixed integers.

**Definition 1.2.** An (a, d)-edge-antimagic total ((a, d)-EAT) labeling of a graph G is a bijective function  $\lambda : V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, v + e\}$  such that the set of edge-weights of all edges in G,  $\{w(xy) = \lambda(x) + \lambda(xy) + \lambda(y) : xy \in E(G)\}$ , forms an arithmetic progression  $\{a, a+d, a+2d, \dots, a+(e-1)d\}$ , where a > 0 and  $d \ge 0$  are two fixed integers. If such a labeling exists then G is said to be an (a, d)-EAT graph.

**Definition 1.3.** An (a, d)-EAT labeling  $\lambda$  is called a *super* (a, d)-*edge-antimagic total* (super (a, d)-EAT) labeling of G if  $\lambda(V(G)) = \{1, 2, ..., v\}$ . Thus, a *super* (a, d)-EAT graph is a graph that admits a super (a, d)-EAT labeling.

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In the above definition, if d = 0 then a super (a, 0)-EAT labeling is called a super edge-magic total (SEMT) labeling and a is called a magic constant. For  $d \neq 0$ , a is called minimum edge-weight. The definition of an (a, d)-EAT labeling was introduced by Simanjuntak, Bertault and Miller in [24] as a natural extension of an edge-magic total labeling defined by Kotzig and Rosa. A super (a, d)-EAT labeling is a natural extension of the notion of a super (a, 0)-EAT labeling defined by Enomoto, Lladó, Nakamigawa and Ringel [6]. They also proposed the conjecture that every tree is a super (a, 0)-EAT graph.

In favour of this conjecture, several authors derived different results on a super (a, d)-EAT labeling for many classes of trees. In particular, stars [21], path-like trees [3] banana trees [9, 23] w-trees [10], extended w-trees [11, 14, 15], subdivided stars [12, 13, 16], caterpillars [22], subdivided caterpillars [17], disjoint union of caterpillars [4], subdivided w-trees [13, 16], fire crackers and unicyclic graphs [23] are proved super (a, d)-EAT graphs. Lee and Shah [20] verified this conjecture by a computer search for trees with at most 17 vertices. However, this conjecture is still open.

The following proposition presents the relation between a (s, d)-EAV labeling and a super (a, d)-EAT labeling. It is more important as we use frequently in the new results.

**Proposition 1.4.** [2] If a (v, e)-graph G has an (s, d)-EAV labeling then

(i) G has a super (s + v + 1, d + 1)-EAT labeling,

(ii) G has a super (s + v + e, d - 1)-EAT labeling.

## 2 Construction of generalized extended w-trees

Chen et al. (1997) defined banana trees. Swaminathan, Jeyanthi (2006) and Hussain et al. (2009) proved different results on super (a, 0)-edge-antimagic total labeling of banana trees. Javaid et al. (2011) defined w-trees and extended w-trees as new classes of trees and proved that these classes are super (a, d)-edge-antimagic total. In this section, we present the concept of w-trees, extended w-trees and the construction of generalized extended w-trees.

**Definition 2.1.** [10] Let *n* be a positive integer. Consider a path *P* on 5 vertices as  $V(P) = \{b, c_1, w_1, c_2, d\}$ . A w-graph W(n), is a graph derived from the path *P* by hanging *n* leaves  $x_i^1, x_i^2, ..., x_i^n$  from each vertex  $c_i$ . Consider *k* copies of w-graph W(n) with end vertices  $d_1, d_2, ..., d_k$  respectively. A w-tree Wt(n, k) is obtained by joining all the vertices  $d_1, d_2, ..., d_k$  to a further vertex *a*.

**Definition 2.2.** [11, 14, 15] Let n and r be positive integers. Consider a path P on 2r + 1 vertices as  $V(P) = \{b, c_1, w_1, c_2, w_2, ..., w_{r-2}, c_{r-1}, w_{r-1}, c_r, d\}$ . An extended w-graph Ew(n, r), is a graph derived from the path P by hanging n leaves  $x_i^1, x_i^2, ..., x_i^n$  from each vertex  $c_i$ . Consider k copies of extended w-graph Ew(n, r) with end vertices  $d_1, d_2, ..., d_k$  respectively. An extended w-trees Ewt(n, r, k) is obtained by joining all the vertices  $d_1, d_2, ..., d_k$  to a further vertex a.

