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Abstract: Nowadays, the problem of finding families of graphs for which one may ensure the existence of a vertex-labeling and/or an edge-labeling based on a certain class of integers, constitutes a challenge for researchers in both number and graph theory. In this paper, we focus on those vertex-labelings whose induced multiplicative edge-labeling assigns hyper totient numbers to the edges of the graph. In this way, we introduce and characterize the notions of hyper totient graph and restricted hyper totient graph. In particular, we prove that every finite graph is a hyper totient graph and we determine under which assumptions the following families of graphs constitute restricted hyper totient graphs: complete graphs, star graphs, complete bipartite graphs, wheel graphs, cycles, paths, fan graphs and friendship graphs.

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1. Introduction

In 2017, Khalid and Shahbaz [1] introduced the notions of totient, super totient and hyper totient numbers (see also [2]). Recall in this regard that a positive integer t is said to be *totient* if the sum of its co-prime residues is $2^k t$, with $k \geq 1$. Further, a positive integer s is called *super totient* if its set of co-prime residues can be divided into two nonempty disjoint subsets with equal sum. Finally, a positive integer h is said to be *hyper totient* if its set of co-prime residues including h can be divided into two nonempty disjoint subsets with equal sum. This paper focuses on the use of hyper totient numbers in graph labeling.

The assignment of positive integers as labels of vertices and/or edges of a graph is a classic problem in graph theory (see, for instance, [3–5]), with a broad range of applications in real daily life problems

as networking, coding theory, digital design, database or management, amongst other areas. Nowadays, the problem of finding and characterizing new classes of integers satisfying certain given conditions, together with the problem of finding illustrative families of graphs for which a labeling based on such classes exists, constitutes a challenge for researchers in both number and graph theory. In the recent literature, one can find a wide amount of examples in this regard [6–9]. Of particular interest for the topic of this paper, it is remarkable the recent studies of Shahbaz and Khalid [1, 10] on graph labelings based on super totient numbers, and the introduction of both concepts of restricted super totient labeling and super totient index of graphs by Joshua and Wong [11].

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we describe some preliminary concepts and results on graph theory and hyper totient numbers that are used throughout the paper. Then, we introduce in Section 3 the concept of (restricted) hyper totient graph labeling. In particular, we prove that every finite graph is hyper totient. Finally, we investigate in Section 4 under which assumptions the following families of graphs constitute restricted hyper totient graphs: complete graphs, star graphs, complete bipartite graphs, wheel graphs, cycles, paths, fan graphs and friendship graphs.

2. Preliminaries

This section deals with some preliminary concepts, notations and results on graph theory and hyper totient numbers that are used throughout the paper. For more details about these topics, we refer the reader to the manuscripts [1, 10, 12].

A *graph* is any pair $G = (V, E)$ formed by a set V of *vertices* and a set E of *edges* so that each edge joins two vertices, which are then said to be *adjacent*. The number of vertices and the number of edges of G constitute, respectively, the *order* and *size* of G. A graph is said to be *finite* if both its order and size are finite. A *subgraph* of G is any graph $H = (W, F)$ such that $W \subseteq V$ and $F \subseteq E$. The set of vertices that are adjacent to a given vertex $v \in V$ constitutes its *neighborhood* $N_G(v)$. The number of such vertices constitutes the *degree* $d_G(v)$ of such a vertex v. The minimum vertex degree of the graph G is denoted $\delta(G)$.

From now on, let vw be the edge formed by two vertices $v, w \in V$. If $v = w$, then it is a *loop*. A graph is called *simple* if it does not contain loops. Two graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$ are said to be *isomorphic* if there exists a bijection $f : V_1 \to V_2$ such that $uv \in E_1$ if and only if $f(u)f(v) \in E_2$.

A finite graph is called *complete* if all its vertices are pairwise adjacent. The complete graph of order n is denoted K_n. Further, the *complete bipartite graph* $K_{m,n}$ is the finite graph of order $m + n$ whose set of vertices may be partitioned into two subsets of respective sizes m and n so that every edge of the graph contains a vertex of each one of these two sets. The complete bipartite graph $K_{1,n}$, with $n > 2$, is called a *star graph*. Its *center* is the unique vertex that is contained in all the edges.

