

Integer-Magic Spectra of Trees with Diameters at most Four

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Abstract

For any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, a graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be \mathbb{Z}_k -magic if there exists a labeling $l : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_k - \{0\}$ such that the induced vertex set labeling $l^+ : V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_k$ defined by

$$l^+(v) = \sum_{u \in N(v)} l(uv)$$

is a constant map. For a given graph G , the set of all $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ for which G is \mathbb{Z}_k -magic is called the integer-magic spectrum of G and is denoted by $IM(G)$. In this paper we will consider trees whose diameters are at most 4 and will determine their integer-magic spectra.

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1 Introduction

For any abelian group A , written additively, any mapping $l : E(G) \rightarrow A - \{0\}$ is called a *labeling*, or edge-labeling. Given an edge-labeling of G one can introduce a vertex labeling $l^+ : V(G) \rightarrow A$ as follows:

$$l^+(v) = \sum_{u \in N(v)} l(uv),$$

where $N(v)$ denotes the set of all vertices of G that are adjacent with v . A graph G is said to be A -magic if there is a labeling $l : E(G) \rightarrow A - \{0\}$ such that for each vertex v , the sum of the labels of the edges incident with v are all equal to the same constant; that is, $l^+(v) = c$ for some fixed $c \in A$. We will call $\langle G, l \rangle$ an A -magic graph with sum c . In general, a graph G may admit more than one labeling to become an A -magic graph; for example, if $|A| > 2$ and $l : E(G) \rightarrow A - \{0\}$ is a magic labeling of G with sum c , then $\lambda : E(G) \rightarrow A - \{0\}$, the inverse labeling of l , defined by $\lambda(uv) = -l(uv)$ will provide another magic labeling of G with sum $-c$.

The original concept of an A -magic graph is due to J. Sedlacek [21, 22], who defined it to be a graph with a real-valued edge labeling such that

1. distinct edges have distinct nonnegative labels; and
2. the sum of the labels of the edges incident to a particular vertex is the same for all vertices.

Given a graph G , the problem of deciding whether G admits a magic labeling is equivalent to the problem of deciding whether a set of linear homogeneous Diophantine equations has a solution [23]. At present, given an abelian group, no general efficient algorithm is known for finding magic labelings for general graphs.

When $A = \mathbb{Z}$, the \mathbb{Z} -magic graphs were considered in Stanley [23, 24], he pointed out that the theory of magic labeling can be put into the more general context of linear homogeneous diophantine equations. When the group is \mathbb{Z}_k , we shall refer to the \mathbb{Z}_k -magic graph as k -magic. Graphs which are k -magic had been studied in [6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18]. For convenience, we will use the notation 1-magic instead of \mathbb{Z} -magic. Doob [2, 3, 4], also considered A -magic graphs where A is an abelian group. He determined which wheels are \mathbb{Z} -magic.

A graph $G = (V, E)$ is called *fully magic* [14, 16] if it is A -magic for every abelian group A , and it is called *non-magic* if for every abelian group A it is not A -magic. Also, a graph G is said to be \mathbb{N} -magic if there exists a labeling $l : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $l^+(v)$ is a constant, for every $v \in V(G)$. It is well-known that a graph G is \mathbb{N} -magic if and only if each edge of G is contained in a 1-factor (a perfect matching) or a $\{1, 2\}$ -factor [11, 20, 29]. Berge [1] called a graph *regularisable* if a regular multigraph could be obtained from G by adding edges parallel to the edges of G . In fact, a graph is regularisable if and only if it is \mathbb{N} -magic. For \mathbb{N} -magic graphs, readers are referred to [7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 27, 24, 25, 26]. The notion of \mathbb{Z} -magic is weaker than \mathbb{N} -magic. Figure 1 shows a graph which is \mathbb{Z} -magic but not \mathbb{N} -magic.

Observation 1.1. *For any $n \geq 3$, the path of order n is non-magic.*

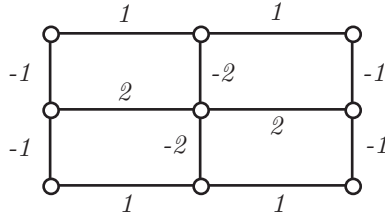


Figure 1: The graph $P_3 \times P_3$ is \mathbb{Z} -magic but is not \mathbb{N} -magic.

