

## Some New Results on Prime Cordial Labeling for Theta Graph

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### ABSTRACT

A prime cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  with the vertex set  $V(G)$  is bijection to  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)|\}$  such that for each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label 1 if  $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1$  and 0 if  $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) > 1$ ; then the number of edges labeled with 0 and the number of edges labeled with 1 differ by at most 1. A graph which admits a prime cordial labeling is called a prime cordial graph. In this paper, we have prove that  $P_n^t(m \cdot T_\alpha), S(t \cdot T_\alpha)$  and path union of even copies of Theta graph admits prime cordial labeling.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Graph labeling is an active area of research in graph theory which has rigorous applications in coding theory, communication network, to determine optimal circuits and layouts. The recent survey on graph labeling we refer to Gallian<sup>2</sup>. Vast amount of literature is available on different types of graph labeling. For all terminology and notations we follow Harary<sup>3</sup>. We shall give a brief summary of definitions which are useful in this paper.

**Definition 1.1:** Let  $G$  be a graph. A mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is called binary vertex labeling of  $G$  and  $f(v)$  is called the label of the vertex  $v$  of  $G$  under  $f$ .

For an edge  $e = uv$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is given by  $f^*(e) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ . Let  $v_f(0), v_f(1)$  be the number of vertices of  $G$  having labels 0

and 1 respectively under  $f$  while  $e_f(0), e_f(1)$  be the number of edges of  $G$  having labels 0 and 1 respectively under  $f^*$ .

**Definition 1.2:** A binary vertex labeling  $f$  of a graph  $G$  is called a cordial labeling if  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is called cordial if it admits cordial labeling.

The concept of cordial labeling was introduced by Cahit<sup>1</sup>.

**Definition 1.3:** A prime cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G)$  is a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, |V(G)|\}$  defined by

$$f(e = uv) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

further  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

A graph which admits prime cordial labeling is called a prime cordial graph. The concept of prime cordial labeling was introduced by Sundaram *et al.*<sup>4</sup>.

Now let us recall the definitions of Theta graph, open star of graphs, one point union of path of graphs and the graph operations path union of a graph.

**Definition 1.4:** A Theta graph is a block with two non-adjacent vertices of degree 3 and all other vertices of degree 2 is called a Theta graph.

**Definition 1.5:** A graph obtained by replacing each vertex of  $K_{1,n}$  except the apex vertex by the graphs  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  is known as open star of graphs. We shall denote such graph by  $S(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n)$ .

If we replace each vertices of  $K_{1,n}$  except the apex vertex by a graph  $G$ . i.e.  $G_1 = G_2 = \dots = G_n = G$ , such open star of a graph, we shall denote such graph by  $S(n \cdot G)$ .

**Definition 1.6:** A graph  $G$  is obtained by replacing each edge of  $K_{1,t}$  by a path  $P_n$  of length  $n$  on  $n+1$  vertices is called one point union for  $t$  copies of path  $P_n$ . We shall note such graph  $G$  by  $P_n^t$ .

**Definition 1.7:** A graph  $G$  obtained by replacing each vertex of  $P_n^t$  except the central vertex by the graphs  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$  is known as one point union for path of graphs. We shall denote such graph  $G$  by  $P_n^t(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m)$ , where  $P_n^t$  is the one point union of  $t$  copies of path  $P_n$ .

If we replace each vertex of  $P_n^t$  except the central vertex by a graph  $H$ . i.e.  $G_1 = G_2 = \dots = G_m = H$ , such one point union for path of graphs, we shall denote it by  $P_n^t(m \cdot H)$ .

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $G_1, G_2, G_3, \dots, G_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  be  $n$  copies of a fixed graph  $G$ . The graph obtained by adding an edge between  $G_i$  and  $G_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  is called the path union of  $G$ .

**2. MAIN RESULTS**

**Theorem 2.1:**  $P_n^t(m \cdot T_\alpha)$  a prime cordial graph, where  $n$  is even.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a graph obtained by replacing each vertex of  $P_n^t$  except the central vertex by the graph  $T_\alpha$ . i.e.  $G = P_n^t(m \cdot T_\alpha)$ , where  $t$  is any positive integer. Let  $u_0$  be the central vertex for the graph  $G$ . We denote  $v_{i,j}^k$  be the  $k^{\text{th}}$  copy of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  vertex in  $i^{\text{th}}$  row, where  $1 \leq i \leq t$ ;  $1 \leq j \leq 7$ ;  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Then  $|V(G)| = 7m + 1$  and  $|E(G)| = (8n + 1)t + (n - 1)t$ .

We shall define labeling function  $f : |V(G)| \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 7m + 1\}$  as follows:

Let  $f(u_0) = 1$ .

$$f(v_{ij}^k) = 2j + 7[(i - 1)n + (k - 1)] \text{ if } k \text{ is odd, } 1 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq 7, 1 \leq k \leq n$$

