

## ON EDGE IRREGULARITY STRENGTH OF TOEPLITZ GRAPHS

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*An edge irregular  $k$ -labeling of a graph  $G$  is a labeling of the vertices of  $G$  with labels from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  in such a way that for any two different edges  $xy$  and  $x'y'$  their weights  $w(xy)$  and  $w(x'y')$  are distinct. The weight  $w(xy)$  of an edge  $xy$  in  $G$  is the sum of the labels of the end vertices  $x$  and  $y$ . The minimum  $k$  for which the graph  $G$  has an edge irregular  $k$ -labeling is called the edge irregularity strength of  $G$ , denoted by  $es(G)$ .*

*In this paper, we study the edge irregular  $k$ -labeling for Toeplitz graphs and determine the exact value for several classes of Toeplitz graphs.*

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a connected, simple and undirected graph with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E$ . By a *labeling* we mean any mapping that maps a set of graph elements to a set of numbers (usually positive integers), called *labels*. If the domain is the vertex-set or the edge-set, the labelings are called respectively *vertex labelings* or *edge labelings*. If the domain is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  then we call the labeling *total labeling*. Thus, for an edge  $k$ -labeling  $\delta : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  the associated weight of a vertex  $x \in V(G)$  is

$$w_\delta(x) = \sum \delta(xy),$$

where the sum is over all vertices  $y$  adjacent to  $x$ .

Chartrand *et al.* in [10] introduced edge  $k$ -labeling  $\delta$  of a graph  $G$  such that  $w_\delta(x) \neq w_\delta(y)$  for all vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$  with  $x \neq y$ . Such labelings were called *irregular assignments* and the *irregularity strength*  $s(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is known as the minimum  $k$  for which  $G$  has an irregular assignment using labels at most  $k$ . The irregularity strength  $s(G)$  can be interpreted as the

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smallest integer  $k$  for which  $G$  can be turned into a multigraph  $G'$  by replacing each edge by a set of at most  $k$  parallel edges, such that the degrees of the vertices in  $G'$  are all different. This parameter has attracted much attention [5, 6, 9, 16].

Motivated by these papers, Ahmad *et al.* in [1] started to investigate an *edge irregularity strength*. A vertex  $k$ -labeling  $\phi : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is called an *edge irregular  $k$ -labeling* of the graph  $G$  if for every two different edges  $xy$  and  $x'y'$  there is  $w_\phi(xy) \neq w_\phi(x'y')$ , where the weight of an edge  $xy \in E(G)$  is  $w_\phi(xy) = \phi(x) + \phi(y)$ . The minimum  $k$  for which the graph  $G$  has an edge irregular  $k$ -labeling is called the *edge irregularity strength* of  $G$ , denoted by  $es(G)$ . The notion of the edge irregularity strength was defined in [1]. There is estimated the lower bound of the edge irregularity strength as follows

**Theorem 1.1.** [1] *Let  $G$  be a simple graph with maximum degree  $\Delta = \Delta(G)$ . Then  $es(G) \geq \max \{ \lceil (|E(G)| + 1)/2 \rceil, \Delta(G) \}$ .*

In [1] it is proved that for path  $P_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $es(P_n) = \lceil n/2 \rceil$ , for star  $K_{1,n}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $es(K_{1,n}) = n$ , for double star  $S_{m,n}$ ,  $3 \leq m \leq n$ ,  $es(S_{m,n}) = n$  and for Cartesian product of two paths  $P_n$  and  $P_m$ ,  $m, n \geq 2$ ,  $es(P_n \square P_m) = \lceil (2mn - m - n + 1)/2 \rceil$ . Al-Mushayt [4] determined the edge irregularity strength of products of certain families of graphs with path  $P_2$ .