Observation 1.2. Any graph with a pendant path of length two is non-magic.

In this paper, we will denote the set of positive integers by \mathbb{N} , and for any $k > 0$,

$$k\mathbb{N} = \{ kn : n \in \mathbb{N} \}, \text{ also } k + \mathbb{N} = \{ k + n : n \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

For a given graph G the set of all positive integers h for which G is \mathbb{Z}_h -magic (or simply h -magic) is called the *integer-magic spectrum* of G and is denoted by $IM(G)$. Since any regular graph is fully magic, then it is h -magic for all positive integers $h \geq 2$; therefore, $IM(G) = \mathbb{N}$. In what follows we will consider trees whose diameters are at most 4 and will determine their integer-magic spectra.

2 Trees with diameters two; Stars

For any $n \geq 1$, the complete bipartite graph $K(1, n)$ is called a *star* and is denoted by $ST(n)$. Note that $K(1, 1)$ is the same as P_2 , the path of order two, and it is fully magic. Also, $K(1, 2)$ is the same as P_3 , the path of order three, which is non-magic. To study the integer-magic spectrum of $ST(n)$ we will assume that $n \geq 3$.

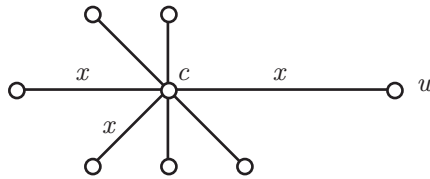


Figure 2: A typical labeling of $ST(n)$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $n \geq 3$, and $p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ be the prime factorization of $n-1$. Then $IM(ST(n)) = \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. In a typical magic labeling of $ST(n)$, as illustrated in the Figure 2, all the edges are labeled with the same element x of the group \mathbb{Z}_h . The required condition is $l^+(c) = l^+(u)$ or

$$(n - 1)x \equiv 0 \pmod{h}. \quad (1)$$

If $\gcd(n - 1, h) = 1$, then Equation (1) will become $x \equiv 0 \pmod{h}$, which is not an acceptable solution. Therefore, we need $\gcd(n - 1, h) = \delta > 1$, which implies $h \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N}$, and Equation (1) will have a non-zero solution for x . On the other hand, let p be a prime factor of $n - 1$ and let $h \in p\mathbb{N}$. Then the choice of $x = \frac{h}{p}$ will work; Because, $l^+(c) = nx = (n - 1)\frac{h}{p} + \frac{h}{p} \equiv \frac{h}{p} \pmod{h}$. \square

Examples 2.2.

(a) $IM(ST(33)) = 2\mathbb{N}$; here $n - 1 = 32 = 2^5$.

(b) $IM(ST(25)) = 2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N}$; here $n - 1 = 24 = 2^3 \times 3$.

(c) $IM(ST(361)) = 2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N} \cup 5\mathbb{N}$; here $n - 1 = 360 = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5$.

3 Trees with diameters three; Double-Stars

Trees with diameter 3 are called double-stars. These graphs have two central vertices u and v plus leaves. We will use $DS(m, n)$ to denote the double-star whose two central vertices have degrees m and n , respectively. By the Observation 1.1, if $m = 2$ or $n = 2$, then $DS(m, n)$ is non-magic, therefore the integer-magic spectrum will be \emptyset . As a result, in what follows, we will assume that $m \geq n \geq 3$. Moreover, being a tree, $DS(m, n)$ is 2-magic if and only if m and n are odd numbers.

Note that in any magic labeling of a graph the end-edges (edges incident with the end-vertices) are labeled with the same element of the group A . Therefore, for any magic labeling of a double star, as illustrated in Figure 3, we use at most two non-zero group elements x and y .

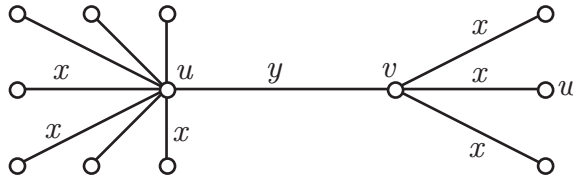


Figure 3: A typical magic labeling of $DS(m, n)$.

