



Directed edge - graceful labeling of trees

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ABSTRACT

Rosa [13] introduced the notion of graceful labelings. The concept of magic, antimagic and conservative labelings have been extended to directed graphs [11]. Bloom and Hsu [3, 4, 5] extended the notion of graceful labeling to directed graphs. In 1985, Lo [12] introduced the notion of edge – graceful graphs. We introduced [8] the concept of edge – graceful labelings to directed graphs and further studied in [9]. In this paper we investigate directed edge – graceful labeling of trees.

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Introduction

All graphs in this paper are finite and directed. Terms not defined here are used in the sense of Harary [10]. The symbols $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ will denote 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 . The cardinality of the edge set is called the size of 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. Labeled graphs serve as useful models for a broad range of applications such as coding theory, X-ray crystallography, radar, astronomy, circuit design, communication network addressing, database management etc. [1, 2]. A good account on graceful labeling problems and other types of graph labeling problems can be found in the dynamic survey of J.A. Gallian [6].

A graph G is called a graceful labeling if f is an injection from the vertices of G to the set $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, q\}$ such that, when each edge xy is assigned the label $|f(x) - f(y)|$, the resulting edge labels are distinct.

A graph $G(V, E)$ is said to be edge-graceful if there exists a bijection f from E to $\{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$ such that the induced mapping from V to $\{0, 1, \dots, |V| - 1\}$ given by, $f(x) = (\sum_{xy \in E} f(xy)) \pmod{|V|}$ taken overall edges xy incident at x is a bijection.

A necessary condition for a graph G with p vertices and q edges to be edge-graceful is $q(q+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Bloom and Hsu [3, 4, 5] extended the notion of graceful labelling to directed graph. The concept of magic, antimagic and conservative labelings have been extended to directed graphs [11]. In [8] we extended the concept of edge-graceful labelings to directed graphs and further studied in [9]. In this paper we investigate directed edge – graceful labeling of trees.

A (p, q) graph G is said to be directed edge – graceful if there exists an orientation of G and a labeling f of the arcs A of G with $\{1, 2, \dots, q\}$ such that induced mapping g on V defined by, $g(v) = (\sum_{v \rightarrow w} f(vw)) \pmod{p}$ is a bijection where, \sum = the sum of the

labels of all arcs with head v and \sum = the sum of the labels of all arcs with v as tail.

A graph G is said to be directed edge-graceful graph if it has directed edge-graceful labelings. Here, we investigate directed edge – graceful labeling of trees.

Prior Results

Theorem 2.1: [8] The path P_{2n+1} is directed edge-graceful for all $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.2: [8] The cycle graph C_{2n+1} is directed edge-graceful for all $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.3 : [8] The Butterfly graph B_n is directed edge-graceful if n is odd.

Theorem 2.4 : [8] The Butterfly graph B_n is directed edge – graceful if n is even and $n \geq 4$.

Theorem 2.5 : [8] The snail graph $SN(2n + 1)$ is directed edge-graceful for all $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.6 : [8] is directed edge-graceful if n is even and $n \geq 4$.

Theorem 2.7: [9] The graph $P_3 \geq K_{1,2n+1}$ is directed edge-graceful for all $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.8 : [9] The graph $P_{2m} @ K_{1,2n+1}$ is directed edge-graceful for all $m \geq 2$ and $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.9 : [9] The graph $P_{2m+1} @ K_{1,2n}$ is directed edge-graceful for all $m \geq 1$ and $n \geq 1$.

Main results

Theorem

The festoon graph $F(n, m)$ of odd order is directed edge – graceful graph.