**Definition 2.3.** Let n, m, r and k be positive integers. Consider a path P on r vertices as  $V(P) = \{c_1, c_2, ..., c_r\}$  with n hanging leaves  $x_i^1, x_i^2, ..., x_i^n$  (respectively, m leaves  $y^1, y^2, ..., y^m$ ) from each vertex  $c_i$  if  $1 \le i \le r - 1$  (respectively, if i = r). Consider k copies of such path  $P_1, P_2, ..., P_k$  with  $y_1^m, y_2^m, ..., y_k^m$  as a last hanging leaf from  $c_r$  respectively. A generalized extended w-tree is obtained by joining all the vertices  $y_1^m, y_2^m, ..., y_k^m$  to a further vertex a.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Let } V(G) = \{a\} \\ \cup \{c_s^i : 1 \le i \le k, \ 1 \le s \le r\} \\ \cup \{x_{is}^l : 1 \le i \le k, \ 1 \le s \le r-1, \ 1 \le l \le n\} \\ \cup \{y_i^p : 1 \le i \le k, \ 1 \le p \le m\} \quad \text{and} \\ E(G) = \{ay_i^m : 1 \le i \le k\} \\ \cup \{c_{s-1}^i C_s^i : 1 \le i \le k, \ 1 \le s \le r-1\} \\ \cup \{x_{is}^l c_s^i : 1 \le i \le k, \ 1 \le s \le r-1, \ 1 \le l \le n\} \\ \cup \{y_i^p c_r^i : 1 \le p \le m, \ 1 \le i \le k\} \end{array}$$

be the vertex-set and edge-set of  $G \cong GEwt(n, m, r, k)$  respectively. Thus, v = |V(G)| = k(rn - n + m + r) + 1 and e = |E(G)| = v - 1.

An example of a generalized extended w-tree is shown in Figure 1 for n = 2, m = 3, r = 4 and k = 3.



Figure 1: GEwt(2,3,4,3)

# **3** Super (a, d)-EAT labeling of generalized extended w-trees

In this section, for different values of d, we prove some results related to a super (a, d)-EAT labeling of generalized extended w-trees denoted by GEwt(n, m, r, k) under some certain conditions on n, m, rand k.

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $n \ge 1$ ,  $k \ge 3$ , r even and  $m \ge \frac{r}{2}(n+1)k + 1$  then  $G \cong GEwt(n, m, r, k)$  admits super (a, 0)-EAT and super (a', 2)-EAT labelings.

**Proof:** Define the vertex-labeling  $\lambda: V(G) \to \{1, 2, ..., v\}$  as follows:

$$\lambda(a) = \frac{r}{2}(n+1) + 1.$$

For s=1,3,...,r-1 and  $1\leq l\leq n,$ 

$$\lambda(c_s^i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+s-1)+2 & for \ i=1, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+ri-2i-s+1)+mi+i+1 \\ for \ 2 \le i \le k. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lambda(x_{is}^l) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(s-1) + l & \text{for } i = 1, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(ir+1-s) + 2 - l & \text{for } 2 \le i \le k. \end{cases}$$

For s = 2, 4, ..., r

$$\lambda(c_s^i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)s & \text{for } i = 1, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(ir-s+2) - n + 1 & \text{for } 2 \le i \le k. \end{cases}$$

For s=2,4,...,r-2 and  $1\leq l\leq n,$ 

$$\lambda(x_{is}^l) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+s-2)+2+l & for \ i=1, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+ri-2i-s+2)+(m+1)i+1-l \\ for \ 2 \le i \le k. \end{cases}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq 2$ 

$$\lambda(y_i^p) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+r-2) + m + 1 + i & for \ p = m, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+r-2) + mi + i + 1 - p \\ for \ 1 \le p \le m - 1. \end{cases}$$

For  $3 \le i \le k$  and  $\alpha^i = \frac{r}{2}(n+1)(i-2);$ 

$$\lambda(y_i^p) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(2ri+rk-3r-2i+2)+mi-m+i+1) \\ for \ p=m. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lambda(y_i^p) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+ir-r-2i+2) + mi - m + i + p \\ for \ 1 \le p \le \alpha^i, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+ir-r-2i+2) + mi - m + i + 1 + p \\ for \ \alpha^i + 1 \le p \le m - 1. \end{cases}$$