A *path* between two distinct vertices v and w of a given finite graph G is any ordered sequence of adjacent and pairwise distinct vertices $\langle v_0 = v, v_1, \ldots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1} = w \rangle$ in G, with $n > 2$. If $v = w$, then it constitutes a *cycle*. As such, paths and cycles are also finite graphs. From here on, let P_n and C_n respectively denote the path and the cycle of order n. A graph is *connected* if there always exists a path between any pair of vertices. If no subgraph of a connected graph G is a cycle, then G is called a *tree*.

Further, the *wheel graph* W_n results after joining all the vertices of the cycle C_n to a new vertex, which is called the *center* of the wheel graph. The *fan graph* $F_{m,n}$ is the graph that results after joining each vertex of a set of m isolated vertices with all the vertices of the path P_n. Finally, the *friendship*

*graph F_n is the graph that results after joining n copies of the cycle C_3 with a common vertex. Figure 1 illustrates the different families of graphs that we have enumerated until now.
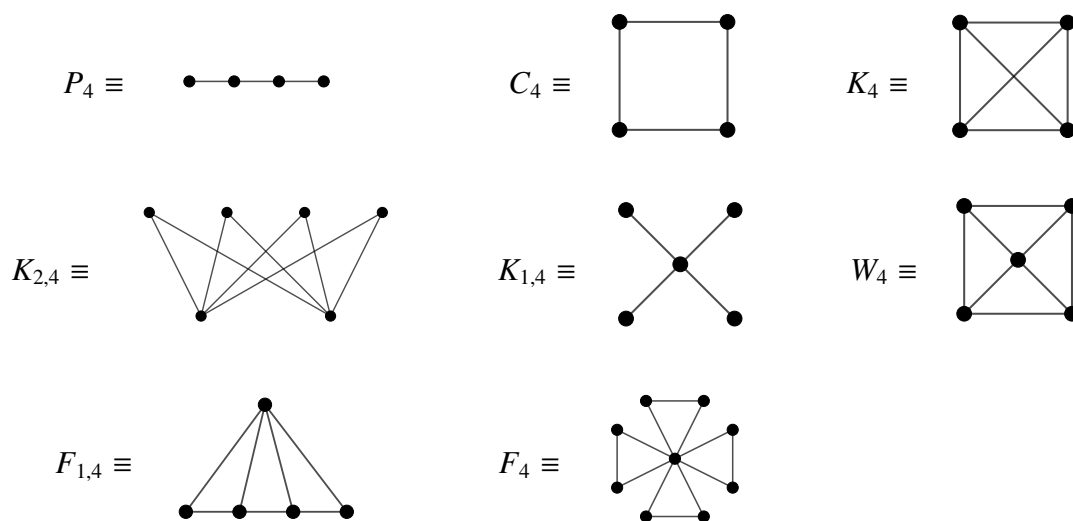

Figure 1. Illustrative examples of a path, a cycle, a complete graph, a complete bipartite graph, a star graph, a wheel graph, a fan graph and a friendship graph.

A *vertex-labeling* of a graph G is any map $f : V \to \mathbb{N}$ assigning $|V|$ positive integers or *labels* to the set of vertices V. It gives rise to the induced multiplicative edge-labeling $f^* : E \to \mathbb{N}$ so that $f^*(vw) = f(v)f(w)$, for all $vw \in E$. In 2017, Khalid and Shahbaz [1] defined a *super totient graph* as any finite graph G for which there exists an injective vertex-labeling f (which is called *super totient labeling* of G) whose induced multiplicative edge-labeling f^* assigns a super totient number to each one of its edges. In particular, they proved that every finite graph is super totient. Much more recently, Joshua and Wong [11] defined the *super totient index* of a finite graph G as the minimum cardinality of the image of f^*, for every super totient labeling f of G. In this paper, we focus on those injective vertex-labelings f so that the image of the induced map f^* is only formed by hyper totient numbers. To this end, the following result characterizing this type of numbers is of particular interest. It gathers together the different results on this subject that are enumerated in [2].

