

Radio Number Of Wheel Like Graphs

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Abstract.

In this paper we establish the radio number for Flower Wheel graph ($F W_n^k$), k -Wheel graph (kW) and Joint-Wheel graph ($W H_n$).

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1. INTRODUCTION

A radio labeling is an assignment of labels, traditionally represented by integers, to the vertices of a graph. Formally, for a given graph $G = (V, E)$ with V being the set of vertices and E being the set of edges, a radio labeling is a function from the vertices of the graph to some subset of positive integers.

For a set of given stations, the task is to assign to each city a channel, which is a non-negative integer, so that interference is prohibited and the span of the channel assigned is minimized. Hale was the first who proposed graph to model these channel assignment in 1980 [5]. Later in 2001 Chartrand, Erwin, Zhang, and Harary were motivated by regulations for channel assignments of FM radio stations to introduce the radio labeling of graphs [1]. Usually, the level of interference between any two stations is closely related to the geographic locations of the station, the closer are the stations the stronger is the interference. Suppose we consider two levels of interference, major and minor. Major interference occurs between two very close stations; to avoid it, the channel assigned to a pair of very close

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stations have to be at least two apart. Mutual interference occurs between close stations; to avoid it, the channel assigned to a pair of close stations should be different. To model this problem, we construct a graph G by representing each station by a vertex and connecting two vertices by an edge if the geographical locations of the corresponding stations are very close. Two close stations are represented by, in the corresponding graph G , a pair of vertices that are distance two apart.

For a simple graph G , let $\text{diam}(G)$ denote the diameter of G which is the maximum shortest distance between two distinct vertices. For any two vertices u and v in G , let $d(u, v)$ denote the smallest distance between u and v . Radio labeling (multi-level distance labeling or distance labeling) for G is a one-to-one mapping $f: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ satisfying the condition

$$d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \geq 1 + \text{diam}(G) \quad (1.1)$$

for all $u, v \in V(G)$. The span of a labeling f is the maximum integer that f maps to a vertex of a graph G . The radio number ($rn(G)$) of G is the lowest span over all radio labelings of the graph. We will refer to inequality (1.1) as the radio condition. Note that this condition necessitates the use of distance integers, thus $rn(G) \geq |V(G)|$ for all graphs G . Radio labelings are sometimes referred to as multi-distance labeling and they are equivalent to k -labeling for $k = \text{diam}(G)$. In this paper we will consider simple undirected graph.

2. Some Known Results

In this section we recall some known results about the radio number of graphs. Chartrand, Erwin, and Zhang [1] gave the upper bound for the radio number of Path (P_n).

Theorem 2.1.[1] For any positive integer n ,

$$rn(P_n) \leq \begin{cases} 2k^2 + k, & \text{if } n=2k+1; \\ 2(k^2 - k) + 1, & \text{if } n=2k, \end{cases}$$

where P_n is the Path on n vertices. Moreover, the bound is sharp when $2 \leq n \leq 5$. The exact value for the radio number of Path was given by Liu, and Zhu [8].

Theorem 2.2. [8] For any $n \geq 4$,

$$rn(P_n) = \begin{cases} 2k^2 + 2, & \text{if } n=2k+1; \\ 2k(k-1) + 1, & \text{if } n=2k. \end{cases}$$

Also, Liu and Zhu [8] gave the radio number for Cycle (C_n).

Theorem 2.3. [8] Let C_n be an n -vertex Cycle. For $n \geq 3$ we have

$$rn(C_n) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{n-2}{2}\right)\phi(n) + 1, & \text{if } n \cong 0, 2 \pmod{4}; \\ \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)\phi(n), & \text{if } n \cong 1, 3 \pmod{4}, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\phi(n) = \begin{cases} k + 1, & \text{if } n = 4k + 1; \\ k + 2, & \text{if } n = 4k + r \text{ for } r = 0, 2, 3. \end{cases}$$

However Chartrand, Erwin, Harary, and Zhang [2] obtained different values than Liu and Zhu [8]. They found the lower and upper bound for the radionumber of Cycle(C_n).

Theorem 2.4. [2] For $k \geq 3$,

$$rn(C_n) \leq \begin{cases} k^2, & \text{if } n = 2k + 1; \\ k^2 - k + 1, & \text{if } n = 2k \end{cases}$$

and

$$rn(C_n) \geq 3\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right\rceil - 1, \text{ for } n \geq 6.$$

Liu [7] gave the lower bound for the radio number of Tree(T_n).

Theorem 2.5. [7] If T_n is an n -vertex rooted tree with diameter d . Then

$$rn(T_n) \geq (n-1)(d+1) + 1 - 2w(T_n),$$

where $w(T_n)$ represent the weight.

The exact value for the radionumber of Hypercube (Q_n) was given by R. Khennoufa and O. Togni [6].

Theorem 2.6. [6] For any positive integer $n \geq 1$,

$$rn(Q_n) = (2^{n-1} - 1) \left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil + 1.$$

M.M.Rivera, M.Tomova, C.Wyels, and A.Yeager [10] gave the radio number of $C_n \square C_n$, where \square denote the Cartesian product.

Theorem 2.7. [10] For any non-negative integer k , we have

$$rn(C_{2k} \square C_{2k}) = 2k^3 + 4k^2 - k$$

and

$$rn(C_{2k+1} \square C_{2k+1}) = 2k^3 + 4k^2 + 2k - 1.$$

In[3] C.Fernandez, A.Flores, M.Tomova, and C.Wyelsworkedon find- ingt he radionumber for Completegraph, Stargraph, Complete Bipartite graph, Wheelgraph and Geargraph. They have proved the following results:

- $rn(K_n)=n$.
- $rn(S_n)=n+2$.
- $rn(K_{m,n})=m+n+1$.
- $rn(W_n)=n+2$ for $n \geq 5$.
- $rn(G_n)=4n+2$ for $n \geq 4$.

M.T.RahimandI.Tomescu[9]investigatedtheradionumberofHelm graph(H_n).Theyprovedthefollowingresult.

Theorem 2.8.[9]Let H_n beaHelmgraph.Forn ≥ 5 wehave

$$rn(H_n)=4n+2,$$

wherenotesthenumberofverticesinacycle.

