

## *F*-Centroidal Mean Labeling of Graphs Obtained From Paths

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**Abstract:** A function  $f$  is called an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of a graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges if  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q+1\}$  is injective and the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$  defined as

$$f^*(uv) = \left\lfloor \frac{2[f(u)^2 + f(u)f(v) + f(v)^2]}{3[f(u) + f(v)]} \right\rfloor,$$

for all  $uv \in E(G)$ , is bijective. A graph that admits an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling is called an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph. In this paper, we have discussed the  $F$ -centroidal meanness of the graph  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ , the twig graph  $TW(P_n)$ , the graph  $P_n \circ S_m$  for  $m \leq 4$ , planar grid  $P_m \times P_n$  for  $m \leq 3$ , the ladder graph  $L_n$ , the graph  $P_n \circ K_2$ , the graph  $P_a^b$  for  $a \geq 2$  and  $b \leq 3$ , the middle graph of the path, total graph of the path and the square graph of the path, the splitting graph of the path and the graph  $P(1, 2, \dots, n-1)$ .

**Key Words:** Labeling,  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling,  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, Smarandachely  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling.

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### §1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, by a graph we mean a finite, undirected and simple graph. Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. For notations and terminology, we follow [8]. For a detailed survey on graph labeling, we refer [7].

Path on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $P_n$ . The graph  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ , is a tree obtained from a path on  $n$  vertices by attaching  $X_i$  pendent vertices at each  $i^{th}$  vertex of the path, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . A Twig  $TW(P_n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$  is a graph obtained from a path by attaching exactly two pendant vertices to each internal vertices of the path  $P_n$ . The graph  $G \circ S_m$  is obtained from  $G$  by attaching  $m$  pendant vertices to each vertex of  $G$ . Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be any two graphs with  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  vertices respectively. Then the Cartesian product  $G_1 \times G_2$  has  $p_1 p_2$  vertices which are  $\{(u, v) : u \in G_1, v \in G_2\}$  and the edges are obtained as follows:  $(u_1, v_1)$  and  $(u_2, v_2)$  are adjacent in  $G_1 \times G_2$  if either  $u_1 = u_2$  and  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are adjacent in  $G_2$  or  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are adjacent

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in  $G_1$  and  $v_1 = v_2$ . The product  $P_m \times P_n$  and is called a planar grid and  $P_2 \times P_n$  is called a ladder, denoted by  $L_n$ .

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers such that  $a \geq 2$  and  $b \geq 2$ . Let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_a$  be the ' $a$ ' fixed vertices. Connect  $y_i$  and  $y_{i+1}$  by means of  $b$  internally disjoint paths  $P_i^j$  of length ' $i + 1$ ' each, for  $1 \leq i \leq a - 1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq b$ . The resulting graph embedded in the plane is denoted by  $P_a^b$ . The middle graph  $M(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $\{v : v \in V(G)\} \cup \{e : e \in E(G)\}$  and the edge set is  $\{e_1 e_2 : e_1, e_2 \in E(G) \text{ and } e_1 \text{ and } e_2 \text{ are adjacent edges of } G\} \cup \{ve : v \in V(G), e \in E(G) \text{ and } e \text{ is incident with } v\}$ . The total graph  $T(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  and two vertices are adjacent if and only if either they are adjacent vertices of  $G$  or adjacent edges of  $G$  or one is a vertex of  $G$  and the other one is an edge incident on it. Square of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $G^2$ , has the vertex set as in  $G$  and two vertices are adjacent in  $G^2$  if they are at a distance either 1 or 2 apart in  $G$ . For each vertex  $v$  of the graph  $G$ , take a new vertex  $v'$  to these vertices of  $G$  adjacent to  $v$ . The graph thus obtained is called the splitting graph  $G$  and it is denoted by  $S'(G)$ . An arbitrary super subdivision  $P(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{n-1})$  of a path  $P_n$  is a graph obtained by replacing each  $i^{th}$  edge of  $P_n$  by identifying its end vertices of the edge with a partition of  $K_{2, m_i}$  having 2 elements, where  $m_i$  is any positive integer.

