

A TOTAL LABELLINGS OF m TRIANGLES

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Abstract. Assume that we have m triangles. In this paper, we discuss certain labelling of the m triangles called c -Erdősian for some positive integers c . We regard labellings of the vertices of the triangles by positive integers, which induce the edge labels for the triangles as the sum of the two incident vertex labels. They have the property that each vertex label and edge label appears only once in the set of positive integers $\{c, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}$. Here, we show how to construct certain c -Erdősian of m triangles.

1. Introduction

Graph labellings are assignment of integers to the vertices or edges, or both, subject to certain conditions. In 1963, Sedláček [4] introduced magic labellings for graphs. Stewart ([7], [8]) studied various ways to label the edges of a graph. A connected graph is said to be semi-magic if there is a labelling of the edges with integers such that for each vertex v the sum of the labels of all edges incident with v is the same for all v . A semi-magic labelling where the edges are labelled with distinct positive integers is called a magic labelling. Kotzig and Rosa [1] introduced magic labellings of a graph $G(V, E)$ as a bijection f from $V \cup E$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, |V \cup E|\}$ such that for all edges xy , $f(x) + f(y) + f(xy)$ is constant and this type of graph labelling is called edge-magic total labelling. In 1999, MacDougall, Miller, Slamin, and Wallis [2] introduced the notion of a vertex-magic total labelling. For a graph $G(V, E)$ an injective mapping f from $V \cup E$ to the set $\{1, 2, \dots, |V| + |E|\}$ is a vertex-magic total labelling if there is a constant k , called the magic constant, such that for every vertex v , $f(v) + \sum f(vu) = k$ where the sum is over all vertices u adjacent to v .

In this paper, we only consider a graph which consists of m triangles. Let $GT_m = (V_m, E_m)$ be the finite (disconnected) graph with vertex set V of size $|V| = 3m$ and edge set E_m of size $|E_m| = 3m$, consisting of m disjoint triangles K_3 , that is we let $GT_m = m \cdot K_3$. A *total labelling* of the graph GT_m is a positive integer valued function $f : V_m \cup E_m \rightarrow N$. A labelling is said to be *magic* if its range consists of the integers $\{1, 2, \dots, 6m\}$ and it is said to be *c -magic* if its range consists of the integers $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}$, for any positive integer $c > 0$.

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We say that f is a c -Erdősian triangle labelling if it is c -magic and if it has the following property: For any edge $xy \in E_m$, with $x, y \in V_m$ we have

$$f(x) + f(y) = f(xy).$$

For convenience, we say that GT_m is c -Erdősian if it satisfies the conditions above.

If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{3m} is an enumeration of the set of vertices of V , then we see that the values $f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_{3m})$ are a subset of half size of the set of all the integers in $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}$. It is however necessary to point out that these values do not in general consist of the smallest integers, i.e. do not consist of the values $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 3m - 1\}$. For example in the case $m = 1$, the triangle K_3 with the vertices $V_1 = \{x, y, z\}$ and the edges $E_1 = \{xy, xz, yz\}$ is 1-Erdősian with $f(x) = 1, f(y) = 2, f(z) = 4$; and also 2-Erdősian with $f(x) = 2, f(y) = 3, f(z) = 4$. Clearly in the first case we have an edge label smaller than a vertex label, namely $f(xy) = 3 < f(z) = 4$.

Proposition 1. *The cycle K_3 is 1-Erdősian and 2-Erdősian but it is not c -Erdősian for $c \geq 3$.*

Proof. Let x_1, x_2, x_3 is an enumeration of the vertices of K_3 . If X be the sum of the vertex labels, then $X \geq c + (c + 1) + (c + 2) = 3c + 3$. Note that the total sum of all the labels is $3X = c + \dots + (c + 5) = 3(2c + 5)$, and it follows that $X = 2c + 5$. Therefore $2c + 5 \geq 3c + 3$, and hence $c \leq 2$.