3.New Result

The radio number of Flower Wheel graph(FW^k): Inthissection wewillfind

The radionumber of Flower Wheelgraph(FW^k). First of all we will find the lowerbound by examining labels which have minimum distance between them. For an upperbound, we find a specific radiolabeling which gives us span equal to the lowerbound. FlowerWheelgraph consist of k disjoint copies of Wheelgraph(W_n) meeting in a commonvertex (differentfromhub). The commonvertex of all the copies of Wheel is named as the centralvertex. Its clearthat FW^k has $(t+3)k+1$ verticesand $diam(FW^k)=4$ forall $n \geq 5$,where n is the number of vertices in onecopy of Wheelgraph. We denote the number of vertices (in one copyofwheel)which a renon- adjacent to the central vertex by t . We consider the case when all the copies of Wheelgraph have same number of vertices.

The labeling of FW^k is defined as follows:

To establish the radio number of FW^k we will refer to a labeling of the vertices $\{z, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2k},$

$v_{2k+1}, v_{2k+2}, \dots, v_{3k}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{tk}\}$ of FW^k that distinguish the vertices by their characteristics. The central vertex is labeled as z , the vertices adjacent to z are labeled sequentially by $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2k}, v_{2k+1}, v_{2k+2}, \dots, v_{3k}\}$ in clockwise direction. From Figure 2 it is clear that firstly we label $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2k}\}$ where v_1 is not the hub vertex, and after labeling these vertices we label $\{v_{2k+1}, v_{2k+2}, \dots, v_{3k}\}$ (which are actually the hub vertices). Vertices which are not adjacent to z are labeled sequentially by $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{tk}\}$ in clockwise direction. We specify u_1 adjacent to v_1 and v_{2k+1} . The labeling of FW^4 is shown in Figure 2.

First of all we will find the radio number of FW_4^k . Its a special case of FW_4^k when $t = 0$, where t is number of vertices(in one copy) which are non-adjacent to z . We can follow the above procedure to label the vertices of FW_4^k .

Theorem 3.1. For $k \geq 2$, $rn(FW_4^k) = 3k + 2$.

Proof. First of all we will find the lower bound for the radio number of FW_4^k .

Lowerbound for $rn(FW_4^k)$: Assume $k \geq 2$. Since $diam(FW_4^k) = 2$, so any radio labeling of FW_4^k must satisfy the radio condition i.e.

$$d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \geq 1 + diam(FW_4^k) \geq 3$$

hold for all distinct $u, v \in V(FW_4^k)$. To determine the lower bound we have to count the minimum number of restricted values associated with the vertices of FW_4^k . Let $f(z) = a$, where $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Since $d(z, v_i) = 1$, where $z = v_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq 3k$. The radio condition becomes

$d(z, v_i) + |f(z) - f(v_i)| \geq 1 + diam(FW_4^k)$, or $1 + |f(z) - f(v_i)| \geq 3$, or $|f(z) - f(v_i)| \geq 2$. So, there exist one restricted value associated with z . If $d(v_i, v_j) \leq 2$, where $1 \leq i, j \leq 3k$, then the radio condition becomes

$d(v_i, v_j) + |f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 1 + diam(FW_4^k)$, or $2 + |f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 3$, or $|f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 1$. So, we can assign the consecutive integers to the following sets $\{v_1, v_3, \dots, v_{2k-1}\}$, $\{v_2, v_4, \dots, v_{2k}\}$ and $\{v_{2k+1}, v_{2k+2}, \dots, v_{3k}\}$ respectively. Therefore, there exist no restricted value associated with v_i for $1 \leq i \leq 3k$. Hence, there is only one restricted value associated with any label of FW_4^k . Thus, $rn(FW_4^k) \geq \text{allowed values} + \text{restricted value}$

Hence, $rn(FW_4^k) \geq 3k + 1 + 1 = 3k + 2$.

Upper bound for $rn(FW_4^k)$: If f is any radio labeling of FW_4^k ; then span of this labeling will provide an upper bound for the radio number of FW_4^k . In order to find an upper bound we define a radio labeling $f: V_4(FW_4^k) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}(z) &= 1, \\ \mathbf{f}(v_{2i-1}) &= 2 + i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k, \\ \mathbf{f}(v_{2i}) &= 2 + k + i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k, \\ \mathbf{f}(v_{2k+i}) &= 2(1 + k) + i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k. \end{aligned}$$

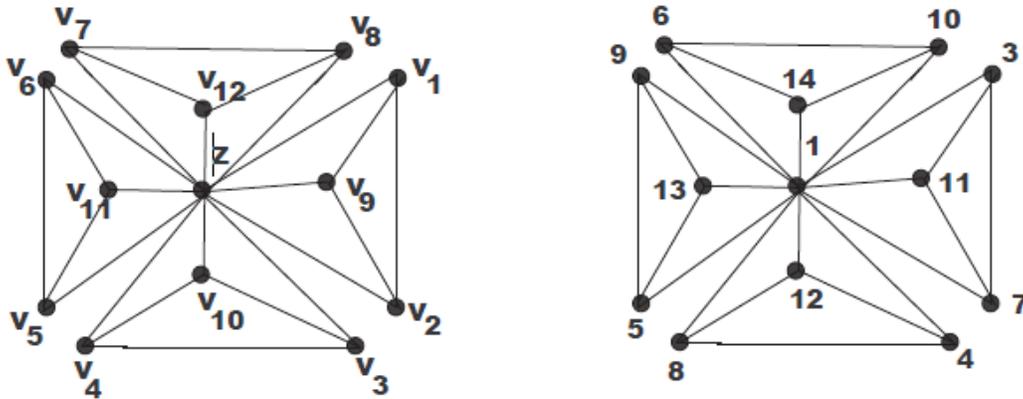


Figure 1. Radio labeling of FW_4^k

Claim: The labeling \mathbf{f} is a valid radio labeling. We have to show that the radio condition

$$d(u, v) + |\mathbf{f}(u) - \mathbf{f}(v)| \geq 1 + \text{diam}(FW_4^k) \geq 3$$

holds for all distinct $u, v \in V(FW_4^k)$. We will discuss two cases:

Case 1: Since $d(z, v_i) = 1$, where $1 \leq i \leq 3k$ and $\mathbf{f}(z) = 1, \mathbf{f}(v_i) \geq 3$. The radio condition in this case will be

$$d(z, v_i) + |\mathbf{f}(z) - \mathbf{f}(v_i)| \geq 1 + |1 - 3|, \text{ or } d(z, v_i) + |\mathbf{f}(z) - \mathbf{f}(v_i)| \geq 3.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied.

