



# $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic labeling for some regular graphs

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## Abstract

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph of order  $n$ . Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  be a bijective function. For every vertex  $v$  in  $G$ , we define its weight  $w(v)$  as the sum  $\sum_{u \in N(v)} f(u)$ , where  $N(v)$  is the open neighborhood of  $v$ . If the set of all

vertex weights forms an arithmetic progression  $\{a, a + d, a + 2d, \dots, a + (n - 1)d\}$ , then  $f$  is called  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic labeling and the graph  $G$  is called  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic graph. In this paper we prove circulant graph  $\text{Circ}(2n, \{1, n\})$  for odd  $n$  and  $nK_{2n+1}$  for odd  $n$  are  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic graphs. We also give some necessary conditions for  $mK_n$  to be  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic graph for  $d = 2k$ , where  $k$  is some positive integer.

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Distance magic graph, distance antimagic graph,  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic graph, circulant graph.

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## 1. Introduction and Definitions

By a graph  $G$  we mean simple, finite, and connected graph with  $V$  as vertex set and  $E$  as edge set respectively. For the graph theoretical terminology and notations, we refer to Gross and Yellen[2]. Throughout the paper,  $N(v)$  denotes an open neighborhood of a vertex  $v$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$ . A bijective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is said to be distance magic labeling if there is a constant  $k$  such that  $\sum_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = k$  for every vertex  $v$  in  $V$ . The constant  $k$  is called magic constant of the labeling  $f$ .

The concept of distance magic labeling was introduced by many researchers under the different names [7], [8], [9]. For more details about distance magic labeling reader may

refer to the Gallian survey [1]. A distance antimagic labeling is a natural variant of distance magic labeling. Arumugam and Kamatchi[3] observed that set of all vertex weight  $\left\{ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - k - i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \right\}$  of  $G^c$  is in arithmetic progression if  $G$  is distance magic graph of order  $n$  with magic constant  $k$ . So, they motivated to introduce  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic labeling.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$ . A bijective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is said to be an  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic labeling if the set of all vertex weights is  $\{a, a + d, a + 2d, \dots, a + (n - 1)d\}$ , where  $a$  and  $d$  are fixed positive integers and  $G$  is called  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic graph.

Arumugam and Kamatchi[3] investigate  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic labeling for  $C_n$  and  $C_n \times K_2$ . In [4], R. Simanjuntak and K. Wijaya proved: Wheel graph  $W_n$  is  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic if and only if  $3 \leq n \leq 5$ ; the fan graph  $F_n = P_n \times K_1$  is  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic if and only if  $n = 2$  or  $n = 4$ ; the friendship graph  $f_n$  is  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic if and only if  $n = 1$  or  $n = 2$ . In [5], M. Nalliah proved that graph  $mC_n$  is  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic if and only if  $mn$  is odd and  $d = 1$ ; the path  $P_n$  of order upto 15 except  $n = 3, 4$  and 5 is  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic. Patel and Vasava[6] proved that circulant

graph  $\text{Circ}(2n, 1, n)$  is  $(2n + 2, 1)$ -distance antimagic for all even  $n$ ;  $mK_{2n}$  is  $(n(2mn - 2m + 1), 1)$ -distance antimagic for all  $m$  and  $n$ . They also proved that  $2K_{2n+1}$ , the Helm graph  $H_n$ , the book graph  $B_n$  and the graph  $K_n \odot K_1$  are not  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic. In this paper we show that circulant graph  $\text{Circ}(2n, \{1, n\})$  is  $(2n + 2, 1)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$  and  $nK_{2n+1}$  is  $\left(\frac{4n^3 + n + 1}{2}, 1\right)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$ . We give some necessary conditions for  $mK_n$  to be a  $(a, d)$ -distance antimagic for even values of  $d$ .

## 2. Main Results

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m, n$  be positive integers such that  $1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_m < n$ . Then the circulant graph  $\text{Circ}(n, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m)$  is the graph with vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and whose edges are of the type  $v_i v_{i+s_j}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ; where  $i + s_j$  is taken modulo  $n$ .

Patel and Vasava[6] proved that the circulant graph  $\text{Circ}(2n, \{1, n\})$  is  $(2n + 2, 1)$ -distance antimagic for all even  $n$ . Here, we prove it is also  $(2n + 2, 1)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** The circulant graph  $\text{Circ}(2n, \{1, n\})$  is  $(2n + 2, 1)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  denote the graph  $\text{Circ}(2n, \{1, n\})$  where  $n$  is odd. Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{2n}$  be the vertices of the graph  $G$ . We define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$  as follows.

