

$\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ -Cordial labeling in graphs

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Abstract:

A $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ -cordial labeling of a graph G with p vertices is a bijection

$$f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\} \text{ defined by } f(e = uv) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |f(u) - f(v)| \leq \left[\frac{p}{2} \right] \text{ and } |e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If a graph has $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ -cordial labeling then it is called $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ -cordial where $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$

represents the nearest integer less than or equal to $\frac{p}{2}$. In this paper we prove $K_{m,n}$ if m, n are of different

parity, paths, star graphs are $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ -cordial. And $K_{m,n}$ with m, n are of same parity are not

$\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ -cordial.

By a graph we mean a finite, undirected graph without multiple edges or loops. For graph theoretic terminology, we refer to Harary [2] and Bondy.

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I. Introduction

Definition 1.1: Let $G=(V(G),E(G))$ be a graph. A mapping

$f:V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ is called a **binary vertex labeling** of G where $f(v)$ is 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 label 0 and 1 respectively under f and $e_f(0), e_f(1)$ be the

number of edges having label 0 and 1 respectively under f^* .

Definition 1.2: A binary vertex labeling 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 said to be cordial if it admits cordial labeling.

Theorem 2.1: P_n is $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ -cordial for every n .

Proof: Let the vertices of P_n be v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n respectively.

Define $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$, we consider the following two cases

$$\text{Define } f(v_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i+1}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ n - \frac{i-2}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Case(i): n is odd.

Then $f(v_1), f(v_2), f(v_3), \dots, f(v_{n-1}), f(v_n)$ are respectively,

$$1, n, 2, n-1, 3, n-2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{n+1}{2}$$

Therefore the differences of the vertex labels are respectively $n-1, n-2, n-3, \dots, 3, 2, 1$.

$$\text{Thus } e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{n-1}{2}$$

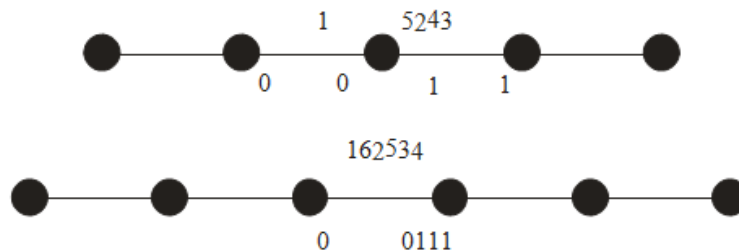
Case(ii): n is even.

Then $f(v_1), f(v_2), f(v_3), \dots, f(v_{n-1}), f(v_n)$ are respectively

$$1, n, 2, n-1, 3, n-2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}, \frac{n+1}{2}$$

Therefore the differences of the vertex labels are respectively $n-1, n-2, n-3, \dots, 3, 2, 1$.

$$\text{Thus } e_f(0) = \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ and } e_f(1) = \frac{n}{2}$$



$\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial labeling of P_5 and P_6

Theorem 2.1: $K_{m,n}$ is $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ -cordial if m and n are of different parity.

Proof: Without loss of generality assume $m < n$.

Let $K_{m,n}$ be (V_1, V_2) where

$$V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\} \text{ and } V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}.$$

$$\text{Define } f(u_i) = i, f(v_i) = m + i$$

Then the vertex labels be $f(u_1) = 1; f(u_2) = 2; \dots; f(u_m) = m$ and

$$f(v_1) = m+1; f(v_2) = m+2; \dots; f(v_n) = m+n.$$

$$\text{Let the edge labels be } f^*(u_i, v_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |f(v_j) - f(u_i)| \leq \left\lceil \frac{m+n}{2} \right\rceil \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Case(i): Let m be even and n odd.

$$\text{The number of edges incident with } u_1 \text{ labeled } 1 = \frac{n+1}{2} - \frac{m}{2}$$

The number of edges incident with u_2 labeled 1 = $\frac{n+1}{2} - \frac{m}{2} + 1$

The number of edges incident with u_3 labeled 1 = $\frac{n+1}{2} - \frac{m}{2} + 2$

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The number of edges incident with u_m labeled 1 = $\frac{n+1}{2} - \frac{m}{2} + (m-1)$

∴ The total number of edges with label 1

= $m\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) - m\left(\frac{m}{2}\right) + [1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (m-1)]$

The total number of edges with label 1 = $\frac{mn}{2} + \frac{m}{2} - \frac{m^2}{2} + \left(\frac{m-1}{2}\right)m = \frac{mn}{2}$

∴ The total number of edges with label 0 = $mn - \frac{mn}{2} = \frac{mn}{2}$

$K_{m,n}$ is $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial if $m < n$ and m -even, n -odd.

Case (ii): Let $m < n$, m -odd, n -even.

