

Some Vertex Prime Graphs And A New Type Of Graph Labeling.

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Abstract

In this paper we investigate some new families of vertex prime graphs. We show that the graphs kayak paddle $KP(k,m,l)$, book graph $\theta(C_m)^n$, *Irregular book graph $\theta(C)^n$, C_3 snake $S(C_3,m)$, *m-fold triangular snake $S(C_3,m,n)$, sunflower graph $SF(1,n)$, *m-fold-petal sunflower graph $SF(m,n)$, $(C_n)^k$ and *One point union of k cycles not of equal length $(C)^k$ has Vertex Prime label. The * indicates new families are discussed and shown to be vertex prime. We introduce a new type of graph labeling called as **L-cordial labeling** and show that $K_{1,n}$, path P_n , C_n , $S(C_3,m)$ are families of L-cordial graphs.

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1. Introduction

All graphs considered here are simple, finite, connected, undirected. A graph $G(V,E)$ has **vertex prime labeling** if its edges can be labeled with distinct integers $1,2,3,\dots,|E|$ i.e. a function $f:E \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,|E|\}$ defined such that for each vertex with degree at least 2 the greatest common divisor of the labels on its incident edges is 1 [4]. The edge labels are the actual images under function $f:E(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,|E|\}$. Deretsky, Lee and Mitchen [4] shows that the forests, all connected graphs, $C_{2k}UC_n, 5C_{2m}$ have vertex prime labeling. The graph with exactly two components one of which is not an odd cycle has a vertex prime labeling. They also show that a 2-regular graph with at least two odd cycles has no vertex prime labeling. The graph admitting vertex prime labeling is called as vertex prime graph.

We introduce a new type of graph labeling called as L-cordial labeling and show that $K_{1,n}$, path P_n , $C_n, S(C_3,n)$ are families of L-cordial graphs.

We refer for terminology and symbols J.F. Harary [7] and Dynamic survey of graph labeling by Galian J.A. [5]

In this paper main results follow after some definitions.

1.1 Definition: A book graph $\theta(C_m)^n$ is made from m copies of cycle C_m that share an edge in common. It is n page book with each page as a m -gon.

1.2 Definition: Irregular book graph $\theta(C)^n$ is a book on n pages such that not all cycles are identical polygons.

1.3 Definition: A kayak paddle $G = KP(k,m,t)$ is a graph obtained by joining cycle C_k and cycle C_m by a path of length t

1.4 Definition: A graph $S(C_3,m)$ is a snake of length m on C_3 . It is obtained from a path $p_m = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{m+1})$ by joining vertices v_i and v_{i+1} to new vertex w_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$) giving edges $q_i = (w_i, v_i)$ and edge $q_i' = (w_i, v_{i+1})$.

1.5 Defination: A m-fold triangular snake $S(C_3,m,n)$ of length n is obtained from a path $v_1,v_2,\dots,v_n,v_{n+1}$ by joining v_i and v_{i+1} to new m vertices w^1_i,w^2_i,\dots,w^m_i , $i = 1,2,\dots,n$ giving edges $(v_iw^j_i)$ and $e^j_i=(w^j_iv_{i+1})$, $j=1\dots m$. $i = 1,2,\dots,n$

1.6 Definition :A unfold-petal sunflower graph $SF(1,n)$ is a sunflower graph $SF(n)$ obtained by a n-cycle (v_1,v_2,\dots,v_n,v_1) and creating new vertices w_1,w_2,\dots,w_n with new edges (w_iv_i) and (w_iv_{i+1}) .It also can be obtained from a C_3 snake $S(C_3,n)$ by identifying end points v_1 and v_{n+1} of path P_{n+1} .

1.7 Definition :A m-fold-petal sunflower graph $SF(m,n)$ is obtained from a cycle v_1,v_2,\dots,v_n,v_1 by joining v_i and v_{i+1} to new m vertices w^1_i,w^2_i,\dots,w^m_i , $i = 1,2,\dots,n$ giving edges $e^j_i=(v_iw^j_i)$ and $e^j_i=(w^j_iv_{i+1})$, $i=1\dots n$, taken modulo n. $j= 1,2,\dots,m$.

1.8 Definition : $(C_n)^k$ is a graph obtained by taking one point union of k copies of cycle C_n .

1.9 Definition : $(C)^k = (C_{r_1r_2\dots r_k})^k$ is a graph obtained by taking one point union of k cycles of lengths r_1,r_2,\dots,r_k not all same.

