

On $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - Cordial Graphs

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Abstract

For any abelian group A , a graph G is said to be A - cordial if there is a labeling f of $V(G)$ with elements of A so that for all $a, b \in A$, the edge ab is labeled with $f(a) + f(b)$ then the number of vertices labeled with a and the vertices labeled with b differ by at most 1 and the number of edges labeled with a and edges labeled with b differ by at most 1. In this paper we determine some classes of $Z_2 \times Z_2$ cordial graphs, a necessary condition for the sum of two $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial graphs to be $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial and we prove that every graph is an induced sub graph of $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial graph.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Mark Hovey [1] has introduced A – cordial labeling as a generalization of harmonious and cordial labeling. It is well known that $Z_2 = \{0,1\}$ is the residue classes modulo 2, where 0 denote the set of all even integers and 1 denote the set of all odd integers and consequently $Z_2 \times Z_2 = \{(0,0), (1,0), (0,1), (1,1)\}$ is an abelian group. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $e = (0,0)$, $a = (1,0)$, $b = (0,1)$, $c = (1,1)$. Then $a + b = c$, $a + c = b$ and $b + c = a$. In this paper we determine some classes of $Z_2 \times Z_2$ cordial graphs and a necessary condition for sum of two $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial graphs to be $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial. Also we prove that every graph is an induced subgraph of $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial graph.

Definition 1. For any abelian group A , a graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be A - cordial, if there is a labeling f of V with elements of A so that for all $a, b \in A$, the edge ab is labeled with $f(a) + f(b)$ then $v_f(a)$ and $v_f(b)$ differ by at most 1 and $e_f(a)$ and $e_f(b)$ differ by at most 1, where $v_f(a)$ and $e_f(b)$ are respectively the number of vertices labeled with a and the number of edges labeled with b .

II. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 2: The cycle C_n is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial for all n except $n = 4, 5$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

Proof: Let $V(C_n) = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ be the set of all vertices of C_n , and $E(C_n) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ be the set of all edges

of C_n . Define $f : V(C_n) \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ as follows: Case(i) If $n \equiv 0, 1, 3, 7 \pmod{8}$: Label the vertices of C_n as $f(v_i) = e$, if $i = 4k, 4k+1$ where k is odd, $f(v_i) = a$, if $i = 1, 8k, 8k+1$ where k is an integer, $f(v_i) = b$, if $i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ and $f(v_i) = c$, if $i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Case(ii) If $n \equiv 4$ or $5 \pmod{8}$ where $n \neq 4, 5$: Label the vertices of C_n as $f(v_i) = e$ if $i = 4, 5, 8, 8k, 8k+1$ where $k > 1$ is an integer, $f(v_i) = a$, if $i = 1, 7, 4k, 4k+1$ where $k > 1$ is odd, $f(v_i) = b$ if $i = 2, 9, 2k$ where $k > 3$ is odd, $f(v_i) = c$, if $i = 3, 6, 4k+3$ where $k > 1$ is an integer. Table 1 shows the values of $v_f(x)$ for all $x \in Z_2 \times Z_2$ and Table 2 shows the values of $e_f(x)$ for all $x \in Z_2 \times Z_2$. Also $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ for all $i, j \in Z_2 \times Z_2$. Hence C_n is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial for all n except $n = 4, 5$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

$n = 8r + i$	$v_f(e)$	$v_f(a)$	$v_f(b)$	$v_f(c)$
$i = 0$	$2r$	$2r$	$2r$	$2r$
$i = 1$	$2r$	$2r + 1$	$2r$	$2r$
$i = 3$	$2r$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$
$i = 4$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$
$i = 5$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 2$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$
$i = 7$	$2r + 2$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 2$	$2r + 2$

Table 1. Labelings of the vertices of C_n

$n = 8r + i$	$e_f(e)$	$e_f(a)$	$e_f(b)$	$e_f(c)$
$i = 0$	$2r$	$2r$	$2r$	$2r$
$i = 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r$	$2r$	$2r$
$i = 3$	$2r$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$
$i = 4$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$
$i = 5$	$2r + 2$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 1$
$i = 7$	$2r + 1$	$2r + 2$	$2r + 2$	$2r + 2$

Table 2. Labelings of the edges of C_n

Theorem3. The complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ where $m \leq n$ is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial for all m and n except $m \& n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$.

