



On H -irregularity strengths of \mathcal{G} -amalgamation of graphs

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Abstract

A simple graph $G = (V(G), E(G))$ admits an H -covering if every edge in $E(G)$ belongs at least to one subgraph of G isomorphic to a given graph H . Then the graph G admitting H -covering admits an H -irregular total k -labeling $f : V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ if for every two different subgraphs H' and H'' isomorphic to H there is $wt_f(H') \neq wt_f(H'')$, where $wt_f(H) = \sum_{v \in V(H)} f(v) + \sum_{e \in E(H)} f(e)$ is the associated H -weight. The minimum k for which the graph G has an H -irregular total k -labeling is called the *total H -irregularity strength* of the graph G .

In this paper, we obtain the precise value of the total H -irregularity strength of \mathcal{G} -amalgamation of graphs.

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1. Introduction

All graphs we consider are simple and finite. For a given graph G denote $V(G)$, $E(G)$, $\Delta(G)$ and $\delta(G)$ as its sets of vertices and edges, the maximum and minimum degree, respectively.

In [12], Chartrand et al. introduced labelings of the edges of a graph G with positive integers such that the sum of the labels of edges incident with a vertex is different for all the vertices.

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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 exact value of $s(G)$ is known only for some special classes of graphs, e.g. complete graphs [12], graphs with the components being paths and cycles [4, 18], or some families of trees [5]. The lower bound on the $s(G)$ is given by the inequality

$$s(G) \geq \max_{1 \leq i \leq \Delta} \frac{n_i + i - 1}{i},$$

where n_i denotes the number of vertices of degree i . In the case of d -regular graphs of order n it reduces to

$$s(G) \geq \frac{n+d-1}{d}.$$

The conjecture stated in [12] says that the value of $s(G)$ is for every graph equal to the above lower bound plus some constant not depending on G . The best bound of this form is currently due to Kalkowski, Karonski and Pfender. Namely, the authors in [17] have proved that $s(G) \leq 6 \lceil n/\delta \rceil < 6n/\delta + 6$. Currently Majerski and Przybyło [19] proved that $s(G) \leq (4 + o(1))n/\delta + 4$ for graphs with minimum degree $\delta \geq \sqrt{n} \ln n$.

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

$$es(G) \geq \max \left\{ \left\lceil \frac{|E(G)|+1}{2} \right\rceil, \Delta(G) \right\}. \tag{1}$$

In [1] are determined the exact values of the edge irregularity strength for paths, stars, double stars and for Cartesian product of two paths.

For a given total labeling $f : V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ the associated total vertex-weight of a vertex x is

$$wt_f(x) = f(x) + \sum_{xy \in E(G)} f(xy)$$

and the associated total edge-weight of an edge xy is

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

In [9] a total k -labeling f is defined to be an *edge* (respectively, *vertex*) *irregular total k -labeling* of the graph G if for every two distinct edges xy and $x'y'$ respectively, distinct vertices x and y) of G there is $wt_f(xy) \neq wt_f(x'y')$ (respectively, $wt_f(x) \neq wt_f(y)$).

The minimum k for which the graph G has an edge (respectively, vertex) irregular total k -labeling is called the *total edge* (respectively, *vertex*) *irregularity strength* of the graph G and denoted by $tes(G)$ (respectively, $tv_s(G)$).

The following lower bound on the total edge irregularity strength of a graph G is given in [9].

$$tes(G) \geq \max \left\{ \left\lceil \frac{|E(G)|+2}{3} \right\rceil, \left\lceil \frac{\Delta(G)+1}{2} \right\rceil \right\}. \tag{2}$$

Ivančo and Jendrof [14] posed a conjecture that for arbitrary graph G different from K_5 the total edge irregularity strength equals to the lower bound (2). This conjecture has been verified for complete graphs and complete bipartite graphs in [15, 16], for the categorical product of two cycles and two paths in [3, 2], for generalized Petersen graphs in [13], for generalized prisms in [10], for corona product of a path with certain graphs in [22] and for large dense graphs with $(|E(G)| + 2)/3 \leq (\Delta(G) + 1)/2$ in [11].

