



On the total edge irregularity strength of certain classes of cycle related graphs

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Abstract

For a graph $G = (V, E)$, an edge irregular total k -labeling is a labeling of the vertices and edges of G with labels from the set $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ such that any two different edges have distinct weights. The sum of the label of edge uv and the labels of vertices u and v determine the weight of the edge uv . The smallest possible k for which the graph G has an edge irregular total k -labeling is called the total edge irregularity strength of G . We determine the exact value of the total edge irregularity strength for some cycle related graphs.

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1. Introduction

Consider a simple undirected graph $G = (V, E)$. An edge irregular total labeling $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ of G was defined by Bača et al. [2] as the labeling of vertices and edges of G in such a way that for any different edges e and f , weights of e and f are distinct. The weight of an edge $e = xy$ is $wt(xy) = f(x) + f(xy) + f(y)$. The minimum k for which the graph G has an edge irregular total k labeling is called the total edge irregularity strength of the graph G , $tes(G)$.

The lower bound and upper bound of the total edge irregularity strength of any graph is given by Bača et al. in [2] as:

Theorem 1.1. [2] Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with vertex set V and a non-empty edge set E . Then $\lceil \frac{|E|+2}{3} \rceil \leq tes(G) \leq |E|$.

Theorem 1.2. [2] For any graph G with maximum degree $\Delta = \Delta(G)$, $tes(G) \geq \max\{\lceil \frac{|E|+2}{3} \rceil, \lceil \frac{\Delta(G)+1}{2} \rceil\}$.

The total edge irregularity strength of path P_n , cycle C_n , star S_n , wheel W_n and friendship graph F_n were determined in [2] as: $tes(P_n) = tes(C_n) = \lceil \frac{n+2}{3} \rceil$; $tes(S_n) = \lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil$; $tes(W_n) = \lceil \frac{2n+2}{3} \rceil$; and $tes(F_n) = \lceil \frac{3n+2}{3} \rceil$.

The following conjecture that gives the exact value of total edge irregularity strength of an arbitrary graph G was posed by Ivancić and Jendrol' in [4]. They also proved the conjecture to be true for all trees.

Conjecture 1.3. [4] Let G be an arbitrary graph different from K_5 . Then $tes(G) = \max\{\lceil \frac{|E|+2}{3} \rceil, \lceil \frac{\Delta+1}{2} \rceil\}$.

Jendrol', Miškuf, and Soták in [5] found the exact value of total edge irregularity strength of complete graphs and complete bipartite graphs as: $tes(K_5) = 5$; for $n \geq 6$, $tes(K_n) = \lceil \frac{n^2-n-4}{6} \rceil$; and $tes(K_{m,n}) = \lceil \frac{mn+2}{3} \rceil$, for $n, m \geq 2$. Many other results on total edge irregularity strength can be found in [1], [6], [7], [8]. In this paper, we determine the total edge irregularity strength of the corona graph $C_n \odot mK_1$, double triangular snake graph $D(T_n)$, biwheel B_{2n} and the graphs obtained by duplicating edges and vertices of a cycle.

For the basic definitions of graph theory, we refer [3], [9].

Definition 1.4. The corona product of two graphs G and H , denoted by, $G \odot H$, is a graph obtained by taking one copy of G (which has n vertices) and n copies $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$ of H and then joining the i^{th} vertex of G to every vertex in H_i .

Definition 1.5. A triangular snake T_n is obtained from a path $w_1w_2...w_{n+1}$ by joining w_i and w_{i+1} to a new vertex v_i for $1 \leq i \leq n$. A double triangular snake $D(T_n)$ is obtained from T_n by adding a new vertex u_i for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and edges u_iw_i and u_iw_{i+1} for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Definition 1.6. Biwheel is a graph obtained from an even cycle of length $2n$ such that odd numbered vertices are joined to a new vertex and even numbered vertices are joined to another new vertex. It is denoted by B_{2n} .

Definition 1.7. Duplication of an edge $e = uv$ by a new vertex w in a graph G produces a new graph G' such that $N(w) = \{u, v\}$.

Definition 1.8. Duplication of a vertex v_k by a new edge $e = v_k'v_k''$ in a graph G produces a new graph G^* such that $N(v_k') \cap N(v_k'') = v_k$.

