

Some New Families of Prime Cordial Graphs

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Abstract

In this paper some new families of prime cordial graphs are investigated. We prove that the square graph of path P_n is a prime cordial graph for $n = 6$ and $n \geq 8$ while the square graph of cycle C_n is a prime cordial graph for $n \geq 10$. We also show that the shadow graph of $K_{1,n}$ for $n \geq 4$ and the shadow graph of $B_{n,n}$ are prime cordial graphs. Moreover we prove that the graphs obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges as well as mutual duplication of a pair of vertices from each of two copies of cycle C_n admit prime cordial labeling.

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1. Introduction

We begin with simple, finite, connected and undirected graph $G = (V(G), E(G))$ with p vertices and q edges. For standard terminology and notations we follow (Gross, J., Yellen, J., 1999). We will provide brief summary of definitions and other information which are necessary for the present investigations.

1.1 Definition If the vertices are assigned values subject to certain condition(s) then it is known as *graph labeling*.

For a dynamic survey on various graph labeling problems along with extensive bibliography we refer to (Gallian J. A., 2010).

1.2 Definition A mapping $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is called *binary vertex labeling* of G and $f(v)$ is called the label of the vertex v of G under f .

1.3 Notations If for an edge $e = uv$, the induced edge labeling $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is given by $f^*(e) = |f(u) - f(v)|$. Then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v_f(i) &= \text{number of vertices of } G \text{ having label } i \text{ under } f \\ e_f(i) &= \text{number of edges of } G \text{ having label } i \text{ under } f^* \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ where } i = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

1.4 Definition A binary vertex labeling f 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 *cordial* if it admits cordial labeling.

The concept of cordial labeling was introduced in (Cahit, I., 1987, p.201-207). After this many researchers have investigated graph families or graphs which admit cordial labeling. Some labeling schemes are also introduced with minor variations in cordial theme. Product cordial labeling, total product cordial labeling and prime cordial labeling are among mention a few. The present work is focused on prime cordial labeling.

1.5 Definition A *prime cordial labeling* of a graph G with vertex set $V(G)$ is a bijection $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, |V(G)|\}$ and the induced function $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(e = uv) &= 1; & \text{if } \gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1 \\ &= 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

satisfies the condition $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$. A graph which admits prime cordial labeling is called a *prime cordial graph*.

The concept of prime cordial labeling was introduced in (Sundaram, M., Ponraj, R. and Somasundram, S., 2005, p.373-390) and they have investigated several results on prime cordial labeling. Prime cordial labeling in the context of graph operations is discussed in (Vaidya, S. K. and Vihol, P. L., 2010, p.119-126). The same authors have discussed prime cordial labeling for some cycle related graphs in (Vaidya, S.K. and P.L.Vihol, 2010, p. 223-232). In the present work we will investigate some new families of prime cordial graphs.

1.6 Definition For a simple connected graph G the *square of graph G* is denoted by G^2 and defined as the graph with the same vertex set as of G and two vertices are adjacent in G^2 if they are at a distance 1 or 2 apart in G .

1.7 Definition The *shadow graph $D_2(G)$* of a connected graph G is obtained by taking two copies of G as G' and G'' . Join each vertex u' in G' to the neighbours of the corresponding vertex u'' in G'' .

1.8 Definition *Bistar* is the graph obtained by joining the apex vertices of two copies of star $K_{1,n}$.

1.9 Definition Consider two copies of cycle C_n . Then the *mutual duplication* of a pair of vertices v_k and v'_k from each of two copies of cycle C_n produces a new graph G such that $N(v_k)=N(v'_k)$.

1.10 Definition Consider two copies of cycle C_n and let $e_k = v_k v_{k+1}$ be an edge in the first copy of C_n with $e_{k-1} = v_{k-1} v_k$ and $e_{k+1} = v_{k+1} v_{k+2}$ be its incident edges. Similarly let $e'_k = u_k u_{k+1}$ be an edge in the second copy of C_n with $e'_{k-1} = u_{k-1} u_k$ and $e'_{k+1} = u_{k+1} u_{k+2}$ be its incident edges. The *mutual duplication* of a pair of edges e_k and e'_k from each of two copies of cycle C_n produces a new graph G in such a way that $N(v_k) \cap N(u_k) = \{v_{k-1}, u_{k-1}\}$ and $N(v_{k+1}) \cap N(u_{k+1}) = \{v_{k+2}, u_{k+2}\}$.

2. Main Results

2.1 Theorem: P_n^2 is not a prime cordial graph for $n = 3, 4, 5, 7$.

Proof: If v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are the vertices of path P_n then P_n^2 is the graph with $|V(P_n^2)| = n$ and $|E(P_n^2)| = 2n - 3$.