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The set of all edge-sums generated by the above formula forms a consecutive integer sequence  $[\frac{r}{2}(n+1)k+2]+1$ ,  $[\frac{r}{2}(n+1)k+2]+2$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $[\frac{r}{2}(n+1)k+2]+e$ , where  $s = [\frac{r}{2}(n+1)k+2]+1$ . Consequently,  $\lambda$  is a (s, 1)-EAV labeling. Now, by Proposition 1.1,  $\lambda$  can be extended to a super (a, 0)-EAT labeling with magic constant  $a = v + e + s = v + v - 1 + \frac{r}{2}(n+1)k + 3 = 2v + \frac{r}{2}(n+1)k + 2 = \frac{k}{2}[5r(n+1) + 4(m-n)] + 4$ . Similarly,  $\lambda$  can be extended to a super (a', 2)-EAT labeling with minimum edge-weight  $a = v + 1 + s = v + \frac{r}{2}(n+1)k + 4 = \frac{k}{2}[3r(n+1) + 2(m-n)] + 5$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $n \ge 1$ ,  $k \ge 3$ , r even,  $m \ge \frac{r}{2}(n+1)k + 1$  and v even then  $G \cong GEwt(n, m, r, k)$  admits a super (a'', 1)-EAT labeling.

**Proof:** Define V(G), E(G) and  $\lambda : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, ..., v\}$  as in Theorem 3.1. It follows that the set of edge-sums  $A = \{a_i; 1 \le i \le e\}$ , where  $a_i = [\frac{r}{2}(n+1)k+2] + i$  constitutes an arithmetic sequence with common difference 1. Consequently, the set of edge-labels is  $B = \{b_j; 1 \le j \le e\}$ , where  $b_j = v_j + 1$ . Now, the set of edge-weights is defined as  $C = \{a_{2i-1} + b_{e-i+1}; 1 \le i \le \frac{e+1}{2}\} \cup \{a_{2j} + b_{\frac{e-1}{2}-j+1}; 1 \le j \le \frac{e+1}{2} - 1\}$ . It is easy to see that C constitute an arithmetic sequence with d = 1 and  $a = s + \frac{3}{2}v = \frac{1}{2}[4kr(n+1) + 3k(m-n) + 3] = \frac{k}{2}[4r(n+1) + 3(m-n)] + \frac{9}{2}$ . Since, all the vertices receive the smallest labels,  $\lambda$  is a super (a'', 1)-EAT labeling.

An illustration of the labeling schemes presented in Theorem 3.1 and 3.2 is given in Figure 2.



Figure 2: GEwt(2,19,4,3)

Here, for n = 2, r = 4, and k = 3, we have  $m \ge \frac{r}{2}(n+1)k+1=\frac{4}{2}(2+1)3+1=19$ , that is  $m \ge 19$ . So for m = 19, the generalized extended w-tree is GEwt(2, 19, 4, 3) with v = k(rn-n+m+r)+1 = 88. As a consequence of the vertex-labeling which is formulated in Theorem 3.1, Figure 2 gives the set of

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edge-sums  $\{21, 22, 23, ..., 107\}$  as a sequence of consecutive integers starting from s = 21. Thus, the generalized extended w-tree GEwt(2, 19, 4, 3) admits a (21, 1)-EAV labeling. Consequently, we have a super (a, 0)-EAT labeling with a = v + e + s = 88 + 87 + 21 = 196, a super (a', 2)-EAT labeling with a' = v + 1 + s = 88 + 1 + 21 = 110 and a super (a'', 1)-EAT labeling with  $a'' = s + \frac{3}{2}v = 153$  of the generalized extended w-tree GEwt(2, 19, 4, 3). The values of a, a' and a'' also can be verified by  $a = \frac{k}{2}[5r(n+1) + 4(m-n)] + 4 = 196$ ,  $a' = \frac{k}{2}[3r(n+1) + 2(m-n)] + 5 = 110$  and  $a'' = \frac{k}{2}[4r(n+1) + 3(m-n)] + \frac{9}{2} = 153$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $n \ge 1$ ,  $k \ge 3$ , r odd and  $m \ge \frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k + k + 1$  then  $G \cong GEwt(n, m, r, k)$  admits super (a, 0)-EAT and super (a', 2)-EAT labelings.