Proof: Let $V_1 = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ and $V_2 = \{v_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ be the set vertices of $K_{m,n}$ and $E(K_{m,n}) = \{e_i = u_i v_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ be the set of all edges of $K_{m,n}$. Define $f : V(K_{m,n}) \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ as follows: $f(u_i) = e$ if $i \equiv 1(\text{mod } 4)$, $f(u_i) = a$ if $i \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$, $f(u_i) = b$ if $i \equiv 3(\text{mod } 4)$, $f(u_i) = c$ if $i \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$.

Case(i) If $m \equiv 0, 1, 2(\text{mod } 4)$ (Note that if $m \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$, choose n such that $n \not\equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$), define $f(v_i) = e$ if

$i \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$, $f(v_i) = a$ if $i \equiv 3(\text{mod } 4)$, $f(v_i) = b$ if $i \equiv 1(\text{mod } 4)$, $f(v_i) = c$ if $i \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$.

If $m = 4r$, Table 3 and 4 shows the values of $v_f(x)$ and $e_f(x)$ for all $x \in Z_2 \times Z_2$.

$n = 4k + i$	$v_f(e)$	$v_f(a)$	$v_f(b)$	$v_f(c)$
$i = 0$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$	$r + k$	$r + k$
$i = 1$	$r + k$	$r + k$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$
$i = 2$	$r + k$	$r + k$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$
$i = 3$	$r + k$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$

Table 3. Labelings of the vertices of $K_{m,n}$

$n = 4k + i$	$e_f(e)$	$e_f(a)$	$e_f(b)$	$e_f(c)$
$i = 0$	nr	nr	nr	nr
$i = 1$	nr	nr	nr	nr
$i = 2$	nr	nr	nr	nr
$i = 3$	nr	nr	nr	nr

Table 4. Labelings of the edges of $K_{m,n}$

If $m = 4r + 1$ Table 5 and 6 shows the values of $v_f(x)$ and $e_f(x)$ for all $x \in Z_2 \times Z_2$.

$n = 4k + i$	$v_f(e)$	$v_f(a)$	$v_f(b)$	$v_f(c)$
$i = 0$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$	$r + k$	$r + k$
$i = 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$

$i = 2$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$
$i = 3$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$

Table5. Labelings of the vertices of $K_{m,n}$

$n = 4k + i$	$e_f(e)$	$e_f(a)$	$e_f(b)$	$e_f(c)$
$i = 0$	mk	mk	mk	mk
$i = 1$	$mk + r$	$mk + r$	$mk + r + 1$	$mk + r$
$i = 2$	$mk + 2r$	$mk + 2r$	$mk + 2r + 1$	$mk + 2r + 1$
$i = 3$	$mk + 3r$	$mk + 3r + 1$	$mk + 3r + 1$	$mk + 3r + 1$

Table 6. Labelings of the edges of $K_{m,n}$

If $m = 4r + 2$ Table 7 and 8 shows the values of $v_f(x)$ and $e_f(x)$ for all $x \in Z_2 \times Z_2$.

$n = 4k + i$	$v_f(e)$	$v_f(a)$	$v_f(b)$	$v_f(c)$
$i = 0$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$	$r + k$
$i = 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$
$i = 3$	$r + k$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$	$r + k + 1$

Table7. Labelings of the vertices of $K_{m,n}$

$n = 4k + i$	$e_f(e)$	$e_f(a)$	$e_f(b)$	$e_f(c)$
$i = 0$	mk	mk	mk	mk
$i = 1$	$mk + r$	$mk + r$	$mk + r + 1$	$mk + r + 1$
$i = 3$	$mk + 3r + 1$	$mk + 3r + 1$	$mk + 3r + 2$	$mk + 3r + 2$

Table8. Labelings of the edges of $K_{m,n}$

If $m = 4r + 3$ Table 9 and 10 shows the values of $v_f(x)$ and $e_f(x)$ for all $x \in Z_2 \times Z_2$.