In particular, we need to have $l^+(u) = l^+(v)$ and $l^+(v) = l^+(w)$. These equations, when we are using \mathbb{Z}_h will translate to:

$$(m - n)x \equiv 0 \pmod{h}; \quad (2)$$

$$(n - 2)x + y \equiv 0 \pmod{h}. \quad (3)$$

Theorem 3.1. *The graph $DS(m, n)$ is \mathbb{Z} -magic (or 1-magic) if and only if $m = n$.*

Proof. If $DS(m, n)$ is \mathbb{Z} -magic, then Equation (2) would imply that $(m - n)x = 0$. Since x is non-zero, then we will have $m = n$. Conversely, if $m = n$, then the choices of $x = 1$ and $y = 2 - m$ provide a magic labeling with $l^+ \equiv 1$. \square

Theorem 3.2. $IM(DS(m, m)) = \mathbb{N} - \{ h \in \mathbb{N} : h > 1 \ \& \ h|(m - 2) \}$.

Proof. By the Theorem 3.1, $DS(m, m)$ is 1-magic and if $h > m - 2$, then the choices of $x = 1$, $y = h - m + 2$ will work with $l^+ \equiv 1$. Now assume that $1 < h \leq m - 2$. Since $m = n$, Equation (2) holds. It is enough to show that (3) is true. Note that $DS(m, m)$ is h -magic if and only if h is not a divisor of $(m - 2)$. Because, if $h|(m - 2)$, then (3) becomes $y \equiv 0 \pmod{h}$, which is not an acceptable answer. On the other hand, if h does not divide $(m - 2)$, then the choices of $x = 1$, $y = 2 - m \pmod{h}$ will work with $l^+ \equiv 1$. \square

Examples 3.3.

- (a) $IM(DS(3, 3)) = \mathbb{N}$; here $m - 2 = 1$ does not have any divisor bigger than 1. In fact, $DS(3, 3)$ is the only double-star whose integer-magic spectrum is \mathbb{N} .
- (b) $IM(DS(11, 11)) = \mathbb{N} - \{3, 9\}$; here $m - 2 = 9$, and we need to exclude its divisors that are bigger than one: namely, 3, 9.
- (c) $IM(DS(26, 26)) = \mathbb{N} - \{2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24\}$; here $m - 2 = 24$, and we need to exclude its divisors that are bigger than 1.

Theorem 3.4. *Let $p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ and $p_1^{\beta_1} p_2^{\beta_2} \cdots p_k^{\beta_k}$ be the prime factorizations of $m - n$ and $n - 2$, respectively. Then $IM(DS(m, n)) = \cup_{i=1}^k A_i$, where*

$$A_i = \begin{cases} p_i^{1+\beta_i} \mathbb{N} & \text{if } \alpha_i > \beta_i \geq 0; \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \beta_i \geq \alpha_i \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We will prove the statement through four steps.

Step 1. Note that if $m - n = 1$ or $m - n$ be a divisor of $n - 2$ or $m - 2$, then $IM(DS(m, n)) = \emptyset$. Because, $m - n = 1$ will convert Equation (2) to $x = 0$, which is not an acceptable solution. Also, if $m - 2 = q(m - n)$, then Equation (3) becomes $y = -(m - 2)x = -q(m - n)x = 0$, again an unacceptable solution. This is consistent with the statement of the theorem, for in either cases $\beta_i \geq \alpha_i$.

Therefore, we may assume that $m - n > 1$ and that $m - n$ is not a divisor of $n - 2$.

Step 2. Let p be a prime number, $\alpha > \beta$, $p^\alpha | (m - n)$, and $p^\beta | (n - 2)$, but $p^{\beta+1}$ does not divide $(n - 2)$. Then the graph $DS(m, n)$ is $p^{\beta+1}$ -magic. Here, since $m - n \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$, Equation (2) holds. Choose $x = 1$. Note that $y \equiv 2 - n \equiv 2 - m \pmod{p^{\beta+1}}$ is non-zero and these labels work with $l^+ \equiv 1$; $l^+(v) = m - 1 + 2 - n \equiv m - n + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{\beta+1}}$.