Case 2: Since $d(v_i, v_j) \leq 2$, where $1 \leq i, j \leq 3k$ and $\mathbf{f}(v_i) \geq 3$. The possible label difference for each pair will satisfy $|\mathbf{f}(v_i) - \mathbf{f}(v_j)| \geq 1$. The radio condition in this case will be

$$d(v_i, v_j) + |\mathbf{f}(v_i) - \mathbf{f}(v_j)| \geq 2 + 1, \text{ or } d(v_i, v_j) + |\mathbf{f}(v_i) - \mathbf{f}(v_j)| \geq 3.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied.

These two cases establish the claim that \mathbf{f} is a valid radio labeling of FW_4^k .

Thus, $\text{rn}(FW_4^k) \leq \text{span}(\mathbf{f}) = 3k + 2$.

From the lower and upper bound of $\text{rn}(FW_4^k)$, we have

$$\text{rn}(FW_4^k) = 3k + 2.$$

An example of radio labeling of FW_n^4 is shown in Figure 1.

In the next theorem we will find the lower bound for the radio number of FW_n^k .

Theorem 3.2. For $k \geq 4$ and $n \geq 5$,

$$rn(FW_n^k) \geq tk + 9k + 2,$$

where k is the number of copies of Wheel, n is the number of vertices in each copy of the Wheel and t be the number of vertices which are non-adjacent to the central vertex.

Proof. Assume $k \geq 4$. Since $\text{diam}(FW_n^k) = 4$, so any radio labeling f of FW_n^k must satisfy the radio condition i.e.

$$d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \geq 5$$

holds for all distinct $u, v \in V(FW_n^k)$. Now we count the total number of restricted values:

Restricted values associated with any label of z : If z is label a i.e. $f(z) = a$, then as $d(z, u_i) = 2$ for $1 \leq i \leq tk$, where $z = u_i$ for all u_i non-adjacent with z , the radio condition becomes

$d(z, u_i) + |f(z) - f(u_i)| \geq 1 + \text{diam}(FW_n^k)$, or $2 + |f(z) - f(u_i)| \geq 1 + 4$, or $|f(z) - f(u_i)| \geq 3$. Hence, the number of restricted values associated with any label of z are 2.

Restricted value associated with any label of the vertices non-adjacent to z : Since $d(u_i, u_j) \leq 4$, when $i = j$ and for all $1 \leq i, j \leq tk-1$. The radio condition becomes

$d(u_i, u_j) + |f(u_i) - f(u_j)| \geq 5$, or $4 + |f(u_i) - f(u_j)| \geq 5$, or $|f(u_i) - f(u_j)| \geq 1$. It means we can assign consecutive integers to u_i , which implies that there are no restricted value associated with any label of u_i .

Restricted value associated with any label of the vertex u_{tk} non-adjacent to z : Suppose $d(u_{tk}, v_i) \leq 3$ for $1 \leq i \leq 3k$, where $u_{tk} = v_i$ and for all v_i adjacent to z , the radio condition in this case will be

$d(u_{tk}, v_i) + |f(u_{tk}) - f(v_i)| \geq 5$, or $3 + |f(u_{tk}) - f(v_i)| \geq 5$, or $|f(u_{tk}) - f(v_i)| \geq 2$. So, there is only one restricted value corresponding to u_{tk} .

Restricted values associated with any label of the vertices adjacent to the central vertex: Since v_i denote any vertex adjacent to z . If $d(v_i, v_j) \leq 2$, when $v_i = v_j$ for $1 \leq i, j \leq 3k$. Then, the radio condition becomes

$d(v_i, v_j) + |f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 1 + 4$, or $2 + |f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 5$, or $|f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 3$. Therefore, restricted values associated with each label of v_i are 2. Since we have two restricted values for each $3k-1$ vertices. Hence, the total restricted values in this case will be $2(3k-1)$.

Total number of restricted values associated with any label of FW_n^k :

Total number of restricted values associated with any label of FW_n^k will be the sum of restricted value associated with z + restricted value associated with u_i + restricted value associated with u_{t+k} + restricted value associated with $v_i = 2 + 0 + 1 + 2(3k - 1) = 6k + 1$

Hence, $rn(FW_n^k) \geq \text{allowed values} + \text{restricted values}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (t + 3)k + 1 + 6k + 1, \\ &= tk + 9k + 2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we establish the lower bound for the radio number of FW_n^k .

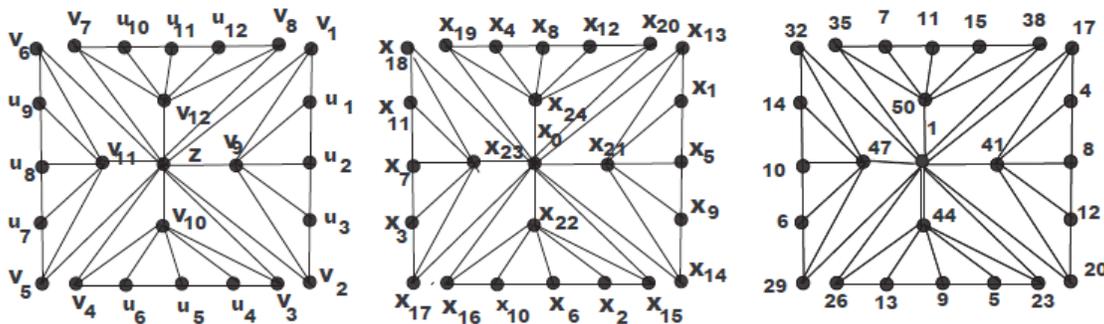


Figure 2. Relabeling and Radio labeling of FW_7^4

Our next result will give the upper bound for the radio number of FW_n^k .

Theorem 3.3. For $k \geq 4$ and $n \geq 5$, $rn(FW_n^k) \leq tk + 9k + 2$.

