

# Cordial Labeling of One Point Union of Some Graphs

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## Abstract

A graph  $G$  in which a vertex is distinguished from other vertices is called a rooted graph and the vertex is called the root of  $G$ . Let  $G$  be a rooted graph. The graph  $G^{(n)}$  obtained by identifying the roots of  $n$  copies of  $G$  is called the one-point union of  $n$  copies of the graph  $G$ . A function from vertex set of a graph to the set  $\{0, 1\}$ , which assigns the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$  for each edge  $uv$ , is called a cordial labeling of the graph if the number of vertices labeled 0 and number of vertices labeled 1 differ by at most 1, and similar condition is satisfied by the edges of the graph. In this paper we discuss cordial labeling of one point union of grid graph, cycle with one chord and cycle with twin chords.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $f$  be a function from vertex set  $V$  of a finite, undirected graph  $G$  to the set  $\{0, 1\}$  and for each edge  $e = uv$ , assign the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ . Then  $f$  is called a cordial labeling of graph  $G$  if the number of vertices labeled 0 and the number of vertices labeled 1 differ by at most 1, and similarly the number of edges labeled 0 and the number of edges labeled 1 differ by at most 1. In this paper  $C_n$  denotes cycle with  $n$  vertices and  $P_n \times P_n$  denotes grid graph with  $n^2$  vertices. For graph theoretical terminology and notations we follow Gross and Yellen[5].

## 2 Literature survey and Previous work

The concept of cordial graphs was introduced by Cahit[1]. Shee and Ho[6] prove that the one-point union of  $n$  copies of flag  $Fl_m$  (with the common point being the root) is cordial. Selvaraju[7] proved that the one-point union of any number of copies of a complete bipartite graph is cordial. Benson and Lee[8] investigated the regular windmill graphs  $K_m^{(n)}$  and determined precisely which ones are cordial for  $m < 14$ . A dynamic survey of graph labeling is published and updated every year by Gallian[3]. In this paper we prove that the one point union of grid graph, cycle with one chord and cycle with twin chords are cordial graphs.

## 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1** The one point union of grid graph  $P_n \times P_n$  is cordial.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be the one point union of  $k$  copies  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k$  of grid graph  $P_n \times P_n$ , where  $|G_i| = n^2, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Let us denote the successive vertices (in clockwise spiral direction) of graph  $G_i$  by  $\{u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{in^2}\}$ , where  $u_{i1}$  is considered as the root vertex of  $G$ . Here we define labeling function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  as follows.

**Case 1:**  $n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{i1}) &= 1, \\ f(u_{1j}) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}, 2 \leq j \leq n^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{ij}) &= 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \\ &= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, 2 \leq j \leq n^2, 2 \leq i \leq k \end{aligned}$$

**Subcase II:**  $i$  is even

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n^2, 1 \leq i \leq k$$

**Case 2:**  $n \equiv 1, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n^2, 1 \leq i \leq k$$

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The labeling pattern defined in above cases satisfies the conditions  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  in each case which is shown in Table 1. Hence the graph under consideration is cordial graph.

Let  $n = 4a + b, k = 4c + d$ , where  $n, k \in N$ .

Table 1: Table for Theorem 3.1

b	d	vertex conditions	edge conditions
0,2	0,2	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
	1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
1,3	0,1,2,3	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$

**Illustration 3.1** Cordial labeling of one point union of three copies of grid graph  $P_4 \times P_4$  is shown in Fig. 1 as an illustration for the Theorem 3.1. It is the case related to  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}4)$ .

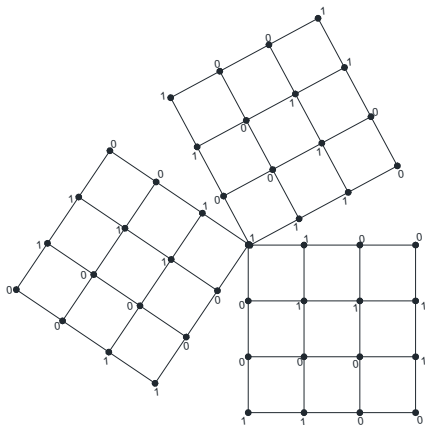


Figure 1: Cordial labeling of one point union of three copies of grid graph  $P_4 \times P_4$

**Theorem 3.2** The one point union of cycle with one chord is cordial.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be the one point union of  $k$  copies  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k$  of cycle  $C_n$  with one chord. Let  $u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{in}$  denote the vertices of  $G_i$  and let  $e_i = u_{i2}u_{in}$  be the chord in  $G_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

Here  $u_{i1}$  is considered as the root vertex of  $G, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

To define labeling function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  we consider following cases.

