



Mod difference labeling of some classes of digraphs

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Abstract

A graph is a *difference graph* if there is a bijection f from V to a set of positive integers S such that $xy \in E$ if and only if $|f(x) - f(y)| \in S$. A digraph $D = (V, E)$ is a *mod difference digraph* if there exist a positive integer m and labeling $L : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ such that $(x, y) \in E$ if and only if $L(y) - L(x) \equiv L(w) \pmod{m}$ for some $w \in V$. In this paper, we prove that the complete bipartite digraphs, oriented binary trees, ladder graphs and fan graphs are mod difference digraphs.

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider only finite simple graphs. Let S be a finite multiset of real numbers, i.e. a finite collection of real numbers in which repetitions is permitted but order is irrelevant. The difference graph with signature S is a finite digraph G with vertices labelled bijectively by f from a vertex labelled x to a vertex labelled y exactly when $x - y \in S$. In [4] Harary introduced the concept of difference graphs similar to sum graphs and similar works we refer [8, 9]. Some classes of difference graphs (paths, trees, cycles, special wheels, complete graphs, complete bipartite graphs etc.) were investigated by Bloom, Burr, Eggleton, Gervacio, Hell and Taylor in the undirected [2, 3, 12] as well as in the directed case [1].

The concept of mod difference digraph was introduced by S.M.Hegde and Vasudeva [6]. For the recent works we refer [7, 10, 11].

Definition 1.1. A graph is a *difference graph* if there is a bijection f from V to a set of positive integers S such that

$xy \in E$ if and only if $|f(x) - f(y)| \in S$. A digraph $D = (V, E)$ is a *mod difference digraph* if there exist a positive integer m and labeling $L : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ such that $(x, y) \in E$ if and only if $L(y) - L(x) \equiv L(w) \pmod{m}$ for some $w \in V$.

They have shown some of the structural properties of mod difference digraphs in [5]. It is also proved that complete symmetric digraphs, unipaths and unicycles are mod difference digraphs [6].

2. Mod difference labeling of some classes of digraphs

In this section we present some results on mod difference labeling of some classes of digraphs.

Lemma 2.1. If S is a proper signature of $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$ then S is partitioned into two disjoint sets V_1 and V_2 as follows:

$$V_1 = \{v_i = 3i - 2, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

$$V_2 = \{v_i = 3i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

Proof. Consider an edge $x = uv$ in $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$. Assume that both $u, v \in V_1$ (or V_2 .) Without the loss of generality, let $u, v \in V_1$ then $u - v \in S$ for some $1 \leq i_1, i_2 \leq n$ i.e. $(3i_1 - 2) - (3i_2 - 2) \in S$, for some $1 \leq i_1, i_2 \leq n$ i.e. $3(i_1 - i_2) \in S$, but $3(i_1 - i_2) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, a contradiction. Hence V_1 and V_2 form the partition of $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$. \square

Lemma 2.2. Let V_1 and V_2 be the bipartite vertex sets of $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$ as defined in the above lemma. If $v_i \in V_1$ and $v_j \in V_2$ with $v_i < v_j, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$ then $v_i - v_j \in V_1$.

Proof. If $x = v_i v_j$ with $v_i < v_j$ is an edge in $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$, then by Lemma 2.1, $v_i = 3k_1 - 2$ and $v_j = 3k_2 - 1$, for some $1 \leq k_1, k_2 \leq n$. Therefore, $v_j - v_i = (3k_2 - 1) - (3k_1 - 2) = 3(k_2 - k_1) + 1$. Hence $0 \leq k_1, k_2 \leq (n - 1)$.

