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## On duplication of near Skolem difference mean graph $P_n$

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### Abstract

Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph and  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p+q-1, p+q+2\}$  be an injection. For each edge  $e = uv$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is defined as follows:

$$f^*(e) = \begin{cases} \frac{|f(u) - f(v)|}{2} & \text{if } |f(u) - f(v)| \text{ is even} \\ \frac{|f(u) - f(v)| + 1}{2} & \text{if } |f(u) - f(v)| \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Then  $f$  is called Near Skolem difference mean labeling if  $f^*(e)$  are all distinct and from  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$ . A graph that admits a Near Skolem difference mean labeling is called a Near Skolem difference mean graph. In this paper, we show that the graph obtained by duplicating a vertex or an edge in a Near Skolem Difference Mean graph  $P_n$  is also a Near skolem difference mean graph.

**Keywords:** Path, Duplication, Near Skolem Difference Mean labeling, Near Skolem difference mean graphs.

### 1. Introduction

All graphs considered in this paper are finite, undirected and simple. The vertex set and the edge set of a graph  $G$  are denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  respectively. Terms and notations not defined here are used in the sense of Harary [1].

A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges or both vertices and edges subject to certain conditions. A detailed survey of various types of labeling is found in [2]. The notion of skolem difference mean labeling was due to Murugan and Subramanian [3]. It motivates us to define near skolem difference mean labeling.

In this paper, we show that the graph obtained by duplicating a vertex or an edge or a vertex by an edge or an edge by a vertex in a Near Skolem Difference mean graph  $P_n$  is again a Near Skolem Difference Mean graph. We use the following definitions in the present study.

**Definition 1.1:** Let  $v$  be a vertex of a graph  $G$ . Then the duplication of  $v$  is a graph  $G(v)$  obtained from  $G$  by adding a new vertex  $v'$  with  $N(v') = N(v)$ .

**Definition 1.2:** Let  $e = uv$  be an edge of  $G$ . Then duplication of an edge  $e = uv$  is a graph  $G(uv)$  obtained from  $G$  by adding a new edge  $u'v'$  such that  $N(u') = N(u) \cup \{v'\} - \{v\}$  and  $N(v') = N(v) \cup \{u'\} - \{u\}$ .

**Definition 1.3:** Duplication of a vertex  $v_k$  by a new edge  $e' = u'v'$  in a graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G'$  such that  $N(v') = \{v_k, u'\}$  and  $N(u') = \{v_k, v'\}$ .

**Definition 1.4:** Duplication of an edge  $e = uv$  by a new vertex  $v'$  in a graph  $G$  produces a new graph  $G'$  such that  $N(v') = \{u, v\}$ .

**Result 1.5:** The path  $P_n$  is Near Skolem Difference Mean graph for every  $n \geq 2$ . [8]

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**2. Main Result**

**Definition 2.1:** A graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is said to have Near skolem difference mean labeling if it is possible to label the vertices  $x \in V$  with distinct elements  $f(x)$  from  $\{1, 2, \dots, p + q - 1, p + q + 2\}$  in such a way that each edge  $e = uv$ , is labeled as  $f^*(e) = \frac{|f(u)-f(v)|}{2}$  if  $|f(u) - f(v)|$  is even and  $f^*(e) = \frac{|f(u)-f(v)|+1}{2}$  if  $|f(u) - f(v)|$  is odd. The resulting labels of the edges are distinct and from  $\{1, 2, \dots, q\}$ . A graph that admits a Near skolem difference mean labeling is called a Near Skolem Difference Mean Graph.

**Theorem 2.2:** The graph obtained by duplicating an arbitrary vertex of  $P_n$  is Near Skolem Difference Mean.

**Proof:** Let  $P_n$  be the path.

Let  $v$  be the new vertex which is adjacent to both  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$ , thus forming a new graph  $G$ .

The graph  $G$  is obtained by duplicating an arbitrary vertex  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  of the given path.

Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$$E(G) = \begin{cases} vv_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1}/1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ if } v_i \text{ is a pendant vertex} \\ vv_{i-1}, vv_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1}/1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ if } v_i \text{ is not a pendant vertex} \end{cases}$$

Then  $|V(G)| = n + 1$  and  $|E(G)| = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } v_i \text{ is pendant vertex} \\ n + 1, & \text{if } v_i \text{ is not pendant vertex} \end{cases}$

**Case (i): When  $v_i$  is a pendant vertex**

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n, 2n + 3\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 + 2i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, \text{ when } n \text{ is odd.} \\ 1 + 2i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}, \text{ when } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

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

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} 2n - 1 \text{ if } v \text{ is the duplicating vertex of } v_1 \\ n - 2 \text{ if } v \text{ is the duplicating vertex of } v_n \end{cases}$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then,

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = n + 1 - i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f^*(vv_2) = f^*(vv_{n-1}) = 1.$$

The induced edge labels are distinct and are  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

**Case (ii): When  $v_i$  is not a pendant vertex**

Let  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1, 2n + 4\}$  be defined as follows:

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2 + 2i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2 + 2i, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_2) = 2n + 4$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \begin{cases} (2n + 1) - 2i + 4, & 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, n \text{ if is odd} \\ (2n + 1) - 2i + 4, & 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, n \text{ if is even} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v) = \max\{f(v_{i-1}), f(v_{i+1})\} + 1, i \text{ is even.}$$

$$f(v) = \min\{f(v_{i-1}), f(v_{i+1})\} - 1, i \text{ is odd.}$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then,

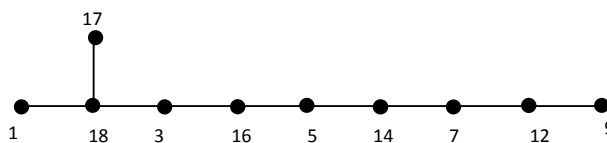
$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = (n + 2) - i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f^*(vv_{i-1}) = 2$$

$$f^*(vv_{i+1}) = 1$$

In both cases the induced edge labels are distinct and are  $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$ .

**Example 2.3:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating the pendant vertex of  $P_9$  and  $P_{10}$  are shown in fig 1 and fig 2 respectively.



**Fig 1**

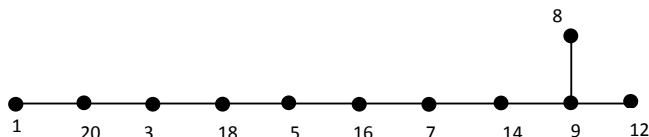


Fig 2

**Example 2.4:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating a non-pendant even vertex and odd vertex of  $P_{11}$  and  $P_{12}$  are shown in fig 3 and fig 4 respectively.

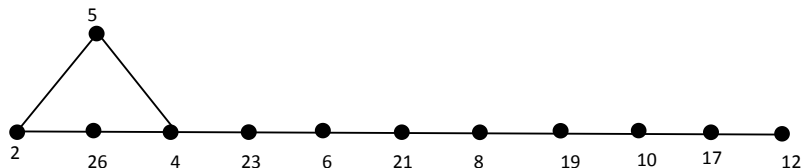


Fig 3

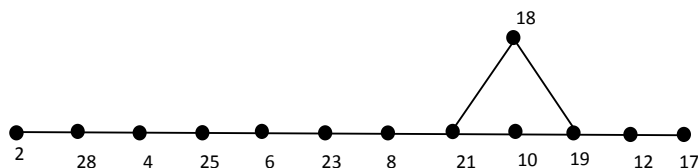


Fig 4

**Theorem 2.5:** The graph obtained by duplicating an arbitrary edge of  $P_n$  is Near skolem difference mean.

**Proof:** Let  $P_n$  be the path.

Let  $e = uv$  be the duplicated edge of  $v_k v_{k+1}$ .

Let  $G$  be the resulting graph.

Let  $V(G) = \{u, v, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$E(G) = \{uv, v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{vv_3 \text{ or } vv_{n-2} \text{ when } uv \text{ is the duplication of } v_1 v_2 \text{ or } v_{n-1} v_n \text{ respectively}\}$ .

$= \{uv, uv_{k-1}, vv_{k+2}, v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$  when  $uv$  is the duplication of an edge  $v_k v_{k+1}$  which is not a pendant edge.

**Case (i): When  $uv$  is the duplication of a pendant edge  $v_1 v_2$  or  $v_{n-1} v_n$**

Then  $|V(G)| = n + 2$  and  $|E(G)| = n + 1$ .