2. Total Edge Irregularity Strength of some Cycle Related Graphs.

Corona product $C_n \odot mK_1$ is the graph obtained by taking one copy of C_n and n copies of mK_1 and then joining each vertex of C_n to the vertices of mK_1 . In the following theorem we determine the exact value of the total edge irregularity strength of corona product $C_n \odot mK_1$, $m \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $C_n \odot mK_1$ be a corona graph with $n \geq 3$ and $m \geq 1$. Then $tes(C_n \odot mK_1) = \lceil \frac{(m+1)n+2}{3} \rceil$.

Proof. The corona product $C_n \odot mK_1$ is a graph with the vertex set $V(C_n \odot mK_1) = \{u_i, v_i^j; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ and edge set $E(C_n \odot mK_1) = \{u_iu_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_iv_i^j; 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\} \cup \{u_nv_1\}$. The graph $C_n \odot mK_1$ has $(m+1)n$ vertices and $(m+1)n$ edges. The maximum degree of $C_n \odot mK_1$, $\Delta(C_n \odot mK_1)$ is $m+2$. Then, by Theorem 1.2, $tes(C_n \odot mK_1) \geq \max \{ \lceil \frac{(m+1)n+2}{3} \rceil, \lceil \frac{m+3}{2} \rceil \}$. Therefore, $tes(C_n \odot mK_1) \geq \lceil \frac{(m+1)n+2}{3} \rceil$. To prove the equality, it is sufficient to prove the existence of a total edge irregular $\lceil \frac{(m+1)n+2}{3} \rceil$ -labeling. Let $k = \lceil \frac{(m+1)n+2}{3} \rceil$. Define total labeling $f : V(C_n \odot mK_1) \cup E(C_n \odot mK_1) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1 + (i-1)\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - (n-i)\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq j \leq m$;

$$f(v_i^j) = \begin{cases} 1 + (i-1)\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - (n-i)\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Case 1: When m is even.

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{m}{2} + i; & 1 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - (\frac{m}{2} + n - i); & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n, \quad |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k - (\frac{m}{2} + n - i - 1); & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n, \quad |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ k - (\frac{m}{2} + n - i + 1); & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n, \quad |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} u_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor; & |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil; & |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil - 1; & |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

When n is even,

$$f(u_n u_1) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1; & |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \quad |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil; & |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

When n is odd,

$$f(u_n u_1) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil + \frac{m}{2} + 1; & |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \quad |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil + \frac{m}{2}; & |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq j \leq m$;

$$f(u_i v_i^j) = \begin{cases} i + j - 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - (m - j) - (n - i) - 1; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n, \quad |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k - (m - j) - (n - i); & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n, \quad |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ k - (m - j) - (n - i) - 2; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n, \quad |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Case 2: When m is odd.

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil; & 1 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n, \quad |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k - \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n, \quad |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ k - \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil - 1; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n, \quad |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} u_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor; & |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2}; & |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2} - 1; & |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

When n is even,

$$f(u_n u_1) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1; & |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2}; & |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

When n is odd,

$$f(u_n u_1) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil + 1; & |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2} + \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil; & |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq j \leq m$;

$$f(u_i v_i^j) = \begin{cases} j; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - m + j - 1; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n, |E| \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k - m + j; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n, |E| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ k - m + j - 2; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n, |E| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Then the edge weight function $wt_f : E(C_n \odot mK_1) \rightarrow \{3, 4, \dots, |E| + 2\}$ is as follows:

$$wt_f(u_i v_i^j) = \begin{cases} (i-1)(m+1) + j + 2; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, 1 \leq j \leq m \\ i(m+1) - (m-j) + 2; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m. \end{cases}$$

$$wt_f(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} (m+1)i + 2; & 1 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ (m+1)i + 3; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n. \end{cases}$$

$$wt_f(u_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} u_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1}) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil (m+1) + 2.$$

$$wt_f(u_n u_1) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil (m+1) + 3.$$

The edge weight function wt_f is bijective and hence f is an edge irregular total k -labeling. Therefore, $tes(C_n \odot mK_1) \leq k$.

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Theorem 2.2. Let $D(T_n)$ be a double triangular snake graph. Then for $n \geq 1$, $tes(D(T_n)) = \lceil \frac{5n+2}{3} \rceil$.