For the graph P_3^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 0, e_f(1) = 3$. Thus, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 3$ and in all the possible assignments of vertex labels we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$. Therefore P_3^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

For the graph P_4^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 1, e_f(1) = 5$. That is, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 4$ and in all the possible assignments we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$. Therefore P_4^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

For the graph P_5^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 5). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 1, e_f(1) = 9$. That is, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 8$ and in all the possible assignments we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$. Therefore P_5^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

Now for the graph P_7^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (1, 7), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (2, 7), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (3, 7), (4, 5), (4, 6), (4, 7), (5, 6), (5, 7), (6, 7). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 4, e_f(1) = 17$. That is, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 13$ and in all the possible assignments we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$. Therefore P_7^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

Hence P_n^2 is not a prime cordial graph for $n = 3, 4, 5, 7$.

2.2 Theorem: P_n^2 is a prime cordial graph for $n = 6$ and $n \geq 8$.

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of path P_n . To define $f : V(P_n^2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ we consider following three cases.

Case 1: $n = 6, 8, 9$

The graphs P_6^2, P_8^2 and P_9^2 are to be dealt separately and their prime cordial labeling are shown in *Figure 1*.

Case 2: n is even, $n \geq 10$

$$f(v_1) = 1,$$

$$f(v_{i+1}) = 2^i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3$$

$$f(v_{4+i}) = 2i + 10; \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 5$$

$$f(v_{\frac{n}{2}}) = 6,$$

$$f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+1}) = 10,$$

$$f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+2}) = 3,$$

$$f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+3}) = 5,$$

$$f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+3+i}) = 2i + 5; \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 3$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above we have $e_f(0) = e_f(1) + 1 = n - 1$.

Case 3: n is odd, $n \geq 11$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1) &= 1, \\ f(v_{i+1}) &= 2^i; & 1 \leq i \leq 3 \\ f(v_{4+i}) &= 2i + 10; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 5 \\ f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}) &= 6, \\ f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}) &= 10, \\ f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2}) &= 3, \\ f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 3}) &= 5, \\ f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 3 + i}) &= 2i + 5; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 2 \end{aligned}$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above we have $e_f(0) + 1 = e_f(1) = n - 1$.

Thus in all the above cases we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence P_n^2 is a prime cordial graph for $n = 6$ and $n \geq 8$.

2.3 Illustration: Prime cordial labeling of the graph P_{12}^2 is shown in Figure 2.

2.4 Theorem: C_n^2 is not a prime cordial graph for $n \leq 9$.

Proof: If v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are the vertices of cycle C_n then C_n^2 is the graph with $|V(C_n^2)| = n$ and $|E(C_n^2)| = 2n$.

The graph C_3^2 is C_3 . In the graph C_3 possible labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 0, e_f(1) = 3$. That is, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 3$. Therefore C_3^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

For the graph C_4^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 1, e_f(1) = 5$. That is, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 4$. Therefore C_4^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

For the graph C_5^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 5). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 1, e_f(1) = 9$. That is, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 8$. Therefore C_5^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

For the graph C_6^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (4, 5), (4, 6), (5, 6). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 4, e_f(1) = 11$. That is, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 7$ and in all the possible assignments we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$. Therefore C_6^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

For the graph C_7^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (1, 7), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (2, 7), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (3, 7), (4, 5), (4, 6), (4, 7), (5, 6), (5, 7), (6, 7). Then obviously $e_f(0) = 4, e_f(1) = 17$. That is, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 13$ and in all the possible assignments we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$. Therefore C_7^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

For the graph C_8^2 the possible pairs of labels of adjacent vertices are (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (1, 7), (1, 8), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (2, 7), (2, 8), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (3, 7), (3, 8), (4, 5), (4, 6), (4, 7), (4, 8), (5, 6), (5, 7), (5, 8), (6, 7), (6, 8), (7, 8).

Then obviously $e_f(0) = 7$. In order to satisfy edge condition for prime cordial graph it is essential to label eight edges with 0 and eight edges with 1 out of sixteen edges. But in all the possible assignments we are getting at most seven edge labels with 0 and at least nine edge labels with 1. So $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$. Therefore C_8^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

Now for the graph C_9^2 in order to satisfy edge condition for prime cordial graph it is essential to label nine edges with 0 and nine edges with 1 out of eighteen edges. But in all the possible assignments we are getting at most seven edge labels with 0 and at least eleven edge labels with 1. So $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| > 1$. Therefore C_9^2 is not a prime cordial graph.

Hence C_n^2 is not a prime cordial graph for $n \leq 9$.