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 2, 2n + 5\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = 3 + 2i, \begin{cases} 0 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, n \text{ odd} \\ 0 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}, n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_2) = 2n + 5$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = (2n + 6) - 2i, \begin{cases} 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, n \text{ odd} \\ 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} 1, \text{ when } v_1 v_2 \text{ is the pendant edge} \\ n - 4, \text{ when } v_{n-1} v_n \text{ is the pendant edge} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} 2, \text{ when } v_1 v_2 \text{ is the pendant edge} \\ n - 3, \text{ when } v_{n-1} v_n \text{ is the pendant edge} \end{cases}$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then,

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = (n + 2) - i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f^*(uv) = 1$$

$$f^*(vv_3) = 2, \text{ when } v_1 v_2 \text{ is the pendant edge}$$

$$f^*(vv_{n-2}) = 2, \text{ when } v_{n-1} v_n \text{ is the pendant edge}$$

The edge labels are all distinct and are  $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$ .

**Case (ii): When  $uv$  is the duplication of some non-pendant edge  $v_k v_{k+1}$**

Then  $|V(G)| = n + 2$  and  $|E(G)| = n + 2$

Let  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 3, 3n + 6\}$  be defined as follows:

**Subcase (i): When k is an even number**

$$f(v_1) = 2n + 6$$

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = (2n + 5) - 2i, \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, n \text{ odd} \\ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}, n \text{ even} \end{matrix}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= k \\ f(v) &= k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Subcase (ii): When k is an odd number**

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2i + 2, & 0 \leq i \leq \frac{k-1}{2} \\ 2i + 4, & \frac{k-1}{2} \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, n \text{ odd} \\ & \frac{k-1}{2} \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_2) = 2n + 6$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = (2n + 7) - 2i, \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, n \text{ odd} \\ 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}, n \text{ even} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= k + 1 \\ f(v) &= k + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ .

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

$$f^*(uv_{k-1}) = n - k + 4$$

$$f^*(vv_{k+2}) = 2$$

$$f^*(uv) = 1$$

The edge labels are all distinct and are  $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 2\}$ .

**Example 2.6:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating the pendant edge  $v_1 v_2$  and  $v_{n-1} v_n$  of  $P_{10}$  and  $P_{11}$  are shown in fig 5 and fig 6 respectively.

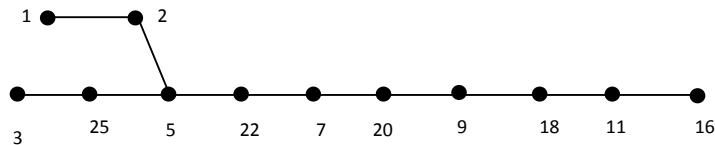


Fig 5

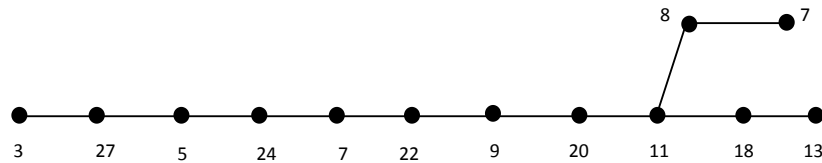


Fig 6

**Example 2.7:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating a non-pendant edge  $v_k v_{k+1}$ , (where  $k$  is an even number) of  $P_{11}$  is shown in fig 7.

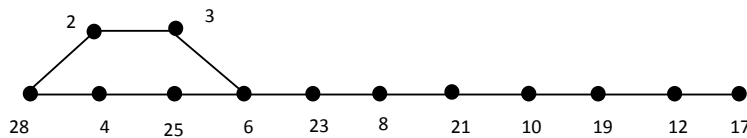


Fig 7

**Example 2.8:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating a non-pendant edge  $v_k v_{k+1}$  (where  $k$  is an odd number) of  $P_{11}$  is shown in fig 8.

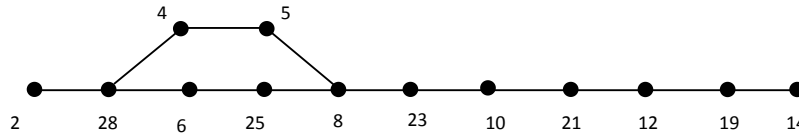


Fig 8

**Theorem 2.9:** The graph obtained by duplicating a vertex by an edge in  $P_n$  is Near skolem difference mean.

**Proof:** Let  $P_n$  be the path.

Let  $e = uv$  be the duplicated edge of the vertex  $v_k$ .