Proof. Double triangular snake graph $D(T_n)$ is a graph with vertex set $V(D(T_n)) = \{w_i; 1 \leq i \leq n+1\} \cup \{u_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and edge set $E(D(T_n)) = \{w_i w_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i w_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i w_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i w_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i w_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. The graph $D(T_n)$ has $3n+1$ vertices and $5n$ edges. Then by Theorem (1.2), $tes(D(T_n)) \geq \lceil \frac{5n+2}{3} \rceil$. To prove the equality, we find the existence of a total edge irregular $\lceil \frac{5n+2}{3} \rceil$ -labeling. Let $k = \lceil \frac{5n+2}{3} \rceil$. Define total labeling $f : V(D(T_n)) \cup E(D(T_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ as follows:

Case 1: When $n = 1, 2$.

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} i; & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ i+1; & i = n+1. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = 2i-1; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i w_i) = f(u_i w_i) = 2i-1; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

For $1 \leq i \leq n$;

$$f(w_i w_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} i; & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2i; & \text{if } n = 2. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i w_{i+1}) = f(v_i w_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} i+1; & \text{if } n = 1 \\ i+2; & \text{if } n = 2. \end{cases}$$

Case 2: When $n \geq 3$.

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} i; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 \\ k - n + i - 1; & \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 < i \leq n+1. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 2i-1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \\ k - 2(n-i) - 1; & \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \\ k - 2(n-i); & \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(w_i w_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 3i-1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \\ 3i + 2(n-k) + 1; & \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i w_i) = f(u_i w_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \\ 3n - 2k + 2i; & \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i w_{i+1}) = f(v_i w_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2i + 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \\ 3n - 2k + 2i + 2; & \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

For $i = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1$ and n is even;

$$f(w_i w_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil + 1; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2} + 2; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

For $i = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1$ and n is odd;

$$f(w_i w_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

For $i = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1$ and n is even;

$$f(v_i w_i) = f(u_i w_i) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil + \frac{n}{2} - 1; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2} + \frac{n}{2}; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

For $i = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1$ and n is odd;

$$f(v_i w_i) = f(u_i w_i) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Then the edge weight function $wt_f : E(D(T_n)) \rightarrow \{3, 4, \dots, |E| + 2\}$ is as follows:

$$wt_f(u_i w_i) = 5i - 2; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$wt_f(v_i w_i) = 5i - 1; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$wt_f(w_i w_{i+1}) = 5i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$wt_f(u_i w_{i+1}) = 5i + 1; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$wt_f(v_i w_{i+1}) = 5i + 2; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The edge weight function wt_f is bijective and hence f is a edge irregular total k -labeling. Therefore, $tes(D(T_n)) \leq k$. $\square$

Theorem 2.3. Let B_{2n} be a biwheel. Then for $n \geq 2$, $tes(B_{2n}) = \lceil \frac{4n+2}{3} \rceil$.

Proof. Biwheel B_{2n} is a graph with vertex set $V(B_{2n}) = \{u_i; 1 \leq i \leq 2n\} \cup \{v_1, v_2\}$ and edge set $E(B_{2n}) = \{u_i u_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq 2n\} \cup \{u_{2n} u_1\} \cup \{v_1 u_i; i \text{ is odd}\} \cup \{v_2 u_i; i \text{ is even}\}$. The graph B_{2n} has $2n + 2$ vertices and $4n$ edges. Then by Theorem (1.2), $tes(B_{2n}) \geq \lceil \frac{4n+2}{3} \rceil$. Let $k = \lceil \frac{4n+2}{3} \rceil$. Then $tes(B_{2n}) \geq k$. To prove the equality, we find the existence of a total edge irregular k -labeling.

Define total labeling $f : V(B_{2n}) \cup E(B_{2n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor + 1; & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ k - n + \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor; & n < i \leq 2n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_1) = 1, f(v_2) = k.$$

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; & 1 \leq i < n \\ k - \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; & n < i < 2n \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k - \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1; & n < i < 2n \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ k - \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1; & n < i < 2n \text{ and } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_n u_{n+1}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2} - 1; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_{2n} u_1) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2}; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq i \leq n$ and i is odd, $f(v_1 u_i) = 1$.