Taking,

$$k_2 - k_1 = 0, \text{ we get, } v_j - v_i = 1 = 3(1) - 2 \in V_1$$

$$k_2 - k_1 = 1, \text{ we get, } v_j - v_i = 4 = 3(2) - 2 \in V_1$$

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$$k_2 - k_1 = n - 1, \text{ we get, } v_j - v_i = 1 = 3(n - 1) + 1 \in V_1$$

Hence the proof. □

Theorem 2.3. If the labeling L given by $L(v_i) = a_i, \forall i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ is a mod difference labeling of $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$, then there exists an integer a such that $a_i = (3n_i - k)a$ for $k = 2, n_i = \frac{i+1}{2}$, when i is odd and $k = 1, n_i = \frac{i}{2}$, when i is even and $m = 3na$.

Proof. Without the loss of generality we take $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_{2n}$. Set $a_1 = a = (3(1) - 2)a$. Since L is a mod difference labeling, consider $a_2 - a_1 = a_l$ for some l . Since $a_1 < a_2$, we must have $a_l = a_1$. Then $a_2 = a_1 + a_1 = 2a = (3(1) - 1)a$. Consider $a_3 - a_2 = a_m$ for some m . Again $a_2 < a_3$, we must have $a_m = a_1$ or a_2 . If $a_m = a_1$, then $a_3 = a_1 + a_2 \Rightarrow a_3 - a_1 = a_2 \Rightarrow$ there is an edge $a_1 a_3$ in $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$, a contradiction to the Lemma 2.1. Therefore, $a_m = a_2$ and hence $a_3 = a_2 + a_2 = 4a = [3(2) - 2]a$.

We have proved the theorem is true for $n = 1, 2, 3$. We assume the theorem is true for all $n < k$. Without the loss of generality consider k to be even. Consider $a_k - a_l = a_j$ for some j , with $a_l < a_k$. Also $a_j < a_k$. We have observed that $a_j = a_{k-l} \in V_1$.

If k is even, then l is odd. By Lemma 2.2, j is also odd. By induction assumption, we have $a_l = [3l_i - 2]a$ and $a_j = [3j_i - 2]a$, for some $1 \leq l_i, j_i \leq k$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= [3j_i - 2]a + [3l_i - 2]a \\ &= \left[3 \left\lfloor \frac{j+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \right] a + \left[3 \left\lfloor \frac{l+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \right] a \\ &= \left\{ 3 \left\lfloor \frac{j+l+2}{2} \right\rfloor - 4 \right\} a \\ &= 3 \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{k-l+l+2}{2} \right\rfloor - 4 \right\} a \\ &= 3 \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{k+2}{2} \right\rfloor - 4 \right\} a \\ &= 3 \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 \right\} a \\ &= [3k_i - 1]a \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the result is true for k . Hence by induction it is true for all positive n .

Also consider $a_1 - a_{2n} \equiv a_j \pmod{m}$ for some j , since $a_1 \in V_1$ and $a_{2n} \in V_2$. Hence

$$m = \left[(3n - 1) - 1 + 3 \left\lfloor \frac{j}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 \right] a = \left[3n - 3 + 3 \left\lfloor \frac{j}{2} \right\rfloor \right] a.$$

In the above $j \neq 2n - 1$, and $1 \leq j \leq n$. If $j > 2$, then $m = 3(n + 1)a$, which contradicts labeling condition. Therefore, $j = 2$ which implies $m = 3na$. Hence the proof. □

Corollary 2.4. Any complete bipartite digraph $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$ is a mod difference digraph.

Proof. Label the vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n} of $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$, using the labeling $f(v_i) = ia$, for $1 \leq i \leq 3n - 1$, with $i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and a is a positive integer. We prove that f is mod difference labeling of $\overleftrightarrow{K}_{n,n}$ with $m = 3na$. Now, for all $i, j, i \neq j, ia - ja \equiv ka \pmod{m}$, where

$$k = \begin{cases} i - j, & \text{if } i > j \\ 3n + (i - j), & \text{if } i < j. \end{cases}$$

In both the cases $k \leq 2n$. Therefore, there exists $k \leq 2n$ such that $f(v_i) - f(v_j) \equiv f(v_k) \pmod{m}$, for all i, j with $i \neq j$. Hence f is a mod difference digraph. □

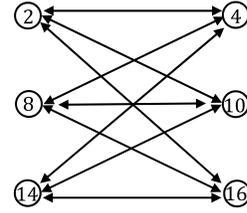


Figure 1. A mod difference labeling of the bi-directional digraph of $K_{3,3}$ with $m = 18$ and $a = 2$.