The bounds for the total vertex irregularity strength are given in [9] as follows.

$$\left\lceil \frac{|V(G)| + \delta(G)}{\Delta(G) + 1} \right\rceil \leq \text{tvs}(G) \leq |V(G)| + \Delta(G) - 2\delta(G) + 1. \tag{3}$$

Przybyło [23] proved that $\text{tvs}(G) < 32|V(G)|/\delta(G) + 8$ in general and $\text{tvs}(G) < 8|V(G)|/r + 3$ for r -regular graphs. This was then improved by Anholcer et. al in [6] by the following way

$$\text{tvs}(G) \leq 3 \left\lceil \frac{|V(G)|}{\delta(G)} \right\rceil + 1 \leq \frac{3|V(G)|}{\delta(G)} + 4. \tag{4}$$

Recently Majerski and Przybyło in [20] based on a random ordering of the vertices proved that if $\delta(G) \geq (|V(G)|)^{0.5} \ln |V(G)|$, then

$$\text{tvs}(G) \leq \frac{(2+o(1))|V(G)|}{\delta(G)} + 4. \tag{5}$$

Combining previous modifications of the irregularity strength, Marzuki, Salman and Miller [21] introduced a new irregular total k -labeling of a graph G called *totally irregular total k -labeling*, which is required to be at the same time vertex irregular total and also edge irregular total. The minimum k for which a graph G has a totally irregular total k -labeling is called the *total irregularity strength* of G and is denoted by $\text{ts}(G)$. In [21] there are given upper and lower bounds for the parameter $\text{ts}(G)$. Ramdani and Salman in [24] determined the exact values of the total irregularity strength for several Cartesian product graphs.

Motivated by the irregularity strength and the total edge (respectively, vertex) irregularity strength of a graph G , Ashraf et al. in [7, 8] introduced new parameters, total (respectively, edge and vertex) H -irregularity strengths, as a natural extension of the parameters $s(G)$, $es(G)$, $tes(G)$ and $\text{tvs}(G)$.

An *edge-covering* of G is a family of subgraphs H_1, H_2, \dots, H_t such that each edge of $E(G)$ belongs to at least one of the subgraphs H_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$. Then it is said that G admits an (H_1, H_2, \dots, H_t) -*(edge) covering*. If every subgraph H_i is isomorphic to a given graph H , then the graph G admits an H -*covering*. Note, that in this case all subgraphs of G isomorphic to H must be in the H -covering.

Let G be a graph admitting H -covering. For the subgraph $H \subseteq G$ under the total k -labeling f , we define the associated H -weight as

$$wt_f(H) = \sum_{v \in V(H)} f(v) + \sum_{e \in E(H)} f(e).$$

A total k -labeling f is called to be an *H -irregular total k -labeling* of the graph G if for every two different subgraphs H' and H'' isomorphic to H there is $wt_f(H') \neq wt_f(H'')$. The *total H -irregularity strength* of a graph G , denoted $\text{ths}(G, H)$, is the smallest integer k such that G has

an H -irregular total k -labeling. If H is isomorphic to K_2 , then the K_2 -irregular total k -labeling is isomorphic to the edge irregular total k -labeling and thus the total K_2 -irregularity strength of a graph G is equivalent to the total edge irregularity strength, that is $\text{ths}(G, K_2) = \text{tes}(G)$.

For the subgraph $H \subseteq G$ under the edge labeling $g : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ (respectively, the vertex labeling $h : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$) the associated H -weight is $wt_g(H) = \sum_{e \in E(H)} g(e)$ (respectively, $wt_h(H) = \sum_{v \in V(H)} h(v)$).

Such edge labeling g (respectively, vertex labeling h) is called to be an H -irregular edge (respectively, vertex) k -labeling of the graph G if for every two different subgraphs H' and H'' isomorphic to H there is $wt_g(H') \neq wt_g(H'')$ (respectively, $wt_h(H') \neq wt_h(H'')$). The edge (respectively, vertex) H -irregularity strength of a graph G , denoted by $\text{ehs}(G, H)$ (respectively, $\text{vhs}(G, H)$), is the smallest integer k such that G has an H -irregular edge (respectively, vertex) k -labeling.

Note, that $\text{vhs}(G, H) = \infty$ if there exist two subgraphs in G isomorphic to H that have the same vertex sets.

Let $G_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be finite graphs containing a graph \mathcal{G} as a subgraph. The graph \mathcal{G} we will call a connector. The \mathcal{G} -amalgamation of graphs G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n denoted by $\text{Amal}(G_i, \mathcal{G})$ is a graph obtained by taking all G_i 's and identifying their connectors \mathcal{G} . If all graphs $G_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, are isomorphic to a given graph G we will use the notation $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$. Note that if $\mathcal{G} = K_1$ then this operation is known as a vertex-amalgamation and if $\mathcal{G} = K_2$ then it is called an edge-amalgamation.

In this paper we will study the total (respectively, edge and vertex) G -irregularity strengths of the graph $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ when $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G and we prove that the exact values of the total (respectively, edge and vertex) G -irregularity strengths of the investigated family of graphs equals to the lower bounds.

2. Lower bounds

Let G be a graph admitting H -covering. Let $\mathbb{H}_m^S = (H_1^S, H_2^S, \dots, H_m^S)$ be the set of all subgraphs of G isomorphic to H such that the graph $S, S \not\cong H$, is their maximum common subgraph. Thus $V(S) \subset V(H_i^S)$ and $E(S) \subset E(H_i^S)$ for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. In [8] was given the lower bound of the total H -irregularity strength if the subgraphs isomorphic to H share some elements.

