# Graceful Labeling of Generalized Tree with Hanging Stars in Geometric Progression

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**Abstract:** In this paper, it is shown graceful a labeling of generalized tree obtained from a family of n stars having number of branches of those stars, form a geometric progression with common ratio r and one of the branches of each of those stars, merged with one different point of a common path on n vertices successively in increasing order.

**Key words:** geometric progression, growing stars, supporting points, hanging points, free leaves, general ratio.

#### 1. Introduction

A simple undirected graph G = (V (G), E (G)) with p vertices and q edges. A function f is called graph labeling of graph G if f:  $V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2 ... q\}$  is injective and the induced function  $f^*: E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, ..., q\}$  defined as  $f^*(e = uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$  is bijective. All edge values are unique and distinct.

Gallian, [4] gives extensive survey on graceful labeling. Huang, Kotzig, and Rosa [1] gives a new class of graceful trees, Sethuraman and Jesintha [2] shows a new class of graceful rooted trees, they showed generating new graceful trees [3] and Michelle Edwards and lea Howard, given a survey of graceful trees[6]. In the earlier paper of arithmetic progression by us [5] motivated to find graceful labeling for trees with hanging stars which are in geometric progression.

Let  $P_n$  be basic of  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  tree. Let  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ ,...,  $s_n$  be such vertices, which are, term it as supporting vertices of  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  tree. In  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  at each  $s_i$ , a star  $S_i$  with i branches having centre  $c_i$  with one of the branch vertex of  $S_i$  merged with  $s_i$ . Here  $|S_1|$ ,  $|S_2|$ ,...,  $|S_n|$  form geometric progression with common ratio r and hence it has been denoted as  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  tree, where  $|E(S_1)| = a$ .

### 2. Main results

Let the support points of the hanging stars  $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_n$  be  $s_1, s_2, s_3, \ldots, s_n$  respectively and denote the free leaves of each of the stars  $S_i$  by  $f_1^{(i)}, f_2^{(i)}, \ldots, f_{i-1}^{(i)}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ .

Let  $c_1, c_2, ..., c_n$  be the central vertices of the stars  $S_1, S_2, S_3, ..., S_n$  respectively.

A tree with growing n hanging stars as branches whose cardinality are in geometric progression with common ratio 'r' is denoted by  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$ , where 'a' is number of branches in star  $S_1$  and 'r' is common ratio any two consecutive stars.

Stars of tree  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  can be derived by the relation  $|V\left(S_{n}\right)|$  = a  $r^{n-1}$ + 1, where n= 1, 2...

It can be verified that the number of vertices of  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  can be recursively defined by the relation

$$\left|V(T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)})\right| = \left|V(T_{(G(n\text{-}1),a)}^{(r)})\right| + (1+r^n) \ .$$

Also the edges of  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  can be defined by the relation  $\left|E(T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)})\right| = \left|E(T_{(G(n-1),a)}^{(r)})\right| + (1+r^n).$ 

Because of the above relation, we define the relation between two successive trees  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  and  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  as  $\left|T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}\right|\Theta\left|T_{(G(n-l),a)}^{(r)}\right|=1+r^n$ ,

where  $\Theta$  denote the difference between the number of vertices (edges) of  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  and  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$ .

let us assume that  $|E(S_1)| = a = q_1$ ,  $|E(S_2)| = a r = q_2$ ,  $|E(S_3)| = ar^2 = q_3$ ,..., and  $|E(Sn)| = ar^{n-1} = q_n$ .

For example a general tree  $\,T^{(2)}_{(G(\mathfrak{n}),2)}\,$  drawn in Figure 1.

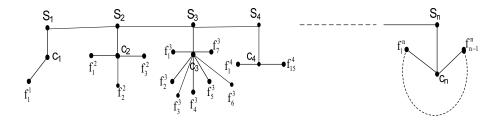


Figure 1

Total number of edges  $q = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} + (n-1)$ .

where (n-1) denotes the number of edges in the base path from which the stars are hanging.