Let GT_m consists of m disjoint triangles. Let $D_i = \{a_i, b_i, c_i, a_i + b_i, b_i + c_i, a_i + c_i\}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ be their vertex and edge labels for each triangle. In other word, the system $\{D_1, \dots, D_m\}$ is called c -Erdősian if its range consists of the integers $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}$, for any positive integer $c > 0$. For convenience, the elements of D_i can be represented in the following form of a 2-by-3 array, where the top row indicates the vertex labels and the bottom row shows the edge labels:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a_i & b_i & c_i \\ a_i + b_i & a_i + c_i & b_i + c_i \end{array}$$

We first look at the following necessary condition:

Proposition 2. *If GT_m is c -Erdősian, then $c \leq \frac{3m+1}{2}$.*

Proof. Let D_i be the set of vertex and edge labels for i -th triangle where $D_i = \{a_i, b_i, c_i, a_i + b_i, b_i + c_i, a_i + c_i\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Note that $D_1 \cup \dots \cup D_m = \{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}$ and $c + \dots + (c + 6m - 1) = 6mc + 3m(6m - 1)$. Let TS be the sum of the vertices and BS be the sum of edges. Then, $TS = a_i + b_i + c_i$ and $BS = (a_i + b_i) + (a_i + c_i) + (b_i + c_i) = 2TS$ for all $i = 1, \dots, m$. Note that

$$TS \geq c + (c + 1) + \dots + [c + (3m - 1)] = 3mc + \frac{3m}{2}(3m - 1)$$

and

$$2TS = BS \leq (c + 3m) + \dots + [c + (6m - 1)] = 3mc + \frac{3m}{2}(9m - 1).$$

Then $TS \leq \frac{3mc}{2} + \frac{3m}{4}(9m - 1)$ and it follows that

$$3mc + \frac{3m}{2}(3m - 1) \leq \frac{3mc}{2} + \frac{3m}{4}(9m - 1).$$

Therefore $c \leq \frac{3m+1}{2}$.

Proposition 3. *For all integers $h \geq 0$ and $c = 3h + 2$, there exists a GT_{2h+1} which is c -Erdősian.*

Proof. Let $m = 2h + 1$. Since $h \geq 0$ and $c = 3h + 2$, we have

$$D_1 \cup \dots \cup D_m = \{c, \dots, c + 6m - 1\} = \{3h + 2, \dots, 15h + 7\}.$$

All the integers in the set $\{3h + 2, \dots, 15h + 7\}$ can be partitioned into six intervals of length m each. Note that there exist three permutation vectors of length m , $\pi_1 = (-c + 1, -c + 2, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, c - 2, c - 1)$, $\pi_2 = (c - 1, c - 3, \dots, -c + 1, c - 2, c - 4, \dots, -c + 4, -c + 2)$ and $\pi_3 = (0, 1, \dots, c - 1, -c + 1, -c + 2, \dots, -2, -1)$ which satisfy the equation $\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 = \tilde{0}$. Furthermore $\pi_1 + \pi_2$, $\pi_1 + \pi_3$ and $\pi_2 + \pi_3$ are the permutation vectors which consist of integers from the set $\{-c + 1, -c + 2, \dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, c - 2, c - 1\}$. By using the permutation vectors, we are able to construct a GT_{2h+1} which is c -Erdősian. Note that in this case, we have $\cup_{i=1}^m \{a_i, b_i, c_i\} = \{c, \dots, c + 3m - 1\}$ and $\cup_{i=1}^m \{a_i + b_i, a_i + c_i, b_i + c_i\} = \{c + 3m, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}$.

The following example shows the construction of GT_{2h+1} which is c -Erdősian.