The number of edges incident with u_1 labeled 1 = $\frac{n}{2} - \frac{m-1}{2}$

The number of edges incident with u_2 labeled 1 = $\frac{n}{2} - \frac{m-1}{2} + 1$

The number of edges incident with u_3 labeled 1 = $\frac{n}{2} - \frac{m-1}{2} + 2$

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The number of edges incident with u_m labeled 1 = $\frac{n}{2} - \frac{m-1}{2} + (m-1)$

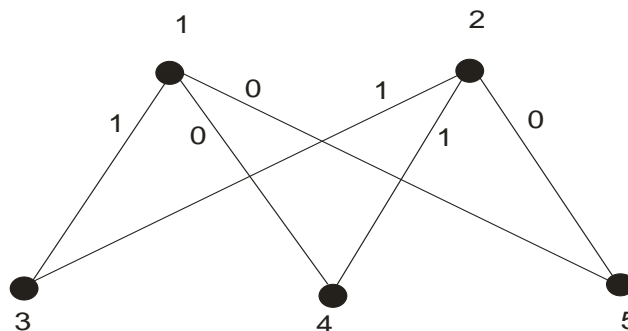
∴ The total number of edges with label 1

= $m\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) - m\left(\frac{m-1}{2}\right) + [1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (m-1)]$

The total number of edges with label 1 = $\frac{mn}{2}$

The total number of edges with label 0 = $mn - \frac{mn}{2} = \frac{mn}{2}$

Thus $K_{m,n}$ is $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial if $m < n$ and if m -odd, n -even.



The $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial labeling of $K_{2,3}$.

THEOREM 2.2: $K_{m,n}$ is not $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial if both m and n are even or both m and n are odd.

Proof: Without loss of generality let $m < n$
 Let $K_{m,n}$ be (V_1, V_2) where $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$ and
 $V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.

Case(i): m and n are even

The vertex labels are $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{m}{2}, \dots, m, m+1, \dots, (m+n)$.

The maximum number of edges that can be labeled 0 = $\frac{mn}{2} - \frac{m}{2} < \frac{mn}{2}$

But $K_{m,n}$ to be $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial, the number of edges with label 0 must be = $\frac{mn}{2}$

$\therefore K_{m,n}$ is not $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial if both m and n are even.

Case(ii): m and n are odd

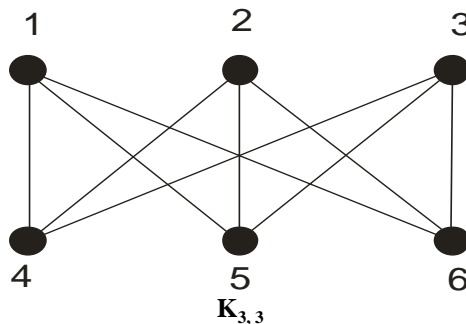
The vertex labels are $1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{m}{2}, \dots, m, m+1, \dots, (\frac{m+n}{2}), \dots, (m+n)$

The number of edges = mn which is odd.

The maximum number of edges that can be labeled 0 = $\frac{mn-3}{2}$

But $K_{m,n}$ to be $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial, the number of edges with label 0 must be = $\frac{mn-1}{2}$

$\therefore K_{m,n}$ is not $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial if both m and n are odd.



Theorem 2.3: Star graphs $K_{1,n}$ are $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial.

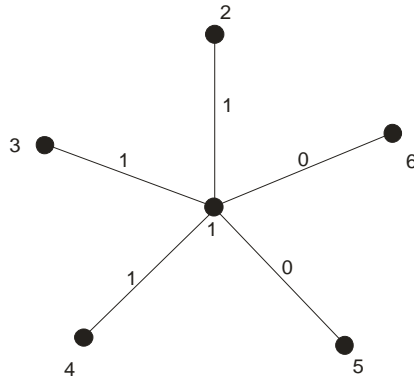
Proof: Let $K_{1,n}$ be (V_1, V_2) where $V_1 = \{u\}$ and $V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$.
 Let the vertex labels be $f(u) = 1; f(v_1) = 2; f(v_2) = 3; \dots, f(v_{n-1}) = n$.

$\therefore |f(v_i) - f(u_i)|$ are $1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$

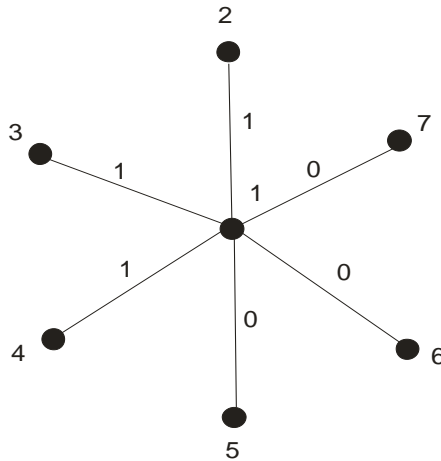
Thus if n is odd $e_f(0) = \frac{n-1}{2}, e_f(1) = \frac{n+1}{2}$

And if n is even, $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{n}{2}$

Thus Star graphs $K_{1,n}$ are $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial.



The $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial labeling of $K_{1,5}$



The $\left[\frac{p}{2} \right]$ - cordial labeling of $K_{1,6}$

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