We also denote the labeling of node v in the tree as l (v). Here for the tree  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  , we assign the labeling as follows.

R (1): 
$$l(s_1) = 0$$
;  $l(c_1) = q$ ;  $l(c_2) = a$ ,  $l(s_2) = q$ -a.

R (2): 
$$l(s_{2m+1}) = l(s_{2m-1}) + (a r^{2m-1} + 1), m \ge 1.$$

R (3): 
$$l(s_{2m+2}) = l(s_{2m}) - (a r^{2m} + 1), m \ge 1.$$

R (4): 
$$l(c_{2m+1}) = l(c_{2m-1}) - (a r^{2m-1} + 1), m \ge 1.$$

R (5): 
$$l(c_{2m+2}) = l(c_{2m}) + (a r^{2m} + 1), m \ge 1.$$

Let the free leaves of growing  $m^{th}$  star of  $T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}$  at  $s_m$  be  $f_1^m$ ,  $f_2^m$ ...  $f_k^m$  where  $k = ar^{m-1}-1$ .

Let the free leaves of  $S_1$  are labeled with values 1 to  $q_1$ -1.

Then for  $m \ge 1$ 

The labeling of free leaves of odd stars of  $S_{2m+1}$  based on its supporting vertex  $s_{2m+1}$  as

R(6)a: labeling of  $(ar^{2m}-1)$  free leaves of  $S_{2m+1}$  are given by the integers starting from  $l(c_{2m})$  + 1 to  $l(c_{2m})$  +  $ar^{2m}$  except the value of  $l(s_{2m+1})$ .

The labeling of free leaves of even stars  $S_{2m}$  based on its supporting vertex  $s_{2m}$  as follows.

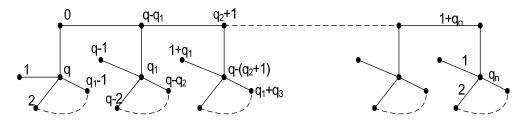
R (6) b: labeling of  $(ar^{2m-1}-1)$  free leaves of  $S_{2m}$  are given by the integers starting from l ( $c_{2m-1}$ ) - ar $^{2m-1}$  to l ( $c_{2m-1}$ ) –1 except the value of l ( $s_{2m}$ ).

The above labeling of vertices (edges) induces a bijective mapping I<sub>E</sub> and I<sub>V</sub> as follows.

$$I_{E}: E(T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}) \longrightarrow \{1, 2, 3, ..., \frac{a(1-r^{n})}{1-r} + (n-1)\}$$

$$I_{V}: V(T_{(G(n),a)}^{(r)}) \longrightarrow \{0, 1, 2, ..., \frac{a(1-r^{n})}{1-r} + (n-1)\}$$

The edge assignment as follows.



this could be verified easily that it is a graceful labeling for the given tree  $T_{(G(\mathfrak{n}),a)}^{(r)}$  from the following assignment tables.

## The vertex assignment table:

Labeling of T <sub>n</sub>	Labeling of vertices
$\mathbf{s}_1$	0
$\mathbf{c}_1$	q
Remaining free leaves of S <sub>1</sub>	1 to a-1
$\mathbf{s}_2$	q-a
$c_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$	a
Remaining free leaves of S <sub>2</sub>	${q-1 \text{ to } (q-q_2) \text{ except } (q-a)}$
<b>S</b> <sub>3</sub>	1+q <sub>2</sub>
<b>C</b> <sub>3</sub>	q-(1+q <sub>2</sub> )
Remaining free leaves of S <sub>3</sub>	$\{(a + 1) \text{ to } (a + q_3) \text{ except}(1+q_2)\}$
$S_4$	q-(a+q <sub>3</sub> +1)
$c_4$	a+ q <sub>3</sub> + 1
Remaining free leaves of S <sub>4</sub>	$\{(q-q_2-2) \text{ to } (q-(q_2+q_4+1)$
	except $(q-(a+q_3+1))$
$s_{2m}$	q-l(c <sub>2m</sub> )
$c_{2m}$	$a+q_3+q_5++q_{2m-1}+m-1$
Remaining free leaves of S <sub>2m</sub>	The relation R (6b) assigns the values.
$s_{2m+1}$	$q_2 + q_4 + + q_{2m} + m$
$c_{2m+1}$	q-l(s <sub>2m+1</sub> )
Remaining free leaves of $S_{2m+1}$	The relation R (6a) assigns the values.

