

## Quotient Labeling of Corona of Ladder Graphs

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**Abstract** – Let  $G(V, E)$  be a finite, non-trivial, simple and undirected graph of order  $n$  and size  $m$ . For an one to one assignment  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , A Quotient labeling  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u)}{f(v)} \right\rfloor$  where  $f(u) > f(v)$ , then the edge labels need not be distinct. The  $q$ -labeling number  $q_1(f^*)$  is the maximum value of  $f^*(E(G))$ , and the Quotient Labeling Number  $Q_L(G)$  is the minimum among  $q_1(f^*)$ . The bounds for the Quotient labeling number for corona of some ladder graphs like closed ladder, open ladder, slanting ladder, open triangular ladder, closed triangular ladder and diagonal ladder are found in this paper.

**Key words:** Quotient labeling number; open ladder graph; closed ladder; corona; slanting ladder; triangular ladder; diagonal ladder.

**Introduction:** The graph labeling problems were initially introduced by Alex Rosa in the year 1967. Various types of graph labeling problems have been defined around this and is not only due to its mathematical importance but also because of having the wide range of applications. Every year a survey comes with the updating of various graph labeling problems by J. A. Gallian [1]. Quotient labeling of graphs was first introduced by P. Sumathi and A. Rathi [2]. They found the quotient labeling number of various graphs and are found in [3-5]. In this paper we found the quotient labeling number of corona of family of ladder graphs. For Graph notations and terminology we follow [6].

**Preliminaries:** The graphs that we considered in this paper are finite, simple, non-trivial and undirected graphs. We use the following definition that are relevant to this paper.

**Definition:** The graph  $G \odot mK_1$  is the graph obtained from the graph  $G$  by adding  $m$  number of pendent vertices to every vertex of  $G$ . When  $m=1$ ,  $G \odot mK_1$  is known as the corona of  $G$ .

**Definition:** A Closed Ladder graph  $L_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is obtained from two copies of the paths of length  $n-1$  with vertex set  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and edge set  $E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . **Definition:** An Open ladder graph  $O(L_n)$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is a ladder graph with  $2n$  vertices and is got from two paths of length  $n-1$  with  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i v_i : 2 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ .

**Definition:** A Slanting ladder graph  $SL_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is a ladder graph with  $2n$  vertices and is obtained from two paths of length  $n-1$  with  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ .

**Definition:** A Closed Triangular ladder  $TL_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is a ladder graph with  $2n$  vertices and is got from a Closed Ladder graph  $L_n$  with the additional edges  $u_i v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

**Definition:** An open Triangular ladder  $O(TL_n)$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is a ladder graph with  $2n$  vertices and is got from an open ladder  $O(L_n)$  with the additional edges  $u_i v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

**Definition:** Diagonal ladder graph  $DL_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is a ladder graph with  $2n$  vertices and is got from a ladder graph  $L_n$  with the additional edges  $u_i v_{i+1}$  and  $u_{i+1} v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

**Theorem: 1** The quotient labeling number of  $(L_n \odot K_1)$  is 2. **Proof:** Let  $G = (L_n \odot K_1)$  be the given graph with  $4n$  vertices. The graph  $G$  is got by attaching one new vertex to every vertex of  $L_n$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices on one side of  $L_n$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices on the other side of  $L_n$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  respectively.

Now the graph has  $4n$  vertices with  $\deg v_1 = \deg v_n = \deg u_1 = \deg u_n = 3$ ,  $\deg v_i = \deg u_i = 4$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $\deg x_i = \deg y_i = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Let the function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n\}$  be defined by  $f(x_1) = 1$

$$f(x_i) = 4i - 3 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = i + 1 \text{ for } i = 1, 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 4(i - 1) - 2 \text{ for } 3 \leq i \leq n, f(u_1) = 4, f(u_n) = 4n - 2$$

$$f(u_i) = 4i - 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f(y_i) = 4(i + 1) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2$$

$$f(y_{n-1}) = 4n - 1, f(y_n) = 4n.$$

For the above vertex labeling we get  $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2\}$

Therefore the maximum value of  $f^*(E(G))$  is equal to 2.

Then  $q_1(f^*) = 2$ . But in  $G$ ,  $\delta(G) = 1$  and  $\Delta(G) = 4$ .

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minimum. Hence  $Q_1(G) = 2$ .

