

# Odd Graceful Labeling of Some New Type of Graphs

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## Abstract

In this paper some new type of odd graceful graphs are investigated. We prove that the graph obtained by joining a cycle  $C_8$  with some star graphs  $S_{1,r}$  keeping one vertex and three vertices gap between pair of vertices of the cycle admits odd graceful labelling. We also prove that the graph obtained by joining a cycle  $C_{12}$  with some star graphs  $S_{1,r}$  keeping two, three and five vertices gap between pair of vertices of the cycle admits odd graceful labelling. We observed that  $C_8 \odot S^4_{1,r}$  with one vertex gap,  $C_8 \odot S^2_{1,r}$  three vertices gap between pair of vertices of the cycle  $C_8$  are odd graceful,  $C_{12} \odot S^6_{1,r}$  with one vertex gap,  $C_{12} \odot S^4_{1,r}$  two vertices gap,  $C_{12} \odot S^3_{1,r}$  with three vertices gap and  $C_{12} \odot S^2_{1,r}$  with five vertices gap between pair of vertices are odd graceful graphs.

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## 1. Introduction

All graphs in this paper are finite, simple and undirected. Let  $G = (V, E)$  denotes a graph with  $n$  number of vertices and  $q$  number of edges. Here the terminology and notation we use are followed by Harary[1]. The symbols  $V$  and  $E$  will denote the vertex set and edge set of a graph  $G$  respectively. The cardinality of the vertex set is called the order of  $G$  denoted by  $p$ . The cardinality of the edge set is called the size of  $G$  denoted by  $q$ . A graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is called a  $(p, q)$  graph. In

1985, Lo[2] introduced the notion of edge-graceful graphs. Sin-Min Lee, Kuo-Jye Chen and Yung-Chin Wang[3] introduced the  $k$ -edge-graceful graphs. Here we introduce *odd graceful graphs*. We provide some definitions and other information which are required for the present investigations.

**Definition 1.1** If all the vertices of a graph are assigned some values subject to certain conditions then it is known as graph labelling

**Definition 1.2** A simple graph  $G(m, n)$  with  $m$  vertices and  $n$  edges is *graceful* if there is a labeling  $l$  of its vertices with distinct integers from the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  so that the induced edge labeling  $e$  defined by  $e(uv) = |l(u) - l(v)|$  assigns each edge a different label. A graph which admits graceful labeling is called a *graceful graph*.

**Definition 1.3** A graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $q$  edges is said to admit *odd graceful labeling* if  $f: V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2q-1\}$  such that the induced function  $f^*: E \rightarrow \{1, 3, \dots, 2q-1\}$  defined as  $f^*(ab) = |f(a) - f(b)|$  is bijective. A graph which admits odd graceful labeling is called an *odd graceful graph*.

**Definition 1.4** A Star graph is a tree consisting of one vertex adjacent to all others. We denote here a star graph as  $S_{1,r}$  where  $r$  number of pendant vertices are connected to one vertex.

The study of graph labeling and graceful graphs was introduced by Rosa[4]. (Gnanajothi R.B, 1991)[5] introduced the concept of odd graceful graphs and she has proved many results. Kathiresan K.M., 2008[6] has discussed odd gracefulfulness of ladders and graphs obtained from them by subdividing each step exactly once. Vaidya.S.K. et al 2010[7] proved the odd gracefulfulness of joining of even cycle with path and cycle sharing a common edge. Vaidya S.K. et al 2013[8] proved the odd gracefulfulness of splitting graph and the shadow graph of bister. Barrientos Christian 2009[9] discussed the odd gracefulfulness of Trees of Diameter 5. For detailed survey on graph labeling and related results we refer to Gallian J.A., 2015[10]

## Main results:

**Theorem-1:** Graph obtained by joining the cycle  $C_8$  with  $C_8 \odot S^4_{1,1}$  with one vertex gap four star

graphs  $S_{1,r}$  keeping one vertex gap between pair of vertices of the cycle is odd graceful.