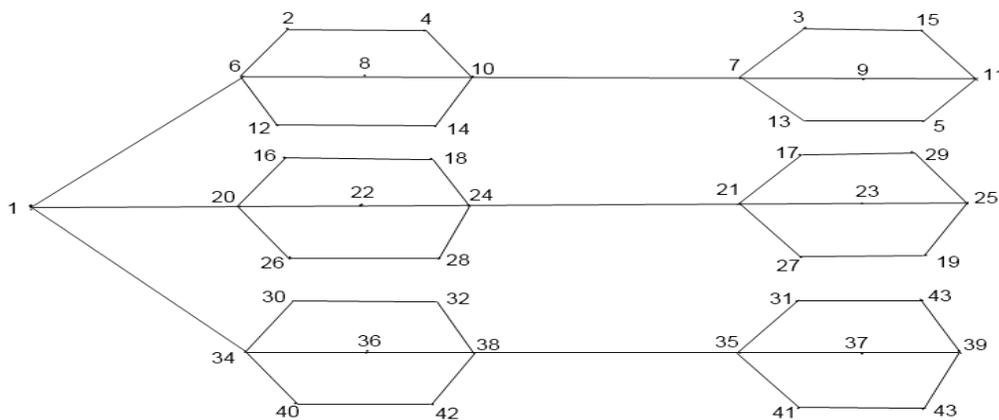
$$f(v_{ij}^k) = (2j + 1) + 7[(i - 1)n + (k - 2)] \text{ if } k \text{ is even, } 1 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq 7, 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Finally, we replace the vertex labelings  $f(v_{i2}^k)$  by  $f(v_{i7}^k)$  for  $k = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above, we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1)$ .

Thus we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence the above labeling pattern gives prime cordial labeling to the graph  $G$  and so it is a prime cordial graph.



**Figure 1:** A graph obtained by one point for the path of  $T_\alpha$  and its prime cordial labeling.

**Theorem 2.2:**  $S(n \cdot T_\alpha)$  is prime cordial graph, where  $n$  is even.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a graph obtained by replacing each vertices of  $K_{1,n}$  except the central vertex by the Theta graph  $T_\alpha$ , where  $n$  is any positive integer, i.e.  $G = S(n \cdot T_\alpha)$ . Let  $u_0$  be the central vertex of the graph  $G$  i.e.  $u_0$  is apex vertex of the original graph  $K_{1,n}$ .

Let  $u_i^k$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertices in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $T_\alpha$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 7$  and  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Now we shall join each  $j^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $T_\alpha$  to the apex vertex  $u_0$ , where  $j$  is any fixed number between 1 and 7. Then  $|V(G)| = 7n + 1$  and  $|E(G)| = 9n$ .

We shall define labeling function  $f : |V(G)| \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 7n + 1\}$  as follows:

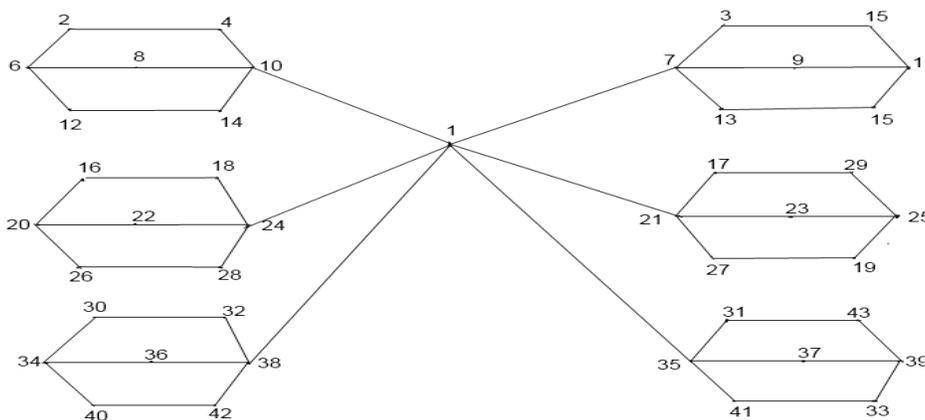
Let  $f(u_0) = 1$ .

$$f(u_i^k) = \begin{cases} 2i + 14(k - 1); & 1 \leq i \leq 7, k = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} \\ 2i + 14\left(k - \frac{n}{2}\right) - 13; & 1 \leq i \leq 7, k = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1)$ .

Thus we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence the above labeling pattern gives prime cordial labeling to the graph  $G$  and so it is a prime cordial graph.



**Figure 2:** A open star of 6 copies of  $T_\alpha$  and its prime cordial labeling.

**Theorem 2.3.** The path union of theta graph in a path  $P_n$  is prime cordial, where  $n$  is a positive even integer.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be the graph obtained by joining  $n$  even copies of Theta graph by a path  $P_n$ .

We denote  $v_j^k$  be the of  $j^{\text{th}}$  vertex in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  copy, where  $1 \leq j \leq 7$ ;  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

Then  $|V(G)| = 7n$  and  $|E(G)| = 9n - 1$ .

To define  $f : |V(G)| \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 7n\}$  as follows:

Let  $f(u_0) = 1$ .

$$f(v_j^k) = 2j + 7(k - 1); j = 1, 2, \dots, 7; k = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n - 1$$

$$f(v_j^k) = (2j - 1) + 7(k - 2); j = 1, 2, \dots, 7; k = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n.$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1)$ .

Thus we have  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence the above labeling pattern gives prime cordial labeling to the graph  $G$  and so it is a prime cordial graph.

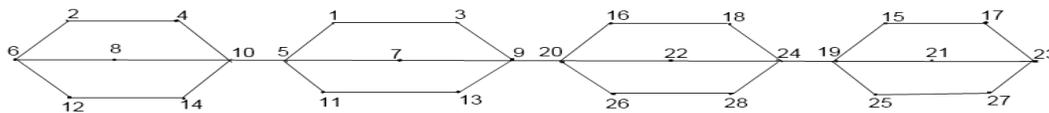


Figure 3: Prime cordial labeling of graph obtained by joining 4 copies of  $T_\alpha$  by path

### 3. CONCLUDING REMARKS

In this paper, we proved that  $P_n^t(tn \cdot T_\alpha)$ ,  $S(t \cdot T_\alpha)$  and path union of even copies of Theta graph admits prime cordial labeling. The result obtained here are new and of very general nature. This work contributes three results to the families of prime cordial labeling. The labeling pattern is demonstrated by means of illustrations.

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