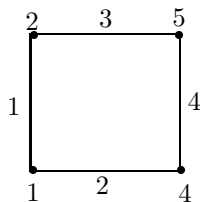
Durai Baskar and Arockiaraj defined the  $F$ -harmonic mean labeling [6] and discussed its meanness of some standard graphs. The concept of  $F$ -geometric mean labeling was introduced by Durai Baskar and Arockiaraj [5] and it was developed [4]. The concept of  $F$ -root square mean labeling was introduced by Arockiaraj et al., [1] and they studied the  $F$ -root square mean labeling of some standard graphs [2]. Durai Baskar and Manivannan were introduced  $F$ -heronian mean labeling [3]. Motivated by the works of so many authors in the area of graph labeling, we introduced a new type of labeling called an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling.

A function  $f$  is called an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of a graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges if  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q + 1\}$  is injective and the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$  defined by

$$f^*(uv) = \left\lfloor \frac{2[f(u)^2 + f(u)f(v) + f(v)^2]}{3[f(u) + f(v)]} \right\rfloor,$$

for all  $uv \in E(G)$ , is bijective. Otherwise, it is called a Smarandachely  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $G$  if there is a number  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, q\}$  such that the inverse  $f^{-*}$  of  $f^*$  holds with  $|f^{-*}(k)| \geq 2$ . A graph that admits an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling is called an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph.

An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of cycle  $C_4$  is given in Figure 1.



**Figure 1** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling labeling of  $C_4$

In this paper, we have discussed the  $F$ -centroidal meanness of the graph  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ , the twig graph  $TW(P_n)$ , the graph  $P_n \circ S_m$  for  $m \leq 4$ , planar grid  $P_m \times P_n$  for  $m \leq 3$ , the ladder graph  $L_n$ , the graph  $P_n \circ K_2$ , the graph  $P_a^b$  for  $a \geq 2$  and  $b \leq 3$ , the middle graph of the path, total graph of the path and the square graph of the path, the splitting graph of the path and the graph  $P(1, 2, \dots, n-1)$ .

## §2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1** *The graph  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $1 \leq X_i \leq 3$  and  $|X_i - X_{i+1}| \leq 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .*

*Proof* Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$ . Let  $v_i^{(1)}, v_i^{(2)}, \dots, v_i^{(X_i)}$  be the pendant vertices attached at  $u_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Define  $f : V(P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + n\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_i^{(1)}) = \begin{cases} 2, & X_1 = 1, \\ 1, & X_1 \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

For  $2 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f(v_i^{(1)}) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} X_k + i, & X_i = 2, 3, \\ \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} X_k + i + 1, & X_i = 1. \end{cases}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f(v_i^{(j)}) = \begin{cases} f(v_i^{(1)}) + 2, & j = 2 \\ f(v_i^{(1)}) + 3, & X_i = 3 \text{ and } j = 3 \end{cases}$$

and

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} f(v_i^{(1)}) + 1, & X_i = 2, 3, \\ f(v_i^{(1)}) - 1, & X_i = 1. \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

For  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ,

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} f(u_i) + 1, & X_i = 1, 2, \\ f(u_i) + 2, & X_i = 3 \end{cases}$$

and  $f^*(v_1^{(1)} u_1) = 1$ .

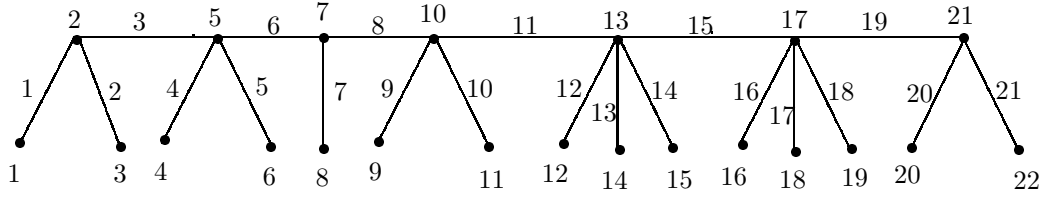
For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$f^*(v_i^{(1)}u_i) = \begin{cases} f(v_i^{(1)}) + 1, & X_i = 2, 3, \\ f(v_i^{(1)}) - 1, & X_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$f^*(v_i^{(j)}u_i) = \begin{cases} f(u_i), & X_i = 2, 3 \text{ and } j = 2, \\ f(u_i) + 1, & X_i = 3 \text{ and } j = 3. \end{cases}$$