Example 1. If $h = 2$, then $m = 5$ and $c = 8$. Let $\pi_1 = (-2, -1, 0, 1, 2)$, $\pi_2 = (1, 2, -2, -1, 0)$ and $\pi_3 = (1, -1, 2, 0, -2)$. Then we obtain that $\pi_1 + \pi_2 = (-1, 1, -2, 0, 2)$, $\pi_1 + \pi_3 = (-1, -2, 2, 1, 0)$ and $\pi_2 + \pi_3 = (2, 1, 0, -1, -2)$ which are the permutation vectors with the integers $\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$. It is clear that $\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 = \tilde{0}$. All the vertex labels in a triangle will be assigned according to the three permutation vectors above. Let $\pi_i = (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5)$ be the permutation vectors as mentioned above for $i = 1, 2, 3$. One of the vertex labels in the j -th triangle is indicated by the value of p_j for $j = 1, 2, \dots, 5$. We shall assign the integers $\{8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$ as the first vertex labels in the five triangles according to the entries p_j of the permutation vector π_1 . Since $\pi_1 = (-2, -1, 0, 1, 2)$ and the smallest integer in $\{8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$ is 8, 8 is assigned as one of the vertex labels in the first triangle. It follows that 12 is assigned as one of the vertex labels in the fifth triangle since the entries in π_1 is increasing from -2 to 2 . The next five integers for the second vertex labels include $\{13, 14, 15, 16, 17\}$ and we have $\pi_2 = (1, 2, -2, -1, 0)$. Since $p_3 = -2$ in π_2 , we note that the second vertex labels for the third triangle is 13. Hence, the second vertex labels in the fourth triangle is 14, fifth triangle is 15, first triangle is 16 and second triangle is 17, respectively. By using the similar argument, we can assign

the third vertex labels for the five triangles from the set of integers $\{18, 19, 20, 21, 22\}$, according to the entries of π_3 . After we have all the vertex labels, the edge labels can be obtained by summing up the values of the vertex labels. Hence, we have the following 8-Erdősian.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 8 & 16 & 21 \\ 24 & 29 & 37, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 9 & 17 & 19 \\ 26 & 28 & 36, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 10 & 13 & 22 \\ 23 & 32 & 35, \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 11 & 14 & 20 \\ 25 & 31 & 34, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 12 & 15 & 18 \\ 27 & 30 & 33. \end{array}$$

We end the first section by the following straightforward result.

Proposition 4. *If GT_m is 4-Erdősian, then there exists a GT_{m+1} which is 1-Erdősian.*

Proof. Let $D_0 = \{1, 2, 3, 6m + 4, 6m + 5, 6m + 6\}$. Since $D = \{4, 5, \dots, 6m + 3\}$, we obtain a GT_{m+1} which is 1-Erdősian by considering $D_0 \cup D$.

Example 2. Given a GT_7 which is 4-Erdősian as follows:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 17 & 28 & 5 & 15 & 29 & 6 & 13 & 30 & 7 & 11 & 31 \\ 21 & 32 & 45, & 20 & 34 & 44, & 19 & 36 & 43, & 18 & 38 & 42, \\ 8 & 16 & 25 & 9 & 14 & 26 & 10 & 12 & 27 \\ 24 & 33 & 41, & 23 & 35 & 40, & 22 & 37 & 39. \end{array}$$

We can always construct a 2-by-3 array

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 46 & 2 \\ 47 & 3 & 48 \end{array}$$

and hence there exists a GT_8 which is 1-Erdősian.

2. Some Special Classes of Triangle Labellings

We now specify various classes of special c -Erdősian of GT_m . As a standard notation we let the vertex labels be

$$a_i < b_i < c_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Note that the three edge labels then become

$$a_i + b_i < a_i + c_i < b_i + c_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

With this notation we now give a list of several conditions on the various vertex and edge labels.

(i) This condition says that the vertex labels in position a_i form the first run of integers:

$$\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\} = \{c, c + 1, \dots, c + m - 1\}.$$

(ii) This condition says that the vertex labels in position a_i, b_i together form the first two runs of integers:

$$\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\} \cup \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\} = \{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 2m - 1\}.$$

(iii) This condition says that the vertex labels in position a_i, b_i and the edge label in position $a_i + b_i$ form the first three runs of integers:

$$\{a_i, b_i, a_i + b_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} = \{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 3m - 1\}.$$

Proposition 5. *For all $c \geq 1$, there exists a GT_{2c-1} which is c -Erdősian and satisfies the condition (iii).*