Theorem 2.1. *Every hyper totient number is a positive integer $n > 2$ satisfying exactly one of the following two assertions.*

    a) It is an even integer distinct from 10 *and* 30.
    b) It is a prime power p^k, with $k \geq 1$, where p is a prime such that $p \equiv 3 \,(\mathrm{mod}\, 4)$.

Proof. If $n < 32$, then the result follows readily from a simple computational check (see, for instance, [2, Table 1]). Further, according to [2, Theorem 3.6], a positive integer $n \geq 32$ is hyper totient if and only if $n(\varphi(n) + 2)$ is divisible by 4. Here, $\varphi(n)$ denote the *Euler's totient number* associated to n. That is, the number of co-prime residues of n. The result holds from the following study of cases.

- If n is even, then $n(\varphi(n) + 2)$ is divisible by 4, because $\varphi(m)$ is also even, whatever the positive integer m is. Hence, n is hyper totient.

- If n is odd, then n is hyper totient if and only if $\varphi(n) + 2$ is divisible by 4. Equivalently, if $n = \prod_{i=1}^{m} p_i^{k_i}$ is the prime factorization of n, then $\varphi(n) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} p_i^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1) \equiv 2 \,(\mathrm{mod}\,4)$. Since n is an odd integer, we have that p_i is also odd, for all $i \leq m$. Thus, $\varphi(n) \equiv 2 \,(\mathrm{mod}\,4)$ if and only if $m = 1$ in the previous prime factorization. (Otherwise, if $m > 1$, then $\varphi(n)$ would be divisible by 4.) Hence, $n = p^k$, for some prime $p \equiv 3 \,(\mathrm{mod}\,4)$. (Notice to this last end that it would be $\varphi(n) = p^{k-1}(p - 1) \equiv 2 \,(\mathrm{mod}\,4)$, where p is odd.)

$\square$

3. Hyper totient graphs

In this section, we show how hyper totient numbers may be implemented in graph labeling. In this regard, we say that a finite graph $G = (V, E)$ is an *hyper totient graph* if there exists an injective vertex-labeling f of G whose induced multiplicative edge-labeling f^* assigns a hyper totient number to each edge in E. In such a case, we say that the map f is an *hyper totient labeling* (HTL) and that the graph G is an *hyper totient graph* (HTG). In order to illustrate these concepts, Figure 2 shows an HTG of order five and size ten, whose vertices are uniquely labeled by the positive integers of the subset $\{2, 3, 4, 6, 7\} \subset \mathbb{N}$ and whose set of edges is then labeled by the set of totient numbers $\{4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 36, 49\}$. In order to distinguish both vertex- and edge-labelings, they are respectively colored in blue and black. Notice the fact that this graph is not simple.
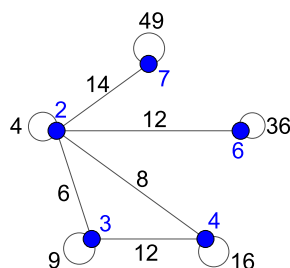

Figure 2. Example of hyper totient labeling of a hyper totient graph.

Similarly to the concept of super totient index, which was introduced by Joshua and Wong in [11], we define the *hyper totient index* of the graph G as

$$\mathfrak{h}_*(G) := \min \{|f^*(V)| : \ f \text{ is an } HTL \text{ of } G\}.$$

Then, we say that an HTL f of the graph G is *optimal* if $|f^*(V)| = \mathfrak{h}_*(G)$. In an analogous way to the result obtained by the mentioned authors in [11, Lemma 4.3], the following lemma holds.

