

## Square Difference Labeling for Some Graphs

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we prove that two copies of star  $S_n$  with path  $P_k$ , two copies of cycle  $C_n$  with path  $P_k$ , restricted square of bistar  $B_{n,n}$ , restricted total graph of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  and restricted middle graph of  $B_{n,n}$  are square difference graphs.

**Keywords:** Square difference labeling, Square difference graphs, Star graph, Cycle graph, Path graph, Bistar graph  $B_{n,n}$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

All graphs considered in this paper are finite, simple and undirected graphs. The symbol  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denotes the vertex set and edge set of a graph  $G$ . The cardinality of the vertex set is called the order of  $G$ , denoted by  $p$  and the cardinality of the edge set is called the size of the graph  $G$ , denoted by  $q$ . A graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is called a  $(p,q)$  graph. A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges or both subject to certain conditions. We refer to Bondy and Murty<sup>2</sup> for the standard terminology and notations related to graph theory. A dynamic survey on graph labeling is regularly updated by Gallian<sup>3</sup>. The concept of square difference labeling was first introduced in<sup>1</sup>. The square sum labeling for some bistar related graphs<sup>4</sup>, square difference labeling for some graphs<sup>5</sup> and square difference labeling of some union graphs<sup>6</sup> are taken for references.

#### Definition 1.1

A square difference labeling of a graph  $G$  is a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,3,4,\dots,P-1\}$ , such that the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow N$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = |[f(u)]^2 - [f(v)]^2|$  for

every  $uv \in E(G)$  are all distinct. A graph which admits square difference labeling is called a square difference graph.

**Definition 1.2**

A walk in  $G$  is a finite non-null sequence  $W = v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 v_2 e_3 \dots e_k v_k$ , whose terms are alternately vertices and edges, such that, for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , the ends of  $e_i$  are  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_i$ . We say that  $W$  is a walk from  $v_0$  to  $v_k$  or a  $(v_0, v_k)$ - walk.

**Definition 1.3**

A walk is closed if it has positive length and its origin and terminus are the same.

**Definition 1.4**

If the edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k$  of a walk  $W$  are distinct then  $W$  is called a trail. A trail is closed if its origin and terminus are the same.

**Definition 1.5**

If the edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k$  and the vertices  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k$  are distinct in a walk  $W$  then  $W$  is called a path. The path on  $k$  vertices is denoted by  $P_k$ .

**Definition 1.6**

A closed trail whose origin and internal vertices are distinct is a cycle.

**Definition 1.7**

A bipartite graph is one whose vertex set can be partitioned into two subsets  $X$  and  $Y$ , so that each edge has one end in  $X$  and one end in  $Y$ ; such a partition  $(X, Y)$  is called a bipartition of the graph.

**Definition 1.8**

A complete bipartite graph is a simple bipartite graph with bipartition  $(X, Y)$  in which each vertex of  $X$  is joined to each vertex of  $Y$  if  $|X| = m$  and  $|Y| = n$ , such a graph is denoted by  $K_{m,n}$ .

**Definition 1.9**

A star graph is the complete bipartite graph  $K_{1,n}$  and it has  $n + 1$  vertices and  $n$  edges. The star on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $S_n$ .

**Definition 1.10**

Bistar  $B_{n,n}$  is the graph obtained by joining the center (apex) vertices of two copies of  $K_{1,n}$  by an edge. The vertex set of  $B_{n,n}$  is  $V(B_{n,n}) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $u, v$  are apex

vertices and  $u_i, v_i$  are pendent vertices. The edge set of  $B_{n,n}$  is  $E(B_{n,n}) = \{uv, uu_i, vv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . So,  $|V(B_{n,n})| = 2n + 2$  and  $|E(B_{n,n})| = 2n + 1$ .