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i+1}{2}, & i \text{ is odd}, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ \frac{5n+1}{2} - \frac{i+1}{2}, & i \text{ is odd}, n+2 \leq i \leq 2n-3 \\ 2n, & i = 2n-1 \\ \frac{n+1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}, & i \text{ is even}, 2 \leq i \leq n-3 \\ 2n - \frac{i}{2}, & i \text{ is even}, n-1 \leq i \leq 2n \end{cases}$$

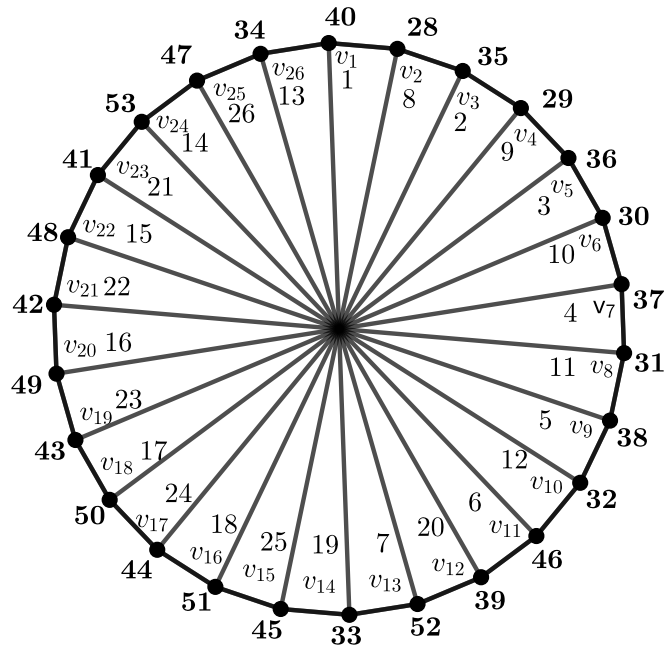
Vertex weights are given by

$$w(u_i) = \begin{cases} 3n+1, & i = 1 \\ \frac{5n+3}{2} + \frac{i-1}{2}, & i = 3, 5, 7, \dots, n-4 \\ \frac{7n+1}{2}, & i = n-2 \\ 4n, & i = n \\ 4n - \frac{i-1}{2}, & i = n+2, n+4, n+6, \dots, 2n-3 \\ \frac{7n+3}{2}, & i = 2n-1 \\ 2n+1 + \frac{i}{2}, & i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n-3 \\ 3n, & i = n-1 \\ \frac{5n+1}{2}, & i = n+1 \\ \frac{9n+1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}, & i = n+3, n+5, \dots, 2n-4 \\ 4n+1, & i = 2n-2 \\ \frac{5n+3}{2}, & i = 2n \end{cases}$$

Here, all the weights are in arithmetic progression with  $d = 1$  in following sequence,  $w(u_2), w(u_4), w(u_6), \dots, w(u_{n-3}), w(u_{n+1}), w(u_{2n}), w(u_3), w(u_5), w(u_7), \dots, w(u_{n-4}), w(u_{n-1}), w(u_1), w(u_{2n-3}), w(u_{2n-1}), \dots, w(u_{n+2}), w(u_{n-2}), w(u_{2n-1}), w(u_{2n-4}), w(u_{2n-2}), \dots, w(u_{n+3}), w(u_n), w(u_{2n-4})$ .

Hence the graph  $\text{Circ}(2n, \{1, n\})$  is  $(2n + 2, 1)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$ .  $\square$

**Illustration 1.**  $(28, 1)$ -distance antimagic labeling of  $\text{Circ}(26, \{1, 13\})$  is shown in Figure 1. In this figure the vertex label indicated in the usual font and its weight in the bold font.



**Figure 1.**  $(28, 1)$ -distance antimagic labeling of  $\text{Circ}(26, \{1, 13\})$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** The graph  $nK_{2n+1}$  is  $\left(\frac{4n^3 + n + 1}{2}, 1\right)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G = nK_{2n+1}$ , where  $n$  is odd. Let  $u_1^j, u_2^j, u_3^j, \dots, u_{2n+1}^j$  be the vertices of  $j^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $K_{2n+1}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . First we define two functions  $\delta_l(m)$  and  $\Delta_l(m)$  as follows.

$$\delta_l(m) = \begin{cases} 0, & l < m \\ 1, & l \geq m \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta_l(m) = \begin{cases} 1, & l \leq m \\ 0, & l > m \end{cases}$$

Now we define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n^2 + n\}$  as follows.