Lemma 3.1. *Let G be an HTG. There always exists an optimal HTL of G whose image is contained in the set $\{3^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$.*

Proof. Let f be an optimal HTL of the graph G and let $V = \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ be its set of vertices. Then, let $\{p_1, \ldots, p_t\}$ be a set of primes such that $f^*(v_i) = \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_j^{a_{ij}}$, for all positive integers $i \leq n$, where each a_{ij} is a non-negative integer. Let $m = 1 + \max\{a_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq t\}$. Then, Theorem 2.1 implies that the map $g : V \to \{3^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ that is described so that $g(v_i) = 3^{\sum_{k=1}^{t} a_{ik} m^{k-1}}$ constitutes an optimal HTL of the graph G.

$\square$

The previous result enables us to ensure the equivalence of super totient and hyper totient indices, and the subsequent result concerning the fact that every finite graph is an HTG.

Theorem 3.2. *Both the hyper totient index and the super totient index of any given finite graph coincide.*

Proof. Let f be an injective vertex-labeling of a graph $G = (V, E)$. This map induces the additive edge-labeling $f^+ : E \to \mathbb{N}$ so that $f^+(vw) = f(v) + f(w)$, for all $vw \in E$. In addition, it is defined the *sum index* of the graph G as

$$\min \left\{ \left| f^+(V) \right| : \ f \text{ is an injective vertex-labeling of } G \right\}.$$

As a simple consequence of Lemma 3.1, the hyper totient index of the graph G coincides with the sum index of such a graph. The result follows simply from the fact that, according to [11, Theorem 4.5], this last index also coincides with the super totient index of the graph G. $\qquad\square$

Corollary 3.3. *Every finite graph constitutes an HTG.*

Proof. The result follows straighforwardly from Theorem 3.2 and the fact that every finite graph is a super totient graph (see [1, Theorem 5.5]). $\qquad\square$

4. Characterization of families of restricted hyper totient graphs

We say that a finite graph $G = (V, E)$ is a *restricted hyper totient graph* (RHTG) if it is a simple HTG whose set of vertices may be labeled by the subset of positive integers $\{1, \ldots, |V|\}$. The corresponding vertex-labeling is termed a *restricted hyper totient labeling* (RHTL) of G. Thus, for instance, Figure 3 illustrates a RHTL of order and size six, whose set of edges is labeled by the set of totient numbers $\{3, 4, 6, 12\}$. Again, the vertex-labeling is colored in blue and the edge-labeling is colored in black.
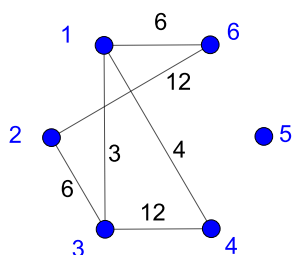

Figure 3. Example of a restricted hyper totient graph.

Of particular interest for the development of our work is the RHTG having maximum size for each given order. It is described as follows. Let $\mathfrak{R}_n$ be the RHTG of order n that is defined so that there is an edge between the vertices labeled as i and j, with $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$, if and only if the product ij is a hyper totient number. Figure 4 illustrates this graph $\mathfrak{R}_n$, for all positive integers $n \leq 9$. In order to avoid a tangled mess of labels, we remove from now on the edge-labeling of the corresponding graphs.
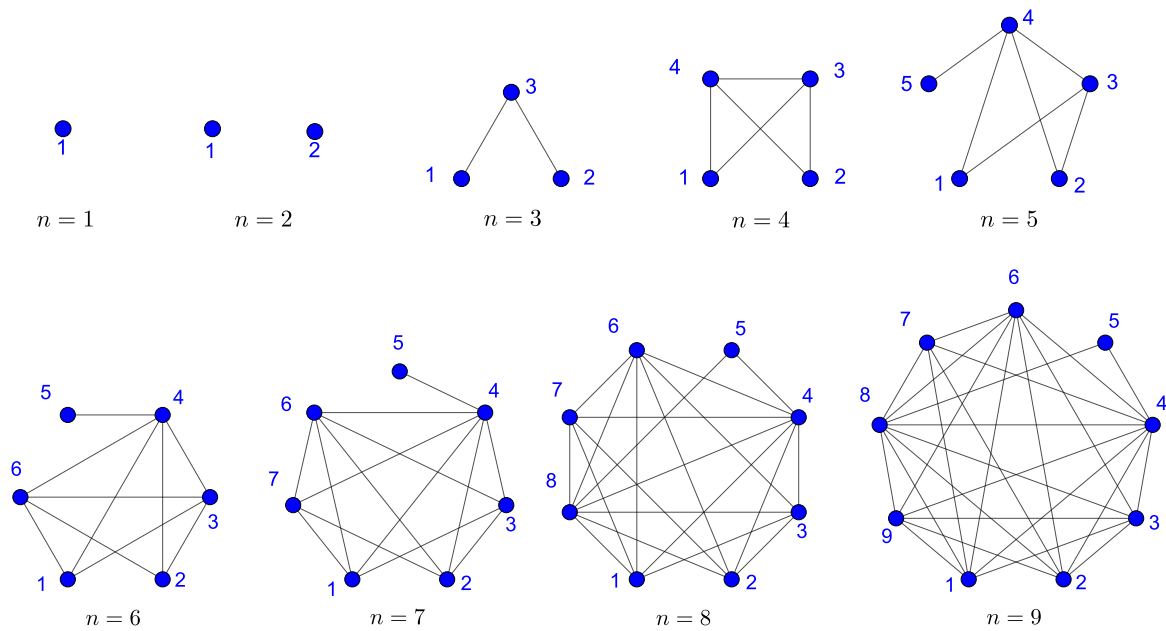
Figure 4. The RHTG $\mathfrak{R}_n$, for all $n \leq 9$.