**Proof:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_8$  and  $a_i^j$  are pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  adjacent to  $a_i$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,r$ . We define the vertex labelling as

$f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1, \text{ where } q \text{ is the total number of edges}\}$  as follows

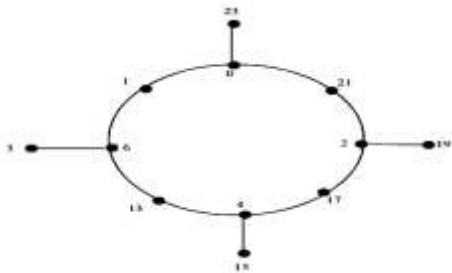
Case-1: If 'i' is odd, we define  $f(x) = \{i-1, \text{ if } x = a_i\}$

Let r-pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  are connected to each  $a_i$  keeping one vertex gap between pair of vertices of the cycle  $C_8$ .

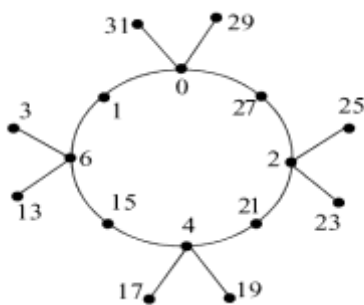
Case-2: If 'i' is even, We define  $f(a_i) = 2q - i(r+1) + 1, \text{ if } i < 8$  and  $f(a_8) = 1$

$f(a_i^{(j)}) = (2q-1) - (r+1)(i-1) - 2(j-1)$

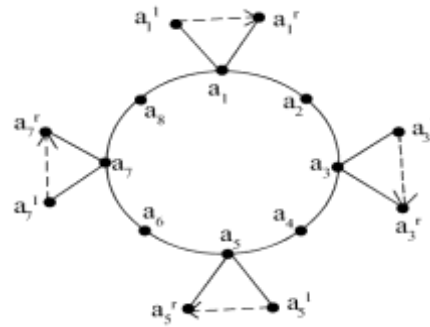
except  $i=7, j=r$  for  $f(a_7^r) = 3$ . The vertex function defined induces a bijective edge function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,2q-1\}$  Thus  $f$  is an edge graceful labeling of  $G = C_8 \Theta S_{1,r}^4$ . Hence  $C_8 \Theta S_{1,r}^4$  is an odd graceful graph. Example:



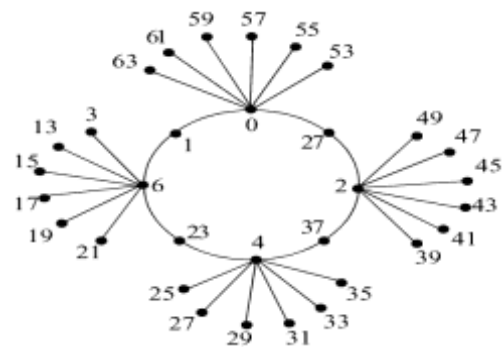
$C_8 \Theta S_{1,1}^4$  with one vertex gap



$C_8 \Theta S_{1,2}^4$  with one vertex gap is odd graceful



$C_8 \Theta S_{1,r}^4$  with one vertex gap



$C_{12} \Theta S_{1,6}^4$  with one vertex gap is odd graceful

**Theorem-2:**

Graph obtained by joining the cycle  $C_8$  with three star graphs  $S_{1,r}$  keeping three vertices gap between pair of vertices of the cycle is odd graceful.