Step 3. If the graph $DS(m, n)$ is h -magic, then for every $r \in \mathbb{N}$ the graph is hr -magic. To see this, we simply observe that if x, y are the non-zero labels modulo h , then rx, ry will be non-zero modulo hr and will be valid magic labelings. Combination of these steps shows that the integer-magic spectrum of $DS(m, n)$ contains $p^{\beta+1}\mathbb{N}$.

Step 4. The previous steps show that $\cup_{i=1}^k A_i \subset IM(DS(m, n))$. To show that

$$IM(DS(m, n)) \subset \cup_{i=1}^k A_i,$$

suppose $DS(m, n)$ is h -magic. Then from Equation (3), h does not divide $(n - 2)x$; otherwise, y will be zero. But from Equation (2), $h | (m - n)x$. Therefore, in the prime factorization of h there exists a prime factor p^γ with the property that $p^\gamma | (m - n)x$, while p^γ does not divide $(n - 2)x$. Choose $\beta \geq 0$ such that $p^{\beta+1} | (m - n)$, but $p^{\beta+1}$ does not divide $n - 2$. By step 2, the graph $DS(m, n)$ is $p^{\beta+1}$ -magic, and by step 3, $h \in p^{\beta+1}\mathbb{N}$. This completes the proof of the theorem. □

Corollary 3.5. $IM(DS(m, n)) = \emptyset$ if and only if $(m - n) | (n - 2)$.

Proof. If $IM(DS(m, n)) = \emptyset$, then by 3.4, $\beta_i \geq \alpha_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$) and hence $(m - n) | (n - 2)$. Conversely, if $(m - n)$ divides $n - 2$, then $y \equiv -(n - 2)x \equiv 0$, not an acceptable solution. □

Corollary 3.6. *If $|m - n| = 1$, then $DS(m, n)$ is non-magic.*

Examples 3.7.

(a) $IM(DS(9, 3)) = 2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N}$; here $m - n = 6 = 2 \times 3$, while $n - 2 = 1$.

(b) $IM(DS(6, 4)) = \emptyset$; here $m - n = 2$ is a divisor of $n - 2 = 2$.

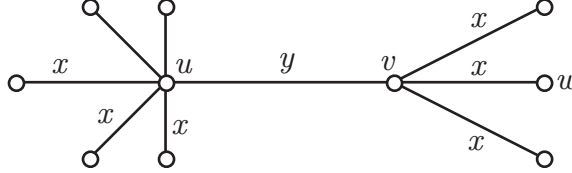


Figure 4: $IM(DS(6, 4)) = \emptyset$.

(c) $IM(DS(28, 4)) = 4\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N}$; here $m - n = 24 = 2^3 \times 3$, while $n - 2 = 2$.

(d) $IM(DS(16, 10)) = 3\mathbb{N}$; here $m - n = 6 = 2 \times 3$, while $n - 2 = 2^3$.

(e) $IM(DS(20, 14)) = \emptyset$; here $m - n = 6$ is a divisor of $n - 2 = 12$.

4 Trees of diameter four

Definition 4.1. A tree of diameter four, denoted by $TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$, consists of n stars $ST(a_1), ST(a_2), \dots, ST(a_n)$ one of their edges is incident with a common vertex. The common vertex will be called the center of the tree and will be denoted by c .

In other words, $TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ is a tree with center-vertex c , in which n edges $\{cu_1, cu_2, \dots, cu_n\}$ are emanated from c , and $\deg(u_i) = a_i$ for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, as illustrated in the Figure 5. In order to have a tree of diameter four, one needs $n \geq 2$ and $a_i \geq 2$ for at least two values of i .

Observation 4.2. *If one of a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n is 2, then $IM(TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) = \emptyset$.*

Observation 4.3. *Let b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n be any permutation of a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n . Then $TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ is isomorphic with $TF(n; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$.*

As a result of these two observations, in any tree $TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ with diameter four, we may assume that $1 < n$, $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n$, and $a_i \neq 2$.