$$f(u_1^j) = j, 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$f(u_i^j) = j + (n+1)(i-1), 2 \leq i \leq n, j = 1$$

$$f(u_i^j) = j + (n+1)(i-1), 2 \leq i \leq n, 2 \leq j \leq n-1 \text{ where } i \neq n+2-j, j = 2, 3, \dots, n-1$$



$$f(u_i^j) = n(n-1) + 1 - n(n-i), i = n+2-j, j = 2, 3, \dots, n-1 \quad \text{equation 1}$$

$$f(u_i^j) = \begin{cases} n^2 + \frac{n+3}{2} - \frac{j+1}{2}, & j \text{ is odd} \\ n(n+1) + 1 - \frac{j}{2}, & j \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad i = n+1$$

$$f(u_i^j) = \begin{cases} n(n+2) + 1 - \frac{j+1}{2}, & j \text{ is odd} \\ n(n+1) + \frac{n+1}{2} - \frac{j}{2}, & j \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad i = n+2$$

$$f(u_i^j) = (n+1)^2 + (i-n-3)(n+1), n+3 \leq i \leq 2n+3, j = 1$$

$$f(u_i^j) = (n+1)^2 + (n+1-j) + \Delta_{n+3+j}(i) + \delta_{n+2+j}(i)(i-n-3)(n+1) + \Delta_{n+3+j}(i)(i-n-4)(n+1), n+4 \leq i \leq 2n+3,$$

where  $i \neq n+2+j$ , for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n-1$

$$f(u_i^j) = (n+1)^2 + n + n(j-2), i = n+2+j, 2 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$f(u_i^j) = (n+1)^2 + 1 + (i-n-3)(n+1), n+3 \leq i \leq 2n+3, j = n$$

In the graph  $G$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n^2+n} f(u_i^j) = \frac{4n^4 + 4n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{2}$$

So, weight of  $u_i^j$  is given by  $w_i^j = \frac{4n^3 + 4n^2 + 3n + 1}{2} - f(u_i^j)$ ,

which is in arithmetic progression with  $a = \frac{4n^3 + n + 1}{2}$  and  $d = 1$ .

Hence,  $nK_{2n+1}$  is  $\left(\frac{4n^3 + n + 1}{2}, 1\right)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$ . □

**Theorem 2.4.** For even value of  $d$ , the graph  $mK_n$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic if  $m$  is odd.

*Proof.* Let  $G = mK_n$  and  $d = 2k$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Suppose  $m$  is any odd number.

Since  $d$  is even, all the weights in graph  $G$  are either even or odd. Therefore, the labels of the vertices in each copy of  $K_n$  are either all even or all odd. For, if there is a copy of  $K_n$  having vertices with even labels and vertices with odd labels together, then in this copy there are some vertices with even weights and some vertices with odd weights which is not possible.

In the graph  $G$ , there are  $\lceil \frac{mn}{2} \rceil$  vertices with odd labels and  $\lfloor \frac{mn}{2} \rfloor$  vertices with even labels. After labeling  $mn$  vertices by keeping parity of labels of vertices in each copy, there must be  $\frac{m-1}{2}$  copies having vertices with even labels and  $\frac{m-1}{2}$  copies having vertices with odd labels as  $m$  is odd number. Hence the remaining one copy of must contains vertices having even labels as well as vertices having odd labels, which is not possible. Hence,  $G$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for  $d = 2k$  if  $m$  is odd. □

In [3], Arumugam and Kamatchi observed that every  $r$  regular  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic graph with cardinality  $v$  satisfies the

$$2a + (v-1)d = r(v+1) \quad (2.1)$$

**Theorem 2.5.** For even value of  $d$ , the graph  $mK_n$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic if  $n$  is even.

*Proof.* Let  $G = mK_n$  and  $d = 2k$  for some positive integer  $k$ . If  $m$  is odd then by Theorem 2.4,  $G$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic.

So, we assume  $m$  is even. Let  $n$  be any even number. For  $G$ ,  $|V(G)| = mn$  and  $r = n-1$ . So, Equation 2.1 becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 2a + (mn-1)(2k) &= (n-1)(mn+1) \\ \Rightarrow 2a + 2kmn - 2k &= mn^2 + n - mn - 1 \\ \Rightarrow 2a &= mn^2 - (2k+1)mn + n + 2k - 1 \\ \Rightarrow a &= \frac{mn^2 - (2k+1)mn}{2} + \frac{n+2k-1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $n$  is even,  $a$  can not be an integer. It follows that  $G$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic. □

**Theorem 2.6.** For even value of  $d$ , the graph  $mK_n$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic if  $a$  is odd.

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be any odd integer. If possible suppose  $G = mK_n$  is  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for  $d = 2k$  where  $k$  is positive integer. So by Theorems 2.4 and 2.5,  $m$  must be even and  $n$  must be odd.

Since  $a$  is odd integer and  $d = 2k$ , all the weights in the graph  $G$  are odd. As per the reason given in Theorem 2.4, there does not exist any copy having vertices with even labels as well as vertices with odd labels. Since  $m$  is even, there are  $\frac{m}{2}$  copies with even labeled vertices and  $\frac{m}{2}$  copies with odd labeled vertices. But then vertex weights of copies of  $K_n$  with even labeled vertices must be even which is a contradiction to the fact that all the vertex weights in  $G$  are odd. Therefore, the graph  $mK_n$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for even  $d$  if  $a$  is odd. □

**Note:** From Theorems 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6, it follows that if the graph  $mK_n$  is  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for even value of  $d$  then  $m$  is even,  $n$  is odd and  $a$  is even integers.