**Definition 1.11**

The restricted square of  $B_{n,n}$  is a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G) = V(B_{n,n})$  and edge set  $E(G) = E(B_{n,n}) \cup \{uu_i, vv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

**Definition 1.12**

The restricted total graph of  $B_{n,n}$  is a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G) = \{u, v, w, u_i, v_i, u_i', v_i' / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are apex vertices,  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are pendent vertices  $w, u_i'$  and  $v_i'$  are vertices corresponding to the edge of  $B_{n,n}$  and edge set  $E(G) = E(B_{n,n}) \cup \{uw, vw, wu_i', wv_i', uu_i', vv_i', u_i u_i', v_i v_i' / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

**Definition 1.13**

The restricted middle graph of  $B_{n,n}$  is a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G) = \{u, v, w, u_i, v_i, u_i', v_i' / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  apex vertices,  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are pendent vertices  $w, u_i'$  and  $v_i'$  are vertices corresponding to the edges of  $B_{n,n}$  and edge set  $E(G) = \{uw, vw, wu_i', wv_i', uu_i', vv_i', u_i u_i', v_i v_i' / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

**2. MAIN RESULTS**

In this section, we prove that two copies of star  $S_n$  with path  $P_k$ , two copies of cycle  $C_n$  with path  $P_k$ , restricted square of bistar  $B_{n,n}$ , restricted total graph of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  and restricted middle graph of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  are square difference graphs and also prove that the splitting graph  $S'(G)$ , the shadow graph of bistar  $B_{n,n}$ , the degree splitting graph  $DS(G)$ , the arbitrary super subdivision of  $B_{n,n}$  and duplication of any vertex of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  are not square difference graphs.

**Theorem 2.1**

The graph obtained by joining two copies of star  $S_n$  with the path  $P_k$  is a square difference graph.

**Proof**

Let  $S_n$  be the star graph with  $n$  vertices and  $n - 1$  edges. Let  $P_k$  be the graph with  $k$  vertices and  $k - 1$  edges. Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by connecting the two copies of star  $S_n$  with the path  $P_k$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}, \dots, v_{[n+(k-2)]+n-1}, v_{2n+(k-2)}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . In  $G$ , the vertex  $v_n$  is the vertex common to the first copy of  $S_n$  and the path  $P_k$  as well as the vertex  $v_{[n+(k-2)]+1}$  is the vertex common to the second copy of  $S_n$  and the path  $P_k$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{v_i ; 1 \leq i \leq 2n + (k - 2)\}$

and  $E(G) = \begin{cases} v_1 v_i & ; 2 \leq i \leq n \\ v_i v_{i+1} & ; n \leq i \leq n + k \\ v_{n+k} v_i & ; n + (k + 2) \leq i \leq 2n + (k - 2) \end{cases}$

Then we have  $|V(G)| = 2n + (k - 2)$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n + (k - 3)$

Define a bijection  $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + (k - 3)\}$  by  $f(v_i) = i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq 2n + (k - 2)$

For the vertex labeling  $f$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is defined as follows.

$f^*(v_i v_1) = (i - 1)^2 ; 2 \leq i \leq n$

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

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

Clearly the edge labels are distinct. Hence the graph  $G$  is a square difference graph.

**Example 1:** The graph of two stars  $S_8$  with path  $P_4$  is a square difference graph which is shown in the figure 2.1.

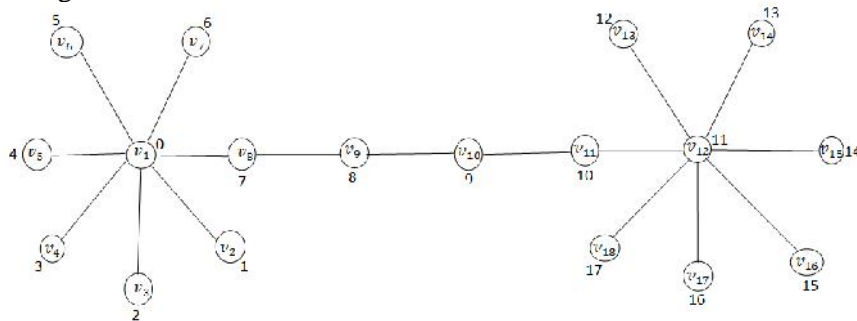


Figure 2.1: Two stars with one path

**Theorem 2.2**

The graph obtained by joining two copies of cycle  $C_n$  with the path  $P_k$  is a square difference graph.