Definition 2.5. An m -ary tree ($m \geq 2$) is a rooted tree in which each vertex has less than or equal to m children. When $m = 2$, the rooted tree is called the binary tree.

Definition 2.6. An oriented binary tree \vec{T}_n with n vertices is said to be inspoken if all the parents in each level has indegree two.

Theorem 2.7. A oriented binary tree \vec{T}_n whose internal vertices have indegree 2 and outdegree 1 is a mod difference digraph.

Proof. Let $\vec{T}_n = (V, E)$ be the oriented binary tree and v be the root vertex. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p be the end vertices in \vec{T}_n . First label all the p leaves h as $l(v_1) = a$ and $l(v_i) = 2l(v_{i-1}) + 1, 2 \leq i \leq p$. Then label all the internal vertices in the $h - 1$ level by adding the labels of its children. Continuing the same procedure of labeling to all the non-pendent vertices in the previous level and so on., we finally reach the root v .

Now, for the vertices u, v in \vec{T} with $l(u) > l(v)$, it is easy to observe that if $uv \in E$ with $l(u) > l(v)$, then u is a parent



of v , so $l(u) = l(v) + l(w)$ for some child w of u . Hence $l(u) - l(v) \equiv l(w)$ whenever $uv \in E$.

Further, the label of i^{th} pendent vertex v_i is $l(v_i) = 2^i(a + 1) - 1$ and the level of the internal vertices is $l(u_i) = (2^{i_1} + 2^{i_2} + \dots + 2^{i_{2^k}})(a + 1) - 2^k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

if u_i and u_j be any two non-adjacent vertices of \vec{T} , then we have the following cases

CASE 1: u_i and u_j are pendent vertices

In this case $l(u_i) - l(u_j) = l(v_i) - l(v_j) = [2^i(a + 1) - 1] - [2^j(a + 1) - 1] = (2^i - 2^j)(a + 1) \notin l(S) \Rightarrow u_i u_j \notin E$.

CASE 2: u_i is a pendent and u_j is an internal vertex.

In this case $l(u_j) - l(u_i) = (2^{j_1} + 2^{j_2} + \dots + 2^{j_{2^k}})(a + 1) - 2^k - (2^i(a + 1) - 1) = (2^{j_1} + 2^{j_2} + \dots + 2^{j_{2^k}} + 2^i)(a + 1) - (2^k - 1) \notin l(S) \Rightarrow u_i u_j \notin E$

CASE 3: u_i and u_j are internal vertices

In this case $l(u_j) - l(u_i) = (2^{j_1} + 2^{j_2} + \dots + 2^{j_{2^k}})(a + 1) - 2^k - (2^{i_1} + 2^{i_2} + \dots + 2^{i_{2^l}})(a + 1) - 2^l = (2^{j_1} + 2^{j_2} + \dots + 2^{j_{2^k}} - 2^{i_1} - 2^{i_2} - \dots - 2^{i_{2^l}})(a + 1) - (2^k + 2^l) \notin l(S) \Rightarrow u_i u_j \notin E$ whenever $k \neq l$ (i.e $u_i \neq u_j$).

Hence \vec{T} is a mod difference digraph. \square

A mod difference digraph of complete oriented binary tree \vec{T}_7

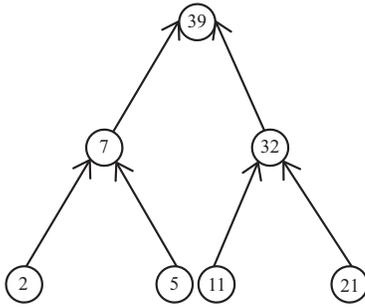


Figure 2. A binary tree with $a = 2$ and $m = 40$.