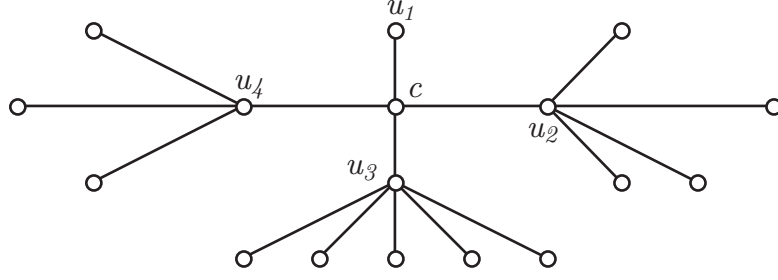


Figure 5: $TF(4; 1, 5, 6, 4)$; An example of a tree of diameter 4.

Theorem 4.4. Suppose $3 \leq m < n$ and let $m + n - 3 = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ be the prime factorization of $m + n - 3$. Then

$$IM(TF(2; m, n)) = \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N} - \{ d \mid d \text{ is a divisor of } m-1, m-2, n-1, \text{ or } n-2 \}.$$

Proof. For any magic labeling of this graph, as illustrated in the Figure 6, one needs two distinct non-zero elements $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_h$.

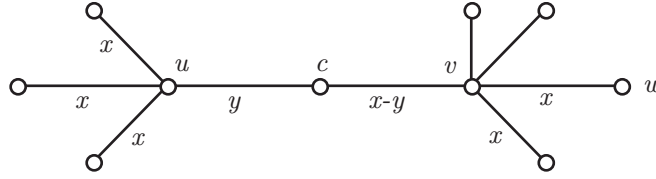


Figure 6: A typical magic labeling of $SF(2; 4, 5)$. Here $x \neq y$.

The condition $l^+(u) = x$ implies

$$(m-1)x + y \equiv x \pmod{h}. \quad (4)$$

Since $x \neq y$, h cannot be a divisor of $m-1$. Also Equation (4) can be written as $y \equiv -(m-2)x \pmod{h}$, which implies that h cannot be a divisor of $m-2$ either. Similarly, from $l^+(v) = x$ we will have

$$(n-1)x + x - y \equiv x \pmod{h}. \quad (5)$$

If we add the two Equations (4) and (5) we get

$$(m+n-3)x \equiv 0 \pmod{h}. \quad (6)$$

This last equation has a non-zero solution for x if and only if $\gcd(m+n-3, h) > 1$; that is, $h \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N}$. \square

Corollary 4.5. Let $m \geq 3$, and $2m - 3 = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ be the prime factorization of $2m - 3$.

Then $IM(TF(2; m, m)) = \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. Here $m = n$ and

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N} \cap \{ d \mid d \text{ is a divisor of } m - 1 \text{ or } m - 2 \} = \emptyset.$$

□

Theorem 4.6. Consider the tree of diameter four $G = TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ ($n \geq 3$), and let $\pm p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ be the prime factorization of $\sigma = 1 - 2n + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$. Then the integer-magic spectrum of $G = TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ is

$$IM(G) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \sigma \mid (a_i - 2) \text{ for some } i > k \\ \mathbb{N} - D & \text{if } \sigma = 0 \\ \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N} - D & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $D = \{ d \mid d \text{ is a divisor of } a_i - 2 \text{ for some } i (k + 1 \leq i \leq n) \}$.

Proof. First, note that if $a_i = 2$ for some i , then G is non-magic, and in this case $\sigma \mid (a_i - 2)$, which is consistent with the statement of the Theorem. Therefore, we may assume that $a_i \neq 2$. Let $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_k = 1$ and $a_i \geq 3$ ($k + 1 \leq i \leq n$).