**Proof**

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_n$  and  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the path  $P_k$ . Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by connecting two copies of cycle

$C_n$  with path  $P_k$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}, \dots, v_{[n+(k-2)]+n-1}, v_{2n+(k-2)}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . In  $G$ , the vertex  $v_n$  is the vertex common to the first copy of  $C_n$  and the path  $P_k$  as well as the vertex  $v_{[n+(k-2)]+1}$  is the vertex common to the second copy of  $C_n$  and the path  $P_k$ .

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq 2n + (k - 2)\}$$

$$\text{and } E(G) = \begin{cases} v_i v_{i+1}; 1 \leq i \leq 2n + (k - 3) \\ v_1 v_n \\ v_{[n+(k-2)]+1} v_{2n+(k-2)} \end{cases}$$

Then we have  $|V(G)| = 2n + (k - 2)$  and  $|E(G)| = 2n + (k - 1)$

Define a bijection  $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n + (k - 3)\}$  by  $f(v_i) = i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq 2n + (k - 2)$

For the vertex labeling  $f$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is defined as follows.

$$f^*(v_{i+1}v_i) = 2i - 1; 1 \leq i \leq 2n + (k - 3)$$

$$f^*(v_{2n+(k-2)}v_{[n+(k-2)]+1}) = [2n + (k - 3)]^2 - [n + (k - 2)]^2$$

$$f^*(v_n v_1) = (n - 1)^2$$

Clearly the edge labels are distinct. Hence the graph  $G$  is a square difference graph.

**Example 2:** The graph of two cycles  $C_9$  with path  $P_6$  is a square difference graph which is shown in the figure 2.2.

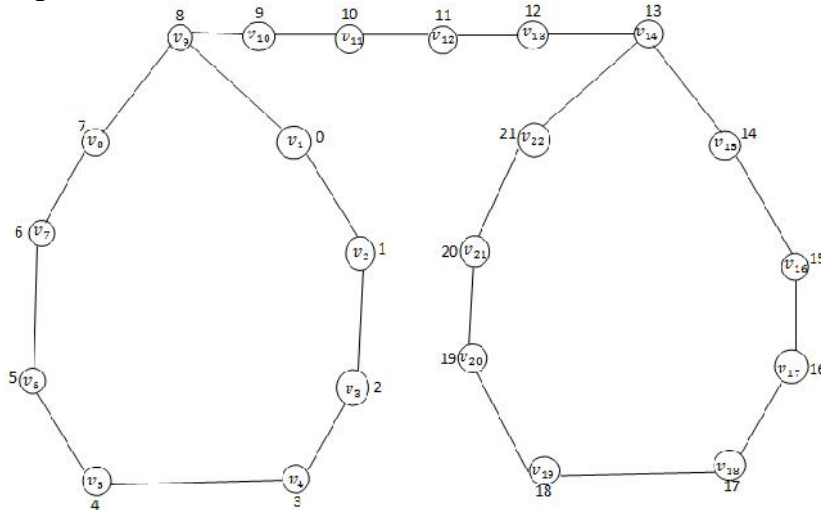


Figure 2.2: Two cycles with one path

**Theorem 2.3**

The restricted square of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  is a square difference graph.

**Proof**

Let  $G$  be the restricted square of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  with vertex set  $V(G) = V(B_{n,n})$  and edge set  $E(G) = E(B_{n,n}) \cup \{uv_i, vu_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Then we have  $|V(G)| = 2n + 2$  and  $|E(G)| = 4n + 1$ .

Define a bijection  $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + 1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= 1, \\ f(u_i) &= 2i ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v) &= 0, \\ f(v_i) &= 2i + 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

For the vertex labeling  $f$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(uv) &= 1, \\ f^*(u_i u) &= (2i)^2 - 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(v_i v) &= (2i + 1)^2 ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(u_i v) &= (2i)^2 ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(v_i u) &= (2i + 1)^2 - 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the edge labels are distinct. Hence the graph  $G$  is a square difference graph.

**Example 3:** The graph of restricted square of bistar  $B_{6,6}$  is a square difference graph which is shown in the figure 2.3.