Definition 2.8. A fan graph $F_{m,n}$ is defined as the graph join $\overline{K}_m + P_n$, where \overline{K}_m is the empty graph on m vertices and P_n is the path graph of n vertices. The case $m = 1$, corresponds to the usual fan graphs, while $m = 2$ corresponds to the double fan graphs etc.

Definition 2.9. An oriented fan graph $\vec{F}_{1,n}$ is said to be an unipath fan, if the path of the fan is unidirectional.

Definition 2.10. An oriented fan graph $\vec{F}_{1,n}$ with $n + 1$ vertices is called outspoken(inspoken), if indegree (outdegree) of the apex vertex is 0.

Theorem 2.11. An unipath fan $\vec{F}_{1,n}$ with $n + 1$ vertices is mod difference digraph, if indegree of the apex vertex is one.

Proof. Let $\vec{F}_{1,n} = (V, E)$ be an unipath fan. Let $V = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $E = \{v_0 v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$, where v_0 is the apex vertex.

Label the apex vertex v_0 by 2 and label each vertex v_i of the path by $2i - 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. With modular value $m \equiv 2(n + 1)$, this labeling scheme generates the signature for $\vec{F}_{1,n}$.

For $v_i - v_0 = (2i - 1) - 2 = 2(i - 1) - 1 = v_{i-1}$, for all $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$.

For $i = 1$, we have $v_0 - v_1 = 2 - 1 = 1 \in V$.

Also for $1 \leq i, j \leq n, i = j + 1$,

$$v_i - v_j = (2i - 1) - (2j - 1) = 2(i - j) = 2 = v_0.$$

Since for every $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, we have $v_i - v_j$ is an even number greater than 2 and is not in V under modulo m . Hence the labeling does not induces any additional edges. Hence $\vec{F}_{1,n}$ is mod difference digraph. \square

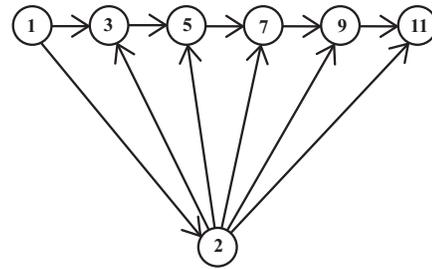


Figure 3. A mod difference labeling of an Unipath Fan with $m = 14$.

If the signature of the mod difference digraph contains 0 integer, then such a digraph is named as mod^* difference digraph. S.M Hegde and Vasudeva [5] introduced mod^* difference digraph and defined as follows:

Definition 2.12. A simple digraph D is called a mod^* difference digraph if there exists a positive integer m and a labeling f of the vertices of D with distinct elements of $f = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ such that for the vertices u and v there exists an arc from u to v (denoted as $u \rightarrow v$) if and only if there is a vertex w such that $(f(v) - f(u)) \equiv f(w) \pmod{m}$. The function f is called a mod^* difference labeling of digraph D .

Theorem 2.13. An unipath outspoken fan $\vec{F}_{1,n}$ with $n + 1$ vertices is a mod^* difference digraph.

Proof. Consider the signature $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$ and modular value $m = 2^n$. We prove that if S is the signature of an unipath outspoken fan. Let $\{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be the vertices of unipath outspoken fan where v_0 is the apex vertex.

Let $v_0 = 0, v_i = 2^{i-1}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Now, $v_i - v_0 = v_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. For the vertices on the path and $i \neq j$, we have $v_i - v_j = 2^{i-1} - 2^{j-1} \in S$ if and only if $i = j + 1$. Hence the proof. \square

Definition 2.14. An oriented Ladder graph $\vec{L}_n = \vec{P}_n \times \vec{P}_2$ is said to be oriented unipath ladder if the path P_n is unidirectional.