**Proof:** Define the vertex-labeling  $\lambda : V \to \{1, 2, ..., v\}$  as follows:

$$\lambda(a)=\frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)+2.$$

For s = 1, 3, ..., r

$$\lambda(c_s^i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(s-1) + 1 & for \ i = 1, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(ri-i-s+1) + i + 1 & \\ for \ 2 \le i \le k. \end{cases}$$

For s = 1, 3, ..., r - 2 and  $1 \le l \le n$ ,

$$\lambda(x_{is}^l) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(kr-k+s-1)+k+1+l & for \ i=1, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+ir-k-i-s+1)+mi+k+2-l & \\ for \ 2 \le i \le k. \end{cases}$$

For s = 2, 4, ..., r - 1 and  $1 \le l \le n$ ,

$$\lambda(c_s^i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(kr-k+s-2)+k+n+2 & for \ i=1,\\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+ir-k-i-s+2)+mi-n+k+1 & \\ for \ 2 \le i \le k, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lambda(x_{is}^l) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(s-2) + 1 + l & \text{for } i = 1, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(ri-i-s+2) + i + 1 - l & \\ & \text{for } 2 \le i \le k. \end{cases}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq 2$ 

$$\lambda(y_i^p) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+r-k-1) + m + k + i & \text{for } p = m, \\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+r-k-1) + mi + i + k - p & \text{for } 1 \le p \le m - 1. \end{cases}$$

For  $3 \le i \le k$  and  $\alpha^i = \frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)(i-2) - 2 + i;$ 

$$\lambda(y_i^p) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(2ri+rk-3r-2i-k+3) + mi - m + i + k \\ for \ p = m. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lambda(y_i^p) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+ir-r-k-i+1)+mi-m+k+1+p) \\ for \ 1 \le p \le \alpha^i, \\\\ \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(rk+ir-r-k-i+1)+mi-m+k+2+p) \\ for \ \alpha^i+1 \le p \le m-1. \end{cases}$$

The set of all edge-sums generated by the above formulae forms a consecutive integer sequence  $\left[\frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k+k+2\right]+1$ ,  $\left[\frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k+k+2\right]+2$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $\left[\frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k+k+2\right]+e$ , where  $s = \left[\frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k+k+2\right]+1$ . Consequently,  $\lambda$  is a (s, 1)-EAV labeling. Now, by Proposition 1.1,  $\lambda$  can be extended to a super (a, 0)-EAT labeling with magic constant  $a = v + e + s = 2v - 1 + \frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k + k + 3 = 2v + \frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k + k + 2 = \frac{k}{2}[5(rn - n + r) + 4m + 1] + 4$ . Similarly,  $\lambda$  can be extended to a super (a', 2)-EAT labeling with minimum edge-weight  $a' = v + 1 + s = v + \frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k + 4 = \frac{k}{2}[3(rn - n + r) + 2m + 1] + 4$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** For  $n \ge 1$ ,  $k \ge 3$ , r odd,  $m \ge \frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k + k + 1$  and v even then  $G \cong GEwt(n, m, r, k)$  admits a super (a'', 1)-EAT labeling.

**Proof:** Define V(G), E(G) and  $\lambda : V(G) \to \{1, 2, ..., v\}$  as in Theorem 3.3. It follows that the set of edge-sums  $A = \{a_i; 1 \le i \le e\}$ , where  $a_i = \frac{r-1}{2}(n+1)k + k + 2] + i$  constitute an arithmetic sequence with common difference 1. Consequently, the set of edge-labels is  $B = \{b_j; 1 \le j \le e\}$ , where  $b_j = v_j + 1$ . Now, the set of edge-weights is define as  $C = \{a_{2i-1} + b_{e-i+1}; 1 \le i \le \frac{e+1}{2}\} \cup \{a_{2j} + b_{\frac{e-1}{2}-j+1}; 1 \le j \le \frac{e+1}{2} - 1\}$ . It is easy to see that C constitute an arithmetic sequence with d = 1 and  $a'' = s + \frac{3}{2}v = \frac{k}{2}[4(rn - n + r) + 3m + 1] + \frac{9}{2}$ . Since, all the vertices receive the smallest labels,  $\lambda$  is a super (a'', 1)-EAT labeling.

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