2.Main Results proved :

2.1 Theorem :A book graph $\theta(C_m)^n$ is a vertex prime .

Proof: A book graph $G = \theta(C_m)^n$ has $n(m-1)+1$ edges.The n copies of cycle C_m are denoted by C^1,C^2,\dots,C^n The consecutive edges on cycle C^k are $e^{k_1}=(v^1_iv^2_i)$. (it is common to all cycles and is denoted by e_1), e^{k_2},\dots,e^{k_m} Where $k = 1,2,\dots,n$.and vertex v^i_j is the j^{th} vertex on i^{th} cycle .The edge $e^j_i=(v^i_jv^{i+1}_j)$ is the j^{th} edge on i^{th} cycle , $i = 1,2,\dots,n$ and $j = 1,2,\dots,m$. The edge e_1 is adjacent to e^{k_2} and e^{k_m} , $k = 1,2,\dots,n$. Define $f :E(G)\rightarrow \{1,2,\dots|E|\}$ such that

$$f(e^1_x)= x, x= 1,2,\dots,m.$$

$$f(e^2_x)=m+x-1, x= 2,3,4,\dots,m.$$

$$f(e^k_x) = m+(m-1)(k-2)+x-1; k=3,4,\dots,n \text{ and } x = 2,3,\dots,m.$$

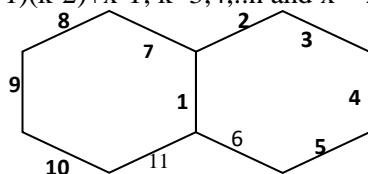


fig.2.1 $\theta(C_6)^2$

For any vertex the incident edges have label numbers that are consecutive positive integers or one of the incident edge is of label 1. Thus graph G is vertex prime.

2.2 Theorem: Irregular book graph $G= \theta(C)^n$ or $G = \theta(C_{r_1,r_2,\dots,m})^n$ has vertex prime labeling.

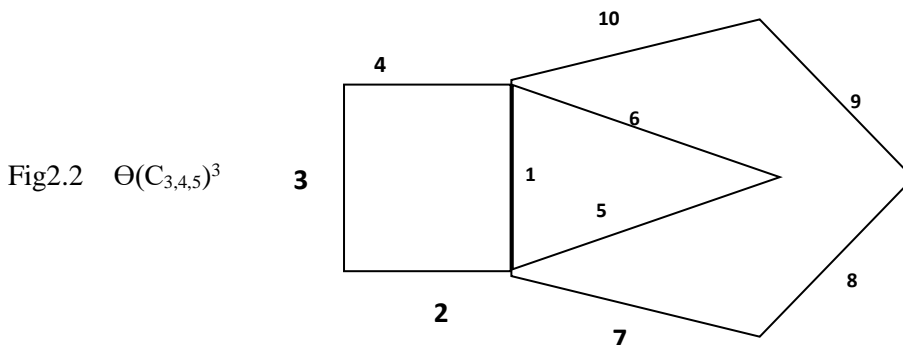


Fig2.2 $\theta(C_{3,4,5})^3$

Proof: The different n cycles are $C_{r_1}, C_{r_2}, \dots, C_m$. These cycles are also referred as 1st, 2nd, ..., n^{th} cycle on edges r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n respectively. The edge common to all cycles is e_1 . e_x^k be the x^{th} edge on k^{th} cycle where $x = 2, 3, \dots, r_k$ and $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

Define $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$ as

$$f(e_x^k) = x \quad \text{for } k=1 \text{ and } x=1, 2, \dots, r_1$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} r_t - k + 1 + x \quad \text{for } k=2, 3, \dots, n \text{ and } x=2, 3, \dots, r_k.$$

It follows that for any vertex on any cycle $C_{r_1}, C_{r_2}, \dots, C_m$ the incident edges have label numbers that are consecutive positive integers or one of the incident edge is of label 1. As such the graph $\theta(C)^n = \Theta(C_{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n})^n$ has vertex prime labeling.

2.3 Theorem : A kayak paddle $G = KP(k, m, t)$ is vertex prime.

Proof: A Kayak graph $G = KP(k, m, t)$ has vertex set $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{t-1}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$ where the cycle $C_k = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_1)$ and path of length $t = P_{t+1} = (v_1, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{t-1}, w_1)$ and $C_m = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m, w_1)$. The edge set $E(G) = \{e_i = (v_i v_{i+1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, k, \text{ where } k+1 \text{ is taken as } 1\} \cup \{p_i = (v_1 u_1), p_t = (u_{t-1} w_1)\} \cup \{p_{i+1} = (u_i u_{i+1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, t-2\} \cup \{e_i' = (w_i w_{i+1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \text{ where } m+1 \text{ is taken as } 1\}$

