

# A Study of Cordial Labeling of Friendly Index Related Graphs

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**Abstract** - One of the most interesting problems in the area of Graph Theory is that of labeling of graphs. A labeling or valuation or numbering of a simple graph  $G$  is a one-to-one mapping from its vertex set (edge set) into a set of non-negative integers which induces an assignment of labels to the edges (vertices) of  $G$ . Labeled graphs serve as useful models for a broad range of applications. They are useful in many coding theory problems, including the design of good radar type codes. Synch-set codes, missile guidance codes and convolution codes with optimal non – standard encodings of integers. Labeled graphs have also been applied in determining ambiguities in  $X$  – ray crystallographic analysis, and designing a communication network addressing system in determining optional circuit layouts and radio astronomy problems. Apart from the graceful labeling, some other labeling was also defined and developed. Graham and Sloane introduced harmonious graphs. Some of the other known labelings are Prime labeling, Arithmetic labeling, Edge graceful labeling, Felicitous labeling, Antimagic labeling, Cordial labeling, Prime cordial labeling, Edge cordial labeling,  $E_k$  – cordial labeling, Difference cordial labeling, Friendly labeling, Divisor cordial labeling, Skolem graceful labeling, Product cordial labeling.

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## INTRODUCTION

the friendly index set of graphs. Let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$ . A labeling  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$  induces an edge labeling  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$  defined by  $f^*(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$ , for each edge  $xy \in E(G)$ . For  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , let  $vf(i) =$  number of vertices  $v \in V(G)$  with  $f(v) = i$  and  $ef(i) =$  number of edges  $e \in E(G)$  with  $f^*(e) = i$ . A labeling  $f$  of a graph  $G$  is said to be friendly if  $|vf(0) - vf(1)| \leq 1$ . The friendly index set of the graph  $G$ ,  $FI(G)$  is defined as  $\{|vf(0) - ef(1)|: \text{the vertex labeling } f \text{ is friendly}\}$ .

The following works have been done by several authors.

- ❖ For any graph with  $q$  edges, the friendly index set  $FI(G) \subseteq \{0, 2, 4, \dots, q\}$  if  $q$  is even, and  $FI(G) \subseteq \{1, 3, \dots, q\}$  if  $q$  is odd.
- ❖ The friendly index set of a cycle,  $FI(C_{2n}) = \{0, 4, 8, \dots, n\}$  if  $n$  is even and  $FI(C_{2n}) = \{2, 6, 10, \dots, 2n\}$  if  $n$  is odd.
- ❖ The friendly index set of a path,  $FI(P_n) = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, n-1\}$  if  $n$  is even and  $FI(P_n) = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, (n-1)\}$  if  $n$  is odd
- ❖ For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $FI(C_{2n} \times P_2) = \{0, 4, 8, \dots, 6n-8, 6n\}$  if  $n$  is even and  $FI(C_{2n} \times P_2) = \{2, 6, 10, \dots, 6n-8, 6n\}$  if  $n$  is odd.
- ❖  $FI(C_3 \times P_2) = \{1, 3, 5\}$
- ❖ For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $FI(C_{2m+1} \times P_2) = \{6n-1\} \cup \{6n-5-2k / \text{where } k \geq 0 \text{ and } 6n-5-2k \geq 0\}$

Friendly index set of some graphs which are not dealt with is proved in this study.

## FRIENDLY INDEX SET OF CYCLE RELATED GRAPHS

**Theorem 1:** The friendly index set of one point union of  $t$  copies where  $t \geq 5$  and  $t$  is odd, of cycle  $C_3$ , that is  $C_3^{(t)}$  is  $\{1, 3, \dots, t\}$ .

**Proof:** Let the common vertex be  $w$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2t}$  be the vertices of  $t$  cycles.

Then the vertex set of the graph  $C_3^{(t)}$  is  $V(C_3^{(t)}) = \{w\} \cup \{a_i / 1 \leq i \leq 2t\}$

The edge set of the graph  $C_3^{(t)}$  is  $E(C_3^{(t)}) = \{wa_i / 1 \leq i \leq 2t\} \cup \{a_{2i-1}a_{2i} / 1 \leq i \leq t\}$

It has  $3n$  vertices and  $3n - 1$  edges.

Make the  $w$  label equal to zero. Starting at 0, label the vertices with successively higher numbers. To rephrase:  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2t}) = (0, 1, 0, 1, \dots, 0, 1)$ . In this case,  $vf(1) - vf(0) = 0$  indicates a pleasant vertex labeling.