Proof

The festoon graph $F(n, m)$ is of odd order if n is odd and m is even. Let $G = F(n, m)$ and $V[F(n, m)] = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, v_{11}, v_{12}, \dots, v_{1m}, v_{21}, v_{22}, \dots, v_{2m}, \dots, v_{n1}, v_{n2}, \dots, v_{nm}\}$ be the set of vertices. Now we orient the edges of $F(n, m)$ such that the arc set A is given by,

$$A = \left\{ (w_{2i-1}, w_{2i}), 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\} \cup \left\{ (w_{2i+1}, w_{2i}), 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$$

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$u \{(w_i, v_{ij}), 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$

The edges and their orientation of $F(n, m)$ are as in Fig. (1).

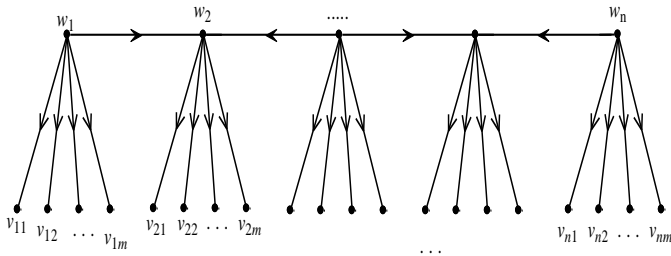


Fig. 1: $F(n, m)$ with orientation

We now label the arcs of A as follows.

$$f((w_{2i+1}, w_{2i})) = i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f((w_{2i-1}, w_{2i})) = nm + \frac{n-1}{2} + i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f((w_i, v_{i(2j-1)})) = \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + \frac{m}{2}(i-1) + j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$f((w_i, v_{i(2j)})) = n(m+1) - \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) - \frac{m}{2}(i-1) - j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

The values of $f^+(w_i)$, $f^+(v_{ij})$ and $f^-(w_i)$, $f^-(v_{ij})$ are computed as under.

$$f^+(w_1) = 0$$

$$f^-(w_1) = -\left[n(m+1)\left(\frac{m}{2}+1\right) - \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$f^+(w_{2i}) = (nm+n) - \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) - 1 + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f^-(w_{2i}) = -\left[\frac{m}{2}(nm+n)\right]$$

$$f^+(w_{2i+1}) = 0$$

$$f^-(w_{2i+1}) = -\left[n(m+1)\left(\frac{m}{2}+1\right) - \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + 2i\right], 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2}$$

$$f^+(w_n) = 0$$

$$f^-(w_n) = -\left[\frac{m}{2}(nm+n) + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$f^+(v_{i(2j-1)}) = \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + \frac{m}{2}(i-1) + j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$f^-(v_{i(2j-1)}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$f^+(v_{i(2j)}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$f^-(v_{i(2j)}) = n(m+1) - \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) - \frac{m}{2}(i-1) - j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$f^-(v_{i(2j)}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

Then the induced vertex labels are,

$$g(v_{i(2j-1)}) = \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + \frac{m}{2}(i-1) + j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$g(v_{i(2j)}) = n(m+1) - \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) - \frac{m}{2}(i-1) - j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

Case (i): $\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$ is even

$$g(w_{2i-1}) = \frac{n-1}{2} + 2 - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+3}{4}$$

$$g(w_{2i}) = n(m+1) - \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) - 1 + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{4}$$

$$g\left(w_{\frac{n-1}{2}+2i}\right) = 2i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{4}$$

$$g\left(w_{\frac{n+1}{2}+2i}\right) = nm + n - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{4}$$

Case (ii): $\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$ is odd

$$g(w_{2i-1}) = \left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right) - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{4}$$

$$g(w_{2i}) = nm + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{4}$$

$$g\left(w_{\frac{n-3}{2}+2i}\right) = 2i - 2, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{4}$$

$$g\left(w_{\frac{n-1}{2}+2i}\right) = nm + n + 1 - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{4}$$

Clearly, $g(V) = \{0, 1, \dots, n(m+1) - 1\} = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$

So, it follows that all the vertex labels are distinct and g is a bijection. Hence, $F(n, m)$ of odd order is a directed edge-graceful graph. The directed edge-graceful labeling of $F(5, 10)$ and $F(7, 6)$ are given in Fig. (2) and Fig. (3) respectively.

