# **ON REVERSE SUPER EDGE-MAGIC n-STARS**

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## ABSTRACT

**A** (V, E) graph G is reverse edge-magic if there exists a bijection  $f: V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, v+\varepsilon\}$  such that  $\forall e = (u, v) \in E$ ,  $f(e) - \{f(u) + f(v)\} = constant$ . A reverse edge-magic graph is a reverse super edge-magic if  $f(V(G)) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, v+\varepsilon\}$  and  $f(E(G)) = \{V+1, V+2, V+3, \dots, V+\varepsilon\}$ . For  $n \ge 2$ , let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  be a sequence of increasing non-negative integers. A n- star  $St(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$  is a disjoint union of n-stars  $St(a_1)$ ,  $St(a_2)$ ,  $\dots, St(a_n)$ . In this paper, we investigate several classes of n-stars that are reverse super edge-magic.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we consider graphs with no loops or multiple edges. For undefined concepts we refer the reader to [1]. A (V,E) – graph G is with v vertices and  $\varepsilon$  edges is called reverse edge- magic if there is a bijection  $f : V \cup E \rightarrow \{1,2,3,\ldots,v+\varepsilon\}$  such that f(e)- { f(u) + f(v)}= constant. A reverse edge- magic graph is a reverse super edge- magic graph if f(V(G))= {1,2,3,..., v} and f(E(G))= { $v+1,v+2,v+3,\ldots,v+\varepsilon$ }. This concept of reverse super edge-magic graphs was introduced by Venkata Ramana *et al.* in 2007 [4]. An example of unicyclic graph with 6 vertices and its reverse super edge-magic labeling is shown in Fig 1.



The original concept of reverse super edge-magic graph is due to Venkata ramana *et.al* [4]. They called it reverse super edge-magic graph. They proved the following results:

(1). If a non trivial graph G is reverse super edge-magic, then  $|E(G)| \le 2 |V(G)| - 3$ 

(2). A cycle Cn is reverse super edge-magic if and only if n is odd.

(3). A complete bipartite graph Km, n is reverse super edge-magic if and only if m=1 or n=1.

(4). The fan  $f_n = P_n + K_1$  is reverse super edge-magic if and only if  $1 \le n \le 6$ .

(5). The ladder  $L_n \cong P_n \times P_2$  is reverse super edge-magic where n is odd.

(6). The generalized prism  $\text{Cm} \times \text{Pn}$  is reverse super edge-magic if m is odd and  $n \ge 2$ 

(7). Let G = (n, 2)-kite. The graph G is reverse super edge-magic if and only if n is even.

(8). Let  $G = K_2 U C_n$ . The graph G is reverse super edge-magic if n is even  $(n \neq 10)$ .

For  $n \ge 2$ , let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_n$  be a sequence of increasing non-negative integers. We will use  $St(a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_n)$  to denote a n-Star, which is a disjoint union of n-stars  $K(1, a_1)$ ,  $K(1, a_2)$ ,..., $K(1, a_n)$ . The graph  $St(a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_n)$  is shown in Figure 2.

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# 2. REVERSE SUPER EDGE-MAGIC 2-STARS

By applying the result of Venkata Ramana et al. several classes of n-stars are shown to be reverse super edge-magic.

**Theorem 1:** The 2-star St(n,n+1) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 1$ .

**Proof:** We will give two different reverse super edge-magic labelings for St(n,n+1).

Method 1: We label the vertices by

$f(x_{1,j}) = 3 + 2j,  1 \le j \le n,$	$f(c_1) = 1$
$f(x_{2,j}) = 2j,  1 \le j \le n+1,$	$f(c_2) = 3.$

Then we see that the edges in K(1,n) has labels  $\{2n+5,2n+7,\ldots,4n+3\}$  and the edges in K(1,n+1) has labels  $\{2n+4,2n+6,\ldots,4n+4\}$ . Thus St(n,n+1) is reverse super edge-magic with reverse edge-magic number 2n-1.