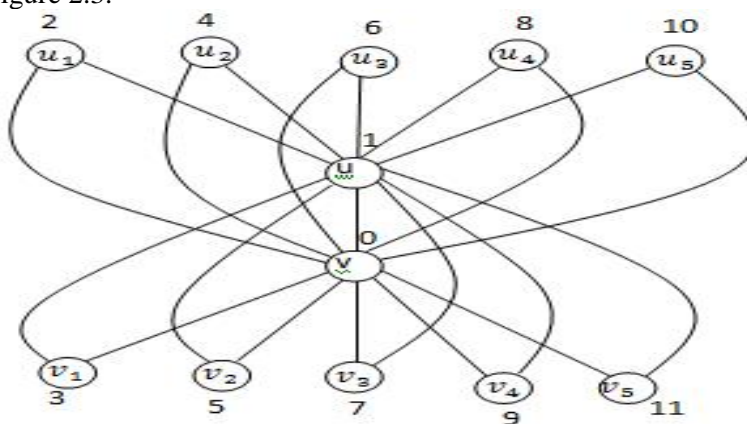


Figure 2.3: Restricted square of bistar  $B_{6,6}$ .

**Theorem 2.4**

The restricted total graph of  $B_{n,n}$  is a square difference graph.

**Proof**

Let  $G$  be the restricted total graph of  $B_{n,n}$  with vertex set  $V(G) = V(B_{n,n}) \cup \{w, u_i', v_i' / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are apex vertices,  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are pendent vertices,  $w, u_i'$  and  $v_i'$  are vertices related to edges and edge set  $E(G) = E(B_{n,n}) \cup \{uw, vw, wu_i', wv_i', uu_i', vv_i', u_i u_i', v_i v_i' / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Then we have  $|V(G)| = 4n + 3$  and  $|E(G)| = 8n + 3$ .

Define a bijection  $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n + 2\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= 1, \\ f(u_i) &= 2(i - 1) \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_i') &= 2n + 2(i - 1) \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v) &= 4n + 2, \\ f(v_i) &= 2i + 1 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_i') &= 2n + 2i + 1 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w) &= 4n. \end{aligned}$$

For the vertex labeling  $f$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(uw) &= (4n)^2 - 1, \\ f^*(vw) &= (4n + 2)^2 - (4n)^2, \\ f^*(vu) &= (4n + 2)^2 - 1, \\ f^*(u_i u) &= [2(i - 1)]^2 - 1 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(u_i' u) &= [2n + 2(i - 1)]^2 - 1 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(v v_i') &= (4n + 2)^2 - (2n + 2i + 1)^2 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(w v_i') &= (4n)^2 - (2n + 2i + 1)^2 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(w u_i') &= (4n)^2 - [2n + 2(i - 1)]^2 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(v v_i) &= (4n + 2)^2 - (2i + 1)^2 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(u_i' u_i) &= [2n + 2(i - 1)]^2 - [2(i - 1)]^2 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f^*(v_i' v_i) &= (2n + 2i + 1)^2 - (2i + 1)^2 \quad ; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the edge labels are distinct. Hence the graph  $G$  is a square difference graph.

**Example 4:** The restricted total graph of bistar  $B_{6,6}$  is a square difference graph which is shown in the figure 2.4.

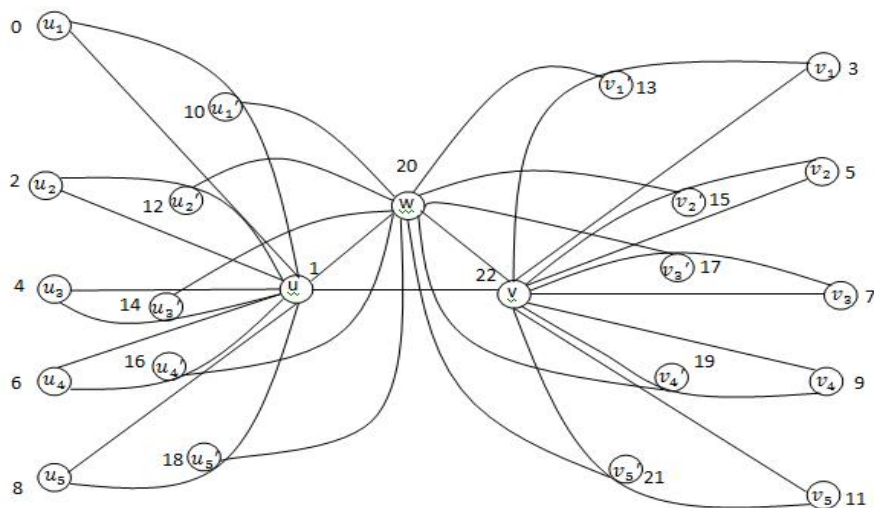


Figure 2.4: Restricted total graph of bistar  $B_{6,6}$

**Theorem 2.5**

The restricted middle graph of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  is a square difference graph.