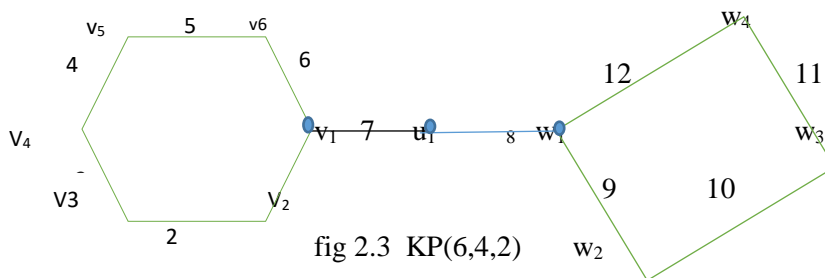


fig 2.3 $KP(6,4,2)$

Define a function $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$ as

$$f(e_i) = i \text{ for } i = 1..k, f(p_1) = k+1, f(p_i) = k+i; i = 1 \dots (t-1); \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1.$$

$$f(p_t) = k+t;$$

$f(e_i') = k+t+i, i=1..m$ This gives every vertex is incident with at least two edges whose labels are consecutive positive integers. Therefore G is vertex prime.

2.4 Theorem: A C_3 snake $G = S(C_3, m)$ is vertex prime.

Proof: Define $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$ as

$$f(e_i) = i \text{ for } e_i = (v_i v_{i+1}) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$f(e_i') = m+1+2(m-i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

$$f(e_i) = f(e_i') + 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

As each vertex is incident with edges whose label are consecutive integers, the resultant labeling is vertex prime.

2.5 Theorem: A sunflower graph $SF(n)$ $n \geq 3$ has vertex prime labeling.

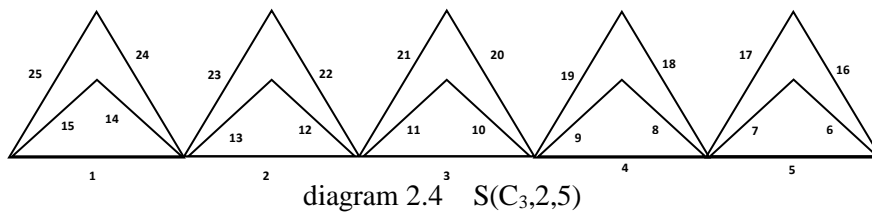
Proof. We first obtain the vertex prime labeling of $S(C_3, n)$ as stated in theorem 1.4. By identifying the vertex v_1 with vertex v_{n+1} will give the required labeling of $SF(n)$

2.6 Theorem : A m-fold triangular snake $S(C_3, m, n)$ is vertex prime.

Proof : Define $f: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$ as follows,

$$f(v_i v_{i+1}) = i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. f(e_j^i) = n + 2n(j-1) + 2(n-i) + 1; j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$f(e_j^i) = f(e_j^{i'}) + 1$$



It follows that $S(C_3, m, n)$ is vertex prime.

2.7 Theorem: A m-fold-petal sunflower graph $SF(m, n)$ is vertex prime.

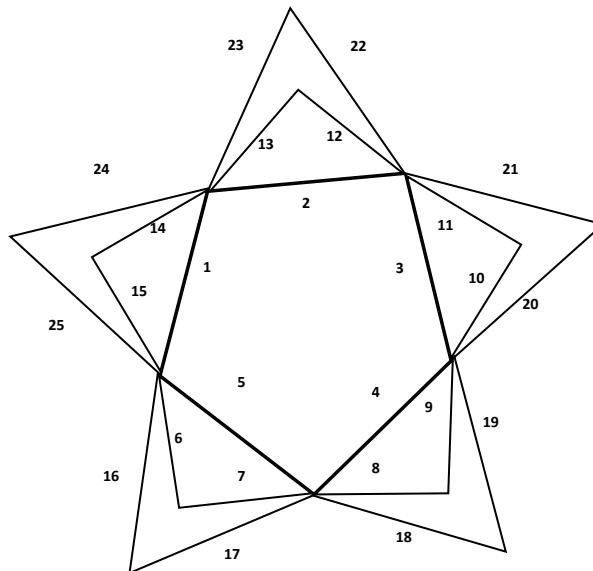


Fig 2.5 2-fold sunflower graph $SF(2, 5)$

Proof : A m-fold-petal sunflower graph $SF(m, n)$ is obtained from $S(C_3, m, n)$ by identifying vertex v_1 and v_n of $S(C_3, m, n)$. Identifying these two vertices does not have any effect on vertex prime labeling. The resultant graph is vertex prime.