Proof. If f is any radio labeling of FW_n^k ; then span of this labeling will provide an upper bound for the radio number of FW_n^k . In order to find an upper bound firstly we define the position function p that renames the

vertices of FW_n^k using the set $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{(t+3)k}\}$. Then we specify the labels $f(x_i)$ so that $i < j$ if and only if $f(i) < f(j)$. For $k \geq 2$ and $n \geq 5$, the position function $p : V(FW_n^k) \rightarrow \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{(t+3)k}\}$ is defined as follows:

$$p(z) = x_0.$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq j \leq t, \quad p(u_{j+t(i-1)}) = x_{i+(j-1)k}, \text{ where } 1 \leq i \leq k$$

$$\text{and } p(v_i) = x_{tk+i} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 3k.$$

Next, we define a radio labeling $f : \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{(t+3)k}\} \rightarrow Z^+$ as follows:

$$f(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } i = 0; \\ 3 + i, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq tk; \\ tk + 2 + 3(i - tk), & \text{for } tk + 1 \leq i \leq (t + 3)k. \end{cases}$$

Claim: The labeling f is a valid radio labeling. We have to show that the radio condition

$$d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \geq 1 + \text{diam}(FW_n^k) \geq 5$$

must hold for all pair of vertices (u, v) , where $u \neq v$.

Case 1: Consider the pair (z, r) , when $z = r$ for all $r \in V(FW_n^k)$. Since

$$d(z, r) \leq 2, p(z) = x_0 \text{ and } p(r) = x_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq (t + 3)k. \text{ Therefore, } f(x_i) \geq 4 \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq (t + 3)k \text{ and } f(z) = 1. \text{ So, the radio condition becomes}$$

$$d(z, r) + |f(z) - f(r)| \geq 2 + |1 - 4|, \text{ or } d(z, r) + |f(z) - f(r)| \geq 5.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied.

Case 2: Consider the pair of vertices (v_i, v_j) , where $1 \leq i, j \leq 3k$. As $d(v_i, v_j) \leq 2$, the label difference for each pair will be

$$|f(v_i) - f(v_j)| = |f(x_{tk+i}) - f(x_{tk+j})| = |tk + 2 + 3(i - tk) - tk - 2 - 3(j - tk)|$$

$$|f(v_i) - f(v_j)| = 3|i - j| \geq 3. \text{ The radio condition becomes}$$

$$d(v_i, v_j) + |f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 2 + 3 = 5.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied.

Case 3: Since $d(u_i, u_w) \leq 4$ for $1 \leq i, w \leq tk$, therefore

$$|f(u_{j+t(i-1)}) - f(u_{j+t(w-1)})| = |f(x_{i+(j-1)k}) - f(x_{w+(j-1)k})| \\ = |3 + i + (j-1)k - 3 - w - (j-1)k|$$

$$|f(u_i) - f(u_w)| = |i - w| \geq 1. \text{ Hence, the radio condition becomes}$$

$$d(u_i, u_w) + |f(u_i) - f(u_w)| \geq 4 + 1 = 5.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied.

Case 4: Consider the pair (v_i, u_w) , where $i = w$. As $d(v_i, u_w) \leq 3$ for $1 \leq i \leq 3k$ and $1 \leq w \leq tk$. We have $f(u_w) \in \{4, 5, \dots, tk+3\}$ and $f(v_i) \in \{tk+5, tk+8, \dots, tk+9k+2\}$. The possible label difference for each pair is,

$$|f(v_i) - f(u_w)| = |tk+5 - tk-3| = 2,$$

$$|f(v_i) - f(u_w)| = |tk+9k+2 - 4| = tk+9k-2.$$

So, $|f(v_i) - f(u_w)| \geq 2$. The radio condition becomes

$$d(v_i, u_w) + |f(v_i) - f(u_w)| \geq 3 + 2 = 5.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied. These four cases establish the claim

that f is a valid radio labeling of FW_n^k .

Thus, $rn(FW_n^k) \leq \text{span}(f) = tk+9k+2$.

An example of radio labeling of FW_n^4 is shown in Figure 2.

Combining Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.3 we have.

Theorem 3.4. The radio number of FW_n^k is $tk+9k+2$, when $k \geq 4$ and $n \geq 5$.

Note: It is easy to see that we get the same radio number of FW_n^k for $k=2$ and $k=3$ as given in Theorem 3.3 but we cannot follow the above procedure.

The radio number of k -Wheel graph (kW) : In this section we will find the radio number of k -Wheel graph (kW) defined as follows: For $k=1$ we have 1-Wheel graph which is isomorphic to Wheel graph and its radio number is given by [3], for $k \geq 2$ consider k concentric cycles of arbitrary length

and join each vertex of the concentric cycles with the center (K_1) . The resulting graph denoted by kW is isomorphic to $\{C_1 C_2 \dots C_k\} + K_1$, where K_1 is a complete graph having one vertex. It is easy to see that the number of vertices in kW are $l_1 + 1$, where $l_1 \geq l_2 \geq \dots \geq l_k$ denote the length of the cycles C_i for $1 \leq i \leq k$ respectively and $\text{diam}(kW) = 2$. The labeling of kW is defined as follows: The central vertex (hub) is labeled as z , the vertices adjacent to the center are labeled sequentially by $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$. We start labeling from the outer most cycle which has largest length (l_1) . An example for 3-Wheel graph $(3W)$ is shown in Figure 3. We denote number of concentric cycles by k . In the next theorem we will determine the lower bound for $rn(kW)$.

Theorem 3.5. For $k \geq 2$, we have

$$rn(kW) \geq \sum_{i=1}^k l_i + 2,$$

where l_i are the length of concentric cycles.

Proof. Since $\text{diam}(kW) = 2$ for any positive integer k . We have the radio condition $d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \geq 3$ for all distinct $u, v \in V(kW)$, where f is the radio labeling of kW . First of all we will count the minimum number of restricted labels which will eventually give us the lower bound for the radio number of kW .

Restricted value associated with z : Let us take $f(z) = b$, where $b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Since $d(z, v_j) = 1$ for all $z = v_j$, where $1 \leq j \leq l_1$, then $b+1$ is the restricted label associated with z .

Restricted value associated with v_j : As $d(v_j, v_w) \leq 2$ for all $v_j = v_w$, where $1 \leq j, w \leq l_1$, we will have two cases.

When $l_1 = l_2 = \dots = l_k$: There exist no restricted value associated with v_j , where $1 \leq j \leq l_1$ i.e. we can assign the consecutive integers to v_j .