**Proof:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_8$ .  $a_i^j$  are pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  adjacent to  $a_i$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,r$ . We define the vertex labelling as

$f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1, \text{ where } q \text{ is the total number of edges}\}$  as follows

Case-1: If 'i' is odd

We define  $f(x) = \{i-1, \text{ if } x = a_i\}$

Let r-pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  are connected to each  $a_i$  keeping three vertices gap between pair of vertices of the cycle

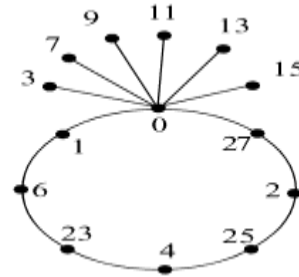
Case-2: If 'i' is even

We define  $f(a_i) = 2q - ir - 2i + 3, i \neq 8$  and  $f(a_8) = 1$

$$f(a_i^{(j)}) = \begin{cases} (2q-1) - (r+1)(i-1) - 2(j-1) & \text{if } i=1 \\ (q-1) - 2(j-1) & \text{if } i=5, j \neq r \\ 7 & \text{if } i=5, j=r \end{cases}$$

Thus  $f$  is an edge graceful labeling of  $G = C_8 \Theta S_{1,r}$ . Hence  $C_8 \Theta S_{1,r}$  is an odd graceful graph.

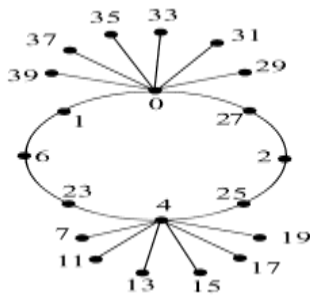
**Example:**



$C_8 \Theta S_{1,6}$  is odd graceful.

The vertex function defined induces a bijective edge function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,2q-1\}$ . Thus  $f$  is an edge graceful labeling of  $G = C_8 \Theta S_{1,r}^2$ . Hence  $C_8 \Theta S_{1,r}^2$  is an odd graceful graph.

**Example:**



$C_8 \Theta S_{1,6}^2$  with three vertices gap is odd graceful

**Theorem-3:**

Graph obtained by joining the cycle  $C_8$  with a star graph  $S_{1,r}$  is odd graceful.

**Proof:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_8$ .  $a_i^j$  are pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  adjacent to  $a_i$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,r$ . We define the vertex labeling as

$f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1, \text{ where } q \text{ is the total number of edges}\}$  as follows

Case-1: If 'i' is odd

We define  $f(x) = \{i-1, \text{ if } x = a_i\}$

Let r-pendant vertices of the star  $S_{1,r}$  are connected to  $a_1$

Case-2: If 'i' is even

We define  $f(a_i) = 2q - i + 1, i \neq 8$  and  $f(a_8) = 1$

$f(a_i^j) = 2j + 1, j \neq 2$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r + 1$

The vertex function defined induces a bijective edge function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,2q-1\}$

**Theorem-4**

$C_{12} \Theta S_{1,r}^6$  (where  $r > 4$ ) with one vertex gap between pair of vertices of the cycle  $C_{12}$  is an odd graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{12}$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_{12}$ .  $a_i^j$  are pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  adjacent to  $a_i$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,r$ . We define the vertex labelling as

$f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1, \text{ where } q \text{ is the total number of edges}\}$  as follows

Case-1: If 'i' is odd,

We define  $f(a_i) = i - 1$

Case-2: If i is even

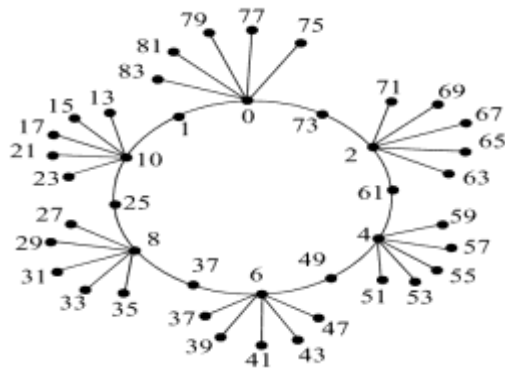
We define  $f(a_i) = 2q - i(r + 1) + 1$  and

$f(a_{2n+1}^j) = 10 + 2j + 1, j \neq 4$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r + 1, n = 4$

The vertex function defined induces a bijective edge function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,2q-1\}$

Thus  $f$  is a graceful labeling of  $G = C_{12} \Theta S_{1,r}^6$ . Hence  $C_{12} \Theta S_{1,r}^6$  is an odd graceful graph.