The following result follows straightforwardly from the previous definitions.

Lemma 4.1. *For $n > 3$, every spanning subgraph of $\mathfrak{R}_n$ is an RHTG.*

Lemma 4.1 enables us to ensure that the finding of RHTGs is completely solved once one may construct the graph $\mathfrak{R}_n$, for every positive integer n. In this regard, and based on Theorem 2.1, Algorithm 1 describes a simple computational method of time complexity $O(n^2)$ for determining this graph $\mathfrak{R}_n$.

Algorithm 1 Construction of the graph $\mathfrak{R}_n$.

 1: **procedure** R(n)
 2: $\quad$ $V(\mathfrak{R}_n) = \{1, \ldots, n\}$;
 3: $\quad$ **for** $i \leftarrow 1, n$ **do**
 4: $\quad\quad$ **for** $j \leftarrow i + 1, n$ **do**
 5: $\quad\quad\quad$ **if** ij satisfies either Condition (a) or Condition (b) in Theorem 2.1 **then**
 6: $\quad\quad\quad\quad$ $E(\mathfrak{R}_n) \leftarrow E(\mathfrak{R}_n) \cup \{ij\}$;
 7: $\quad\quad\quad$ **end if**
 8: $\quad\quad$ **end for**
 9: $\quad$ **end for**
10: $\quad$ **return** $\mathfrak{R}_n = (V(\mathfrak{R}_n), E(\mathfrak{R}_n))$
11: **end procedure**

In this section, we study under which assumptions the following types of graphs constitute RHTGs: a complete graph K_n, a star graph $K_{1,n}$, a complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$, a wheel graph W_n, a cycle C_n, a path P_n, a fan graph $F_{1,n}$ and a friendship graph F_n. Notice that, according to Lemma 4.1, any subgraph

of any of these types of graphs satisfying the mentioned assumptions constitutes also an RHTG. Firstly, we focus on the complete graph K_n.

Proposition 4.2. *Let n be a positive integer. Then, the complete graph K_n is an RHTG if and only if $n = 1$.*

Proof. The case $n = 1$ is trivial. Further, the case $n \geq 2$ follows straightforwardly from the fact that the vertices labeled as 1 and 2 must be adjacent, but the induced edge label 2 is not a hyper totient number. □

Proposition 4.3. *Let $n > 2$ be a positive integer. Then, the star graph $K_{1,n}$ is a spanning subgraph of $\mathfrak{R}_{n+1}$. As a consequence, every star graph constitutes an RHTG.*