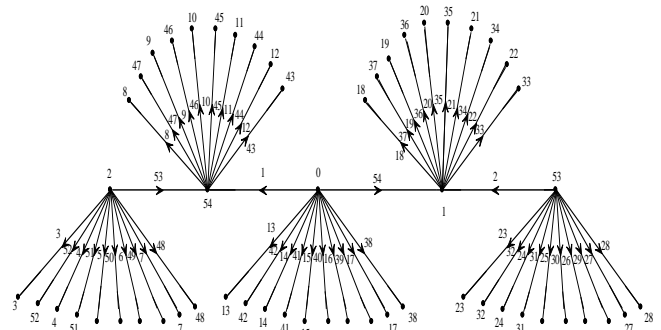


Fig. 2: $F(5, 10)$ with directed edge-graceful labeling

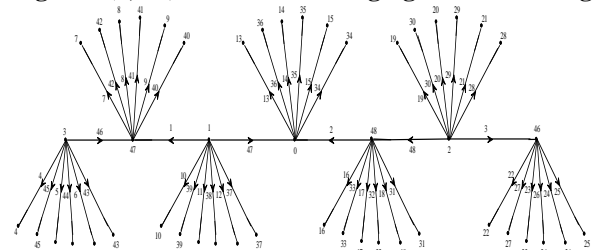


Fig. 3: $F(7, 6)$ with directed edge-graceful labeling

Theorem

The graph $\langle K_{1,n} : m \rangle$, n is even and $m, n \geq 2$ is directed edge-graceful graph.

Proof

Let $G = \langle K_{1,n} : m \rangle$ n is even and $m, n \geq 2$ and

$V[\langle K_{1,n} : m \rangle] = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{m-1}, u_{11}, u_{12}, \dots, u_{1n}, u_{21}, u_{22}, \dots, u_{2n}, \dots, u_{m1}, u_{m2}, \dots, u_{mn}\}$ be the vertices. Now we orient the edges of $\langle K_{1,n} : m \rangle$ such that the arc set A is given by,

$$A = \{(u_i, w_i), 1 \leq i \leq m-1\} \cup \{(u_{i+1}, w_i), 1 \leq i \leq m-1\} \cup \{(u_i, u_{ij}), 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$$

The edges and their orientation of $\langle K_{1,n} : m \rangle$ are as in Fig. (4).

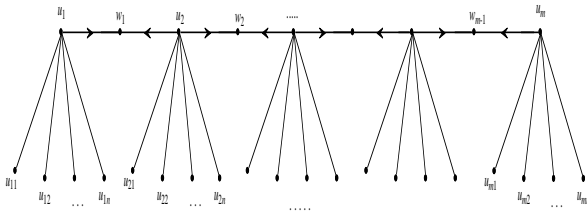


Fig. 4: $\langle K_{1,n} : m \rangle$ with orientation

We now label the arcs of A as follows.

$$f((u_{i+1}, w_i)) = i, 1 \leq i \leq m-1$$

$$f((u_i, w_i)) = m(n+1) - 1 + i, 1 \leq i \leq m-1$$

$$f((u_i, u_{i(2j-1)})) = m-1 + \frac{n}{2}(i-1) + j, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f((u_i, u_{i(2j)})) = nm + m - j, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

The values of $f^+(u_i)$, $f^+(w_i)$, $f^+(u_{ij})$ and $f^-(u_i)$, $f^-(w_i)$, $f^-(u_{ij})$ are computed as under.