Proof. Let π_1 be the identity permutation of integers from $\{-c + 1, \dots, c - 1\}$, i.e., $\pi_1 = (-c + 1, -c + 2, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, c - 2, c - 1)$. Then there exist permutations $\pi_2 = (c - 1, c - 3, \dots, -c + 1, c - 2, c - 4, \dots, -c + 4, -c + 2)$ and $\pi_3 = (0, 1, \dots, c - 1, -c + 1, -c + 2, \dots, -2, -1)$ such that $\pi_1 + \pi_2, \pi_1 + \pi_3$ and $\pi_2 + \pi_3$ are also permutations of integers from $\{-c + 1, \dots, c - 1\}$. Note that

$$(2c - 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2c - 1 & 4c - 2 & 8c - 4 \\ 6c - 3 & 10c - 5 & 12c - 6 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{1.1}$$

Then we obtain the following 2-by-3 array which $e_{(i);j}$ is the element of π_i and $e_{[(i)+(k)];j}$ is the element of $\pi_i + \pi_k$ at the j -th position of the permutation vector, respectively.

$$\begin{matrix} e_{(1);j} & e_{(2);j} & e_{(3);j} \\ e_{[(1)+(2)];j} & e_{[(1)+(3)];j} & e_{[(2)+(3)];j} \end{matrix}, \tag{1.2}$$

$j = 1, \dots, 2c - 1$. By adding each element in respective position in (1.1) and (1.2), we have $D_j = \{e_{(1);j} + (2c - 1), e_{(2);j} + (4c - 2), e_{(3);j} + (8c - 4), e_{[(1)+(2)];j} + (6c - 3), e_{[(1)+(3)];j} + (10c - 5), e_{[(2)+(3)];j} + (12c - 6)\}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2c - 1$. Hence, $\cup_{j=1}^{2c-1} D_j = \{c, c + 1, \dots, 13c - 7\}$.

The following example presents the construction of c -Erdősian m disjoint triangles described in the Proposition 5.

Example 3. If $c = 2$, we have $\pi_1 = (-1, 0, 1)$, $\pi_2 = (1, -1, 0)$ and $\pi_3 = (0, 1, -1)$. Then

$$\begin{matrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & & 0 & -1 & 1 & & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1, & & -1 & 1 & 0, & & 1 & 0 & -1. \end{matrix}$$

Since

$$(2c - 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 12 \\ 9 & 15 & 18 \end{pmatrix},$$

then the 2-Erdősian of GT_3 is as follows:

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & 7 & 12 & & 3 & 5 & 13 & & 4 & 6 & 11 \\ 9 & 14 & 19, & & 8 & 16 & 18, & & 10 & 15 & 17. \end{matrix}$$

We can also formulate the dual conditions to (i) and to (ii), and some other conditions like (v).

(iv) This condition says that the edge labels in position $b_i + c_i$ form the last run of integers:

$$\{b_1 + c_1, b_2 + c_2, \dots, b_m + c_m\} = \{c + 5m, c + 5m + 1, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}.$$

(v) This condition says that the edge labels in position b_i form precisely the second run of integers:

$$\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\} = \{c + m, c + m + 1, \dots, c + 2m - 1\}.$$

Proposition 6. *Assume that GT_m is c -Erdősian that satisfies the condition (ii). Then it also has the properties*

$$\begin{aligned} \{a_i + b_i, c_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} &= \{c + 2m, c + 2m + 1, \dots, c + 4m - 1\} \\ \{a_i + c_i, b_i + c_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} &= \{c + 4m, c + 4m + 1, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular it satisfies property (v).

Proof. Note that $(c+2m) + \dots + (c+4m-1) = m(2c+6m-1)$. Hence $\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i + b_i + c_i) = m(2c + 6m - 1)$, it follows that $\{a_i + b_i, c_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} = \{c + 2m, c + 2m + 1, \dots, c + 4m - 1\}$. Since $(c+4m) + \dots + (c+6m-1) = m(2c+10m-1)$ and $2 \sum_{i=1}^m [(a_i + b_i) + c_i] = 2m(2c + 6m - 1)$, we have $\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i + b_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^m c_i = m(2c + 10m - 1)$.