Proof. According to Theorem 2.1, every multiple of 4 is a hyper totient number. Hence, the spanning subgraph of $\mathfrak{R}_{n+1}$ having as edges those ones containing the vertex labeled as 4 constitutes a star graph $K_{1,n}$. This vertex corresponds indeed to the center of the star graph. The consequence follows readily from Lemma 4.1. □

Theorem 4.4. *Let m and n be two positive integers such that $2 \leq m \leq n$. The complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ is an RHTG if and only one of the following assertions hold.*

  a) $m = n = 2$.
  b) $m = 2$ and $n \geq 6$.
  c) $3 \leq m \leq 11$ and $n \geq m + 6$.
  d) $m \geq 12$ and $n \geq m + 8$.

Proof. Figure 5 illustrates the case $m = n = 2$. Thus, let us suppose the existence of two positive integers $m \geq 2$ and $n \geq 2$ such that $m + n > 4$ and $K_{m,n}$ is an RHTG. Let v_i denote the vertex that is labeled as $i \in \{1, \ldots, m + n\}$ in the graph $\mathfrak{R}_{m+n}$. Since 10 is not a hyper totient number, the two vertices v_2 and v_5 must belong to the same part of $K_{m,n}$. Let P denote such a part. Then,

$$N_{K_{m,n}}(v_2) = N_{K_{m,n}}(v_5) = K_{m,n} \setminus P \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{R}_{m+n}}(v_2) \cap N_{\mathfrak{R}_{m+n}}(v_5).$$

From Theorem 2.1, we have that

$$N_{\mathfrak{R}_{m+n}}(v_5) = \{v_4\} \cup \left\{ v_{2k} \colon 4 \leq k \leq \frac{m + n}{2} \right\} \subset N_{\mathfrak{R}_{m+n}}(v_2).$$

In particular, since $2 \leq m \leq n$, it must be $m + n \geq 8$ and $n = |P|$. Moreover, Theorem 2.1 enables us to ensure that every vertex in the set $N_{\mathfrak{R}_{m+n}}(v_5)$, except for v_{10} (if $m + n \geq 10$) and v_{30} (if $m + n \geq 30$), is adjacent to any other vertex in the set $\mathfrak{R}_{m+n}$. Notice to this end that all the indices of such vertices are even integers and that both vertices v_{10} and v_{30} are not adjacent to $v_1 \in P$. Due to this last aspect, it must be $\{v_{10}, v_{30}\} \subset P$. As a consequence,

$$m + n \geq \begin{cases} 8, & \text{if } m = 2, \\ 2(m + 3), & \text{if } 3 \leq m \leq 11, \\ 2(m + 4), & \text{if } m \geq 12. \end{cases}$$

Let $\alpha_{m,n}$ denote the previous lower bound, for the positive integers m and n under consideration. Then, in order to get an RHTL of the graph $K_{m,n}$, it is enough to take

$$K_{m,n} \setminus P = \left\{ v_{2k} : \ 2 \le k \le \frac{\alpha_{m+n}}{2} \right\} \setminus \{v_6, v_{10}, v_{30}\}.$$
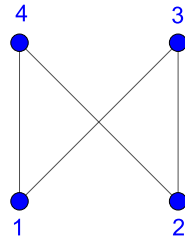
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Figure 5. RHTL of the complete bipartite graph $K_{2,2}$.

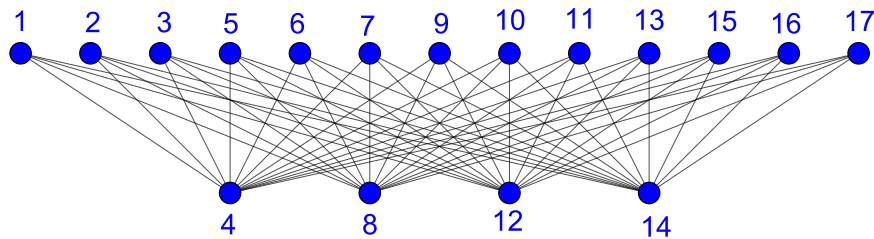Figure 6 illustrates an RHTL for the complete bipartite graph $K_{4,13}$.

