

# A Construction of $H$ -antimagic Graphs

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**Abstract:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a finite simple graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. An *edge-covering* of  $G$  is a family of subgraphs  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_t$  such that each edge of  $E(G)$  belongs to at least one of the subgraphs  $H_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, t$ . If every subgraph  $H_i$  is isomorphic to a given graph  $H$ , then the graph  $G$  admits an  *$H$ -covering*. Such a graph  $G$  is called  *$(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic* if there is a bijection  $f: V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\}$  such that for all subgraphs  $H'$  of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ , the sum of the labels of all the edges and vertices belonging to  $H'$  constitutes an arithmetic progression with the initial term  $a$  and the common difference  $d$ . When  $f(V) = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ , then  $G$  is said to be *super  $(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic*; and if  $d = 0$  then  $G$  is called  *$H$ -supermagic*.

We will exhibit an operation on graphs which keeps super  $H$ -antimagic properties. We use a technique of partitioning sets of integers for the construction of the required labelings.

**Keywords:**  $H$ -covering,  $(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic graph, super  $(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic graph, partition of set.

## 1. Introduction

An *edge-covering* of a finite and simple graph  $G$  is a family of subgraphs  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_t$  such that each edge of  $E(G)$  belongs to at least one of the subgraphs  $H_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, t$ . In this case we say that  $G$  admits an  $(H_1, H_2, \dots, H_t)$ -*(edge) covering*. If every subgraph  $H_i$  is isomorphic to a given graph  $H$ , then the graph  $G$  admits an  *$H$ -covering*. Suppose that a  $(p, q)$ -graph  $G=(V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges admits an  *$H$ -covering*. The graph  $G$  is called  *$(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic* if there exists a total labeling  $f: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\}$  such that, for all subgraphs  $H'$  of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ , the  *$H$ -weights*,

$$wt_f(H') = \sum_{v \in V(H')} f(v) + \sum_{e \in E(H')} f(e),$$

constitute an arithmetic progression  $a, a+d, a+2d, \dots, a+(t-1)d$ , where  $a > 0$  and  $d \geq 0$  are two integers, and  $t$  is the number of all subgraphs of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ . Moreover,  $G$  is said to be *super  $(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic* if the smallest possible labels appear on the vertices. If  $G$  is a (super)  $(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic graph then the corresponding total labeling  $f$  is called a (super)  $(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic labeling. For  $d = 0$ , a (super)  $(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic graph is called  *$H$ -magic* and  *$H$ -supermagic*, respectively.

The  $H$ -(super)magic graph was first introduced by Gutiérrez and Lladó in [9]. They proved that some classes of connected graphs are  $H$ -supermagic, for example, the stars  $K_{1,n}$  and the complete bipartite graphs  $K_{n,m}$  are  $K_{1,h}$ -supermagic for some  $h$ . They also proved that the path  $P_n$  and the cycle  $C_n$  are  $P_h$ -supermagic for some  $h$ . Lladó and Moragas [15] investigated  $C_n$ -(super)magic graphs and proved that

wheels, windmills, books and prisms are  $C_h$ -magic for some  $h$ . Some results on  $C_n$ -supermagic labelings of several classes of graphs can be found in [19]. Maryati et al. [17] gave  $P_h$ -(super)magic labelings of some trees such as shrubs, subdivision of shrubs and banana tree graphs. Other examples of  $H$ -supermagic graphs with different choices of  $H$  have been given by Jeyanthi and Selvagopal in [12]. Maryati et al. [18] investigated the  $G$ -supermagicness of a disjoint union of  $c$  copies of a graph  $G$  and showed that disjoint union of any paths is  $cP_h$ -supermagic for some  $c$  and  $h$ .

The  $(a,d)$ - $H$ -antimagic labeling was introduced by Inayah et al. [10]. In [11] Inayah et al. investigated the super  $(a,d)$ - $H$ -antimagic labelings for some shackles of a connected graph  $H$ .

For  $H \cong K_2$ , (super)  $(a,d)$ - $H$ -antimagic labelings are also called simply (super)  $(a,d)$ -edge-antimagic total labelings. These labelings are the generalization of the edge-magic and super edge-magic labelings that were introduced by Kotzig and Rosa [13] and Enomoto et al. [7], respectively. For further information on (super) edge-magic labelings, see [4, 5, 8, 16].