For $n < i \leq 2n$ and i is odd,

$$f(v_1 u_i) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2} - 1; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq i \leq n$ and i is even,

$$f(v_2 u_i) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{k}{2}; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

For $n < i \leq 2n$ and i is even,

$$f(v_2 u_i) = \begin{cases} k - 1; & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k; & n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ k - 2; & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Then the edge weight function $wt_f : E(B_{2n}) \rightarrow \{3, 4, \dots, |E| + 2\}$ is as follows:

For $1 \leq i \leq n$ and i is odd; $wt_f(v_1u_i) = \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor + 3$.

For $1 \leq i < n$; $wt_f(u_iu_{i+1}) = i + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 2$.

For $n < i \leq 2n$ and i is odd; $wt_f(v_1u_i) = \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor + n + 2$.

$wt_f(u_nu_{n+1}) = 2n + 2$.

$wt_f(u_{2n}u_1) = 2n + 3$.

For $1 \leq i \leq n$ and i is even; $wt_f(v_2u_i) = \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor + 2n + 3$.

For $n < i < 2n$; $wt_f(u_iu_{i+1}) = i + \lfloor \frac{3n}{2} \rfloor + 3$.

For $n < i \leq 2n$ and i is even; $wt_f(v_1u_i) = \lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor + 3n + 2$.

The edge weight function wt_f is bijective and hence f is a edge irregular total k - labeling. Therefore, $tes(B_{2n}) \leq k$. $\square$

Theorem 2.4. Let C_n' be the graph obtained by duplicating each edge by a vertex in a cycle C_n . Then $tes(C_n') = n + 1$.

Proof. Let $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be the vertices of the cycle C_n and $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be the added vertices to obtain C_n' . Then $E(C_n') = \{u_iu_i + 1; 1 \leq i < n\} \cup \{u_nu_1\} \cup \{u_iv_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_{i+1}v_i; 1 \leq i < n\} \cup \{u_1v_n\}$.

The graph C_n' has $3n$ edges and $2n$ vertices. By Theorem 1.2, $tes(C_n') \geq \lceil \frac{3n+2}{3} \rceil = n+1$. To prove the equality, we define a total edge irregular $n+1$ -labeling. Define total labeling $f : V(C_n') \cup E(C_n') \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$ as follows:

$$f(u_i) = i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1; & i = 1 \\ i + 1; & 1 < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_iu_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} i; & 1 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ i + 2; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \leq i < n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_nu_1) = f(u_1v_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} - 1; & n \text{ is even} \\ \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_iv_i) = \begin{cases} 1; & i = 1 \\ i - 1; & 1 < i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ i + 1; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_{i+1}v_i) = \begin{cases} 2; & i = 1 \\ i; & 1 < i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ i + 2; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Then the edge weight function $wt_f : E(C_n') \rightarrow \{3, 4, \dots, |E| + 2\}$ is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} wt(u_1v_1) &= 3. \\ \text{For } 1 < i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; wt_f(u_iv_i) &= 3i. \\ \text{For } \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \leq i \leq n; wt_f(u_iv_i) &= 3i + 2. \\ \text{For } 1 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; wt_f(u_iu_{i+1}) &= 3i + 1. \\ \text{For } \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \leq i < n; wt_f(u_iu_{i+1}) &= 3i + 3. \\ wt_f(u_2v_1) &= 5. \\ wt_f(u_nu_1) &= 3\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil. \\ wt_f(u_1v_n) &= 3\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1. \\ \text{For } 1 < i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; wt_f(u_{i+1}v_i) &= 3i + 2. \\ \text{For } \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \leq i < n; wt_f(u_{i+1}v_i) &= 3i + 4. \end{aligned}$$

The edge weight function wt_f is bijective and hence f is a edge irregular total k - labeling. Therefore, $tes(C_n') \leq k$. $\square$

Theorem 2.5. Let C_n^* be the graph obtained by duplicating each vertex by an edge in a cycle C_n . Then $tes(C_n^*) = \lceil \frac{4n+2}{3} \rceil$.

Proof. Let $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be the vertices of the cycle C_n and $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}\}$ be the added vertices to obtain C_n^* . Then $E(C_n^*) = \{u_iu_{i+1}; 1 \leq i < n\} \cup \{u_nu_1\} \cup \{u_iv_{2i-1}; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_iv_{2i}; 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_{2i-1}v_{2i}; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. The graph C_n^* has $4n$ edges and $3n$ vertices. By Theorem 1.2, $tes(C_n^*) \geq \lceil \frac{4n+2}{3} \rceil$. Let $k = \lceil \frac{4n+2}{3} \rceil$. To prove the equality, we prove the existence of a total edge irregular k - labeling. Define total labeling $f : V(C_n^*) \cup E(C_n^*) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ as follows:

Case 1: When n is even.