**Case 1:**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Subcase II:**  $i$  is even,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{in}) = 1 \\ f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n - 1$$

**Case 2:**  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod}4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Subcase II:**  $i$  is even,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Case 3:**  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Subcase II:**  $i$  is even,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{in}) = 0 \\ f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n - 1$$

**Case 4:**  $n \equiv 3(\text{mod}4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

$$f(u_{1j}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

For  $2 \leq i \leq k$ :

$$f(u_{in-1}) = 1, \\ f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4) \\ = 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4), 2 \leq j \leq n, j \neq n - 1$$

The labeling pattern defined above satisfies the condition  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  in each case which is shown in Table 2. Hence the graph under consideration is cordial graph.

Let  $n = 4a + b, k = 4c + d$ , where  $n, k \in N$ .

Table 2: Table for the graph  $G$  in Theorem 3.2

b	d	vertex conditions	edge conditions
0	0,2	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
	1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$
1,3	0,1,2,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
2	0,2	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
	1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$

**Illustration 3.2** Cordial labeling of one point union of three copies of cycle  $C_5$  with one chord is shown in Fig. 2 as an illustration for the Theorem 3.2. It is the case related to  $n \equiv 1(mod4)$ .

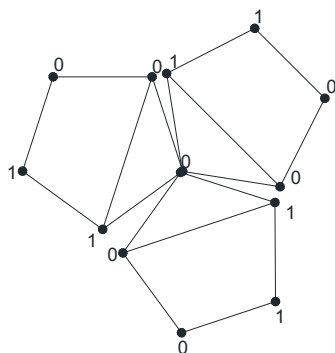


Figure 2: Cordial labeling of one point union of three copies of cycle  $C_5$  with one chord

**Theorem 3.3** The one point union of cycle with twin chords is cordial.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be the one point union of  $k$  copies  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k$  of cycle  $C_n$  with twin chords. Let  $u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{in}$  denotes the vertices of  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Let  $e_i = u_{i2}u_{in}$  and  $e'_i = u_{i3}u_{in}$  be the chords in  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Here  $u_{i1}$  is considered as the root vertex of  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . To define labeling function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  we consider following cases.

**Case 1:**  $n \equiv 0(mod4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd,  $2 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{in-1}) = 0,$$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n, i \neq n - 1$$

**Subcase II:**  $i$  is even,  $2 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Case 2:**  $n \equiv 1(mod4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Subcase II:**  $i$  is even,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Case 3:**  $n \equiv 2(mod4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Subcase II:**  $i$  is even,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{in}) = 0$$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n - 1$$

**Case 4:**  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$

$$f(u_{i1}) = 1$$

**Subcase I:**  $i$  is odd,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 1, 2(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n$$

**Subcase II:**  $i$  is even,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$f(u_{in-1}) = 0$$

$$f(u_{ij}) = 0; \text{ if } j \equiv 0, 1(mod4)$$

$$= 1; \text{ if } j \equiv 2, 3(mod4), 2 \leq j \leq n, j \neq n - 1$$

The labeling pattern defined in above cases satisfies the conditions of cordial labeling which is shown in Table 3. Hence the graph under consideration is cordial graph.

Let  $n = 4a + b, k = 4c + d$ , where  $n, k \in N$ .

Table 3: Table for Theorem 3.3

b	d	vertex conditions	edge conditions
0	0,2	$v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
	1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
1	0,1,2,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
2	0,2	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
	1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
3	0,2	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
	1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1)$

**Illustration 3.3** Cordial labeling of one point union of three copies of cycle  $C_5$  with twin chords is shown in Fig. 3 as an illustration for Theorem 3.3. It is the case related to  $n \equiv 1(mod4)$ .

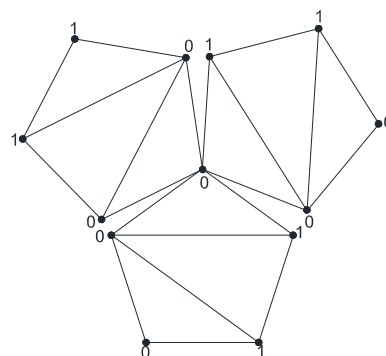


Figure 3: Cordial labeling of one point union of three copies of cycle  $C_5$  with twin chord

## 4 Conclusion

We have discussed cordiality of grid, cycle with one chord, cycle with twin chords in context of one point union of graphs. We contribute three new graph families in the theory of cordial graphs.

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