The (super)  $(a,d)$ - $H$ -antimagic labeling is related to a super  $d$ -antimagic labeling of type  $(1,1,0)$  of a plane graph that is the generalization of a face-magic labeling introduced by Lih [14]. Further information on super  $d$ -antimagic labelings can be found in [1, 2, 3, 6].

In this paper we show one operation on graphs which keeps super  $H$ -antimagic properties. We use a technique of partitioning sets of integers for a construction of the required labelings.

## 2. Constructions Using Partitions of Integers

In this section we examine the existence of the super  $H$ -antimagic labelings for graphs obtained by one graph operation. The constructions of labelings will be made using partitions of the sets of integers.

Consider the partition  $\mathcal{P}_2^n$  of the set of integers  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  into  $n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , couples such that the sums of the numbers in all couples are the same. If  $\mathcal{P}_2^n(i)$  denotes the  $i$ th couple in the partition  $\mathcal{P}_2^n$  then, for example,

$$\mathcal{P}_2^n(i) = \{a_i, b_i\} = \{i, 2n+1-i\},$$

where  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . For the sum of the two numbers

in the  $i$ th couple we have

$$\sum \mathcal{P}_2^n(i) = a_i + b_i = 2n+1$$

for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

A similar idea can be also used for a partition of the set of  $kn$  consecutive integers into  $k$ -tuples.

Let  $n$ ,  $k$  and  $i$  be positive integers. We will consider the partition  $\mathcal{P}_k^n$  of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, kn\}$  into  $n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $k$ -tuples such that the sum of the numbers in the  $i$ th  $k$ -tuple is always the same and equal to the constant  $k(1+kn)/2$ , where  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Using the divisibility we have that if  $k$  is odd then  $n$  has to be odd too.

Let us consider the partition  $\mathcal{P}_3^n$  of the set of integers  $\{1, 2, \dots, 3n\}$ ,  $n$  odd, into triples such that the  $i$ th triple in the partition is defined in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_3^n(i) &= \{a_i, b_i, c_i\} \\ &= \begin{cases} \left\{ \frac{n+i}{2}, n + \frac{i+1}{2}, 3n+1-i \right\} \\ \text{for } i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \\ \left\{ \frac{i}{2}, \frac{3n+1+i}{2}, 3n+1-i \right\} \\ \text{for } i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the sum of all numbers in the  $i$ th triple is equal to

$$\sum \mathcal{P}_3^n(i) = a_i + b_i + c_i = \frac{3(3n+1)}{2} \quad (1)$$

for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Moreover, the minimum of the numbers in every triple is the number from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Only for the purposes of this paper by the notation  $\mathcal{P}_k^n(i) \oplus c$  we mean that the constant  $c$  is added to every element of  $\mathcal{P}_k^n(i)$ .

By  $A-B$  we denote the difference of the set  $B$  from the set  $A$ .

Let  $G_2^k$  be a graph obtained from two isomorphic graphs  $G$  and  $G'$  by connecting corresponding vertices of  $G$  and  $G'$  with a matching, then subdivide every edge of the matching using  $k$  vertices. If a  $(p,q)$ -graph  $G$  has vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  then the graph  $G_2^k$  has the vertex set

$$V(G_2^k) = V(G) \cup V(G') \\ \cup \{v_i^j : i=1,2,\dots,p, j=1,2,\dots,k\}$$

and the edge set

$$E(G_2^k) = E(G) \cup E(G') \\ \cup \{v_i^1 v_i^j, v_i^j v_i^{j+1}, v_i^k v_i' : i=1,2,\dots,p, \\ j=1,2,\dots,k-1\}.$$

The graph  $G_2^k$  has  $(k+2)p$  vertices and  $2q + (k+1)p$  edges.