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ . Thus the graph  $P_n(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $1 \leq X_i \leq 3$  and  $|X_i - X_{i+1}| \leq 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .  $\square$



**Figure 2** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_n(2, 2, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2)$

**Corollary 2.2** The twig graph  $TW(P_n)$  of the path  $P_n$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $n \geq 4$ .

**Theorem 2.3** The graph  $P_n \circ S_m$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \leq 4$ .

*Proof* Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$  and  $u_1^{(i)}, u_2^{(i)}, u_3^{(i)}, \dots, u_m^{(i)}$  be the pendant vertices at each  $v_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Case 1.**  $m = 4$ .

Define  $f : V(P_n \circ S_4) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 5n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1) &= 2, \\ f(v_i) &= 5i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_1^{(1)}) &= 1, \\ f(u_1^{(i)}) &= 5i - 5, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_2^{(1)}) &= 3, \\ f(u_2^{(i)}) &= 5i - 3, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_3^{(i)}) &= 5i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_4^{(i)}) &= 5i + 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(u_4^{(n)}) &= 5n. \end{aligned}$$

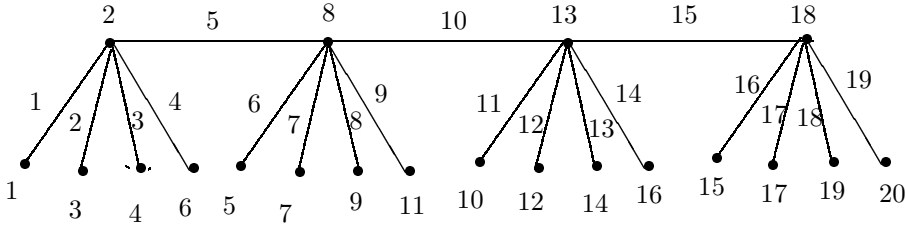
Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 5i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f^*(v_i u_1^{(i)}) &= 5i-4, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(v_i u_2^{(i)}) &= 5i-3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(v_i u_3^{(i)}) &= 5i-2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(v_i u_4^{(i)}) &= 5i-1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.**  $1 \leq m \leq 3$ .

By Theorem 2.1, the results follows in this case.

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_n \circ S_m$ , for  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \leq 4$ . Thus the graph  $P_n \circ S_m$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \leq 4$ .  $\square$



**Figure 3** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_4 \circ S_4$

**Theorem 2.4** The planar grid  $P_m \times P_n$ , is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $m \leq 3$  and  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof* Let  $V(P_m \times P_n) = \{v_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_m \times P_n) = \{v_{ij}v_{(i+1)j} : 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{v_{ij}v_{i(j+1)} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$  be the vertex set and edge set of the graph  $P_m \times P_n$ .

**Case 1.**  $m = 2$ .

Define  $f : V(P_2 \times P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n-1\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_{ij}) = i + 3(j-1), \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_{1j}v_{2j}) &= 3j-2, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ f^*(v_{ij}v_{i(j+1)}) &= i + 3j-2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n-1. \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.**  $m = 3$ .