When $l_1 \geq l_2 \geq \dots \geq l_k$: There exist no restricted value associated with v_j , where $1 \leq j \leq l_1$ i.e. we can assign the consecutive integers to v_j .

So, there exist only one restricted value associated with any label of kW .
The total number of allowed labels are,

$l_i + 1$ for $l_1 = l_2 = \dots = l_k$ and $l_1 \geq l_2 \geq \dots \geq l_k$.
Hence, the radio number of $kW \geq$ allowed values + restricted value

i.e. $\text{rn}(kW) \geq$

which establish the lower bound for $\text{rn}(kW)$.
Our next theorem will give the upper bound for $\text{rn}(kW)$.

Theorem 3.6. For $k \geq 2$, we have

where l_i are the length of the concentric cycles.

Proof. We will define our radio labeling $f: V(kW) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ which will have a minimum span = $k l_1 + 2$ is defined as follows:

Step1: We start labeling from the central vertex z . Let $f(z) = 1$.

Step2: After labeling z we move to v_j , where $1 \leq j \leq l_1$. We can start labeling from any v_j let $f(v_j) = 3$. In order to label v_j we will consider those vertices which has distance two between them i.e. if $d(v_j, v_w) = 2$, where $1 \leq j, w \leq l_1$ and $j \neq w$ then we can assign consecutive integers to v_j and v_w so that the radio condition is satisfied. For $k = 3$ the radio labeling of kW defined above is illustrated in Figure 3.

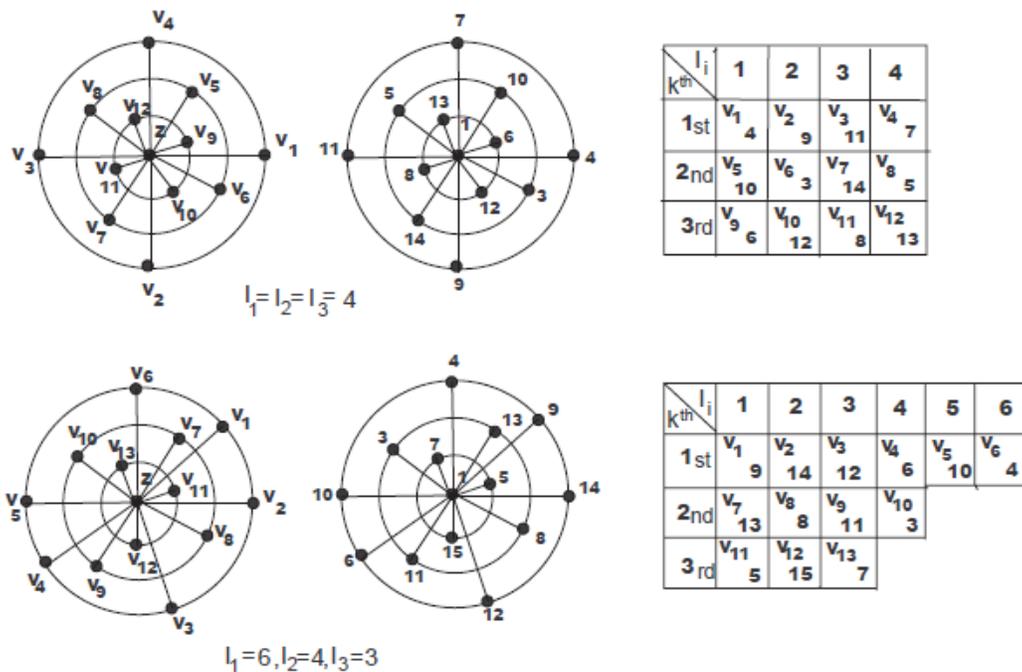


Figure 3. Radio labeling of 3W

Claim: f is a radio labeling. We must show that the radio condition $d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \geq diam(G) + 1 \geq 3$ holds for all pair of vertices (u, v) (where $u \neq v$). We will have two cases:

Case 1: Consider the pair (z, v_j) , where $z = v_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq l_i$. Since $d(z, v_j) = 1$, $f(z) = 1$ and $f(v_j) \geq 3$ for all $1 \leq j \leq l_i$. Examining the label difference for each pair, we have $|f(z) - f(v_j)| \geq 2$. So, the radio condition becomes $d(z, v_j) + |f(z) - f(v_j)| \geq 1 + 2 = 3$. Hence, the radio condition is satisfied in this case.

Case 2: Consider the pair (v_j, v_w) , where $(j \neq w)$ and $1 \leq j, w \leq l_i$. Since $f(v_j) \geq 3$ and $d(v_j, v_w) \leq 2$. So, the label difference will be $|f(v_j) - f(v_w)| \geq 1$ for all distinct v_j, v_w . The radio condition for such pair of vertices becomes $d(v_j, v_w) + |f(v_j) - f(v_w)| \geq 2 + 1 = 3$. Hence, the radio condition is satisfied.

These two cases establish the claim that f is a valid radio labeling of kW . Thus, $rn(kW) \leq span(f) = l_i + 2$.

Note: In Figure 3 when $l_1 = l_2 = l_3 = 4$ we start labeling from v_6 i.e. $f(v_6) = 3$. After labeling v_6 we move to v_1 because $d(v_6, v_1) = 2$ so, we can assign the consecutive integer to v_1 i.e. $f(v_1) = 4$. After labeling v_1 we move to v_8 because $d(v_8, v_1) = 2$ so, we can assign the consecutive integer to v_8 i.e. $f(v_8) = 5$. We continue in the same way and label all the vertices of kW . Similarly, when $l_1 = 6, l_2 = 4$ and $l_3 = 3$ we start labeling from v_{10} i.e. $f(v_{10}) = 3$. After labeling v_{10} we move to v_6 because $d(v_{10}, v_6) = 2$ so, we can assign the consecutive integer to v_6 i.e. $f(v_6) = 4$. After labeling v_6 we move to v_{11} because $d(v_{11}, v_6) = 2$ so, we can assign the consecutive integer to v_{11} i.e. $f(v_{11}) = 5$. We continue in the same way and label all the vertices of kW .

Theorem 3.7. If kW is a k -Wheel graph, then

$$rn(kW) = \sum_{i=1}^k l_i + 2,$$

where l_i are the length of the concentric cycles.

Proof. Follows from Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 3.6.