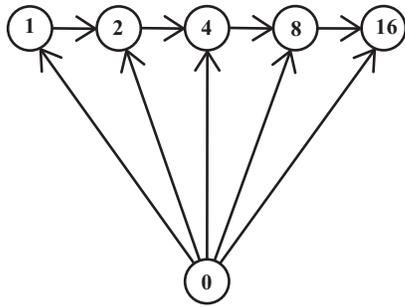


Figure 4. A mod difference labeling of an unipath outspoken Fan with $m = 32$.

Theorem 2.15. An oriented unipath Ladder \vec{L}_n is a mod difference digraph.

Proof. Let $\vec{L}_n = \vec{P}_n \times \vec{P}_2$ be an oriented unipath ladder. We label the vertices of \vec{L}_n as v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n} . A ladder contains two paths, one path contains the vertices of the form v_{2i-1} , $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ and the other path contains the vertices of the form v_{2i} , $1 \leq i \leq n$. The edge set contains the edges of the form :

$$\{v_{2i}v_{2i+2}, v_{2i-1}v_{2i+1}, v_{2i}v_{2i-1}, 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

We define the labeling function f as:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_{2i}) &= 2^i, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_{2i-1}) &= 2^{i+1} - 3, 1 \leq i \leq (n-1) \end{aligned}$$

We prove that f is a mod difference labeling of \vec{L}_n with $m = 2(2^{n+1} - 3)$. That is, we show that $f(v_i) - f(v_j) \equiv f(v_k) \pmod{m}$, for some k , $1 \leq k \leq 2n$ if and only if v_jv_i is an edge in \vec{L}_n .

For an edge $v_{2i}v_{2i+2}$, $1 \leq i \leq (n-1)$, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_{2i+2}) - f(v_{2i}) &= 2^{i+1} - 2^i \\ &= 2^i(2 - 1) \\ &= 2^i \\ &= f(v_{2i}) \pmod{m} \end{aligned}$$

For an edge $v_{2i-1}v_{2i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq (n-1)$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_{2i+1}) - f(v_{2i-1}) &= [2^{(i+1)+1} - 3] - [2^{i+1} - 3] \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^{i+1} - 2^{i+1} \\ &= 2^{i+1} \\ &= f(v_{2(i+1)}) \pmod{m} \end{aligned}$$

For an edge $v_{2i}v_{2i-1}$, for $i > 1$, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_{2i}) - f(v_{2i-1}) &= 2^i - [2^{i+1} - 3] \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^i - 2^i - 3 \\ &= 2^i - 3 \\ &= f(v_{2(i-1)-1}) \\ &= f(v_{2i-3}) \pmod{m} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, for $i=1$, $f(v_2) - f(v_1) = 2 - 1 = 1 \pmod{m}$. Hence \vec{L}_n is a mod difference graph. \square

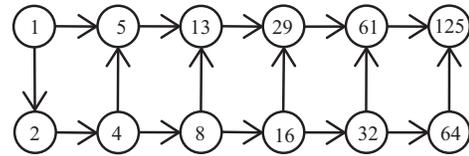


Figure 5. A mod difference labeling of an oriented unipath Ladder with $m = 251$.

3. Conclusion

Cayley graphs are known to be excellent model for interconnection network due to their various properties like vertex transitivity, regularity, connectivity etc., Cayley graph $Cay_g(A, S)$ is connected if and only if S generates the group A . In particular, if $S = A - \{e\}$, where e is the identity of A , then $Cay(A, S)$ turns out to be a complete graph, which is a mod difference graph whenever the group operation is the usual addition. The Subgraph of a Cayley graph induced by S is a problem of our interest. A graph G that is a mod difference graph is a subgraph of certain Cayley graphs of a group of superset of $V(G)$.

The investigations made in this paper may enlighten a new direction for further development of a good interconnection networks which are subgraphs of Cayley Networks. The links are specific and can be identified as difference of the addresses. So, one can easily develop a routing algorithm to communicate between two nodes with the list of addresses of the nodes. .

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