In labeling of $G = TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$, we will use $x \in \mathbb{Z}_h$ for all the leaves and if $a_i \geq 3$, we will use $y_i \in \mathbb{Z}_h$ to label the edge cu_i (See the Figure 5). The condition $l^+(u_i) = x$ implies $(a_i - 1)x + y_i \equiv x \pmod{h}$ or

$$y_i \equiv -(a_i - 2)x \pmod{h} \quad (k + 1 \leq i \leq n). \quad (7)$$

Since y_i is a non-zero element of the group \mathbb{Z}_h , h cannot be a divisor of $a_i - 2$. Also, the condition $l^+(c) = x$ implies that $kx + y_{k+1} + y_{k+2} + \cdots + y_n \equiv x \pmod{h}$, or

$$\sum_{i=k+1}^n y_i \equiv (1 - k)x \pmod{h}. \quad (8)$$

Now if we add the Equations (7) for $i = k + 1, k + 2, \dots, n$, we will get $\sum_{i=k+1}^n y_i \equiv - \sum_{i=k+1}^n (a_i - 2)x \pmod{h}$, which together with (8) will give us $(1 - 2n + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i)x \equiv 0 \pmod{h}$, or

$$\sigma x \equiv 0 \pmod{h}. \quad (9)$$

Now we will consider the following cases:

Case 1. If for some value of i , $\sigma | (a_i - 2)$, then $a_i - 2 = q\sigma$ and Equation (7) gives us $y_i \equiv -q\sigma x \equiv 0 \pmod{h}$, which is not an acceptable answer. Therefore, $IM(G) = \emptyset$.

Case 2. If $\sigma = 0$, Equation (9) is satisfied for all values of h , and one only needs to exclude divisors of $a_i - 2$ to assure that Equations (7) will provide non-zero solutions for y_i . Therefore, $IM(G) = \mathbb{N} - D$.

Case 3. Suppose $\sigma \neq 0$ and σ is not divisor of any of $a_i - 2$. Then Equation (9) has non-zero solution for x if and only if $\gcd(\sigma, h) > 1$; that is, $h \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N}$. However, we need to exclude divisors of $a_i - 2$ to make sure that Equations (7) will provide non-zero solutions for y_i . Therefore, $IM(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N} - D$.

This complete the proof of the Theorem. □

Corollary 4.7. *With the notation of Theorem 4.6, if $a_1 \geq 3$, then*

$$IM(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N} - \{ d \mid d \text{ is a divisor of } a_i - 2 \ (1 \leq i \leq n) \}.$$

Proof. We observe that if $a_1 \geq 3$, then $\sigma = 1 - 2n + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \geq 1 - 2n + 3(n - 1) + a_i > a_i - 2$. Therefore, $\sigma \neq 0$ and it can not be a divisor of $a_i - 2$. □

Corollary 4.8. *In $TF(n; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ let $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = m \geq 3$; that is choose n copies of $ST(m)$ and identify one of their end vertices. Also let $mn - 2n + 1 = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ be the prime factorization of $mn - 2n + 1$. Then*

$$IM(TF(n; m, m, \dots, m)) = \{ h \mid \gcd(mn - 2n + 1, h) > 1 \} = \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i \mathbb{N}.$$

Examples 4.9.

- (a) $IM(TF(2; 4, 4)) = 5\mathbb{N}$; here $2m - 3 = 5$.
- (b) $IM(TF(2; 6, 17)) = 2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N} - \{2, 4, 5, 8, 15, 16\}$; here $a_1 + a_2 - 3 = 20$, and we need to exclude the divisors of $a_i - 1$, $a_i - 2$.
- (c) $IM(TF(2; 9, 24)) = 2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N} \cup 5\mathbb{N} - \{2, 4, 8, 22\}$; here $a_1 + a_2 - 3 = 30$.
- (d) $IM(TF(3; 5, 5, 5)) = 2\mathbb{N} \cup 5\mathbb{N}$; here $3m - 5 = 10 = 2 \times 5$.
- (e) $IM(TF(3; 3, 5, 9)) = 2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N} - \{3\}$; here $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - 5 = 12$ and 3 is a divisor of $a_2 - 2$.

- (f) $IM(TF(4; 1, 1, 3, 5)) = \emptyset$; here $\sigma = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 - 7 = 3$ and $\sigma = 3$ is a divisor of $a_4 - 2$.
- (g) $IM(TF(6; 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 4)) = \emptyset$; here $\sigma = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6 - 11 = 2$, which is a divisor of $a_6 - 2$.

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