3. Constant sum of the vertex labels

Proposition 7. *If the sum of the vertex labels over any one triangle is a constant, then*

$$a_i + b_i + c_i = 2c + 6m - 1 \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, m. \tag{1.3}$$

Proof. The constant in (1.3) is obtained by summing over all labels,

$$c + (c + 1) + \dots + (c + 6m - 1) = 6mc + 3m(6m - 1) = 3m(2c + 6m - 1)$$

and then dividing this expression by $3m$, since there are m triangles and each triangle has total sum of labels $3(a_i + b_i + c_i)$.

The following is an example which the sum of the vertex labels over each triangle which is all distinct.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \ 2 \ 15 & 4 \ 5 \ 23 & 6 \ 7 \ 18 \\ 3 \ 16 \ 17, & 9 \ 27 \ 28, & 13 \ 24 \ 25, \\ 8 \ 12 \ 14 & 10 \ 11 \ 19 & \\ 20 \ 22 \ 26, & 21 \ 29 \ 30. & \end{array}$$

To construct our c -Erdősian of m triangles, we will use Skolem and Langford sequences. A *Skolem sequence of order n* is a sequence $S = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{2n})$ of $2n$ integers satisfying the conditions

(S1) for every $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ there exist exactly two elements $s_i, s_j \in S$ such that $s_i = s_j = k$;

(S2) if $s_i = s_j = k$ with $i < j$, then $j - i = k$.

Skolem sequences can also be written as collections of ordered pairs $\{(a_i, b_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n, b_i - a_i = i\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n \{a_i, b_i\} = \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$. A *hooked Skolem sequence of order n* is a sequence $S = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{2n+1})$ of $2n + 1$ integers satisfying the conditions (S1) and (S2) above and

(S3) $s_{2n} = 0$.

Skolem sequences can also be written as collections of ordered pairs $\{(p_i, q_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n, q_i - p_i = i\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n \{p_i, q_i\} = \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$.

A *Langford sequence* of order n and defect d , $n > d$, is a sequence $L = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{2n})$ of $2n$ integers satisfying the conditions

(L1) for every $k \in \{d, d + 1, \dots, d + n - 1\}$ there exist exactly two elements $l_i, l_j \in L$ such that $l_i = l_j = k$, and

(L2) if $l_i = l_j = k$ with $i < j$, then $j - i = k$.

The *hooked Langford* sequences of order n and defect d is a sequence $L = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{2n+1})$ of $2n + 1$ integers satisfying conditions (L1) and (L2) above and

(L3) $l_{2n} = 0$.

Langford sequences are also written as collections of ordered pairs $\{(p_i, q_i) : d \leq i \leq d + n - 1, q_i - p_i = i\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n \{p_i, q_i\} = \{d, d + 1, \dots, d + 2n - 1\}$.

Clearly, a (hooked) Langford sequence with defect 1 is a (hooked) Skolem sequence. It is well-known that a Skolem sequence of order n exists if and only if $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ [6] and a hooked Skolem sequence of order n exists if and only if $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ [3]. The following theorem gives necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of Langford sequences.

Theorem 1. ([5]) *A Langford sequence of order n and defect d exists if and only if*

- (i) $n \geq 2d - 1$, and
- (ii) $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ and d is odd, or $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ and d is even.

A hooked Langford sequence of order n and defect d exists if and only if

- (i) $n(n - 2d + 1) + 2 \geq 0$, and
- (ii) $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ and d is odd, or $n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ and d is even.