Figure 6. RHTL of the complete bipartite graph $K_{4,13}$.

Theorem 4.5. *Every tree containing at least* 32 *vertices is an RHTG.*

Proof. The result follows straightforwardly from Lemma 4.1, Proposition 4.3 and Theorem 4.4 once it is noticed that every tree is a bipartite graph. $\square$

Theorem 4.6. *The wheel graph W_n is an RHTG if and only if $n \ge 9$.*

Proof. Throughout this proof, let v_i denote the vertex labeled as $i \in \mathbb{N}$ in the graph under consideration. Notice in Figure 4 that $\delta(\mathfrak{R}_n) \le 2$, for all positive integer $n \le 9$. To this end, observe in the mentioned figure the vertex v_1, if $1 \le n \le 5$, and the vertex v_5, if $6 \le n \le 9$. Then, since $\delta(W_n) = 3$, for all positive integers n, we have from Lemma 4.1 that the wheel graph W_n is not an RHTG, if $n < 9$.
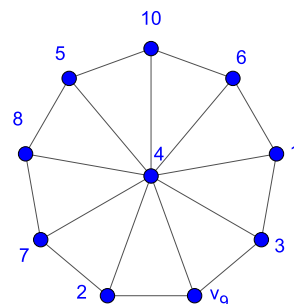

Figure 7. RHTL of the wheel graph W_9.

Now, Figure 7 illustrates an RHTL of the wheel graph W_9. If we replace the edge $v_{10}v_6$ in that figure by the path $\langle v_{10}, v_{11}, \ldots, v_{n+1}, v_6 \rangle$, so that all the vertices are joined with the center v_4 by an edge, then Theorem 2.1 implies that the resulting vertex-labeling is an RHTL of the wheel graph W_n. □

Theorem 4.7. *Let $n > 2$ be a positive integer. Then, the cycle graph C_n is an RHTG if and only if $n = 4$ or $n \geq 8$.*

Proof. Again, let v_i denote the vertex labeled as $i \in \mathbb{N}$ in the graph under consideration. Notice in Figure 4 that $\delta(\mathfrak{R}_n) \leq 1$, for all positive integer $n \leq 7$, except for $n = 4$. To this end, observe in the mentioned figure the vertex v_1, if $1 \leq n \leq 3$, and the vertex v_5, if $5 \leq n \leq 7$. Then, since $\delta(C_n) = 2$, for all positive integers n, we have from Lemma 4.1 that the cycle C_n is not an RHTG, if $n \in \{3, 5, 6, 7\}$.

Now, Figures 5 and 8 illustrate, respectively, RHTLs of the cycles C_4, which is isomorphic to the complete bipartite graph $K_{2,2}$, and C_8. Finally, if $n \geq 9$, then the result follows simply from Lemma 4.1 and Theorem 4.6, once it is noticed that the cycle C_n is a subgraph of the wheel graph W_{n+1}. □
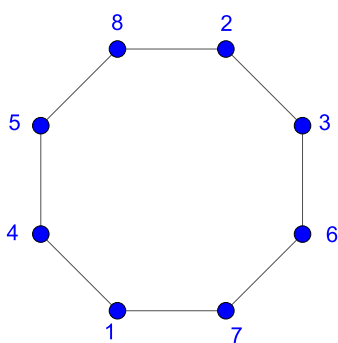

Figure 8. RHTL of the cycle C_8.

Theorem 4.8. *Every path is an RHTG.*

Proof. Firstly, notice that the path P_3 is isomorphic to the graph $\mathfrak{R}_3$, and hence, it constitutes an RHTG. In addition, if $n = 4$ or $n \geq 8$, then the result follows simply from Lemma 4.1 and Theorem 4.7, once it is noticed that the path P_n is a subgraph of the cycle C_n. Finally, the case $n \in \{5, 6, 7\}$ is illustrated by the RHTL of the path P_7 in Figure 9, which contains implicitly the RHTLs of both paths P_5 and P_6 as subgraphs. □

Figure 9. RHTL of the path P_7.