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

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq n; \quad f(v_{2i-1}) = i \text{ and } f(v_{2i}) = k - n + i.$$

(i) $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$.

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1; & 1 \leq i < \frac{n}{2} \\ \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1; & i = \frac{n}{2} \\ k-1; & \frac{n}{2} < i < n \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k; & \frac{n}{2} < i < n \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_n u_1) = \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor.$$

$$f(u_i v_{2i-1}) = \begin{cases} 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1; & \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i v_{2i}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor - 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ k-1; & \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k; & \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

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

(ii) $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$.

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1; & 1 \leq i < \frac{n}{2} \\ \frac{k}{2}; & i = \frac{n}{2} \\ k-2; & \frac{n}{2} < i < n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_n u_1) = \frac{k}{2} - 1$$

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

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

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

Then the edge weight function $wt_f : E(C_n^*) \rightarrow \{3, 4, \dots, |E| + 2\}$ is as follows:

For $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$; $wt_f(u_i v_{2i-1}) = 2i + 1$.

For $1 \leq i < \frac{n}{2}$; $wt_f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 2i + 2$.

For $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$; $wt_f(u_i v_{2i}) = 2i + n$.
 For $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$; $wt_f(v_{2i-1} v_{2i}) = 2i + n + 1$.
 $wt_f(u_n u_1) = 2n + 2$.
 $wt_f(u_{\frac{n}{2}} u_{\frac{n}{2}+1}) = 2n + 3$.
 For $\frac{n}{2} < i \leq n$; $wt_f(u_i v_{2i-1}) = 2i + n + 2$.
 For $\frac{n}{2} < i \leq n$; $wt_f(v_{2i-1} v_{2i}) = 2i + n + 3$.
 For $\frac{n}{2} < i \leq n$; $wt_f(u_i v_{2i}) = 2i + 2n + 2$.
 For $\frac{n}{2} < i < n$; $wt_f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 2i + 2n + 3$.

Case 2: When n is odd.

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} i; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - n + i, & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq i \leq n$; $f(v_{2i-1}) = i$ and $f(v_{2i}) = k - n + i$.

(i) When $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$.

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1; & 1 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 2; & i = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - 1; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_n u_1) = \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 2.$$

$$f(u_i v_{2i-1}) = \begin{cases} 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 2; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i v_{2i}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - 1; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ k; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_{2i-1} v_{2i}) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 3; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

(ii) When $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$.

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1; & 1 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ \frac{k}{2} + 1; & i = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - 2; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_n u_1) = \frac{k}{2} + 1.$$

$$f(u_i v_{2i-1}) = \begin{cases} 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ \frac{k}{2} + 1; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i v_{2i}) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{2} - 1; & 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k - 2; & \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

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

Then the edge weight function $wt_f : E(C_n^*) \rightarrow \{3, 4, \dots, |E| + 2\}$ is as follows:

For $1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$; $wt_f(u_i v_{2i-1}) = 2i + 1$.

For $1 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$; $wt_f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 2i + 2$.

For $1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$; $wt_f(u_i v_{2i}) = 2i + n + 1$.

For $1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$; $wt_f(v_{2i-1} v_{2i}) = 2i + n + 2$.

$wt_f(u_n u_1) = 2n + 4$.

$wt_f(u_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} u_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1}) = 2n + 5$.

For $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n$; $wt_f(u_i v_{2i-1}) = 2i + n + 3$.

For $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n$; $wt_f(v_{2i-1} v_{2i}) = 2i + n + 4$.

For $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i \leq n$; $wt_f(u_i v_{2i}) = 2i + 2n + 2$.

For $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil < i < n$; $wt_f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 2i + 2n + 3$.

In both the cases, the edge weight function $wt_f : E(C_n^*) \rightarrow \{3, 4, \dots, |E| + 2\}$ is bijective and hence f is a edge irregular total k - labeling. Therefore, $tes(C_n^*) \leq k$. $\square$

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