The set of positive integers $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 3m - 1\}$ can be decomposed into m disjoint triples of the form $\{a_i, b_i, a_i + b_i\}$ with $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Given a collection of ordered pairs of Langford Sequence of order m , $\{(p_i, q_i) : c \leq i \leq c + m - 1, q_i - p_i = i\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^m \{p_i, q_i\} = \{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 2m - 1\}$. We obtain the following triples $\{(i, p_i + m + 1, q_i + m + 1) : c \leq i \leq c + m - 1, q_i - p_i = i\}$. For example, given a Langford sequence of order 5 and defect 3, $L = (7, 5, 3, 6, 4, 3, 5, 7, 4, 6)$, we obtain the collection of ordered pairs and triples respectively, as follows:

$$\{(3, 6), (5, 9), (2, 7), (4, 10), (1, 8)\};$$

$$\{(3, 10, 13), (4, 12, 16), (5, 9, 14), (6, 11, 17), (7, 8, 15)\}.$$

The hooked Langford sequences is defined similarly.

In the next example, we show how to use the triples that we obtain from Langford sequences to construct m disjoint triangles which is c -Erdősian.

Example 4. Given a Langford sequence of order 3 and defect $c = 2$, $L = (3, 4, 2, 3, 2, 4)$, we rewrite in triples as $\{(2, 7, 9), (3, 5, 8), (4, 6, 10)\}$. The first two integers in each triple are the vertex labels and the third vertex label can be obtained by using Proposition 7. So the 2-Erdősian of GT_3 is clear from the following 2-by-3 arrays:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 7 & 12 \\ 9 & 14 & 19, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 5 & 13 \\ 8 & 16 & 18, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 6 & 11 \\ 10 & 15 & 17. \end{array}$$

We next present a theorem involving the construction of c -Erdősian m disjoint triangles by using the Langford sequences or hooked Langford sequences.

Theorem 2. For $m \equiv 0, 1(4)$ and for any $1 \leq c \leq \frac{m+1}{2}$ the graph GT_m consisting of m disjoint copies of the triangle K_3 is c -Erdősian.

Proof. Let (x_i, y_i) , $i = 1, \dots, m$ be the collection of ordered pairs of Langford sequences (or hooked Langford sequences) where $m \equiv 0, 1(4)$ and it is clear that $\{y_i - x_i : i = 1, \dots, m\} = \{c, \dots, c + m - 1\}$. Let $a_i = y_i - x_i$, $b_i = x_i + m$ and $c_i = 2c + 6m - 1 - (a_i + b_i)$ then the result follows from Theorem 1.

Example 5. From the collection of ordered pairs of hooked Langford sequence $m = 5$ and $c = 2$, i.e.,

$$\{(2, 4), (7, 10), (5, 9), (3, 8), (6, 12)\},$$

we obtain the triples as follows:

$$\{(2, 7, 9), (3, 12, 15), (4, 10, 14), (5, 8, 13), (6, 11, 17)\}.$$

Since $c_i = 2(2) + 6(5) - 1 - a_i - b_i = 33 - a_i - b_i$, then we have the following 2-Erdősian arrays of GT_5 :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 7 & 24 \\ 9 & 26 & 31, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 12 & 18 \\ 15 & 21 & 30, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 10 & 19 \\ 14 & 23 & 29, \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 8 & 20 \\ 13 & 25 & 28, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 11 & 16 \\ 17 & 22 & 27. \end{array}$$

Proposition 8. Assume that GT_m is c -Erdősian that satisfies the condition (iii). The set of positive integers $\{c, c+1, \dots, c+3m-1\}$ can be decomposed into m disjoint triples of the form $\{a_i, b_i, a_i + b_i\}$ with $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. In addition, the sum of the third vertex labels $c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_m$ takes the value

$$\sum_{i=1}^m c_i = \frac{m}{4}(2c + 15m - 1).$$

The set of values $\{c_i, a_i + c_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ constitutes the fourth and fifth run of the integers in $\{c, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}$, that is

$$\{c_i, a_i + c_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} = \{c + 3m, c + 3m + 1, \dots, c + 5m - 1\},$$

and hence it satisfies (iv), that is the integers $\{b_i + c_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ constitute the top run of integers

$$\{b_i + c_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} = \{c + 5m, c + 5m + 1, \dots, c + 6m - 1\}.$$

Proof. Since $c_i = 2c + 6m - 1 - (a_i + b_i)$ and $\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i + b_i) = \frac{3m}{4}(2c + 3m - 1)$, it is clear that $\sum_{i=1}^m c_i = \frac{m}{4}(2c + 15m - 1)$.