## 2. Toeplitz graph

A simple undirected graph  $T$  of order  $p$  is called *Toeplitz graph* if its adjacency matrix  $A(T)$  is Toeplitz. A *Toeplitz matrix*  $A(T) = (a_{i,j})$ , is a  $(p \times p)$  symmetric matrix which has constant values along all diagonals parallel to the main diagonal, i.e.  $a_{i,j} = a_{i+1,j+1}$  for each  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ . The  $p$  distinct diagonals of a  $(p \times p)$  symmetric Toeplitz adjacency matrix will be labeled  $0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ . Diagonal 0 is the main diagonal and it contains only zeros, i.e.  $a_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$  so that there are no loops in the Toeplitz graph. A Toeplitz graph  $T$  is uniquely defined by the first row of  $A(T)$ , a  $(0-1)$ -sequence. Let  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_s$  be the diagonals containing ones,  $0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_s < p$ . Then, the corresponding Toeplitz graph will be denoted by  $T_p \langle t_1, \dots, t_s \rangle$ . That is,  $T_p \langle t_1, \dots, t_s \rangle$  is the graph with the vertex set  $V(T) = \{v_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$  in which two vertices  $u, v$  of  $T$  being connected by an edge if and only if  $|u - v| \in \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_s\}$ . If  $t_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , is the diagonal containing ones then the diagonal elements  $a_{i,t_j+i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p - t_j$ , determine edges  $v_i v_{t_j+i}$  in the Toeplitz graph. Thus the edge set is  $E(T) = \bigcup_{j=1}^s \{v_i v_{t_j+i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, p - t_j\}$ ,  $|V(T)| = p$  and  $|E(T)| = ps - \sum_{j=1}^s t_j$ .

Toeplitz graphs have been introduced by Sierksma and first been investigated by van Dal et al. [11] with respect to their hamiltonicity. Later

Heuberger [18] has extended this study in 2002. The properties of Toeplitz graphs; such as bipartiteness, planarity and colourability, have been studied in [12, 13, 14, 15]. For more recent works on Toeplitz graphs see [8, 21, 22, 25]. A Toeplitz graph is not necessarily connected, see Figure 1.

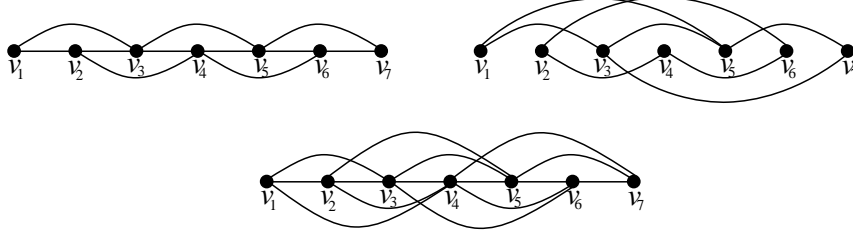


FIGURE 1. Toeplitz graphs  $T_7\langle 1, 2 \rangle$ ,  $T_7\langle 2, 4 \rangle$  and  $T_7\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$

The following result proved by van Dal et al. [11], provides a lower bound on the number of components of a Toeplitz graph.

**Theorem 2.1.** [11]  $T_p\langle t_1, \dots, t_s \rangle$  has at least  $\gcd(t_1, \dots, t_s)$  components.

In the paper we investigate the existence of the edge irregularity strength for Toeplitz graphs.

### 3. Results

Next theorem gives the exact value of the edge irregularity strength of Toeplitz graph  $T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle$  which is bigger than the lower bound in Theorem 1.1.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle$  be a Toeplitz graph on  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle) = n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle$  be a Toeplitz graph with the vertex set  $V(T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle) = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and the edge set  $E(T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle) = \{v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+2} : 1 \leq i \leq n-2\}$ . According to Theorem 1.1 we have that  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle) \geq n-1$ . Since every two adjacent vertices in  $T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle$  are a part of complete graph  $K_3$ , therefore under every edge irregular labeling the smallest edge weight has to be at least 3 and the largest edge weight has to be at least  $2n+2-t_1-t_2=2n-1$ . Since the edge weight  $2n-1$  is the sum of two labels, so at least one label is at least  $\lceil (2n-1)/2 \rceil = n$ . Therefore  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle) \geq n$ . To prove the equality, it suffices to prove the existence of an optimal edge irregular  $n$ -labeling.