Theorem 2.1. [8] *Let G be a graph admitting an H -covering. Let $S_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, z$, be all subgraphs of G such that S_i is a maximum common subgraph of $m_i, m_i \geq 2$, subgraphs of G isomorphic to H . Then*

$$\text{ths}(G, H) \geq \max \left\{ \left\lceil 1 + \frac{m_1 - 1}{|V(H/S_1)| + |E(H/S_1)|} \right\rceil, \dots, \left\lceil 1 + \frac{m_z - 1}{|V(H/S_z)| + |E(H/S_z)|} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

Next theorem proved in [7] gives the lower bound of the edge (vertex) H -irregularity strength of a graph.

Theorem 2.2. [7] Let G be a graph admitting an H -covering. Let $S_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, z$, be all subgraphs of G such that S_i is a maximum common subgraph of $m_i, m_i \geq 2$, subgraphs of G isomorphic to H . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ehs}(G, H) &\geq \max \left\{ \left\lceil 1 + \frac{m_1-1}{|E(H/S_1)|} \right\rceil, \left\lceil 1 + \frac{m_2-1}{|E(H/S_2)|} \right\rceil, \dots, \left\lceil 1 + \frac{m_z-1}{|E(H/S_z)|} \right\rceil \right\}, \\ \text{vhs}(G, H) &\geq \max \left\{ \left\lceil 1 + \frac{m_1-1}{|V(H/S_1)|} \right\rceil, \left\lceil 1 + \frac{m_2-1}{|V(H/S_2)|} \right\rceil, \dots, \left\lceil 1 + \frac{m_z-1}{|V(H/S_z)|} \right\rceil \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Immediately from previous theorems we obtain the following result.

Theorem 2.3. If the graph $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ths}(\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n), G) &\geq 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{|V(G)|+|E(G)|-|V(\mathcal{G})|-|E(\mathcal{G})|} \right\rceil, \\ \text{ehs}(\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n), G) &\geq 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{|E(G)|-|E(\mathcal{G})|} \right\rceil, \\ \text{vhs}(\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n), G) &\geq 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{|V(G)|-|V(\mathcal{G})|} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

3. Upper bounds

In this section we prove that the lower bounds presented in Theorem 2.3 are also the upper bounds. First we prove the corresponding result for the total G -irregularity strength of the graph $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$.

Theorem 3.1. If the graph $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G then

$$\text{ths}(\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n), G) = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{|V(G)|+|E(G)|-|V(\mathcal{G})|-|E(\mathcal{G})|} \right\rceil.$$

Proof. Let the graph $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G . Let us denote by the symbols $x_j^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, s$, where $s = |V(G)| + |E(G)| - |V(\mathcal{G})| - |E(\mathcal{G})|$, the elements (vertices and edges) of the graph $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ from the i th copy G^i that are not elements of the connector \mathcal{G} .

We define a total labeling f of $\text{Amal}(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 1 \quad \text{if } x \in V(\mathcal{G}) \cup E(\mathcal{G}), \\ f(x_j^i) &= \begin{cases} \frac{i-1}{s} + 1 & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2, \dots, s, \\ \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 2 & \text{if } i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 2 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2, \dots, i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s - 1, \\ \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 1 & \text{if } i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 2 \leq i \leq n, j = i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s, i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s + 1, \dots, s. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{s}$ then the maximal used label is

$$\frac{n-1}{s} + 1 = \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{s} \right\rceil + 1.$$

If $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{s}$ then the maximal used label is

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 2 = \left(\left\lceil \frac{n-1}{s} \right\rceil - 1 \right) + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{s} \right\rceil + 1.$$

Thus f is $(\lceil (n-1)/s \rceil + 1)$ -labeling.

In the light of Theorem 2.3 it suffices to prove that the G -weights are distinct.

For the weights of graphs $G^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we get the following

$$\begin{aligned} wt_f(G^i) &= \sum_{x \in V(G^i) \cup E(G^i)} f(x) = \sum_{x \in V(\mathcal{G}) \cup E(\mathcal{G})} f(x) + \sum_{j=1}^s f(x_j^i) = \sum_{x \in V(\mathcal{G}) \cup E(\mathcal{G})} 1 + \sum_{j=1}^s f(x_j^i) \\ &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + \sum_{j=1}^s f(x_j^i). \end{aligned}$$

If $i \equiv 1 \pmod{s}$ then

$$\begin{aligned} wt_f(G^i) &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + \sum_{j=1}^s \left(\left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) = |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + \left(\left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) s \\ &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + s - 1 + i. \end{aligned}$$