A useful property for finding  $H$ -antimagic labelings is given in the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.**

Let  $f$  be a super  $(a,d)$ - $H$ -antimagic labeling of  $G=(V,E)$  and let  $r, s$  be nonnegative integers. Then the labeling

$$g: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{r+1, r+2, \dots, r+|V(G)|, \\ r+s+|V(G)|+1, \\ r+s+|V(G)|+2, \dots, \\ r+s+|V(G)|+|E(G)|\}$$

defined such that

$$g(v) = f(v) + r \quad \text{if } v \in V(G), \\ g(e) = f(e) + r + s \quad \text{if } e \in E(G)$$

has the property that

$$\{wt_g(H) : H \subset G\} = \{b, b+d, \dots, b+(t-1)d\},$$

where  $t$  is the number of all subgraphs in  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$  and  $b$  is a positive integer.

**Proof.**

Let

$$f: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)| + |E(G)|\}$$

be a super  $(a,d)$ - $H$ -antimagic labeling of  $G=(V,E)$  and let  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_t$  be all subgraphs of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ . Thus the set of all  $H$ -weights under the labeling  $f$  is

$$\{wt_f(H_i) : i=1,2,\dots,t\} \\ = \{a, a+d, \dots, a+(t-1)d\}. \quad (2)$$

For the  $H$ -weight of the subgraph  $H_i$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,t$ , under the labeling  $g$  we have

$$wt_g(H_i) = \sum_{v \in V(H_i)} g(v) + \sum_{e \in E(H_i)} g(e) \\ = \sum_{v \in V(H_i)} (f(v) + r) \\ + \sum_{e \in E(H_i)} (f(e) + r + s) \\ = \sum_{v \in V(H_i)} f(v) + \sum_{e \in E(H_i)} f(e) \\ + r|V(H_i)| + (r+s)|E(H_i)| \\ = wt_f(H_i) + r|V(H_i)| \\ + (r+s)|E(H_i)|.$$

As all subgraphs  $H_i$  are isomorphic to  $H$  it holds

$$|V(H_i)| = |V(H)|, \\ |E(H_i)| = |E(H)|.$$

Thus  $r|V(H_i)| + (r+s)|E(H_i)|$  is a constant for all  $i=1,2,\dots,t$  and

$$wt_g(H_i) = \\ wt_f(H_i) + r|V(H)| + (r+s)|E(H)|. \quad (3)$$

According to the property (3) and by using (2) we get

$$\{wt_g(H_i) : i=1,2,\dots,t\} \\ = \{b, b+d, \dots, b+(t-1)d\},$$

where  $b = a + r|V(H)| + (r+s)|E(H)|$ .

□

**Theorem 2.**

Let  $G$  be a super  $(a,d)$ - $H$ -antimagic graph of odd order containing  $t$  subgraphs isomorphic to  $H$  and

let  $k$  be a positive integer,  $k \geq 1$ . If the graph  $G_2^k$  contains exactly  $t$  subgraphs isomorphic to  $H_2^k$  then the graph  $G_2^k$  is super  $(b, 2d)$ - $H_2^k$ -antimagic.

**Proof.**

Let  $f: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\}$  be a super  $(a, d)$ - $H$ -antimagic labeling of a  $(p, q)$ -graph  $G$  of odd order and let  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_t$  be a family of all subgraphs of  $G$  isomorphic to  $H$ .

Clearly, the set of all  $H$ -weights is as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \{wt_f(H_l) : l=1, 2, \dots, t\} \\ = \{a, a+d, \dots, a+(t-1)d\} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and the smallest possible labels  $1, 2, \dots, p$  appear on the vertices of  $G$ .

Let us consider the labeling  $g$  of the vertices and edges of  $G_2^k$  defined in the following way.

$$\begin{aligned} g(v) &= f(v) & \text{if } v \in V(G), \\ g(v') &= f(v) + p & \text{if } v' \in V(G'), \\ g(v_i^1) &= \min\{\mathcal{P}_3^p(i)\} \oplus 2p \\ & & \text{if } i=1, 2, \dots, p, \\ g(v_i^j) &= i + (j+1)p & \text{if } i=1, 2, \dots, p, \\ & & j=2, 3, \dots, k, \\ g(e) &= f(e) + (k+1)p \\ & & \text{if } e \in E(G), \\ g(e') &= f(e) + (k+1)p + q \\ & & \text{if } e' \in E(G'), \\ \{g(v_i v_i^1), g(v_i^k v_i')\} \\ &= \mathcal{P}_3^p(i) \oplus ((k+1)p + 2q) \\ & \quad - (\min\{\mathcal{P}_3^p(i)\} \oplus ((k+1)p + 2q)) \\ & & \text{if } i=1, 2, \dots, p, \\ g(v_i^{j-1} v_i^j) &= (2k+6)p + 2q + 1 - g(v_i^j) \\ & & \text{if } i=1, 2, \dots, p, \\ & & j=2, 3, \dots, k. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that  $g$  is a bijection from the vertex

set and edge set of  $G_2^k$  onto the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, (2k+3)p + 2q\}$  and the vertices of  $G_2^k$  are labeled with the smallest possible labels.