Therefore  $q_1(f^*)$  can take the

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**Theorem: 2** The quotient labeling number of the corona of an open ladder graph  $OL_n \odot K_1$  is

**2.** **Proof:** Let  $G = OL_n \odot K_1$  be the corona of an open ladder graph.

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices on one side of the ladder and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices on the other side of  $OL_n$ . The graph  $G$  is got by attaching one new vertex to every vertex of the open ladder graph  $OL_n$ . Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  respectively.

Now the graph  $G$  has  $4n$  vertices with  $\deg x_i = \deg y_i = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  
 $\deg u_1 = \deg u_n = \deg v_1 = \deg v_n = 2$  and  $\deg u_i = \deg v_i = 4$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n-1$

Let the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n\}$  be defined by

$$f(x_1) = 1, f(x_2) = 4, f(x_i) = 5(i-2)+2 \text{ for } i = 3 \leq i \leq 5$$

$$f(x_i) = 4i-3 \text{ for } 6 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = i+1 \text{ for } i = 1, 2.$$

$$f(v_3) = 5, f(v_i) = 5(i-3)+3 \text{ for } i = 3 \leq i \leq 5.$$

$$f(v_i) = 4(i-2)+2 \text{ for } 7 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(u_1) = 10, f(u_2) = 6, f(u_i) = 5(i-1)-1 \text{ for } 3 \leq i \leq 5. f(u_i) = 4i-1 \text{ for } 6 \leq i \leq n-1, f(u_n) = 4n-2.$$

$$f(y_1) = 16, f(y_2) = 11, f(y_3) = 15, f(y_i) = 4(i+1) \text{ for } 4 \leq i \leq n-2, f(y_{n-1}) = 4n-1, f(y_n) = 4n.$$

For the above vertex labeling we get  $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2\}$  Therefore

the maximum value of  $f^*(E(G))$  is equal to 2.

Then  $q_1(f^*) = 2$ . But in  $G$ ,  $\delta(G) = 1$  and  $\Delta(G) = 4$ .

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minimum. Hence  $Q_L(G) = 2$ .

Therefore  $q_1(f^*)$  can take the

Here  $q_1(f^*) = 2$  and is

**Theorem: 3 The quotient labeling number of corona of a slanting ladder graph  $SL_n \odot K_1$  is 2.**

**Proof:** let  $G = SL_n \odot K_1$  be the given graph.

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices on one side of the ladder and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices on the other side of the slanting ladder and each  $v_i$  is adjacent with  $u_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . The graph  $G$  is got by attaching one new vertex to every vertex of the slanting ladder graph  $SL_n$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  respectively.

Now the graph  $G$  has  $4n$  vertices with  $\deg x_i = \deg y_i = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  
 $\deg v_n = \deg u_1 = 2$ ,  $\deg v_1 = \deg u_n = 3$  and  $\deg u_i = \deg v_i = 4$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n-1$

Let the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n\}$  be defined by

$$f(x_1) = 1, f(x_2) = 8,$$

$$f(x_i) = 4i+1 \text{ for } 3 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(x_n) = 4n$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i \text{ for } i = 1, 2.$$

$$f(v_3) = 9, f(v_i) = 4i-2 \text{ for } 4 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_1) = 5, f(u_2) = 3, f(u_3) = 7$$

$$f(u_i) = 4(i-1) \text{ for } 4 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(y_1) = 10, f(y_2) = 6$$

$$f(y_i) = 4i-1 \text{ for } 3 \leq i \leq n$$

For the above vertex labeling  $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2\}$ .

Therefore the maximum value of  $f^*(E(G))$  is equal to 2.

Then  $q_1(f^*) = 2$ . But in  $G$ ,  $\delta(G) = 1$  and  $\Delta(G) = 4$ .

values 2 or 3 or 4 or 5.

minimum. Hence  $Q_L(G) = 2$ .

Therefore  $q_1(f^*)$  can take the

Here  $q_1(f^*) = 2$  and is

**Theorem: 4 The quotient labeling number of the corona of any closed triangular ladder  $TL_n \odot K_1$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is 2.**

**Proof:** let  $G = TL_n \odot K_1$  be the corona of a closed triangular ladder graph.

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices on one side of the closed triangular ladder  $TL_n$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices on the other side of  $TL_n$ . The graph  $G$  is got by attaching one new vertex to every vertex of the ladder graph  $TL_n$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  respectively.

Now the graph  $G$  has  $4n$  vertices with  $\deg x_i = \deg y_i = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$\deg v_1 = \deg u_n = 4$ ,  $\deg u_1 = \deg v_n = 3$  and  $\deg u_i = \deg v_i = 5$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Let the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n\}$  be defined by

$$f(x_1) = 1, f(x_i) = 4i-1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n, f(v_1) = 2, f(v_i) = 4(i-1) \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(u_1) = 3, f(u_i) = 4i-3 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(y_i) = 4i+2 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } f(y_n) = 4n. \text{ For the above vertex labeling we get } f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2\}.$$

Therefore the maximum value of  $f^*(E(G))$  is equal to 2.