$n = 4k + i$	$v_f(e)$	$v_f(a)$	$v_f(b)$	$v_f(c)$
$i = 0$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$
$i = 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$
$i = 2$	$r + k + 2$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$
$i = 3$	$r + k + 2$	$r + k + 2$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$

Table 9. Labelings of the vertices of $K_{m,n}$

$n = 4k + i$	$e_f(e)$	$e_f(a)$	$e_f(b)$	$e_f(c)$
$i = 0$	mk	mk	mk	mk
$i = 1$	$mk + r$	$mk + r + 1$	$mk + r + 1$	$mk + r + 1$
$i = 2$	$mk + 2r + 1$	$mk + 2r + 2$	$mk + 2r + 2$	$mk + 2r + 1$
$i = 3$	$mk + 3r + 2$	$mk + 3r + 3$	$mk + 3r + 2$	$mk + 3r + 2$

Table 10. Labelings of the edges of $K_{m,n}$

Case(ii) If $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, define $f(v_i) = e$ if $i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, $f(v_i) = a$ if $i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $f(v_i) = b$ if $i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$,
 $f(v_i) = c$ if $i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

If $m = 4r + 3$ Table 11 and 12 shows the values of $v_f(x)$ and $e_f(x)$ for all $x \in Z_2 \times Z_2$

$n = 4k + i$	$v_f(e)$	$v_f(a)$	$v_f(b)$	$v_f(c)$
$i = 0$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k$
$i = 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$

$i = 2$	$r + k + 2$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$
$i = 3$	$r + k + 2$	$r + k + 2$	$r + k + 1$	$r + k + 1$

Table 11. Labelings of the vertices of $K_{m,n}$

$n = 4k + i$	$e_f(e)$	$e_f(a)$	$e_f(b)$	$e_f(c)$
$i = 0$	mk	mk	mk	mk
$i = 1$	$mk + r$	$mk + r + 1$	$mk + r + 1$	$mk + r + 1$
$i = 2$	$mk + 2r + 1$	$mk + 2r + 2$	$mk + 2r + 2$	$mk + 2r + 1$
$i = 3$	$mk + 3r + 2$	$mk + 3r + 3$	$mk + 3r + 2$	$mk + 3r + 2$

Table 12. Labelings of the edges of $K_{m,n}$

In all cases, $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ for all $i, j \in Z_2 \times Z_2$. Hence the complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ where $m \leq n$ is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ -cordial for all m and n except $m \& n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$.

Remark: $Z_2 \times Z_2$ -cordiality of $K_{m,n}$ IS found in [2]. However, the proof is different from ours.

Theorem 4. Let G_i are (p_i, q_i) $Z_2 \times Z_2$ -cordial labeled graph under f_i for $i = 1, 2$ respectively. Then $G_1 + G_2$ is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ -cordial if (i) either p_1 or $p_2 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$ and (ii) either q_1 or $q_2 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$.

Proof: Case (i) Let $p_1 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$ and $q_1 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$. Then $v_{f_1}(i) = \frac{p_1}{4}$, $e_{f_1}(i) = \frac{q_1}{4} \forall i = e, a, b, c$. Also,

$|v_{f_2}(i) - v_{f_2}(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_{f_2}(i) - e_{f_2}(j)| \leq 1 \forall i, j = e, a, b, c$. Let $v_{f_2}(e) = m_1$, $v_{f_2}(a) = m_2$, $v_{f_2}(b) = m_3$, $v_{f_2}(c) = m_4$, $e_{f_2}(e) = n_1$, $e_{f_2}(a) = n_2$, $e_{f_2}(b) = n_3$, and $v_{f_2}(c) = m_4$. Define $f : V(G_1 + G_2) \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ such that $f|_{V(G_i)} = f_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. Then clearly $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1 \forall i, j = e, a, b, c$ and

$$e_f(e) = \frac{q_1}{4} + n_1 + \frac{p_1 p_2}{4}, \quad e_f(a) = \frac{q_1}{4} + n_2 + \frac{p_1 p_2}{4}, \quad e_f(b) = \frac{q_1}{4} + n_3 + \frac{p_1 p_2}{4}, \quad e_f(c) = \frac{q_1}{4} + n_4 + \frac{p_1 p_2}{4}$$

.Therefore, $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| = |e_{f_2}(i) - e_{f_2}(j)| \leq 1 \forall i, j = e, a, b, c$.