Let  $\phi_1 : V(T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be the vertex labeling such that

$$\phi_1(v_i) = i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Since  $w_{\phi_1}(v_i v_{i+1}) = \phi_1(v_i) + \phi_1(v_{i+1}) = 2i+1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $w_{\phi_1}(v_i v_{i+2}) = \phi_1(v_i) + \phi_1(v_{i+2}) = 2i+2$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n-2$ , so the edge weights are distinct for all pairs of distinct edges. Thus, the vertex labeling  $\phi_1$  is an optimal edge irregular  $n$ -labeling. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Next theorem proves that the lower bound in Theorem 1.1 is tight.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle$  be a Toeplitz graph on  $n \geq 4$  vertices. Then  $es(T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle) = n - 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle$  be a Toeplitz graph with the vertex set  $V(T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle) = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and the edge set  $E(T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle) = \{v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+3} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 3\}$ . According to Theorem 1.1 we have that  $es(T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle) \geq \lceil (2n + 1 - 4)/2 \rceil = n - 1$ . For the converse, we define a suitable edge irregular labeling  $\phi_2 : V(T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$  in the following way

For  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$$\phi_2(v_i) = \begin{cases} i, & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 1 \leq i < n - 1 \\ i - 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ i - 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 \\ i, & \text{if } i = n - 1 \\ i - 2, & \text{if } i = n \end{cases}$$

For  $n \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$

$$\phi_2(v_i) = \begin{cases} i, & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ i - 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

The edge weights are as follows

If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$$w_{\phi_2}(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2i, & \text{if } i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 1 \leq i < n - 2 \\ 2i - 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 1 \leq i < n - 2 \\ 2i, & \text{if } i = n - 2 \\ 2i - 1, & \text{if } i = n - 1 \end{cases}$$

If  $n \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$

$$w_{\phi_2}(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2i, & \text{if } i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \\ 2i - 1, & \text{if } i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$$w_{\phi_2}(v_i v_{i+3}) = \begin{cases} 2i+2, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4} \text{ and } i < n-4 \\ 2i+1, & \text{if } i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2i+3, & \text{if } i = n-4 \\ 2i, & \text{if } i = n-3 \end{cases}$$

If  $n \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$

$$w_{\phi_2}(v_i v_{i+3}) = \begin{cases} 2i+2, & \text{if } i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4} \\ 2i+1, & \text{if } i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Since, the edge weights are distinct for all pairs of distinct edges, the vertex labeling  $\phi_2$  is a suitable edge irregular  $(n-1)$ -labeling. Hence, we have  $es(T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle) = n-1$ .  $\square$

Next theorem gives the exact value of the edge irregularity strength for  $T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle$  and show that this value is bigger than the lower bound in Theorem 1.1.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle$ ,  $n \geq 5$ , be a Toeplitz graph. Then  $es(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle) = n-1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle$  be a Toeplitz graph with the vertex set  $V(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle) = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and the edge set  $E(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle) = \{v_i v_{i+2} : 1 \leq i \leq n-2\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+4} : 1 \leq i \leq n-4\}$ . Let  $\phi_3 : V(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  be the vertex labeling such that

$$\phi_3(v_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i+1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ \lceil \frac{n+i-2}{2} \rceil, & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

The edge weights are as follows:

$$w_{\phi_3}(v_i v_{i+2}) = \begin{cases} i+2, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ n+i-1, & \text{if } i \text{ and } n \text{ are even} \\ n+i, & \text{if } i \text{ is even and } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$w_{\phi_3}(v_i v_{i+4}) = \begin{cases} i+3, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ n+i, & \text{if } i \text{ and } n \text{ are even} \\ n+i+1, & \text{if } i \text{ is even and } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

We can see that all vertex labels are at most  $n-1$ . The edge weights under the labeling  $\phi_3$  successively attain values  $3, 4, \dots, n-1, n, n+2, n+3, \dots, 2n-3$  for  $n$  odd and  $3, 4, \dots, n-2, n-1, n+1, n+2, \dots, 2n-3$  for  $n$  even. Thus the edge weights are distinct for all pairs of distinct edges and the labeling  $\phi_3$  provides the upper bound on  $es(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle)$ , i.e  $es(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle) \leq n-1$ .