Then  $q_1(f^*) = 2$ . But in  $G$ ,  $\delta(G) = 1$  and  $\Delta(G) = 5$ .

values 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6.

and is minimum. Hence  $Q_L(G) = 2$ .

Therefore  $q_1(f^*)$  can take the

Here  $q_1(f^*) = 2$

**Theorem: 5 The quotient labeling number of the corona of any open triangular ladder  $OTL_n \odot K_1$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is 2.**

**Proof:** let  $G = OTL_n \odot K_1$  be the given graph.

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices on one side of the open triangular ladder  $OTL_n$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices on the other side of  $OTL_n$ . The graph  $G$  is got by attaching one new vertex to every vertex of the ladder graph  $OTL_n$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  respectively.

Now the graph  $G$  has  $4n$  vertices with  $\deg x_i = \deg y_i = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$\deg v_1 = \deg u_n = 3$ ,  $\deg u_1 = \deg v_n = 2$  and  $\deg u_i = \deg v_i = 5$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n-1$

Let the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n\}$  be defined by  $f(x_1) = 1, f(x_2) = 5(i-1)$  for  $i = 2, 3$ .

$$f(x_i) = 4i-1 \text{ for } 4 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = i+1 \text{ for } i = 1, 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = 5(i-2)+1 \text{ for } i = 3, 4.$$

$$f(v_i) = 4(i-1) \text{ for } 5 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_1) = 8, f(u_2) = 4, f(u_3) = 7, f(u_i) = 5(i-2)+2 \text{ for } i = 3, 4.$$

$$f(u_i) = 4(i-1)+1 \text{ for } 6 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(y_1) = 14, f(y_2) = 9, f(y_3) = 13,$$

$f(y_i)=4i+2$  for  $4 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $f(y_n)=4n$ . For the above vertex labeling  $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2\}$ .

Therefore the maximum value of  $f^*(E(G))$  is equal to 2.

Then  $q_l(f^*)=2$ . But in  $G$ ,  $\delta(G)=1$  and  $\Delta(G)=5$ .

Therefore  $q_l(f^*)$  can take the

values 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6.

Here  $q_l(f^*)=2$

and is minimum. Hence  $Q_L(G)=2$ .

**Theorem: 6** The quotient labeling number of corona of a diagonal ladder graph  $DL_n \odot K_1$  is

**2.** **Proof:** Let  $G = DL_n \odot K_1$  be the corona of a diagonal ladder graph.

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices on one side of the open triangular ladder  $DL_n$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices on the other side of  $DL_n$ . The graph  $G$  is got by attaching one new vertex to every vertex of the ladder graph  $DL_n$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the  $n$  new vertices attached with the corresponding  $n$  vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  respectively.

Now the graph  $G$  has  $4n$  vertices with  $\deg x_i = \deg y_i = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$\deg v_1 = \deg u_n = \deg u_1 = \deg v_n = 4$  and  $\deg u_i = \deg v_i = 6$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Let the function  $f: V$

$(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n\}$  be defined by  $f(x_1) = 1, f(x_2) = 6, f(x_i) = 4i - 1$  for  $3 \leq i \leq n$

$f(v_i) = i + 1$  for  $i = 1, 2,$

$f(v_3) = 7, f(v_i) = 4(i - 1)$  for  $4 \leq i \leq n$

$f(u_1) = 5, f(u_2) = 4, f(u_3) = 8, f(u_i) = 4i - 3$  for  $4 \leq i \leq n$ .

$f(y_1) = 10, f(y_2) = 9,$

$f(y_i) = 4i + 2$  for  $3 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $f(y_n) = 4n$ . For the above vertex labeling  $f^*(E(G)) = \{1, 2\}$ .

Therefore the maximum value of  $f^*(E(G))$  is equal to 2.

Then  $q_l(f^*)=2$ . But in  $G$ ,  $\delta(G)=1$  and  $\Delta(G)=6$ .

Therefore  $q_l(f^*)$  can take the

values 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7.

Here  $q_l(f^*)$

$=2$  and is minimum. Hence  $Q_L(G)=2$ .

**Conclusion:** Quotient labeling number has been calculated for some family of graphs and the future work is to find quotient labeling number for other new classes of graphs.

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