Define  $f : V(P_3 \times P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 5n - 2\}$  as follows:

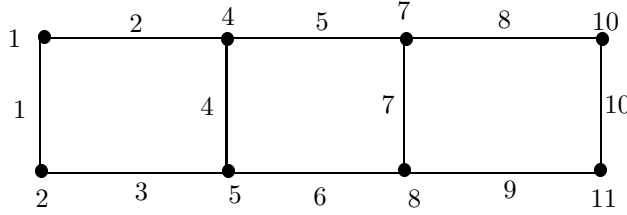
$$\begin{aligned} f(v_{i1}) &= i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 3, \\ f(v_{i2}) &= \begin{cases} i + 4, & i = 1, \\ i + 5, & 2 \leq i \leq 3, \end{cases} \\ f(v_{ij}) &= i + 5(j - 1), \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 3 \text{ and } 3 \leq j \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

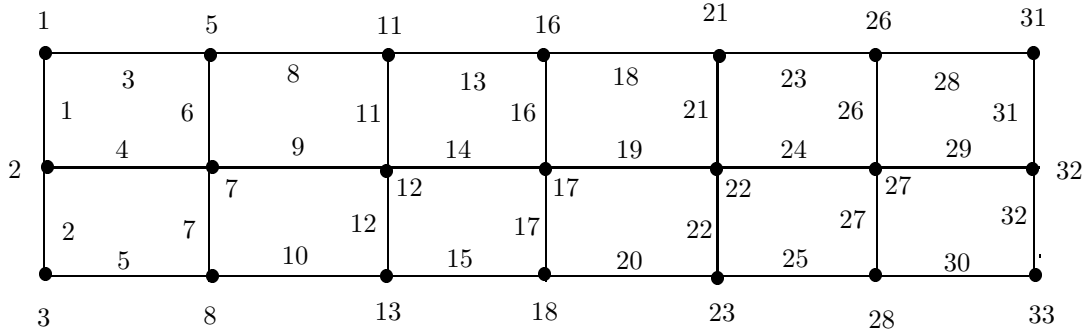
$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_{i1}v_{(i+1)1}) &= i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ f^*(v_{i1}v_{i2}) &= i + 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 3, \\ f^*(v_{ij}v_{(i+1)j}) &= \begin{cases} 2i + 3(j - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq 2 \text{ and } j = 2, \\ i + 5(j - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq 2 \text{ and } 3 \leq j \leq n, \end{cases} \\ f^*(v_{ij}v_{i(j+1)}) &= i + 5j - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 3 \text{ and } 2 \leq j \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the graph  $P_m \times P_n$  admits an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling. Thus the graph  $P_m \times P_n$  is an  $F$ -centroidal meangraph for  $m \leq 3$ .

For  $n = 2$ , an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_2 \times P_4$  is as shown in Figure 4.  $\square$



**Figure 4** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_2 \times P_4$



**Figure 5** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_3 \times P_7$

**Corollary 2.5** Every Ladder graph  $L_n = P_2 \times P_n$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph for  $n \geq 2$ .

**Theorem 2.6** The graph  $P_n \circ K_2$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph for  $n \geq 1$ .

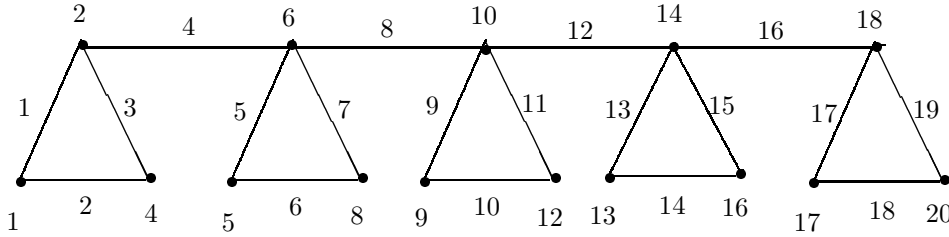
*Proof* Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$  and  $u_i^{(1)}, u_i^{(2)}$  be the vertices of  $i^{th}$  copy of  $K_2$  attached with  $v_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Define  $f : V(P_n \circ K_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 4i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_i^{(1)}) &= 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_i^{(2)}) &= 4i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 4i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f^*(u_i^{(1)} u_i^{(2)}) &= 4i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(u_i^{(1)} v_i) &= 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(u_i^{(2)} v_i) &= 4i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_n \circ K_2$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Thus the graph  $P_n \circ K_2$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $n \geq 1$ .  $\square$