Since every edge of  $T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle$  belongs to  $K_3$ , then under every edge irregular labeling the smallest possible edge weight is obtain as sum of the vertex labels 1 and 2. Then the largest edge weight has to be at least  $|E(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle)| + 2 = 2n - 4$  and obtained as the sum of different vertex labels. Thus the largest edge weight is at least  $2n - 3$  and  $es(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle) \geq \lceil (2n - 3)/2 \rceil = n - 1$ . This provides the lower bound on  $es(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle)$ . Combining with previous upper bound, we get that  $es(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle) = n - 1$ .  $\square$

The following theorem gives the exact value of the edge irregularity strength for Toeplitz graph  $T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  for  $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , be a Toeplitz graph. Then*

$$es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) = \begin{cases} \frac{3n}{2} - 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{3n-3}{2}, & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $V(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertex set and  $E(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) = \{v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+2} : 1 \leq i \leq n-2\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+3} : 1 \leq i \leq n-3\}$  be the edge set of  $T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  with  $|E(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle)| = 3n - 6$ . According to Theorem 1.1 we have  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) \geq \max\{\lceil (3n-4)/2 \rceil, 6\} = \lceil (3n-4)/2 \rceil$ . Since every four consecutive vertices in  $T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  form a complete graph  $K_4$ , therefore under every edge irregular labeling no couple of adjacent vertices can be assigned by the same label. This implies that the smallest edge weight 2 is not possible. So if the smallest edge weight is 3 then the largest edge weight is at least  $3n - 4$ . Since each edge weight is a sum of two labels, at least one label is at least  $\lceil (3n-4)/2 \rceil$ . Thus for  $n = 4t + 3$ ,  $t \geq 1$ , we have

$$es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) \geq \left\lceil \frac{3n-4}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil 6k + 2 + \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil = \frac{3n-3}{2}. \quad (1)$$

For  $n$  even the edge weight  $3n - 4$  is the sum of two the same labels  $3n/2 - 2$  assigned to the adjacent vertices. Since it is not possible, then one label from the sum  $3n - 4$  has to be at least  $\lceil (3n-3)/2 \rceil$ . Hence we have

$$es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) \geq \left\lceil \frac{3n-3}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil = \frac{3n}{2} - 1. \quad (2)$$

For the converse, we define the vertex labeling  $\phi_4$  as follows:

$$\phi_4(v_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{3i-2}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{3i-1}{2}, & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{3i-3}{2}, & \text{if } i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Observe that under the vertex labeling  $\phi_4$  all vertex labels are at most  $3n/2 - 1$  for  $n$  even and  $(3n-3)/2$  for  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . For  $n \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4}$  the edge weights successively attain values  $3, 4, \dots, 3n-4$  and for  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  the edges receive the weights  $3, 4, \dots, 3n-6, 3n-5, 3n-3$ . It means that the edge weights are distinct for all pairs of distinct edges and the labeling  $\phi_4$  is a

suitable edge irregular  $(3n/2 - 1)$ -labeling, respectively  $((3n - 3)/2)$ -labeling. Thus the labeling  $\phi_4$  provides the upper bound on  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle)$ . Combining with the lower bounds given by (1) and (2), produces the desired result.  $\square$

The following theorem gives the upper bound of the edge irregularity strength for Toeplitz graph  $T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  for  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ , be a Toeplitz graph for  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 5$ . Then*

$$es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) \leq \frac{3n - 1}{2}.$$

*Proof.* In view that  $(3n - 1)/2$  is an upper bound on the edge irregularity strength of graph  $T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  it suffices to prove the existence of a vertex labeling  $\phi_5 : V(T_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, (3n - 1)/2\}$  with edge irregular properties. Define the vertex labels as follows:

$$\phi_5(v_i) = \phi_4(v_i) \text{ for } v_i \in V(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle).$$

It is a routine matter to verify that all vertex labels are at most  $(3n - 1)/2$  and the edge weights form the set of different integers, namely  $\{3, 4, \dots, 3n - 6, 3n - 5, 3n - 3\}$ . Thus the labeling  $\phi_5$  is desired edge irregular  $((3n - 1)/2)$ -labeling.  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper we delt the existence of the edge irregularity strength for Toeplitz graphs. We determined the exact values of the edge irregularity strength of Toeplitz graphs  $T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle$ ,  $T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle$  and  $T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle$ , namely we proved that  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2 \rangle) = n$ ,  $es(T_n\langle 1, 3 \rangle) = es(T_n\langle 2, 4 \rangle) = n - 1$ . Moreover we proved that  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) = 3n/2 - 1$  for  $n$  even and  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) = (3n - 3)/2$  for  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . For  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  we showed that  $es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) \leq (3n - 1)/2$ . We believe that this upper bound is the exact value therefore we propose the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 1.** *Let  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 5$ . Then*

$$es(T_n\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) = (3n - 1)/2.$$

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