For the  $H_2^k$ -weight of the subgraph  $(H_l)_2^k$ ,  $l=1, 2, \dots, t$ , under the labeling  $g$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} wt_g((H_l)_2^k) &= \sum_{v \in V((H_l)_2^k)} g(v) + \sum_{e \in E((H_l)_2^k)} g(e) \\ &= \left( \sum_{v \in V(H_l)} g(v) + \sum_{v \in V(H_l')} g(v) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} g(v_i^j) \right) \\ & \quad + \left( \sum_{e \in E(H_l)} g(e) + \sum_{e \in E(H_l')} g(e) \right. \\ & \quad + \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} (g(v_i v_i^1) + g(v_i^k v_i')) \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{j=2}^k \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} g(v_i^{j-1} v_i^j) \right) \\ &= wt_g(H_l) + wt_g(H_l') \\ & \quad + \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} (g(v_i^1) + g(v_i v_i^1) + g(v_i^k v_i')) \\ & \quad + \sum_{j=2}^k \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} (g(v_i^j) + g(v_i^{j-1} v_i^j)). \end{aligned}$$

According to (3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} wt_g(H_l) &= wt_f(H_l) + (k+1)p |E(H)|, \\ wt_g(H_l') &= wt_f(H_l) + p |V(H)| \\ & \quad + (kp + p + q) |E(H)|. \end{aligned}$$

According to (1) it holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} (g(v_i^1) + g(v_i v_i^1) + g(v_i^k v_i')) \\ &= \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} ((\min\{\mathcal{P}_3^p(i)\} \oplus 2p) \\ & \quad + \sum (\mathcal{P}_3^p(i) \oplus ((k+1)p + 2q)) \\ & \quad - (\min\{\mathcal{P}_3^p(i)\} \oplus ((k+1)p + 2q))) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} \sum (\mathcal{P}_3^p(i)) + 2((k+2)p + 2q) |V(H_l)| \\
&= \frac{3(3p+1) |V(H_l)|}{2} + 2((k+2)p + 2q) |V(H_l)| \\
&= \frac{(4k+17)p + 8q + 3}{2} |V(H_l)| \\
&= \frac{(4k+17)p + 8q + 3}{2} |V(H)|.
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{j=2}^k \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} (g(v_i^j) + g(v_i^{j-1} v_i^j)) \\
&= \sum_{j=2}^k \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} (g(v_i^j) + (2k+6)p + 2q + 1 - g(v_i^j)) \\
&= \sum_{j=2}^k \sum_{i: v_i \in V(H_l)} ((2k+6)p + 2q + 1) \\
&= ((2k+6)p + 2q + 1)(k-1) |V(H_l)| \\
&= ((2k+6)p + 2q + 1)(k-1) |V(H)|.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, for  $l=1,2,\dots,t$  we get

$$wt_g((H_l)_2^k) = 2wt_f(H_l) + A,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= ((2k+2)p + q) |E(H)| \\
&+ \frac{(4k^2 + 12k + 7)p + (4k+4)q + 2k+1}{2} |V(H)|.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (4) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\{wt_g(H_l) : l=1,2,\dots,t\} \\
&= \{2a + A, 2a + A + 2d, \dots, 2a + A + 2(t-1)d\}.
\end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof that the graph  $G_2^k$  is super  $(2a+A, 2d)$ - $H_2^k$ -antimagic.  $\square$

### 3. Conclusion

In this paper we examined the existence of super  $H_2^k$ -antimagic labelings for graphs  $G_2^k$  obtained

from two isomorphic graphs  $G$  and  $G'$  by joining every couple of corresponding vertices  $v \in V(G)$  and  $v' \in V(G')$  by a path of length  $k+1$ .

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