Proposition 9. For all $m \geq 1$, there exists a 1-Erdősian GT_m that satisfies the conditions (i) and (iii).

Proof. Let g_i, h_i be distinct integers for all $i = 1, \dots, m$. By using the Skolem sequences or hooked Skolem sequences, we are able to get $h_i = g_i + i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, m$. Note that we obtain a 1-Erdősian GT_m as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} i & g_i & k_i \\ h_i & i + k_i & g_i + k_i \end{array}$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, m$, and

$$i + g_i + k_i = \frac{1 + \dots + 6m}{3m} = \frac{6m}{2}(1 + 6m)\left(\frac{1}{3m}\right) = 1 + 6m.$$

Example 6 (i) From the Skolem sequence of order 4 in triples $\{(1, 11, 12), (2, 6, 8), (3, 7, 10), (4, 5, 9)\}$, we obtain the following 1-Erdősian of GT_4 :

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 11 & 13 & 2 & 6 & 17 & 3 & 7 & 15 & 4 & 5 & 16 \\ 12 & 14 & 24, & 8 & 19 & 23, & 10 & 18 & 22, & 9 & 20 & 21. \end{array}$$

(ii) Given a hooked Skolem sequence of order 6 in triples $\{(3, 16, 19), (6, 11, 17), (5, 10, 15), (2, 12, 14), (4, 9, 13), (1, 7, 8)\}$, we obtain a 1-Erdősian of GT_6 as follows:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 7 & 29 & 2 & 12 & 23 & 3 & 16 & 18 & 4 & 9 & 24 \\ 8 & 30 & 36, & 14 & 25 & 35, & 19 & 21 & 34, & 13 & 28 & 33, \\ 5 & 10 & 22 & 6 & 11 & 20 & & & & & & \\ 15 & 27 & 32, & 17 & 26 & 31. & & & & & & \end{array}$$

Proposition 10. Assume that GT_m is c -Erdősian that satisfies the conditions (i) and (iii). The set of positive integers $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 3m - 1\}$ can be decomposed into m disjoint triples of the form $\{a_i, b_i, a_i + b_i\}$ and also the set of m triples $\{a_i, c_i - 2m, a_i + c_i - 2m\}$, respectively, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. The two triples $\{a_i, b_i, a_i + b_i\}$ and $\{a_i, c_i - 2m, a_i + c_i - 2m\}$ satisfy the following comparability property:

The sequence of sums of the middle values corresponding to the same difference a_i forms a run of integers:

$$\{b_i + c_i - 2m : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} = \{c + 3m, c + 3m + 1, \dots, c + 4m - 1\}.$$

Proof. Note that $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i = \frac{m}{2}(2c + m - 1)$, $\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i + b_i + c_i) = m(2c + 6m - 1)$ and $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i + b_i = \frac{3m}{4}(2c + 3m - 1)$. Since $\sum_{i=1}^m c_i = \frac{m}{4}(2c + 15m - 1)$, we have $\sum_{i=1}^m [2(a_i + c_i) - 4m] = \frac{3m}{2}(2c + 3m - 1) = c + \dots + (c + 3m - 1)$. Hence, The set of positive integers $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + 3m - 1\}$ can be decomposed into m disjoint triples of the form $\{a_i, c_i - 2m, a_i + c_i - 2m\}$.

Proposition 11. Assume that GT_m is c -Erdősian that satisfies the conditions (i) and (ii). It trivially also satisfies condition (v). Then the function $\pi(a_i) = b_i - m$ is a permutation of the set $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + m - 1\}$.

Proof. Since $c + m \leq b_i \leq c + 2m - 1$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ and $b_i \neq b_j$ for all $i \neq j$, we have $c \leq b_i - m \leq c + m - 1$. Then $\pi(a_i) = b_i - m$ is a permutation of the set $\{c, c + 1, \dots, c + m - 1\}$.

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