**Figure 6** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_5 \circ K_2$

**Theorem 2.7** The graph  $P_a^b$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $a \geq 2$  and  $b \leq 3$ .

*Proof* Let  $y_i, x_{ij1}, x_{ij2}, \dots, x_{iji}, y_{i+1}$  be the vertices of the path  $P_i^j$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq a-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq b$ . Let  $V(P_a^b) = \{y_i : 1 \leq i \leq a\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{a-1} \bigcup_{j=1}^b \{x_{ijk} : 1 \leq k \leq i\}$  and  $E(P_a^b) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{a-1} \{y_i x_{ij1} : 1 \leq i \leq b\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{a-1} \bigcup_{j=1}^b \{x_{ijk} x_{ij(k+1)} : 1 \leq k \leq i-1\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{a-1} \{x_{iji} y_{i+1} : 1 \leq j \leq b\}$  be the vertex set and edge set of the graph  $P_a^b$ .

**Case 1.**  $b = 2$ .

Define  $f : V(P_a^2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, (a-1)(a+2)+1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1) &= 1, \\ f(y_i) &= (i-1)(i+2)+1, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq a, \\ f(x_{1j1}) &= j+1, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq 2 \text{ and for } 2 \leq i \leq a-1, \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x_{ijk}) = (i-1)(i+2) + 2k + j - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq i \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq 2.$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(y_1x_{1j1}) &= j, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq 2, \\ f^*(x_{1j1}y_2) &= j + 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq 2, \\ f^*(y_ix_{ij1}) &= (i-1)(i+2) + j, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq a-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq 2, \\ f^*(x_{ijk}x_{ij(k+1)}) &= (i-1)(i+2) + j + 2k, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq a-1, 1 \leq k \leq i-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq 2, \\ f^*(x_{iji}y_{i+1}) &= i(i+3) + j - 2, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq a-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq 2. \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.**  $b = 3$ .

Define  $f : V(P_a^3) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{3(a-1)(a+2)}{2} + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1) &= 1, f(y_2) = 5, f(x_{111}) = 2, f(x_{1j1}) = 4j - 5, \text{ for } 2 \leq j \leq 3, \\ f(y_i) &= \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 1, \text{ for } 3 \leq i \leq a, f(x_{21k}) = \begin{cases} 4k + 5, & k = 1, \\ 4k + 4, & k = 2, \end{cases} \\ f(x_{22k}) &= \begin{cases} 7k + 6, & k = 1, \\ 7k - 4, & k = 2, \end{cases} f(x_{23k}) = \begin{cases} 5k + 6, & k = 1, \\ 5k + 4, & k = 2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For  $3 \leq i \leq a-1$ ,

$$f(x_{ijk}) = \begin{cases} \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + j + 1, & 1 \leq j \leq 2, \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 2j, & j = 3 \text{ and} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x_{ijk}) = \begin{cases} \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 2j + 3k - 1, & 1 \leq j \leq 2, 2 \leq k \leq i-1, \\ & \text{and } k \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 3k - 2, & j = 3, 2 \leq k \leq i-1 \\ & \text{and } k \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 2j + 3k - 3, & 1 \leq j \leq 3, 2 \leq k \leq i-1 \\ & \text{and } k \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 3k - 1, & j = 1, k = i \text{ and } k \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 3k + j - 1, & j = 2, k = i \text{ and } k \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 3k + j, & j = 3, k = i \text{ and } k \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 3k + j, & 1 \leq j \leq 2, k = i, \\ & \text{and } k \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 3k - 1, & j = 3, k = i \text{ and } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

$$f^*(y_1x_{1j1}) = \begin{cases} j, & 1 \leq j \leq 2, \\ 5, & j = 3, \end{cases}$$

$$f^*(y_ix_{ij1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + j, & j = 1 \text{ and } 2 \leq i \leq a-1, \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + j + 1, & j = 2 \text{ and } i = 2, \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + j - 1, & j = 3 \text{ and } i = 2, \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + j, & j = 2, 3 \text{ and } 3 \leq i \leq a-1, \end{cases}$$