Without altering any other vertex labels, we rearrange the vertices by changing the labels  $a_{4i-2}$  and  $a_{4i-1}$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, t$ , to their complement. The

vertex labeling is pleasant, and it's clear that  $vf(0)$  and  $vf(1)$  haven't changed at all.

Similarly, with all the vertex unchanged and changing the vertex label  $a_{4i-2}$  and  $a_{4i-1}$ , where  $i = 2$  to its

complement and is repeated up to  $i = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

**Theorem 2:** Union of the cycle  $C_3$  and a path  $P_n$  sharing a vertex in common has the friendly index set  $\{1, 3, 5, \dots, n\}$ , if  $n$  is odd and  $\{0, 2, 4, \dots, n\}$ , if  $n$  is even.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  be the vertices of  $C_3$ . Let  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  be the vertices of  $P_n$ . Let  $w_1$  is identified with  $u_1$ . Then the graph obtained is union of  $C_3$  and  $P_n$  sharing a vertex in common. Let it be  $G$ .

The vertex set of  $G$  is  $V(G) = \{w_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_2, u_3\}$

The edge set of  $G$  is  $E(G) = \{w_1u_2, u_2u_3, w_1u_3\} \cup \{w_iw_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$

Note that  $G$  has  $(n+2)$  edges and  $(n+2)$  vertices

**Case (i):  $n$  is odd**

Fix  $u_2 = 1$  and  $u_3 = 0$

Label the vertices  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  of  $P_n$  by alternatively 0's and 1's starting with zero. Then  $v_f(0) - v_f(1) = 1$ . Therefore  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = n$

Then keep the labels of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  unchange and change all the remaining labels of the vertices to their complement. Then the vertex labeling is  $vf(1) - vf(0) = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = n - 2$

Then keep the labels of  $w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4$  remain unchanged and change all the remaining vertices to its complement. Then the vertex labeling is friendly with  $v_f(0) - v_f(1) = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = n - 4$

Continuing this to the end of the path, we get one step That is,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 3$  Finally change the label of  $w_n$  to its complement and the vertex labeling is friendly and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$

Then the friendly index set is  $\{1, 3, 5, \dots, n\}$

### FRIENDLY INDEX SET OF PATH RELATED GRAPHS

**Theorem 1:**  $FI(P_2 + mk_1) = \{1, 3\}$ , if  $m$  is even and  $FI(P_2 + mk_1) = \{1, 5\}$ , if  $m$  is odd.

**Proof :** Consider a path  $P_2$  with two vertices  $v_1, v_2$ . Let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m$  be the  $m$  isolated vertices. Join  $v_1, v_2$  with  $y_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ . The graph obtained is  $P_2 + mk_1$ . The vertex set of  $G$  is  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$ .

The edge set of  $G$  is  $E(G) = \{(v_1v_2)\} \cup \{(v_1y_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{(v_2y_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Note that the graph has  $m+2$  vertices and  $2m+1$  edges

### Case (i): $m$ is even

Label  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  as 0 and  $y_{\frac{m}{2}}, y_{\frac{m}{2}+1}, \dots, y_m$  as 1 and the remaining vertices as 0. Then the vertex labeling is friendly with  $v_f(1) - v_f(0) = 0$  and  $|e_f(1) - e_f(0)| = 3$ .

Then label  $v_1$  as 0 and  $v_2$  as 1 and label the vertices of  $y_i$ 's as alternatively 0 and 1. This vertex labeling is also friendly with  $v_f(1) - v_f(0) = 0$ . Then  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

Therefore the friendly index set is  $\{1, 3\}$ .

**Theorem 2:** Union of a path  $P_n$  and a star  $K_{1,n}$  sharing a vertex in common has the friendly index set  $\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n-5\}$

**Proof:** Let the  $n$  vertices of path  $P_n$  be  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ . Let the  $n$  spokes of star  $K_{1,n}$  be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $v_0$  be the centre vertex of the star. Identify  $u_1$  and  $v_0$ . Let the graph so obtained is  $G$ .

The vertex set of  $G$  is  $V(G) = \{u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

The edge set of  $G$  is  $E(G) = \{u_iu_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_1v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Clearly  $G$  has  $2n$  vertices and  $2n-1$  edges.

First label  $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = (0, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$ .

The vertex labeling is friendly and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2n - 5$

Now we have a friendly labeling by keeping all the vertex labels the same except for  $u_2$  and  $v_2$ , which have been given their complements. Then  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2n - 3$ .

Now, a pleasant labeling is accomplished by keeping all the vertex labels the same except for the fact that vertices  $u_3$  and  $v_3$  have been swapped.

Then  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2n - 1$ .

Continuing this process up to changing the vertex  $u_{n-2}$  and  $v_{n-2}$  to its complement.