Let  $G$  be the resulting graph.

Let  $V(G) = \{u, v, v_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$E(G) = \{uv, uv_k, vv_k, v_i v_{i+1}/1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = n + 2$  and  $|E(G)| = n + 2$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 3, 2n + 6\}$  as follows:

**Case (i): Let  $k$  be an odd number**

$$f(v_1) = 2n + 6$$

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = (2n + 5) - 2i, \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \end{matrix}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = 2i, \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \end{matrix}$$

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} f(v_k) - 6 & \text{if } f(v_k) = 2n + 6 \\ f(v_k) - 5 & \text{if } f(v_k) \neq 2n + 6 \end{cases}$$

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} f(v_k) - 4 & \text{if } f(v_k) = 2n + 6 \\ f(v_k) - 3 & \text{if } f(v_k) \neq 2n + 6 \end{cases}$$

**Case (ii): Let  $k$  an even number**

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = 2 + 2i, \quad \begin{matrix} 0 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \end{matrix}$$

$$f(v_2) = 2n + 6$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = (2n + 3) - 2i + 4, \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \end{matrix}$$

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} f(v_k) - 6 & \text{if } f(v_k) = 2n + 6 \\ f(v_k) - 5 & \text{if } f(v_k) \neq 2n + 6 \end{cases}$$

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} f(v_k) - 4 & \text{if } f(v_k) = 2n + 6 \\ f(v_k) - 3 & \text{if } f(v_k) \neq 2n + 6 \end{cases}$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$ . Then,

$$f^*(uv) = 1$$

$$f^*(uv_k) = 3$$

$$f^*(vv_k) = 2$$

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = (n + 3) - i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

Thus, the induced edge labels are all distinct and are  $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 2\}$ .

**Example 2.10:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating a vertex  $v_k$ , (where  $k$  is an odd number) by an edge in  $P_9$  is shown in fig 9 and fig 10 respectively.

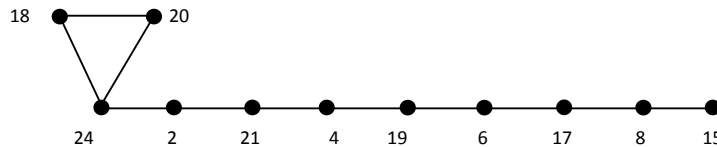


Fig 9

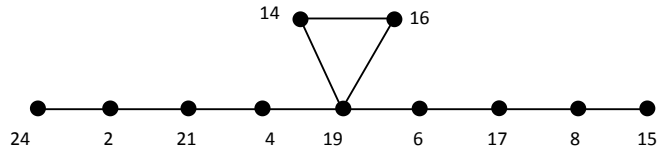


Fig 10

**Example 2.11:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating a vertex  $v_k$  (where  $k$  is an even number) by an edge in  $P_{10}$  is shown in fig 11 and fig 12 respectively.

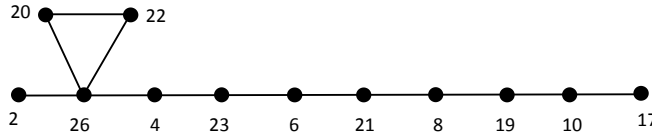


Fig 11

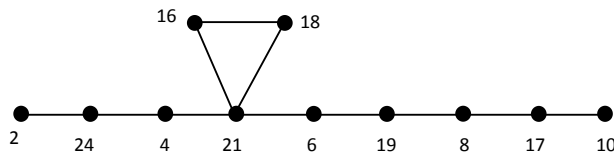


Fig 12

**Theorem 2.12:** The graph obtained by duplicating an edge by a vertex in  $P_n$  is Near skolem difference mean.

**Proof:** Let  $P_n$  be the path.

Let  $v$  be the duplicated vertex of the edge  $v_k v_{k+1}$ .

Let  $G$  be the resulting graph.

Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$E(G) = \{v v_k, v v_{k+1}, v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$

Then  $|V(G)| = n + 1$  and  $|E(G)| = n + 1$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1, 2n + 4\}$  as follows:

**Case (i): Let  $k$  be an odd number**

**Subcase (i):  $n$  is odd**

$$f(v_1) = 2n + 4$$

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = (2n + 3) - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}.$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \begin{cases} 2i, & 1 \leq i < \frac{k+1}{2} \\ 2i + 2, & \frac{k+1}{2} \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v) = k + 1$$

**Subcase (ii):  $n$  is even**

$$f(v_1) = 2n + 4$$

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = (2n + 3) - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}.$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = \begin{cases} 2i, & 1 \leq i < \frac{k+1}{2} \\ 2i + 2, & \frac{k+1}{2} \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v) = k + 1$$

**Case (ii): Let  $k$  be an even number**

**Subcase (i):  $n$  is odd**

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2i + 2, & 0 \leq i < \frac{k}{2} \\ 2i + 4, & \frac{k}{2} \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_2) = 2n + 4$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = (2n + 5) - 2i, 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}.$$

$$f(v) = k + 2$$

**Subcase (ii): n is even**

$$f(v_{2i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2i + 2, & 0 \leq i < \frac{k}{2} \\ 2i + 4, & \frac{k}{2} \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_2) = 2n + 4$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = (2n + 5) - 2i, 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}.$$

$$f(v) = k + 2$$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge labeling of  $f$  in both the subcases. Then,

$$f^*(vv_k) = n - k + 2$$

$$f^*(vv_{k+1}) = 1$$

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} (n + 2) - i, & 1 \leq i \leq k - 1 \\ (n + 1) - i, & k \leq i \leq n - 1 \end{cases}$$

Thus, the edge labels are all distinct and are  $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$ .

**Example 2.13:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating an edge by a vertex  $v_k$ , (where  $k$  is an odd number) of  $P_{11}$  is shown in fig 13 and fig 14 respectively.

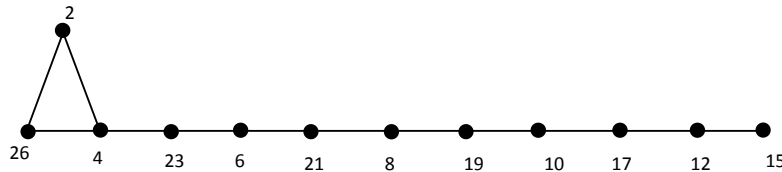


Fig 13

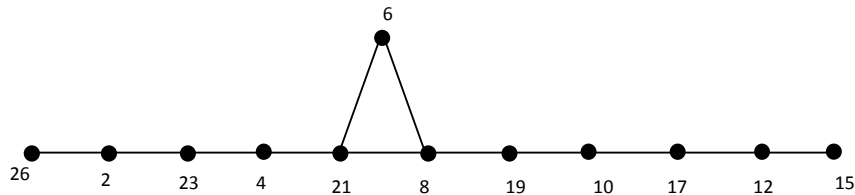


Fig 14

**Example 2.14:** The Near skolem difference mean labeling obtained by duplicating an edge by a vertex  $v_k$ , (where  $k$  is an even number) of  $P_{11}$  is shown in fig 15 and fig 16 respectively.

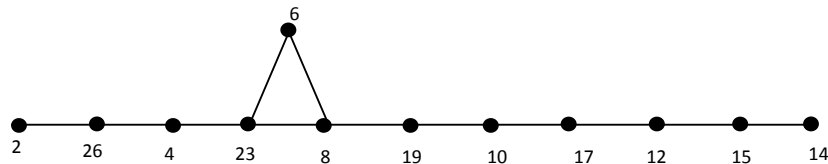


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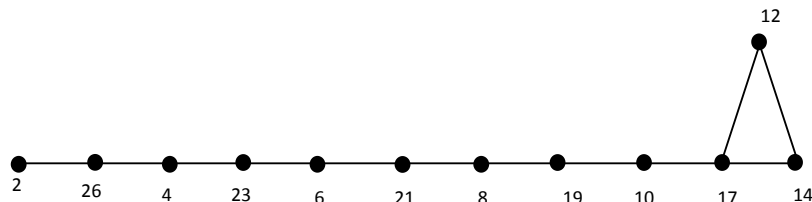


Fig 16

**3. Conclusion**

We have investigated some results on Near Skolem Difference mean labeling for the graphs resulting from the duplication of the path  $P_n$ . We are working to extend the study to other families of graphs in our forth coming papers.

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