**Theorem 2.7.** If the graph  $mK_n$  is  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for  $d = 2k$  where  $k$  is some positive integer, then

- (i)  $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $d \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$
- (ii)  $n \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $d \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

*Proof.* Let graph  $G = mK_n$  be  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for  $d = 2k$ . Then by Theorems 2.4 and 2.6,  $m$  and  $a$  are even numbers and

$$a = \frac{mn^2 - (2k+1)mn}{2} + \frac{n+2k-1}{2}$$

(i) If possible suppose  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Let  $n = 4q+1$  and  $d = 2k = 4p+2$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers. So, we have



$$a = \frac{m(4q+1)^2 - (4p+3)m(4q+1)}{2} + \frac{4q+1+4p+1}{2}$$

Since  $(4q+1)^2 = 4t+1$  for some integer  $t$  and  $(4q+1)(4p+3) = 4s+1$  for some integer  $s$ ,  $a$  can be written as

$$a = \frac{m(4t+1) - m(4s+3)}{2} + \frac{4(p+q)+2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{m(4t-4s-2)}{2} + 2(p+q)+1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = m(2t-2s-1) + 2(p+q)+1$$

This shows that, if  $m$  is even integer then  $a$  is odd integer which is not possible. So, our assumptions is wrong.

Therefore,  $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $d \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

(ii) If possible suppose  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $d \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Let  $n = 4q+3$  and  $d = 2k = 4p$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers. So, we have

$$a = \frac{m(4q+3)^2 - (4p+1)m(4q+3)}{2} + \frac{4q+3+4p-1}{2}$$

Since  $(4q+3)^2 = 4t+1$  for some integer  $t$  and  $(4q+1)(4p+3) = 4s+3$  for some integer  $s$ ,  $a$  can be written as

$$a = \frac{m(4t+1) - m(4s+3)}{2} + \frac{4(p+q)+2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{m(4t-4s-2)}{2} + 2(p+q)+1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = m(2t-2s-1) + 2(p+q)+1$$

This shows that, if  $m$  is even integer then  $a$  is odd integer which is not possible. So, our assumptions is wrong. Therefore,  $n \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $d \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . □

**Theorem 2.8.** For  $d = 4$ , the graph  $mK_n$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic if  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G = mK_n$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . If possible suppose  $G$  is a  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic graph for  $d = 4$ . Then by Theorems 2.5 and 2.6,  $n$  is odd and  $a$  is even.

Since  $d = 4$  and  $a$  is even, for all the weights  $w_i$  in the graph  $G$ , either  $w_i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  or  $w_i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . By theorem 2.7,  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Hence,  $|V(G)| = mn = 4s+2$  for some integer  $s$ . It is clear that there are  $2s+1$  vertices with even labels and  $2s+1$  vertices with odd labels. As per the reason given in Theorem 2.4, there are exactly  $\frac{m}{2}$  copies of  $K_n$  having even labels of vertices and exactly  $\frac{m}{2}$  copies of  $K_n$  having odd labels of vertices. Now we focus on  $\frac{m}{2}$  copies of  $K_n$  having only even labels of vertices. Since  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\frac{m}{2}$  is an odd number. Let  $\frac{m}{2} = 2t+1$  for some integer  $t$ . Observe that among  $2t+1$  copies there is no copy of  $K_n$  having vertices with labels congruent to  $0 \pmod{4}$  as well as no vertices with labels congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$ . For, if there

exists such a copy then it contains both the types of weights which is not possible. Now the number of vertices of  $2t+1$  copies of  $K_n$  are  $(2t+1)n$ . After labeling  $(2t+1)n$  vertices by keeping parity of labels of vertices in a copy, there must be  $t$  copies having vertices with labels congruent to  $0 \pmod{4}$  and  $t$  copies having vertices with labels congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$ . Remaining one copy of  $K_n$  must contain both the types of vertices and hence it contains both the types of weights  $w_i$  that is,  $w_i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $w_i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  which gives a contradiction. So, our assumption is wrong. Hence,  $G$  is not  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic if  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . □

### 3. Conclusion

Here, we have shown that circulant graph  $\text{Circ}(2n, \{1, n\})$  is  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$  and  $nK_{2n+1}$  is  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for all odd  $n$ . we gave some necessary conditions for  $mK_n$  to be a  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for even values of  $d$ . One can investigate sufficient conditions for  $mK_n$  to be a  $(a,d)$ -distance antimagic for even values of  $d$ .

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