$$f^+(u_1) = 0$$

$$f^-(u_1) = -\left[\frac{n}{2}(nm + 2m - 1) + m(n + 1)\right]$$

$$f^+(w_i) = m(n + 1) - 1 + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq m - 1$$

$$f^-(w_i) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq m - 1$$

$$f^+(u_{i+1}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq m - 2$$

$$f^-(u_{i+1}) = -\left[\frac{n}{2}(nm + 2m - 1) + m(n + 1) + 2i\right], 1 \leq i \leq m - 2$$

$$f^+(u_m) = 0$$

$$f^-(u_m) = -\left[\frac{n}{2}(nm + 2m - 1) + m - 1\right]$$

$$f^+(u_{i(2j-1)}) = m - 1 + \frac{n}{2}(i - 1) + j, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f^-(u_{i(2j-1)}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f^+(u_{i(2j)}) = nm + m - j, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f^-(u_{i(2j)}) = nm + m - j, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

Then the induced vertex labels are

$$g(u_{i(2j-1)}) = m - 1 + \frac{n}{2}(i - 1) + j, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$g(u_{i(2j)}) = nm + m - j, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

Case (i): m is even

$$g(u_i) = m + 1 - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$g(w_i) = m(n + 1) - 1 + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-2}{2}$$

$$g\left(w_{\frac{m-2}{2}+i}\right) = 2i - 2, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

$$g\left(u_{\frac{m}{2}+i}\right) = m(n + 2) - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$$

Case (ii): m is odd

$$g(u_i) = m + 1 - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m+1}{2}$$

$$g(w_i) = m(n + 1) - 1 + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}$$

$$g\left(w_{\frac{m-1}{2}+i}\right) = 2i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}$$

$$g\left(u_{\frac{m+1}{2}+i}\right) = nm + 2m - 1 - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}$$

Clearly, $g(V) = \{0, 1, \dots, nm + 2m - 2\} = \{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$

So, it follows that all the vertex labels are distinct and g is a bijection. Hence, $\langle K_{1,n} : m \rangle$ is a directed edge-graceful graph.

The directed edge-graceful labeling of $\langle K_{1,6} : 5 \rangle$ and $\langle K_{1,4} : 7 \rangle$ are given in Fig. (5) and Fig. (6) respectively.

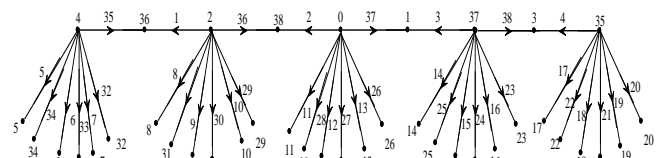


Fig. 5: $\langle K_{1,6} : 5 \rangle$ with directed edge-graceful labeling

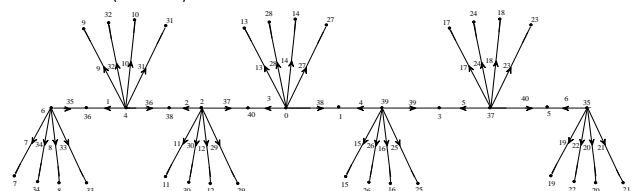


Fig. 6: $\langle K_{1,4} : 7 \rangle$ with directed edge-graceful labeling

Theorem

The twig graph T_n is directed edge-graceful if n is odd and $n \geq 5$.

Proof

Let $G = T_n$ and $V[T_n] = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_1', v_2', \dots, v_{n-2}'\}$ be the set of vertices. Now we orient the edges of T_n such that, the arc set A is given by,

$$A = \left\{ (u_{2i-1}, u_{2i}), 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\} \cup \left\{ (u_{2i+1}, u_{2i}), 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$$

$$\cup \left\{ (v_i, u_{i+1}), 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \right\} \cup \left\{ (v_i', u_{i+1}), 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \right\}$$

The edges and their orientation of T_n are as in Fig (7).