Example:



$C_{12} \Theta S^6_{1,5}$  is odd graceful.

**Theorem-5:**  $C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,r}$  with two vertices gap between pair of vertices of the cycle  $C_{12}$  is an odd graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{12}$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_{12}$ .  $a_i^j$  are pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  adjacent to  $a_i$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,r$ . We define the vertex labeling as

$f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1, \text{ where } q \text{ is the total number of edges}\}$  as follows

Case-1: If 'i' is odd

We define  $f(a_i) = i - 1$

If 'i' is even

We define  $f(a_i) = 2q - 2i + 1, i \neq 12$  and  $f(a_{12}) = 1$

$f(a_{2n+1}^j) = 2q - 2n(r+1) - 2j + 1, \text{ except } n = 4$

For  $r=1$  i.e. if only one pendant vertex is attached to each vertex of the cyclic graph  $C_{12}$  keeping two vertices gap in between pair of vertices.

We define

$$f(a_i^{(j)}) = \begin{cases} 2q-1, & \text{for } i=1 \\ 2q-3i, & \text{for } i=4,7 \\ q+2, & \text{for } i=10 \end{cases}$$

For  $r=2$  i.e. if only two pendant vertices are attached to each vertex of the cyclic graph  $C_{12}$

keeping two vertices gap in between pair of vertices.

We define

$$f(a_i^{(j)}) = \begin{cases} 2q-2j+1, & \text{for } i=1 \\ q+2j-4, & \text{for } i=4 \\ q-4j+1, & \text{for } i=7 \\ q+2j, & \text{for } i=10 \end{cases}$$

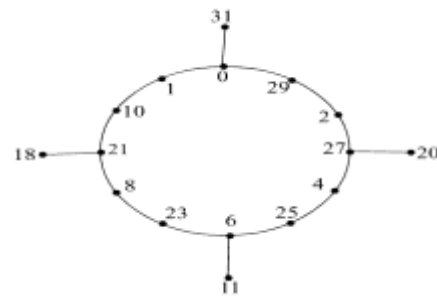
For  $r>2$  i.e. if more than two pendant vertices are attached to each vertex of the cyclic graph  $C_{12}$  keeping two vertices gap in between pair of vertices. We define

$$f(a_i^{(j)}) = \begin{cases} 2q-2j+1, & \text{for } i=1 \\ 4i+2j, & \text{for } i=4 \\ 2r+2j+9, & \text{for } i=7 \\ i+4r+2j, & \text{for } i=10 \end{cases}$$

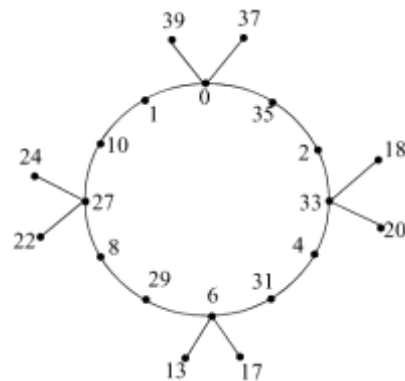
The vertex function defined induces a bijective edge function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,2q-1\}$

Thus  $f$  is an edge graceful labeling of  $G = C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,r}$ . Hence  $C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,r}$  is an odd graceful graph.