The radio number of Joint-Wheel graph (WH_n): Joint-Wheel graph (WH_n) is defined as follows: It consist two disjoint copies of Wheel which are joined by an edge between two rim vertices. It is easy to note that WH_n has $2n + 2$ vertices and $4n + 1$ edges, where n is the number of rim vertices in one copy of the Wheel graph. It easy to see that for $n \geq 4$, $\text{diam}(WH_n) = 5$.

The labeling of Joint-Wheel is defined as follows:

To establish the radio number of Joint-Wheel we will define a labeling for the vertices of WH_n that distinguishes the vertices by their characteristics. The hub vertices are labeled as z_1 and z_2 , the vertices adjacent to z_1 and z_2 are labeled sequentially by $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ in counterclockwise direction and by $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ in clockwise direction respectively. We specify that v_1, v_{n-1} are adjacent to v_n and u_1, u_{n-1} are adjacent to u_n , also v_n and u_n are the end vertices of the bridge (between two copies of Wheel graph).

Theorem 3.8. For every $n \geq 10$,

$$rn(WH_n) \geq 4n + 7.$$

Proof. Since $\text{diam}(WH_n) = 5$, we must show that the radio condition $d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \geq 6$ holds for every two distinct vertices $u, v \in V(WH_n)$. We start labeling from the vertices v_2 and u_2 . If we assume that $f(v_2) = a$ and $f(u_2) = a + 1$. Then it may be noted that whenever we assign an integer to one copy of Wheel we must assign the next possible integer to the second copy of Wheel. We will discuss even and odd cases separately.

When n is even: Since we start labeling from v_2 and u_2 i.e. $f(v_2) = a$ and $f(u_2) = a + 1$. So, there exist no restricted value associated with v_2 . After labeling u_2 we move to v_i , where $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $i \neq 2$, if $f(v_n) = a + 4$ then there exist two restricted values associated with u_2 . After assigning label to v_n we label u_3 i.e. $f(u_3) = a + 7$. So, there are two restricted values associated with v_n . Following in the similar way we can see that there exist two restricted values associated with each vertex of the following set $\{u_2, v_n, v_3, u_n, u_4\}$.

Consider the pair (v_{2i+2}, u_{2j-1}) . Since $d(v_{2i+2}, u_{2j-1}) \leq 5$, where $2 \leq i \leq 1 \leq j \leq 2$ and $j \neq 2$. If $f(v_6) = b$ (the value of b must be great than previously assign integer) then $f(u_1) = b + 2$ i.e. $b + 1$ is the restricted value for the remaining v_i and u_j , where $3 \leq i \leq n$ and $3 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$.

So, there exist one restricted value associated with v_6 . Now we will move to the first copy of wheel. After labeling $f(u_1) = b + 2$ we assign $b + 4$ to v_8 i.e. there exist one restricted value associated with u_1 . Following in the similar way we can see that there exist one restricted value associated with each v_{2i+2} and u_{2j-1} , where $2 \leq i \leq n$ and $j = 2$. Therefore, total number of restricted values associated with v_{2i+2} are and restricted values associated with u_{2j-1} are. Similarly we consider the pair of vertices restricted values associated with u_{2j+2} are. Since $d(u_{n-2}, z_1) = 4$, the radio condition becomes $d(u_{n-2}, z_1) + |f(u_{n-2}) - f(z_1)| \geq 6$, or $|f(u_{n-2}) - f(z_1)| \geq 2$,

which implies that there exist two restricted values associated with u_{n-2} . If z_1 is labeled as c (the value of c must be greater than previously assigned integer), then any positive value from the set $\{c+1, c+2\}$ assigned to z_2 will not satisfy the radio condition which is defined above for the pair of vertices (z_1, z_2) . So, there are two restricted values associated with z_1 .

Therefore, the total number of restricted values will be the sum of restricted values associated with $\{u_2, v_n, v_3, u_n, u_4\}$ + restricted values associated with v_{2i+2} + restricted values associated with u_{2j-1} + restricted values associated with v_{2i-1} + restricted values associated with u_{2j+2} + restricted values associated with u_{n-2} + restricted values associated with z_1

When n is odd: Since we start labeling from v_2 and u_2 i.e. $f(v_2) = a$ and $f(u_2) = a + 1$. So, there exist no restricted value associated with v_2 . After labeling u_2 we move to v_i , where $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $i = 2$, if $f(v_n) = a + 4$ then there exist two restricted values associated with u_2 . After assigning label to v_n we label u_3 i.e. $f(u_3) = a + 7$. So, there are two restricted values associated with v_n . Following in the similar way we can see that there exist two restricted values associated with each vertex of the following set $\{u_2, v_n, v_3, u_n, u_4\}$.

Consider the pair (v_{2i+2}, u_{2j-1}) . Since $d(v_{2i+2}, u_{2j-1}) \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ where $2 \leq i \leq n$ and $2 \leq j \leq n$ (than previously assigned integer) then $f(u_1) = b + 2$ i.e. $b + 1$ is the restricted value for the remaining v_i and u_j , where $3 \leq i \leq n$ and $3 \leq j \leq n$ so, there exist one restricted value associated with v_6 . Now we will move to the first copy of wheel. After labeling $f(u_1) = b + 2$ we assign $b + 4$ to v_8 i.e. there exist one restricted value associated with u_1 . Following in the similar way we can see that there exist one restricted value associated with each v_{2i+2} and u_{2j-1} , where $2 \leq i \leq n$ and $j = 2$. Therefore, total number of restricted values associated with v_{2i+2} are and restricted values associated with u_{2j-1} are. Similarly we consider the pair of vertices (v_{2i-1}, u_{2j+2}) , where $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $i = 2, 2 \leq j \leq n$ applying the above procedure we can find the restricted values associated with v_{2i-1} and u_{2j+2} . Therefore, total number of restricted values associated with v_{2i-1} are and restricted values associated with u_{2j+2} are

Since $d(u_{n-1}, z_1) = 3$, the radio condition becomes

$$d(u_{n-1}, z_1) + |f(u_{n-1}) - f(z_1)| \geq 6, \text{ or } |f(u_{n-1}) - f(z_1)| \geq 3,$$

which implies that there exist two restricted values associated with u_{n-1} . If z_1 is labeled as c (the value of c must be great than previously assign integer), then any positive value from the set $\{c+1, c+2\}$ assigned to z_2 will not satisfy the radio condition which is defined above for the pair of

vertices (z_1, z_2) . So, there are two restricted values associated with z_1 .