Theorem 4.9. *Let $n > 2$ be a positive integer. Then, the fan graph $F_{1,n}$ is an RHTG if and only if $n \geq 9$.*

Proof. Since $\delta(F_{1,n}) = 2$, for all positive integers $n > 2$, Lemma 4.1 enables us to ensure that the fan graph $F_{1,n}$ is not an RHTG, for all $n \in \{4, 5, 6\}$, because $\delta(\mathfrak{R}_{n+1}) = 1$ in such cases. Further, the case $n \geq 9$ follows simply from Lemma 4.1 and Theorem 4.6, once it is noticed that the fan graph $F_{1,n}$ is a

subgraph of the wheel graph W_n. Finally, the case $n \in \{3, 7, 8\}$ is illustrated by the RHTLs of the fan graphs $F_{1,3}$ and $F_{1,8}$ in Figure 10. Notice to this end that the RHTL of the fan graph $F_{1,7}$ is implicitly indicated in that one of the fan graph $F_{1,8}$, of which the former constitutes a subgraph. □
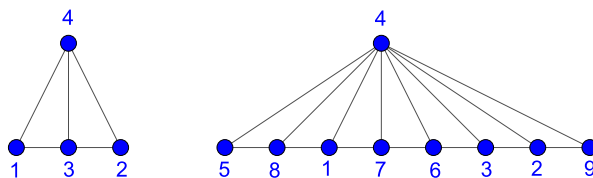

Figure 10. RHTLs of the fan graphs $F_{1,3}$ and $F_{1,8}$.

Theorem 4.10. *The friendship graph F_n is an RHTG if and only if $n \geq 4$.*

Proof. Since the order of the friendship graph F_n is $2n + 1$ and $\delta(\mathfrak{R}_n) = 1$, for all $n \in \{3, 5, 7\}$, then Lemma 4.1 implies that the friendship graph F_n is not an RHTG, for all $n \leq 3$. Further, the case $n \geq 4$ follows simply from Lemma 4.1 and Theorem 4.6, once it is noticed that the friendship graph F_n is a subgraph of the wheel graph W_m, for all $m \geq 2n$. □

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we have introduced the notion of hyper totient graph as any finite graph $G = (V, E)$ admitting an injective vertex-labeling $f : V \to \mathbb{N}$ so that its induced multiplicative edge-labeling assigns a hyper totient number to each edge. We have proved in particular that every finite graph is hyper totient. Furthermore, we have introduced the concept of restricted hyper totient graph as a hyper totient graph of order n whose vertices are labeled by the elements of the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$. Then, we have determined under which assumptions some well-known families of graphs are restricted hyper totient.

Of course, the current manuscript constitutes a starting point for the study of hyper totient graphs, but a much deeper study is required in order to characterize all the structural properties of this type of graphs. In this regard, we propose as further work the study of locating, dominating and independent sets within a given RHTG, together with their corresponding locating, dominating and independent numbers. We also propose the following open questions for further work on this subject.

Problem 5.1. *In Theorem 4.5, we have determined a lower bound for the number of vertices of a tree in order to ensure that the latter is an RHTG. But, what about trees of smaller orders? A similar reasoning to that one developed by Joshua and Wong in [11, Theorem 3.9] may be done in this regard.*

Problem 5.2. *In 2001, Beineke and Hedge [13] defined a* strongly multiplicative graph *as a finite graph of order n for which there exists an injective vertex-labeling $f : V \to \{1, \dots, n\}$ so that the induced multiplicative edge-coloring f^* is injective. In a similar way, we may introduce here the notion of* strongly hyper totient graph *(SHTG) as an RHTG having distinct all the hyper totient numbers that are used for labeling its edges. Notice in this regard that the majority of RHTGs appearing in the figures of this paper are not SHTGs. The study of this type of RHTGs is established as further work.*

Problem 5.3. *Under which assumptions is the condition of being RHTG preserved by the different graph products existing in the literature? A similar question may be dealt with concerning the just introduced notion of SHTG.*

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