Case(ii). Let $p_1 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$ and $q_2 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$. Then $v_{f_1}(i) = \frac{p_1}{4}$, $\forall i = e, a, b, c$ and $|e_{f_1}(i) - e_{f_1}(j)| \leq 1$,

$\forall i, j = e, a, b, c$. Let $e_{f_1}(e) = n_1$, $e_{f_1}(a) = n_2$, $e_{f_1}(b) = n_3$, $e_{f_1}(c) = n_4$ and $|v_{f_2}(i) - v_{f_2}(j)| \leq 1$,

$\forall i, j = e, a, b, c$ and $e_{f_2}(i) = \frac{q_2}{4} \forall i = e, a, b, c$. Let $v_{f_2}(e) = m_1$, $v_{f_2}(a) = m_2$, $v_{f_2}(b) = m_3$ and

$v_{f_2}(c) = m_4$. Define $f : V(G_1 + G_2) \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ such that $f|_{V(G_i)} = f_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. Then $v_f(e) = \frac{p_1}{4} + m_1$,

$v_f(a) = \frac{p_1}{4} + m_2$, $v_f(b) = \frac{p_1}{4} + m_3$ and $v_f(c) = \frac{p_1}{4} + m_4$. Therefore, $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| = |v_{f_2}(i) - v_{f_2}(j)| \leq 1$

$\forall i, j = e, a, b, c$. Now, $e_f(e) = n_1 + \frac{q_1}{4} + \frac{p_1}{4}(m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + m_4) = n_1 + \frac{q_1}{4} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{4}$. Similarly

$e_f(a) = n_2 + \frac{q_1}{4} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{4}$, $e_f(b) = n_3 + \frac{q_1}{4} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{4}$ and $e_f(c) = n_4 + \frac{q_1}{4} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{4}$. Therefore,

$|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| = |e_{f_1}(i) - e_{f_1}(j)| \leq 1 \forall i, j = e, a, b, c$. In a similar manner we can consider the other two cases. Hence $G_1 + G_2$ is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ -cordial under f .

Theorem 5. Every connected graph is an induced sub graph of a $Z_2 \times Z_2$ -cordial graph.

Proof: Let G be a connected (p, q) graph with vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p . If G itself is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ -cordial, there is nothing to prove. Otherwise, define $f : V(G) \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ such that $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq \alpha \forall i, j = e, a, b, c$ where α is possibly a small positive integer. Let $e_f(e) = m_1$, $e_f(a) = m_2$, $e_f(b) = m_3$,

$e_f(c) = m_4$. Let $m = \min\{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4\}$ and $M = \max\{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4\}$. Since G is not $Z_2 \times Z_2$ cordial, we have $M - m \geq 2$ and $p > 3$. Let u be a vertex in G whose label is x , and such that $v_f(x) = n_1$ is the minimum. Add a new vertex v and label it with x , then $v_f(x) = n_1 + 1$. Let $M - m = 2$. If $M - m_1 > 1$, join v with a vertex in G whose label is x , then $e_f(e) = m_1 + 1$. If $M - m_2 > 1$, join v with a vertex in G whose label is $x + a$, then $e_f(a) = m_2 + 1$. Similarly if $M - m_3 > 1$, join v with a vertex in G whose label is $x + b$, then $e_f(b) = m_3 + 1$ and if $M - m_4 > 1$, join v with a vertex in G whose label is $x + c$, then $e_f(c) = m_4 + 1$. If $M - m > 2$, we repeat the above process with the new graph H_1 . Since this process reduce the difference $M - m$, after a finite number of steps, we get a $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial graph which contains G as an induced sub graph.

Notation : A (p, q) graph has p vertices and q edges. For basic concepts in graph theory, we follow [3] and for graph labeling follow [4].

CONCLUSION

The cycle C_n is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial for all n except $n = 4, 5$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ and the complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ where $m \leq n$ is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial for all m and n except $m \& n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Also if G_i are (p_i, q_i) $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial labeled graph under f_i for $i = 1, 2$ respectively then $G_1 + G_2$ is $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial if (i) either p_1 or $p_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ and (ii) either q_1 or $q_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. Every connected graph is an induced sub graph of a $Z_2 \times Z_2$ - cordial graph.

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