Therefore, the total number of restricted values will be the sum of restricted values associated with $\{u_2, v_n, v_3, u_n, u_4\}$ + restricted values associated with v_{2i+2} + restricted values associated with u_{2j-1} + restricted values associated with v_{2i-1} + restricted values associated with u_{2j+2} + restricted values associated with u_{n-1} + restricted values associated with z_1

Hence, $rn(WH_n) \geq \text{allowed values} + \text{restricted values}$

$$= 2n + 2 + 2n + 5, rn(WH_n) \geq 4n + 7.$$

Theorem 3.9. For $n \geq 10$,

$$rn(WH_n) \leq 4n + 7.$$

Proof. We provide a radio labeling f of WH_n for $n \geq 10$. The span of this labeling will provide an upper bound for the radio number of WH_n . Starting with any copy of the Wheel subgraph of WH_n . Radio labeling $f: V(WH_n) \rightarrow Z^+$ is defined as follows:

When n is even:

$$\begin{aligned} p(v_2) &= 1, & p(v_3) &= 9, & p(v_n) &= 5, & p(v_1) &= 2n + 7, \\ p(u_2) &= 2, & p(u_3) &= 8, & p(u_4) &= 16, & p(u_1) &= 21, & p(u_n) &= 12, \\ p(v_{2i+2}) &= 15 + 4(i-1), & & & & & \text{for } & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{2}, \\ p(v_{2i+3}) &= (2n + 11) + 4(i-1), & & & & & \text{for } & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{2}, \\ p(u_{2i+3}) &= 25 + 4(i-1), & & & & & \text{for } & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{2}, \\ p(u_{2i+4}) &= (2n + 17) + 4(i-1), & & & & & \text{for } & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-6}{2}, \\ p(z_1) &= 4n + 4, \\ p(z_2) &= 4n + 7. \end{aligned}$$

When n is odd:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(v_2) &= 1, & p(v_3) &= 9, & p(v_n) &= 5, & p(v_1) &= 2n + 9, \\
 p(u_2) &= 2, & p(u_3) &= 8, & p(u_4) &= 16, & p(u_1) &= 21, & p(u_n) &= 12, \\
 p(v_{2i+2}) &= 15 + 4(i - 1), & & & & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2}, \\
 p(v_{2i+3}) &= (2n + 13) + 4(i - 1), & & & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-5}{2}, \\
 p(u_{2i+3}) &= 25 + 4(i - 1), & & & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-5}{2}, \\
 p(u_{2i+4}) &= (2n + 15) + 4(i - 1), & & & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-5}{2}, \\
 p(z_1) &= 4n + 4, \\
 p(z_2) &= 4n + 7.
 \end{aligned}$$

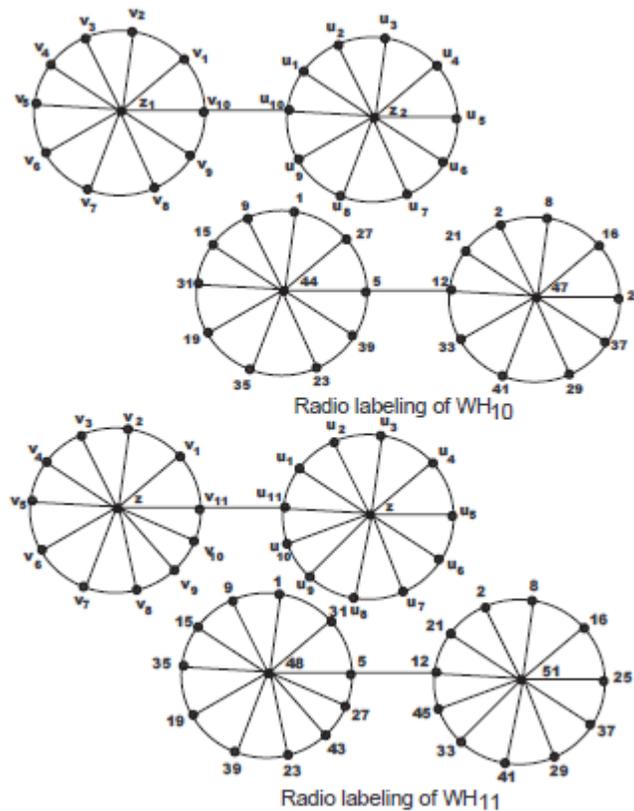


Figure 4

Examples of radio labeling (as defined in Theorem 3.9) for $n = 10$ and $n = 11$ are shown in Figure 4.

Claim: The labeling f is a valid radio labeling i.e. the radio condition

$$d(u, v) + |f(u) - f(v)| \geq 1 + \text{diam}(WH_n) \geq 6$$

must hold for all distinct pairs of vertices of WH_n . We will discuss two cases for n .

When n is even:

Case 1: In this case we consider the pairs of vertices (v_i, v_j) , (u_i, u_j) , where $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Consider the pair (v_i, v_j) . As $d(v_i, v_j) \leq 2$ and $f(v_i) \in \{1, 5, 9, 15, 19, \dots, 2n+3, 2n+7, 2n+11, \dots, 4n-1\}$. The possible label difference for each pair will satisfy $|f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 4$. So, the radiocondition becomes

$$d(v_i, v_j) + |f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 2 + 4, \text{ or } d(v_i, v_j) + |f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 6.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied. Similarly we can check the radio condition for the pair of vertices (u_i, u_j) .

Case 2: In this case we consider the pairs of vertices (z_1, z_2) , (z_1, v_i) , (z_1, u_i) , (z_2, v_i) and (z_2, u_i) , where $1 \leq i \leq n$. we will check the radio condition for (z_1, z_2) , (z_1, v_i) and (z_1, u_i) .