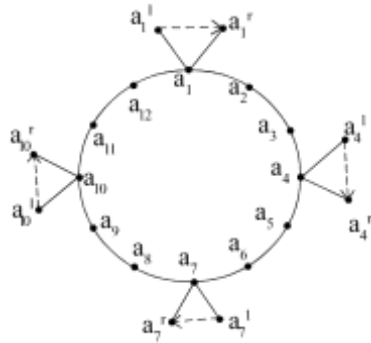
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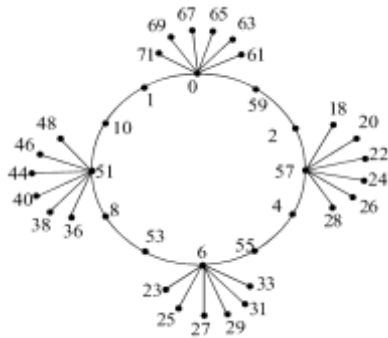
$C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,1}$  with two vertices gap is odd graceful



$C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,2}$  with two vertices gap is odd graceful



$C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,r}$  with two vertices gap is odd graceful



$C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,6}$  with two vertices gap is odd graceful

**Theorem-6**

$C_{12} \Theta S^3_{1,r}$  with three vertices gap between pair of vertices of the cycle  $C_{12}$  is an odd graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_8$ .  $a_i^j$  are pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  adjacent to  $a_i$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,r$ . We define the vertex labeling as

$f^*: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1\}$ , where  $q$  is the total number of edges, as follows

If 'i' is odd, we define  $f(a_i) = i - 1$

If 'i' is even, we define

$$f(a_i) = \begin{cases} 2q - 2r - i + 1, & i \leq 4 \\ 2q - 4r - i + 1, & 4 \leq i \leq 8 \end{cases},$$

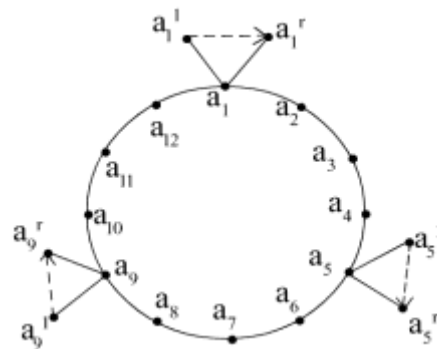
$f(a_{10}) = 15$  and  $f(a_{12}) = 1$

and

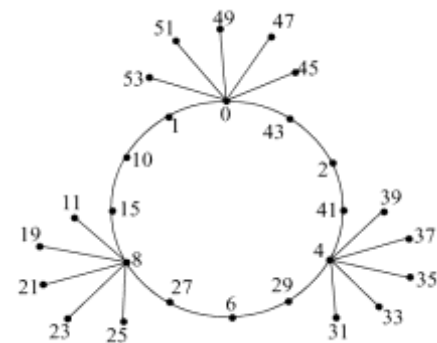
$$f(a_i^{(j)}) = \begin{cases} 2q - 2j + 1, & \text{for } i=1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq r \\ 2q - 2r - 2j - 3, & \text{for } i=5 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq r \\ 2q - 4r - 2j - 7, & \text{for } i=9 \text{ and } 1 \leq j < r \\ 11, & \text{for } i=9 \text{ and } j=r \end{cases}$$

The vertex function defined induces a bijective edge function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,2q-1\}$

Thus  $f$  is an edge graceful labeling of  $G = C_8 \cup P_r$ . Hence  $C_8 \cup P_r$  is an odd graceful graph.



$C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,r}$  with three vertices gap



$C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,5}$  with three vertices gap is odd graceful

**Theorem-7**

$C_{12} \Theta S^4_{1,r}$  with five vertices gap between pair of vertices of the cycle  $C_{12}$  is an odd graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{12}$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_{12}$  and  $a_i^j$  are pendant vertices adjacent to  $a_i$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,r$ . If  $q$  is the total number of edges of the graph  $G$ , we define the vertex labeling as

$f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1\}$  as follows

We define

$$f(a_i) = \begin{cases} i-1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 2q-i+1, & \text{if } i \text{ is even and } i < 12 \end{cases}$$

Case-1: For  $r=1$  ( only one pendant vertex is attached to each vertex of the cyclic graph  $C_{12}$  keeping five vertices gap in between pair of vertices).