**Proof**

Let  $G$  the restricted middle graph of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  with vertex set  $V(G) = \{u, v, w, v_i, u_i, u_i', v_i' / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are apex vertices,  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are pendent vertices  $w$ ,  $u_i'$  and  $v_i'$  are vertices corresponding to the edges of  $B_{n,n}$  and edge set  $E(G) = \{uw, vw, wu_i', wv_i', uu_i', vv_i', u_i u_i', v_i v_i' / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Then we have  $|V(G)| = 4n + 3$  and  $|E(G)| = 6n + 2$

Define a bijection  $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n + 2\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u) &= 1, \\
 f(u_i) &= 2(i-1) \quad ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f(u_i') &= 2n + 2(i-1) \quad ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f(v) &= 4n + 2, \\
 f(v_i) &= 2i + 1 \quad ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f(v_i') &= 2n + 2i + 1 \quad ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f(w) &= 4n.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the vertex labeling  $f$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^*$  is defined as follows.



$$\begin{aligned}
 f^*(wv_i') &= (4n)^2 - (2n + 2i + 1)^2 ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f^*(vv_i') &= (4n + 2)^2 - (2n + 2i + 1)^2 ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f^*(v_i'v_i) &= (2n + 2i + 1)^2 - (2i + 1)^2 ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f^*(vw) &= (4n + 2)^2 - (4n)^2 , \\
 f^*(wu_i') &= (4n)^2 - [2n + 2(i - 1)]^2 ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f^*(wu) &= (4n)^2 - 1, \\
 f^*(u_i'u_i) &= [2n + 2(i - 1)]^2 - [2(i - 1)]^2 ; 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 f^*(u_i'u) &= [2n + 2(i - 1)]^2 - 1 ; 1 \leq i \leq n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the edge labels are distinct. Hence the graph G is a square difference graph.

**Example 5:** The restricted middle graph of bistar  $B_{6,6}$  is a square difference graph which is shown in the figure 2.5.

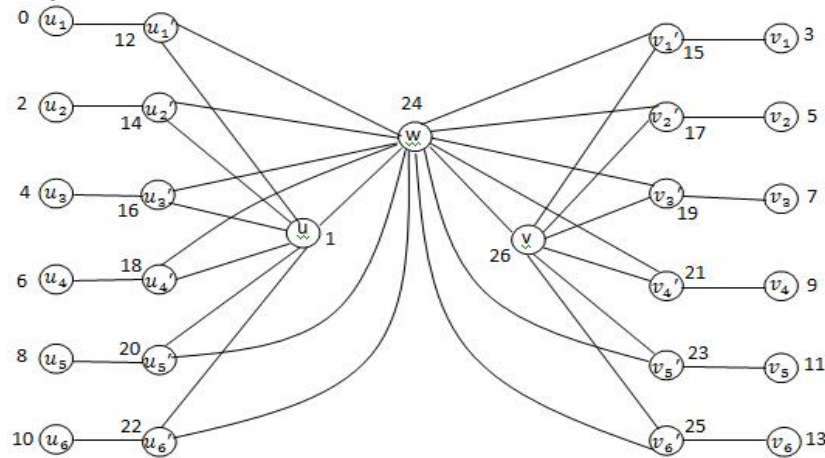


Figure 2.5: Restricted middle graph of bistar  $B_{6,6}$

### 3. CONCLUSION

It is very interesting to study graphs which admit square difference labeling. Here we have proved that two copies of star  $S_n$  with  $P_k$ , two copies of cycle  $C_n$  with  $P_k$ , the restricted square of bistar  $B_{n,n}$ , the restricted total graph of  $B_{n,n}$  and the restricted middle graph of bistar  $B_{n,n}$  are square difference graphs. To investigate equivalent results of different graph families are an open area of research.

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