Then the friendly index set is  $\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 5\}$

**Theorem 3:** The Umbrella graph  $U(m, n)$  [1.2.17] where  $n = 2$  has the friendly index set  $\{0, 2, 4, \dots, m+1\}$ , if  $m$  is odd and  $m \geq 9$  and  $\{0, 2, 4, \dots, m\}$ , if  $m$  is even and  $m \geq 4$

**Proof:** Let  $G = U(m, 2)$ . The vertex set of  $U(m, 2)$  is  $V(G) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, y_1, y_2\}$

The edge set of  $U(m, 2)$  is  $E(G) = \{(x_i x_{i+1}) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m-1\} \cup \{(y_1 y_2)\} \cup \{(x_i y_1), 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ .

Note that the graph has  $m+2$  vertices and  $2m$  edges

**Case (i) :**  $m$  is odd First label alternatively with 0's and 1's starting with 0 in  $x_i$ 's and label  $y_1$  by 1 and  $y_2$  by 0. Then

$v_f(0) - v_f(1) = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = m + 1$

Next interchange only  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ . Then  $v_f(0) - v_f(1) = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = m - 1$ .

After  $x_1$ , the following two vertices are both labeled with 1, and the following two vertices are both labeled with 0, and so on. In that case, we can indicate that  $y_1$  is 1 and  $y_2$  is 0 by using those labels. Then  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = m - 3$ .

**FRIENDLY INDEX SET OF STAR RELATED GRAPHS**

**Theorem 1:** The friendly index set of  $spl(k_1, n)$  is  $\{0, 2, 4, \dots, n\}$ , if  $n$  is even and  $\{1, 3, \dots, n\}$ , if  $n$  is odd.

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the pendant vertices,  $v$  be the apex vertex of  $K_{1,n}$  and  $u, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  are the added vertices corresponding to  $v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  in  $spl(k_1, n)$

The vertex set is  $V(G) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$

The edge set is  $E(G) = \{vv_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Thus  $spl(k_{1,n})$  has  $2n + 2$  vertices and  $3n$  edges.

**Case (i):  $n$  is even**

Fix  $v = 0$  and  $u = 1$

First label the vertices of  $v_i$ 's as  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $u_i$ 's as  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$  in  $spl(k_{1,n})$ . Then the vertex labeling is friendly and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = n$

In the next step decrease one vertex labeling ie, '0' from  $v_i$ 's and label with its complement ie, '1'. Also decrease one vertex labeling, ie '1' from  $u_i$ 's and label with its complement ie, '0'. Then the vertex labeling is friendly and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = n - 2$

The vertices remain unchanged and continue the above step upto  $\frac{n}{2}$  vertices having the label 0 in  $v_i$ 's and  $\frac{n}{2}$  vertices having the label 1 in  $u_i$ 's.

Therefore the friendly index set is  $\{0, 2, 4, \dots, n\}$

**DIFFERENCE CORDIAL LABELING OF GRAPHS CYCLE**

A concept called difference cordial labeling is presented in [45] by R. Ponraj, S. Sathish Narayanan, and R. Kala in 2013. In this case, we'll pretend that  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph. Take into account the injective function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{-1, +2, \dots, +p\}$ . With this, we obtain the map  $f^*$  on  $E(G)$  with the equation  $f^*(uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$  for all  $u, v$ . This value is 1 if the difference is 1, and 0 otherwise. With  $ef(i)$  equal to the number of edges labeled with  $i$  where  $i = 0, 1$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling if and only if  $|ef(0) - ef(1)| \leq 1$ . Differentially labeled graphs are referred to as "difference cordial graphs." These works are the product of a collaborative effort by multiple authors.

$\forall$  Any path is a difference cordial graph.

$\forall$  The star  $K_{1,n}$  is difference cordial iff  $n \leq 5$ .

$\forall$   $K_n$  is difference cordial iff  $n \leq 4$ .

$\forall$   $K_{2,n}$  is difference cordial iff  $n \leq 4$

$\forall$   $K_{3,n}$  is difference cordial iff  $n \leq 4$

$\forall$   $B_{1,n}$  is difference cordial iff  $n \leq 5$

$\forall$   $B_{2,n}$  is difference cordial iff  $n \leq 6$

$\forall$   $B_{3,n}$  is difference cordial iff  $n \leq 5$

$\forall$  The gear graph  $G_n$  is difference cordial.

$\forall$  All webs are difference cordial

$\forall$  Every ladder graph  $L_n$  is difference cordial for all  $n$ .

$\forall$  The triangular ladder graph  $TL_n, n \geq 2$  is a difference cordial for all  $n$ .