s <sub>2n</sub>	q- l(c <sub>2n</sub> )
c <sub>2n</sub>	$l(c_{2n}) = l(c_{2n-2}) + a r^{2n-2} + 1$
Remaining free leaves of S <sub>2n</sub>	The relation R (6b) assigns the values.
$S_{2n+1}$	$l(s_{2n+1}) = l(s_{2n-1}) + ar^{2n-1} + 1)$
c <sub>2n+1</sub>	q- l(s <sub>2n+1</sub> )
Remaining free leaves of S <sub>2n+1</sub>	The relation R (6a) assigns the values.

Table 1

The edge assignment follows.

Labeling of T <sub>n</sub>	Labeling of edge values
edge s <sub>1</sub> c <sub>1</sub>	q
free leaves of S <sub>1</sub>	q-1 to q-(a-1)
edge s <sub>1</sub> s <sub>2</sub>	q-a
edge s <sub>2</sub> c <sub>2</sub>	q-2a
free leaves of S <sub>2</sub>	q-(a+1) to q-(a+q <sub>2</sub> ) except (q-2a)
edge s <sub>2</sub> s <sub>3</sub>	q-(a+q <sub>2</sub> +1)
edge s <sub>3</sub> c <sub>3</sub>	q-(2q <sub>2</sub> +2)
free leaves of S <sub>3</sub>	$q-(a+q_2+2)$ to $q-(a+q_2+q_3+1)$ except $q-2(1+q_2)$
edge s <sub>3</sub> s <sub>4</sub>	$q-(a+q_2+q_3+2)$
edge s <sub>4</sub> c <sub>4</sub>	q-2(a+q <sub>3</sub> +1)
free leaves of S <sub>4</sub>	$q-(a+q_2+q_3+3)$ to $q-(a+q_2+q_3+q_4+2)$ except $q-2(a+q_3+1)$
edge s <sub>2m-1</sub> s <sub>2m</sub>	$q-(a+q_2++q_{2m-1}+2m-2)$
edge s <sub>2m</sub> c <sub>2m</sub>	$q-2(a+q_2++q_{2m-1}+m-1)$
free leaves of S <sub>2m</sub>	$q$ -(a+ $q_2$ ++ $q_{2m-1}$ +2m-1) to $q$ -(a+ $q_2$ ++ $q_{2m}$ +2m-2) except edge $l(s_{2m}c_{2m})$
edge s <sub>2m</sub> s <sub>2m+1</sub>	$q-(a+q_2++q_{2m}+2m-1)$
edge s <sub>2m+1</sub> c <sub>2m+1</sub>	$q-2(a+q_2++q_{2m}+m)$
free leaves of S <sub>2m+1</sub>	q-(a+q <sub>2</sub> ++q <sub>2m</sub> +2m) to q-(a+q <sub>2</sub> ++q <sub>2m+1</sub> +2m-1) except edge $l(s_{2m+1}c_{2m+1})$

edge s <sub>n-1</sub> s <sub>n</sub>	1+   E (S <sub>n</sub> )
edge s <sub>n</sub> c <sub>n</sub>	$ l(s_n)-l(c_n) $
free leaves of S <sub>n</sub>	E (S <sub>n</sub> )  to 1 except edge l(s <sub>n</sub> c <sub>n</sub> )

Table 2

We observe that the labeling of  $S_i$ 's in which  $s_{2m+1}$ ,  $m \ge 1$  are increasing order and  $s_{2m}$ ,  $m \ge 1$ 2 are decreasing order in relation with q.  $l(s_i) + l(c_i) = q$ . for any i, and hence it can be observed that the reverse property of  $l(s_i)$ 's is satisfied for  $l(c_i)$ 's.

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