Method-2:	We label the vertices by	
	$g(x_{1,j}) = 2j-1,  1 \le j \le n,$	$g(c_1) = 2n+3$
	$g(x_{2,j}) = 2j,  1 \le j \le n+1,$	$g(c_2) = 2n+1.$

Then we see that the edges in K(1,n) has labels  $\{2n+5,2n+7,\ldots,4n+3\}$  and the edges in K(1,n+1) has labels  $\{2n+4,2n+6,\ldots,4n+4\}$ . Thus St(n,n+1) is reverse super edge-magic with reverse edge-magic number 1.

**Example 1:** Reverse super edge – magic labelings for 2-stars St(1,2), St(2,3) and St(3,4) using the above two different methods.





**Theorem 2:** The 2-star St(m,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{m+1}$ .

**Proof:** Assume n = (m+1)k. The 2- star St(m,(m+1)k) has (m+1)(k+1) + 1 vertices. We define a labeling  $f: V(St(m.(m+1)k)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, ..., (m+1)(k+1)+1\}$  as follows.  $f(c_1) = (m+1)(k+1)+1$  $f(c_2) = (m+1)(k+1) - k$  $f(x_{1,i}) = 1 + (j-1)(k+1), 1 \le j \le m.$  $f(x2,i) = 1+i, 1 \le i \le k;$  $f(x2,i) = i + 2, k + 1 \le i \le 2k.$ 

Hence  $f^{\dagger}(E(St(1,2k))) = \{k+5,k+6,k+7,\ldots,2k+6\}$ .

**Corollary 1:** The 2-Star St(1,n) is reverse super edge-magic if n is even.

Example 2: A reverse super edge-magic labeling of the 2-star St(1,n).



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**Corollary 2:** The 2-Star St(2,n) is reverse super edge-magic if n is a multiple of 3.

Example 3: Reverse super edge-magic labeling for 2-star St(2,n), where n=3,6.



#### 3. REVERSE SUPER EDGE-MAGIC 3-STARS

**Theorem 3:** The 3-star St(1,1,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 1$ .

**Proof:** A reverse super edge-magic labeling of St(1,1,n) is given as follows: Define f:V(St(1,1,n))  $\rightarrow$  { 1,2,3,...,n+5} as follows:

f(c1) = 1, f(c2) = 3; f(c3) = 2

 $f(x1,1)=5; f(x2,1)=4; f(x3,i)=5+i, 1 \le i \le n.$ 

It can be easily verified that f induces a reverse super edge-magic labeling.

Example 4: A reverse super edge-magic labeling for 3-star St(1,1,6).



**Theorem 4:** The 3-star St (1, 2, n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof:** A reverse super edge-magic labeling of St(1,2,n) is given in figure 6.



**Theorem 5**: The 3-star St(1,n,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 1$ .

**Proof:** A reverse super edge-magic labeling of St(1,2,n) is given in figure 7.



FIG-7

**Theorem 6:** The 3-star St(2,2,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof:** A reverse super edge-magic labeling of St(2,2,n) is given in figure 8.



FIG-8

**Theorem 7:** The 3-star St(2,3,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 3$ .

**Proof:** A reverse super edge-magic labeling of St(2,3,n) is given in figure 9.



## 4. REVERSE SUPER EDGE-MAGIC 4-STARS

**Theorem 8:** The 4-star St(1,1,2,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof:** A reverse super edge-magic labeling for St(1,1,2,n) for  $n \ge 2$  is shown in figure 10.



**Theorem 9:** The 4-star St(1,1,3,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 3$ .

**Proof:** A reverse super edge-magic labeling for St(1,1,3,n) for  $n \square 3$  is shown in figure 11.



**Theorem 10:** The 4-star St(1,2,2,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof:** A reverse super edge-magic labeling for St(1,2,2,n) for  $n \ge 2$  is shown in Figure 12



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**Theorem 11:** The 4-star St(2,2,2,n) is reverse super edge-magic for all  $n \ge 2$ 

**Proof:** A reverse super edge magic labeling for St(2,2,2,n) for  $n \ge 2$  is shown in figure 13.



We propose the following

# CONJECTURE

Given any odd integer  $n \ge 2$ . Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  be a sequence of increasing non-negative integers. The n-star St( $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ ) is reverse super edge-magic.

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