$\forall$  Every step ladder graph is a difference cordial for all  $n$ .

$\forall$  All Bow graphs are difference cordial.

$\forall$  All Butterfly graphs are difference cordial

Now we shall prove the following graphs are difference cordial graphs.

**Theorem 1:** A vertex switching of cycle  $C_n(VSC_n)$  [1.2.22] is difference cordial, for all  $n \geq 4$

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph.

A cycle's vertex switch is indicated by the symbol  $VSC_n$ . One obtains it by starting with a vertex  $a_1$  in  $C_n$ , eliminating any edges incident with  $a_1$ , and then adding edges attaching  $a_1$  to every vertices that is not adjacent to  $a_1$  in  $C_n$ .

Let the vertex set of  $VSC_n$  be  $V(VSC_n) = \{a_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

Let the edge set of  $VSC_n$  be  $E(VSC_n) = \{(a_i a_{i+1}) / 2 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{(a_1 a_j) / 3 \leq j \leq n - 1\}$

Note that the graph  $VSC_n$  has  $2n - 5$  edges and  $n$  vertices.

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  as follows

$$f(a_1) = 1$$

$$f(a_i) = i - 1, 2 \leq i \leq n$$

Then the function  $f$  induces the function  $f^*$  on  $E(VSC_n)$  as follows

$$f^*(a_i a_{i+1}) = 1, 2 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

From this induced edge label, we have the number of edges labeled 1 is  $n - 2$

That is,  $e_f(1) = n - 2$

$$f^*(a_1 a_{i+2}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n - 3$$

From this induced edge label, we have the number of edges

That is,  $e_f(0) = n - 3$

Thus  $e_f(0) = n - 3$  and  $e_f(1) = n - 2$

Therefore we get  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$

Hence  $VSC_n$  is Difference cordial, for all  $n \geq 4$

**Illustration:** Difference cordial labeling of  $VSC_9$  is given in figure 1

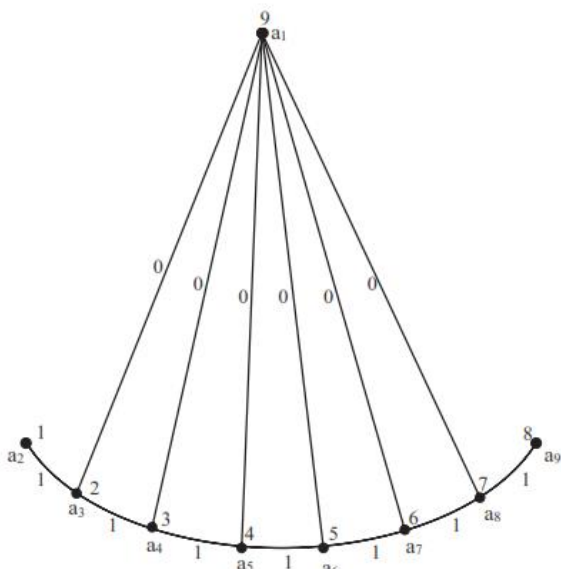


Figure 1. VSC9

$G$  is a  $(9, 13)$  graph

Here number of edges labeled 0 is 6

That is,  $e_f(0) = 6$

Number of edges labeled 1 is 7

That is,  $e_f(1) = 7$

Then  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$

Hence the above graph is difference cordial.

**CONCLUSION**

Labeling graphs is one of the most fascinating issues in Graph Theory. The assignment of labels to the edges (vertices) of a simple graph  $G$  is induced by a mapping from the vertex set (edge set) to a set of non-negative integers. Labeled graphs can be used as models in many contexts. They have several applications in coding theory, including the creation of high-quality radar-type codes. Best non-standard integer encodings in synch-set codes, missile guidance codes, and convolution codes. Labeled graphs have also been used to solve difficulties in radio astronomy, X-ray crystallography, and the design of a communication network's addressing scheme, among other areas of study. It was G Ringel's conjecture, "All trees are

graceful," that sparked interest in the graph labeling problem. The term "-valuation of graph" was coined by Rosa in 1967, and Golomb praised its elegance in labeling. Graceful labeling enabled a great deal of productivity. The families have been elegantly numbered in the thousands. The definition and development of other labels occurred alongside the elegant labeling. It was Graham and Sloane who first used a graph with symmetry and harmony. Other names for this process include: the Prime label, the Arithmetic label, the Edge graceful label, the Felicitous label, the Antimagic label, the Cordial label, the Prime cordial label, the Edge cordial label, the  $E_k$  - cordial label, the Difference cordial label, the Friendly label, the Divisor cordial label, the Skolem graceful label, and the Product cordial label.

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