Subcase 2.1: Consider the pair (z_1, z_2) . Since $d(z_1, z_2) = 3$, the radio condition becomes

$$d(z_1, z_2) + |f(z_1) - f(z_2)| = 3 + |4n + 4 - 4n - 7| = 6.$$

Subcase 2.2: Consider the pair (z_1, v_i) , where $z_1 = v_i$. As $d(z_1, v_i) = 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Since $f(v_i) \in \{1, 5, 9, 15, 19, \dots, 2n+3, 2n+7, 2n+11, \dots, 4n-1\}$ and $f(z_1) = 4n + 4$. So, the radio condition becomes

$$d(z_1, v_i) + |f(z_1) - f(v_i)| \geq 1 + |4n + 4 - 4n + 1|, \text{ or } d(z_1, v_i) + |f(z_1) - f(v_i)| \geq 6.$$

Subcase 2.3: Consider the pair (z_1, u_i) , where $z_1 = u_i$. As $d(z_1, u_i) \leq 4$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Since $f(u_i) \in \{2, 8, 12, 16, 21, 25, \dots, 2n+13, 2n+17, \dots, 4n+1\}$ and $f(z_1) = 4n + 4$. So, the radio condition becomes

$$d(z_1, u_i) + |f(z_1) - f(u_i)| \geq 4 + |4n + 4 - 4n - 1|, \text{ or } d(z_1, u_i) + |f(z_1) - f(u_i)| \geq 7, \\ \text{or } d(z_1, u_i) + |f(z_1) - f(u_i)| \geq 6.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied in subcase 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. Similarly we can check the radio condition for the pairs of vertices (z_2, v_i) and (z_2, u_i) .

Case 3: Finally, consider (v_i, u_j) , where $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. As $d(v_i, u_j) \leq 5$ we have $f(v_i) \in \{1, 5, 9, 15, 19, \dots, 2n+3, 2n+7, 2n+11, \dots, 4n-1\}$ and $f(u_j) \in \{2, 8, 12, 16, 21, 25, \dots, 2n+13, 2n+17, \dots, 4n+1\}$. The label difference for each pair will satisfy $|f(v_i) - f(u_j)| \geq 1$. So, the radio condition becomes

$$d(v_i, u_j) + |f(v_i) - f(u_j)| \geq 5 + 1 = 6.$$

When n is odd:

Case 1:In this case we consider the pairs of vertices (v_i, v_j) and (u_i, u_j) , where $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Consider the pair (v_i, v_j) , where $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. As $d(v_i, v_j) \leq 2$ and $f(v_i) \in \{1, 5, 9, 13, 17, \dots, 2n+5, 2n+9, 2n+13, \dots, 4n-1\}$. The possible label difference for each pair will satisfy $|f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 4$. So, the radio condition becomes

$$d(v_i, v_j) + |f(v_i) - f(v_j)| \geq 2 + 4 = 6.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied in this case. Similarly we can check the radio condition for the pair of vertices (u_i, u_j) for $1 \leq i, j \leq n$.

Case 2:In this case we consider the pairs of vertices (z_1, z_2) , (z_1, v_i) , (z_1, u_i) , (z_2, v_i) and (z_2, u_i) , where $1 \leq i \leq n$. We will check the radiocondition for (z_1, z_2) , (z_1, v_i) and (z_1, u_i) .

Subcase 2.1:Consider the pair (z_1, z_2) . Since $f(z_1) = 4n + 4$, $f(z_2) = 4n + 7$ and $d(z_1, z_2) = 3$. So, the radio condition becomes

$$d(z_1, z_2) + |f(z_1) - f(z_2)| = 3 + |4n + 4 - 4n - 7| = 6.$$

Subcase 2.2:Consider the pair (z_1, v_i) , where $z_1 = v_i$. As $d(z_1, v_i) = 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Since $f(v_i) \in \{1, 5, 9, 13, 17, \dots, 2n+5, 2n+9, 2n+13, \dots, 4n-1\}$ and $f(z_1) = 4n + 4$. So, the radio condition becomes

$$d(z_1, v_i) + |f(z_1) - f(v_i)| \geq 1 + |4n + 4 - 4n + 1|, \text{ or } d(z_1, v_i) + |f(z_1) - f(v_i)| \geq 1 + 5, \text{ or } d(z_1, v_i) + |f(z_1) - f(v_i)| \geq 6.$$

Subcase 2.3:Consider the pair (z_1, u_i) , where $z_1 = u_i$. As $d(z_1, u_i) \leq 4$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Since $f(u_i) \in \{2, 8, 12, 16, 20, \dots, 2n+11, 2n+15, \dots, 4n+1\}$ and $f(z_1) = 4n + 4$. So, the radio condition becomes

$$d(z_1, u_i) + |f(z_1) - f(u_i)| \geq 4 + |4n + 4 - 4n - 1|, \text{ or } d(z_1, u_i) + |f(z_1) - f(u_i)| \geq 7, \text{ or } d(z_1, u_i) + |f(z_1) - f(u_i)| \geq 6.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied in subcase 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. Similarly we can check the radio condition for the pairs of vertices (z_2, v_i) and (z_2, u_i) .

Case 3:Finally, consider (v_i, u_j) for $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. As $d(v_i, u_j) \leq 5$. We have $f(v_i) \in \{1, 5, 9, 13, 17, \dots, 2n + 5, 2n + 9, 2n + 13, \dots, 4n - 1\}$ and $f(u_j) \in \{2, 8, 12, 16, 20, \dots, 2n + 11, 2n + 15, \dots, 4n + 1\}$. The possible difference of labels for each pair will satisfy $|f(v_i) - f(u_j)| \geq 1$. The radiocondition becomes

$$d(v_i, u_j) + |f(v_i) - f(u_j)| \geq 5 + 1, \text{ or } d(v_i, u_j) - |f(v_i) - f(u_j)| \geq 6.$$

Hence, the radio condition is satisfied in this case.

These three cases (for n is even and odd) establish the claim that f is a valid radio labeling of WH_n . Thus, $rn(WH_n) \leq span(f) = 4n + 7$.

Note: For $n = 3$, diameter of WH_3 is 3. It is easy to find that the radio number of WH_3 is 12. For $4 \leq n \leq 9$, the $rn(WH_n)$ cannot be found using the above procedure. It is easy to see that for $3 \leq n \leq 9$, we have

Theorem 3.10. For $n \geq 10$ the radio number of Joint Wheel graph (WH_n) is

$$rn(WH_n) = 4n + 7.$$

Proof. Follows from Theorem 3.8 and Theorem 3.9.

Open problem: Investigate the $rn(FW_n^k)$ when the copies of Wheel graph has different number of vertices.

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