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Let  $G$  be a connected graph. For any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , let  $d(u, v)$  denote the distance between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ . The diameter of  $G$  is the maximum distance between any pair  $u, v$  and is denoted by  $\text{diam}(G)$ . The radio  $k$ -labeling for  $G$  is a function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$  such that  $\|f(u) - f(v)\| \geq \text{diam}(G) - d(u, v) + 1$ . The radio number of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $rn(G)$ , of a graph  $G$  is the smallest such  $k$  such that  $G$  has a radio  $k$ -labeling. The radio number of various trees are known. Our tree of interest is the banana tree. The following definitions are needed to define a banana tree. A leaf is a vertex with only one neighbor. A  $m$ -star is defined as a tree with  $m$  leaves and one apex. We define the  $(n, m)$ -banana tree denoted,  $B(n, m)$ , to be the tree obtained by joining one leaf of each of  $n$  copies of a  $(m - 1)$ - star to a single root. The radio number of a banana tree is known. We study the properties of the radio  $k$ -labeling of new trees formed by adjoining vertices and edges to a banana tree. (Received September 15, 2020)