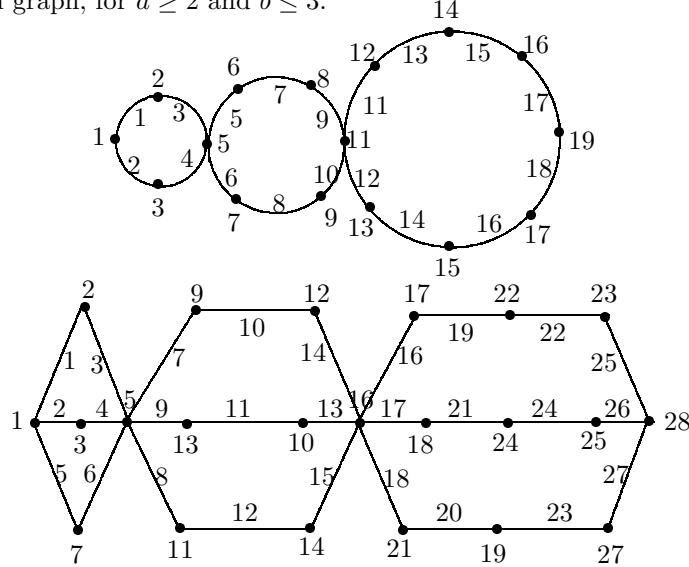
$$f^*(x_{1j1}y_2) = \begin{cases} 3, & j = 1, \\ 2j, & 2 \leq j \leq 3, \end{cases} \quad f^*(x_{2j2}y_3) = \begin{cases} 14, & j = 1, \\ 13, & j = 2, \\ 15, & j = 3, \end{cases}$$

$$f^*(x_{2j1}x_{2j2}) = j + 9 \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq 3 \text{ and } 3 \leq i \leq a-1,$$

$$f^*(x_{ijk}x_{ij(k+1)}) = \begin{cases} \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 3k + 2(j-1) + 1, & 1 \leq k \leq i-1, \\ & \text{and } 1 \leq j \leq 2, \\ \frac{3(i-1)(i+2)}{2} + 3k + 2, & 1 \leq k \leq i-1, \\ & \text{and } j = 3, \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } f^*(x_{iji}y_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{3i(i+3)}{2} + j - 3, & 1 \leq j \leq 3 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{3i(i+3)}{2} + j - 2, & 1 \leq j \leq 2 \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{3i(i+3)}{2} - 2, & j = 3 \text{ and } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_a^b$  for  $a \geq 2$  and  $b \leq 3$ . Thus the graph  $P_a^b$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph, for  $a \geq 2$  and  $b \leq 3$ .  $\square$



**Figure 7** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_4^2$  and  $P_4^3$

**Theorem 2.8** *The middle graph  $M(P_n)$  of a path  $P_n$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph.*

*Proof* Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(P_n) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  be the vertex set and edge set of the path  $P_n$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} V(M(P_n)) &= \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n-1}\}, \\ E(M(P_n)) &= \{v_i e_i, e_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{e_i e_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-2\}. \end{aligned}$$

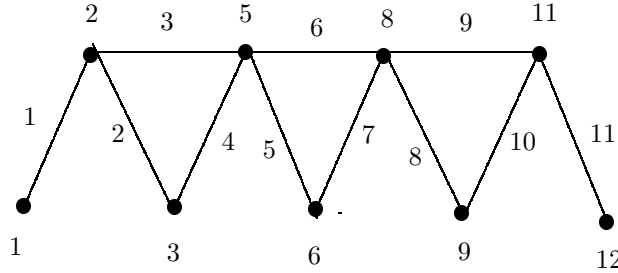
Define  $f : V(M(P_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n-3\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } i = 1, \\ 3i-3, & \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n, \end{cases} \\ f(e_i) &= 3i-1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \end{aligned}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i e_i) &= 3i-2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f^*(e_i v_{i+1}) &= 3i-1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f^*(e_i e_{i+1}) &= 3i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of the graph  $M(P_n)$ . Thus the graph  $M(P_n)$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph.  $\square$



**Figure 8** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $M(P_5)$

**Theorem 2.9** *The total graph  $T(P_n)$  of a path  $P_n$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph for  $n \geq 1$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(P_n) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  be the vertex set and edge set of the path  $P_n$ . Then  $V(T(P_n)) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$  and  $E(T(P_n)) = \{v_i v_{i+1}, e_i v_i, e_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{e_i e_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-2\}$ .