For $i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{s}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} wt_f(G^i) &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + \sum_{j=1}^{i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s - 1} f(x_j^i) + \sum_{j=i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s}^s f(x_j^i) \\ &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + \sum_{j=1}^{i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s - 1} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 2 \right) + \sum_{j=i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s}^s \left(\left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) \\ &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + \left(i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s - 1 \right) \left(\left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 2 \right) \\ &\quad + \left(s - i + \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s + 1 \right) \left(\left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) \\ &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + s \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + 2 \left(i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s - 1 \right) + \left(s - i + \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s + 1 \right) \\ &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + s \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor + s + i - \left\lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \right\rfloor s - 1 \\ &= |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + s - 1 + i. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the previous facts we get that for every $i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, holds

$$wt_f(G^i) = |V(\mathcal{G})| + |E(\mathcal{G})| + s - 1 + i.$$

Thus the set of G -weights consists of consecutive integers. □

For the edge G -irregularity strengths of the graph $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ we get the following result.

Theorem 3.2. *If the graph $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G then*

$$ehs(Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n), G) = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{|E(G)| - |E(\mathcal{G})|} \right\rceil.$$

Proof. Let the graph $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G . Let us denote by the symbols $e_j^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, s$, where $s = |E(G)| - |E(\mathcal{G})|$, the edges of the graph $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ from the i th copy G^i that are not edges of the connector \mathcal{G} .

We define an edge labeling g of $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ such that

$$g(e) = 1 \quad \text{if } e \in E(\mathcal{G}),$$

$$g(e_j^i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i-1}{s} + 1 & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2, \dots, s, \\ \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor + 2 & \text{if } i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 2 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2, \dots, i - \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor s - 1, \\ \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor + 1 & \text{if } i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 2 \leq i \leq n, j = i - \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor s, i - \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor s + 1, \dots, s. \end{cases}$$

Using similar arguments as in the proof of Theorem 3.1 we prove that under the edge labeling g the induced G -weights are distinct. □

For the vertex version we have

Theorem 3.3. *If the graph $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n), |V(G)| \neq |V(\mathcal{G})|$, contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G then*

$$vhs(Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n), G) = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{|V(G)| - |V(\mathcal{G})|} \right\rceil.$$

Proof. Let the graph $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n), |V(G)| \neq |V(\mathcal{G})|$, contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G . Let us denote by the symbols $v_j^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, s$, where $s = |V(G)| - |V(\mathcal{G})|$, the vertices of the graph $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ from the i th copy G^i that are not vertices of the connector \mathcal{G} .

It is easy to see that the vertex labeling h of $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ defined bellow has the desired properties.

$$h(v) = 1 \quad \text{if } v \in V(\mathcal{G}),$$

$$h(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i-1}{s} + 1 & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2, \dots, s, \\ \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor + 2 & \text{if } i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 2 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2, \dots, i - \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor s - 1, \\ \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor + 1 & \text{if } i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{s}, 2 \leq i \leq n, j = i - \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor s, i - \lfloor \frac{i-1}{s} \rfloor s + 1, \dots, s. \end{cases}$$

□

Immediately from Theorem 3.1 we obtain the result for the total edge irregularity strength of a star $K_{1,n}$, that was proved in [9].

Corollary 3.1. [9] *Let n be a positive integer, then*

$$tes(K_{1,n}) = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil.$$

Proof. Let n be a positive integer, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ths}(Amal(K_2, K_1, n), K_2) &= \text{ths}(K_{1,n}, K_2) = \text{tes}(K_{1,n}) = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{|V(K_2)|+|E(K_2)|-|V(K_1)|-|E(K_1)|} \right\rceil \\ &= 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2+1-1-0} \right\rceil = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

□

The *friendship graph* is a finite graph with the property that every two vertices have exactly one neighbor in common. Friendship graph f_n can be obtained as a collection of n triangles with a common vertex. The *generalized friendship graph* $f_{m,n}$ is a collection of n cycles (all of order m), meeting at a common vertex. Immediately from the previous theorems we get the following.

Corollary 3.2. *Let m, n be positive integers, $m \geq 3$ and $n \geq 1$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ths}(f_{m,n}, C_m) &= 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2m-1} \right\rceil, \\ \text{ehs}(f_{m,n}, C_m) &= 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{m} \right\rceil, \\ \text{vhs}(f_{m,n}, C_m) &= 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{m-1} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

4. Conclusion

In the paper we studied the total (respectively, edge and vertex) G -irregularity strengths of the graph $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ when $Amal(G, \mathcal{G}, n)$ contains exactly n subgraphs isomorphic to G . We estimated the lower bounds of the total (respectively, edge and vertex) G -irregularity strengths and proved that the exact values of these parameters for the amalgamation of graphs equal to the lower bounds.

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