2.8 Theorem: The graph $G = (C_{r_1 r_2 \dots r_k})^k$ is vertex prime.

Proof: Let the k cycles be C^j , $j=1,2..k$. with length $r_1,r_2,..r_k$ respectively. The vertex common to all cycles be v_1 and $e_i=(v_i v_{i+1})$ $i = 1,2..n$.

Define $f:E(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,..|E|\}$ as follows,

$$f(e_i) = r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_{(j-1)} + i \text{ for } j = 1..k$$

This labeling produces at least two edges on any vertex with label as consecutive natural numbers. Resultant graph is vertex prime.

If we take $r_1=r_2=r_3=\dots=r_k$ we get all cycles of same length say, m , The resultant graph is $(C_m)^k$

3. Future challenges in vertex prime labelings.:

3.1 Definition A block - cutpoint graph of a graph G is a bipartite graph in which one partite set consists of the cut vertices of G and the other has a vertex b_i for each block B_i of G .

3.2 Definition A triangular cactus is a connected graph all of whose blocks are triangles. On similar lines one can define n -gonal cactus as a graph in which all of its blocks are n -gone.

We define n -gonal snake on the same lines as the triangular snakes.

3.3 We observe that n -gonal snake is vertex prime. Obtain the particular labeling to this effect.

3.4 A n -gonal cactus is vertex prime. Obtain the particular labeling to this effect.

4. We define a new type of labeling : L -cordial labeling of a graph.

A graph $G(V,E)$ has a L -cordial labeling if there is a bijective function $f:E(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,..|E|\}$. This induces the vertex label as 0 if among all the labels on the incident edges the biggest label is an even number and 1 otherwise. Further the condition is satisfied that $v_f(0)$ the number of vertices labeled with 0 and $v_f(1)$ the number of vertices labeled with 1 follows the condition that $|v_f(1) - v_f(0)| \leq 1$. Here isolated vertices are not considered for labeling. A graph which admits L -cordial labeling is called as L -cordial graph.

4.1 Theorem: $K_{1,n}$ is L -cordial iff n is even.

Proof : Label the pendent edges in $K_{1,n}$ as 1,2,3..n

Case : $n = 2m$ $m = 0,1,2,..$ we have m edges with odd label and m edges with even label producing m vertices with label 0 and m vertices with label 1. The vertex with n degree will receive label 0. Thus $|v(0) - v(1)| \leq 1$.

Case : $n = 2m + 1$. ($m = 0,1,2,..$) There will be $m+1$ edges with odd label number and m edges with even number as label. This will give $m+1$ vertices with label 1 and m vertices with label 0. Since the biggest edge label at the n degree vertex is odd number the vertex label will be 1. The resultant labeling gives $v(0) = m$ and $v(1) = m+2$. which is not L -cordial labeling.

3.2 Theorem : A path $G = P_n$ is L -cordial. $n \geq 3$

Proof: case $n=2$ there is no L -cordial labeling of P_2 .



case $n = 2m + 1, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

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

$$f(e_1)=1, f(e_2)=3, f(e_3)=2, f(e_i)=i \text{ for } i \geq 4 |v_f(0)=m, v_f(1)=m+1$$

Case $n = 2m, m = 1, 2, \dots$: Define $f: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$ as follows:

$$f(e_1)=2, f(e_2)=1, f(e_3)=3,$$

$$f(e_i)=i \text{ for } i \geq 4 |v_f(0)=m, v_f(1)=m$$

The resultant labeling is L-cordial labeling.

4.3 Theorem: Cycle C_n is L-cordial.

Proof: Let the cycle be $C_n=(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_1)$ and any edge $e_i = (v_i v_{i+1}), i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ($n+1$ taken modulo n)

case 1 : n is even.

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

$$f(e_1) = 1, f(e_2)=3, f(e_3) = 2, f(e_i)=i \text{ for } i = 4, 5, \dots, n.$$

The edge with label number n is adjacent to the edge with label 1. $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = n/2$. For odd cycle ($n=2m+1$) Redefine the function as $f(e_i)=i$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. gives $v_f(0) + 1 = v_f(1)$

4.4 Theorem: $S(C_3, m)$ is L-cordial.

Proof: Define $f: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |E|\}$ as

$$f(v_i v_{i+1}) = 3(i-1)+1 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m.$$

$$f(w_j v_j) = 2 + (j-1)3 \quad ; j=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$f(w_j v_{j+1}) = 3j \quad j=1, 2, \dots, m$ When n is odd $v_f(1) = v_f(0) + 1$ and when n is even $v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$. Thus $S(C_3, n)$ is L-cordial.

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