Define  $f : V(T(P_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4(n-1)\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1) &= 1, \\ f(v_i) &= 4i-4, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(e_i) &= 4i-2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \end{aligned}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

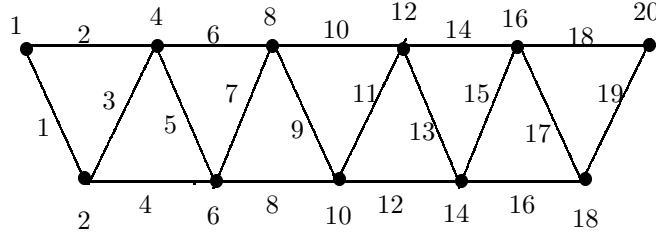
$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 4i - 2, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1,$$

$$f^*(e_i e_{i+1}) = 4i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2,$$

$$f^*(v_i e_i) = 4i - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1,$$

$$f^*(e_i v_{i+1}) = 4i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of the graph  $T(P_n)$ . Thus the graph  $T(P_n)$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph.  $\square$



**Figure 9** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $T(P_6)$

**Theorem 2.10** The square graph  $P_n^2$  of the path  $P_n$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph for  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof* Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$ . Define  $f : V(P_n^2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2(n-1)\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_1) = 1,$$

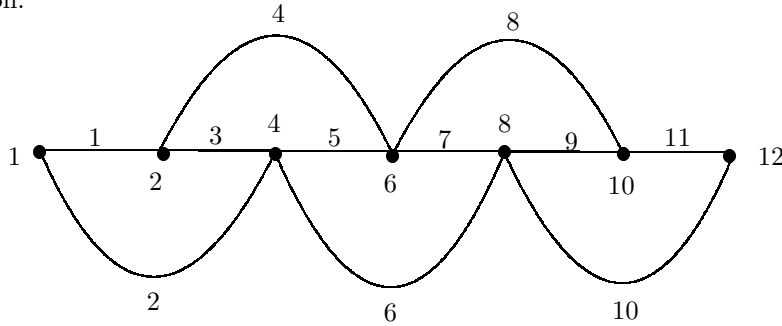
$$f(v_i) = 2i - 2, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

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

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

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of the graph  $P_n^2$ . Thus the graph  $P_n^2$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph.  $\square$



**Figure 10** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P_7^2$

**Theorem 2.11** *The splitting graph  $S'(P_n)$  is an F-centroidal mean graph for  $n \geq 2$ .*

*Proof* Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n$  be the vertices of the graph  $S'(P_n)$ . Let  $V(S'(P_n)) = \{v_i, v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S'(P_n)) = \{v_i v_{i+1}, v_i v'_{i+1}, v'_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  be the vertex set and edge set of the splitting graph  $S'(P_n)$ .

**Case 1.**  $n$  is odd.

Define  $f : V(S'(P_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n-2\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 4i-3, & 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ 3, & i = 3, \\ 3i-4, & 4 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd}, \\ 3i, & 4 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even}, \end{cases}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \begin{cases} 6, & i = 1, \\ 2, & i = 2, \\ 3i-2, & 3 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

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

$$f^*(v_i v'_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 5i-4, & 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ 3i-2, & 3 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd}, \\ 3i, & 3 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } i \text{ is even}, \end{cases}$$

$$f^*(v'_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 5, & i = 1, \\ 2, & i = 2, \\ 3i, & 3 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd}, \\ 3i-2, & 3 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } i \text{ is even}. \end{cases}$$

**Case 2.**  $n$  is even.

Define  $f : V(S'(P_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n-2\}$  as follows:

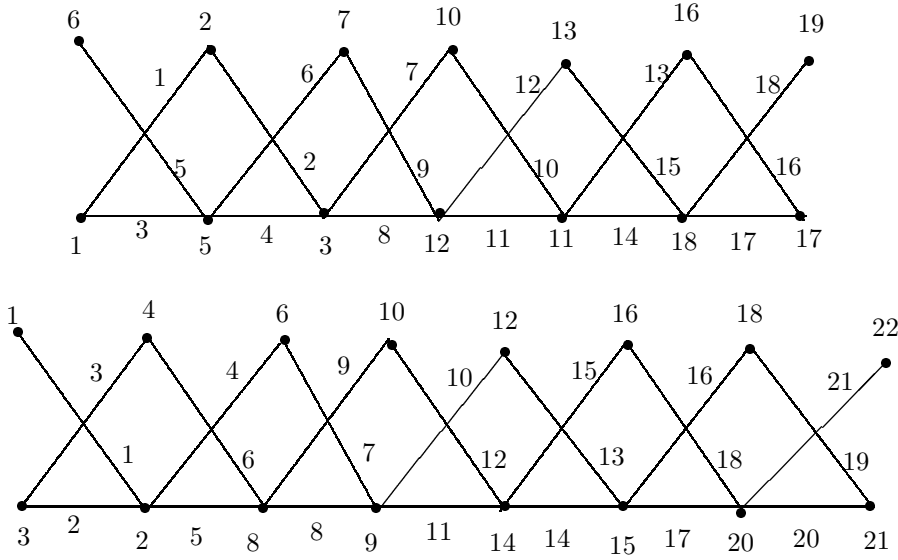
$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 4-i, & 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ 3i-1, & 3 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd}, \\ 3i-3, & 3 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even}, \end{cases}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = 1, \\ 3i - 3, & 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3i - 2, & 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 3i - 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f^*(v_i v'_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 3i, & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3i - 2, & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\ f(v'_i v_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 3i - 2, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3i, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $S'(P_n)$ . Thus the splitting graph  $S'(P_n)$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph for  $n \geq 2$ .  $\square$



**Figure 11** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $S'(P_7)$  and  $S'(P_8)$

**Theorem 2.12** The graph  $P(1, 2, \dots, n - 1)$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph for  $n \geq 2$ .

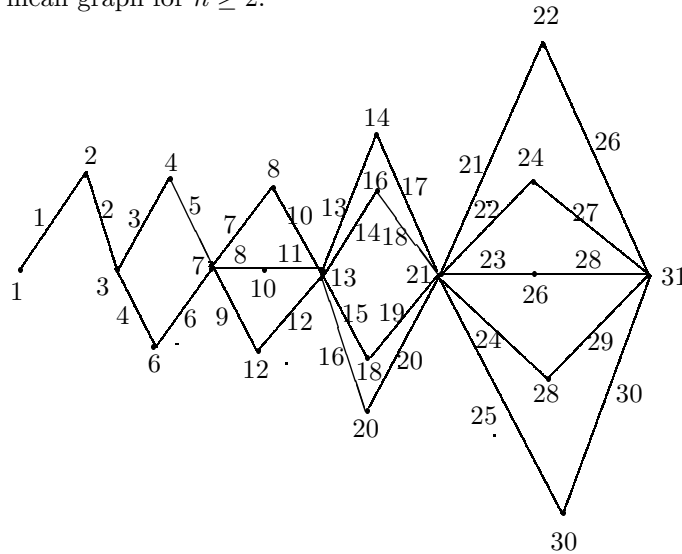
*Proof* Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_n$  and let  $u_{ij}$  be the vertices of the partition of  $K_{2, m_i}$  with cardinality  $m_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m_i$ . Define  $f : V(P(1, 2, \dots, n - 1)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n(n - 1) + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= i(i - 1) + 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_{ij}) &= i(i - 1) + 2j, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq i, \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i u_{ij}) &= i(i-1) + j, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq i \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f(u_{ij} v_{i+1}) &= i^2 + j, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq i \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P(1, 2, \dots, n-1)$ . Thus the graph  $P(1, 2, \dots, n-1)$  is an  $F$ -centroidal mean graph for  $n \geq 2$ .  $\square$



**Figure 12** An  $F$ -centroidal mean labeling of  $P(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$

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