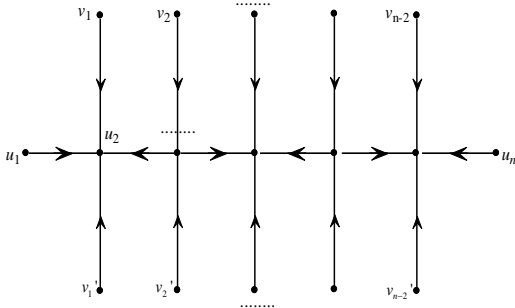


Fig. 7: T_n with orientation

We now label the arcs of A as follows.

$$f((u_{2i-1}, u_{2i})) = 2(n-2) + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f((u_{2i+1}, u_{2i})) = i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f((v_i, u_{i+1})) = \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + i, 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

$$f((v_i', u_{i+1})) = 2(n-2) + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + 1 - i, 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

The values of $f^+(u_i)$, $f^+(v_i)$, $f^+(v_i')$ and $f^-(u_i)$,

$f^-(v_i)$, $f^-(v_i')$ are computed as under.

$$f^+(u_1) = 0$$

$$f^-(u_1) = -\left[2(n-2) + \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$f^+(u_{2i}) = 4(n-2) + 3\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) - 2 + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f^-(u_{2i}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f^+(u_{2i+1}) = 2(n-2) + n, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2}$$

$$f^-(u_{2i+1}) = -[2(n-2) + \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) + 2i], 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2}$$

$$f^+(u_n) = 0$$

$$f^-(u_n) = -\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$$

$$f^+(v_i) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

$$f^-(v_i) = -\left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + i\right], 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

$$f^+(v_i') = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

$$f^-(v_i') = -\left[2(n-2) + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + 1 - i\right], 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

Then the induced vertex labels are,

$$g(v_i) = 2(n-2) + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + 1 - i, 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

$$g(v_i') = \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + i, 1 \leq i \leq n-2$$

Case (i) $\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$ is odd

$$g(u_{2i-1}) = \frac{n+3}{2} - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{4}$$

$$g(u_{2i}) = 2(n-2) + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{4}$$

$$g\left(u_{\frac{n-3}{2}+2i}\right) = 2i - 2, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{4}$$

$$g\left(u_{\frac{n-1}{2}+2i}\right) = 2(n-2) + n + 1 - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{4}$$

Case (ii) $\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$ is even

$$g(u_{2i-1}) = \frac{n+3}{2} - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+3}{4}$$

$$g(u_{2i}) = 2(n-2) + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{4}$$

$$g\left(u_{\frac{n-1}{2}+2i}\right) = 2i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{4}$$

$$g\left(u_{\frac{n+1}{2}+2i}\right) = 2(n-2) + n - 2i, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{4}$$

Clearly, $g(V) = \{0, 1, \dots, 3n-5\} = \{0, 1, \dots, P-1\}$

So, it follows that all the vertex labels are distinct and g is a bijection. Hence, T_n is a directed edge-graceful graph if n is odd. The directed edge-graceful labeling of T_{13} and T_{15} are given in Fig. (8) and Fig. (9) respectively.

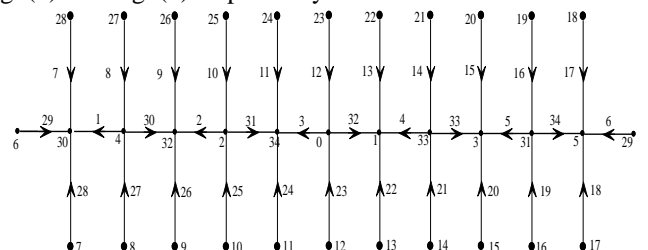


Fig. 8: T_{13} with directed edge-graceful labeling

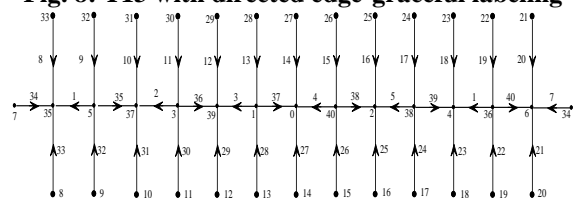


Fig. 9: T_{15} with directed edge-graceful labeling

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