We define  $f(a_{12}) = 3$  ,  $f(a_1^1) = 1$  ,  
 $f(a_7^1) = 11$

Case-2 : For  $r=2$  ( two pendant vertices are attached to each vertex of the cyclic graph  $C_{12}$  keeping five vertices gap in between pair of vertices).

We define  $f(a_{12}) = 1$  ,  
 $f(a_1^j) = 2j+1, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq 2$  ,

$$f(a_7^j) = \begin{cases} 13 \text{ for } j = 1 \\ 17 \text{ for } j = 2 \end{cases}$$

Case-3: For  $r > 2$  ( if more than two pendant vertices are attached to each vertex of the cyclic graph  $C_{12}$  keeping five vertices gap in between pair of vertices)

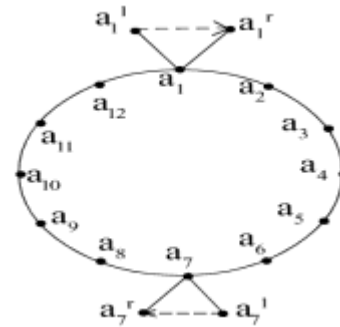
We define  $f(a_{12}) = 1$

$$f(a_1^j) = \begin{cases} 2j+1, & \text{for } j < 4 \\ 2j+3, & \text{for } j \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

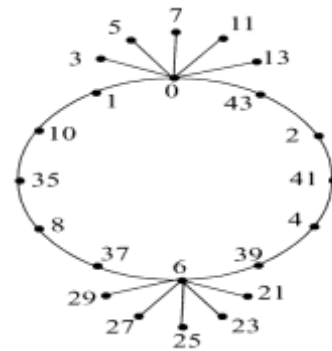
$$f(a_7^j) = q + 2j - 3, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq r$$

The vertex function defined above induces a bijective edge function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,2q-1\}$

Thus  $f$  is an edge graceful labeling of  $G = C_{12} \odot S_{1,r}^4$ . Hence  $C_{12} \odot S_{1,r}^4$  is an odd edge graceful graph.



$C_{12} \odot S_{1,r}^4$  with five vertices gap



$C_{12} \odot S_{1,5}^4$  with five vertices gap is odd graceful

**Theorem-8:** Graph obtained by joining the cycle  $C_{12}$  with a star graph  $S_{1,r}$  is odd graceful.

**Proof:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{12}$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_{12}$  and  $a_1^j$  are pendant vertices of the star graph  $S_{1,r}$  adjacent to  $a_1$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,r$ . We define the vertex labeling as

$f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1\}$ , where  $q$  is the total number of edges as follows

Case-1: If 'i' is odd

We define  $f(a_i) = i - 1$

Let  $r$ -pendant vertices of the star  $S_{1,r}$  are connected to each  $a_1$

Case-2: If 'i' is even

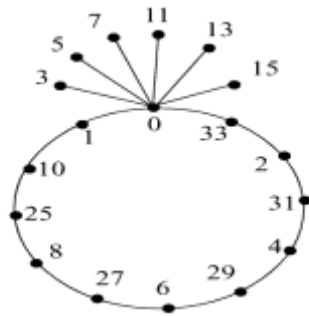
We define  $f(a_i) = 2q - i + 1, i \neq 12$  and  $f(a_{12}) = 1$

$$f(a_1^j) = 2j + 1, j \neq 4 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq r + 1$$

The vertex function defined induces a bijective edge function  $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,2q-1\}$

.Thus  $f$  is an edge graceful labeling of  $G = C_{12} \Theta S_{1,r}$ . Hence  $C_{12} \Theta S_{1,r}$  is an odd graceful graph.

Examples:



$C_{12} \Theta S_{1,6}$  is odd graceful .

**Application:** Graph labeling has wide application in coding theory, communication networks, optimal circuits layouts and graph decomposition problems.

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