2.5 Theorem: C_n^2 is a prime cordial graph for $n \geq 10$.

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of cycle C_n . Then C_n^2 is the graph with $|V(C_n^2)| = n$ and $|E(C_n^2)| = 2n$. To define $f : V(C_n^2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$, we consider following three cases.

Case 1: $n = 10$

The graph C_{10}^2 is to be dealt separately and its prime cordial labeling is shown in Figure 3.

Case 2: n is odd, $n \geq 11$

Sub Case 1: $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ or $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_1) &= 9, \\
 f(v_2) &= 3, \\
 f(v_3) &= 6, \\
 f(v_{3+i}) &= 2^i; & 1 \leq i \leq 3 \\
 f(v_{6+i}) &= 2i + 10; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 5 \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2}) &= 10, \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 3}) &= 5, \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 4}) &= 7, \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 4 + i}) &= 2i + 9; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 4 \\
 f(v_n) &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above, we have $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n$.

Sub Case 2: $n \equiv 0(mod 3)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_1) &= 3, \\
 f(v_2) &= 6 \\
 f(v_{2+i}) &= 2^i; & 1 \leq i \leq 3 \\
 f(v_{5+i}) &= 2i + 10; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 5 \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}) &= 10, \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2}) &= 5, \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 3}) &= 1, \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 4}) &= 9, \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 5}) &= 7, \\
 f(v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 5 + i}) &= 2i + 9; & 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 4
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above, we have $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n$.

Case 3: n is even, $n \geq 12$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_1) &= 1, \\
 f(v_{1+i}) &= 2^i; & 1 \leq i \leq 3 \\
 f(v_{4+i}) &= 2i + 10; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 5 \\
 f(v_{\frac{n}{2}}) &= 6, \\
 f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+1}) &= 10, \\
 f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+2}) &= 3, \\
 f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+3}) &= 5, \\
 f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+4}) &= 9, \\
 f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+5}) &= 7, \\
 f(v_{\frac{n}{2}+5+i}) &= 2i + 9; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 5
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above, we have $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n$.

Thus in the above cases, we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence C_n^2 is a prime cordial graph for $n \geq 10$.

2.6 Illustration: Prime cordial labeling of the graph C_{15}^2 is shown in Figure 4.

2.7 Theorem: $D_2(K_{1,n})$ is a not a prime cordial graph for $n = 2, 3$.

Proof: Consider two copies of $K_{1,n}$. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the pendant vertices of the first copy of $K_{1,n}$ and v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n be the pendant vertices of second copy of $K_{1,n}$ with v and v' are the respective apex vertices. Let G be the graph $D_2(K_{1,n})$. Then $|V(G)| = 2n + 2$ and $|E(G)| = 4n$.

In graph $D_2(K_{1,2})$, in order to satisfy edge condition for prime cordial labeling it is essential to label four edges with 0 and four edges with 1. But all the possible assignment of vertex labels give rise to 0 labels for at most three edges and 1 labels for at least five edges. Thus $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2 > 1$. Hence $D_2(K_{1,2})$ is not a prime cordial graph.

To satisfy edge condition for prime cordial labeling in the graph $D_2(K_{1,3})$ it is essential to label six edges with 0 and six

edges with 1. But all the possible assignments of vertex labels give rise to 0 labels for at most five edges and 1 labels for at least seven edges. Thus $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2 \geq 1$. Hence $D_2(K_{1,3})$ is not a prime cordial graph.

Hence $D_2(K_{1,n})$ is not a prime cordial graph for $n = 2, 3$.

2.8 Theorem: $D_2(K_{1,n})$ is a prime cordial graph for $n \geq 4$.

Proof: Consider two copies of $K_{1,n}$. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the pendant vertices of the first copy of $K_{1,n}$ and v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n be the pendant vertices of second copy of $K_{1,n}$ with v and v' are the respective apex vertices. Let G be the graph $D_2(K_{1,n})$. Then $|V(G)| = 2n + 2$ and $|E(G)| = 4n$. Choose a prime p such that $2p < 2n + 2$ and $3p \leq 2n + 2$ but $5p > 2n + 2$. We define $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + 2\}$ as

$$f(v) = 2,$$

$$f(v_1) = 1,$$

$$f(v') = 2p,$$

$$f(v'_1) = p,$$

$$f(v'_2) = 3p,$$

$$f(v_i) = \text{distinct even numbers between } 4 \text{ to } 2n + 2 \text{ except } 2p, 2 \leq i \leq n,$$

$$f(v'_i) = \text{distinct odd numbers between } 3 \text{ to } 2n + 1 \text{ except } p, 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above we have $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n$. Thus we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence $D_2(K_{1,n})$ is a prime cordial graph for $n \geq 4$.

2.9 Illustration: Prime cordial labeling of the graph $D_2(K_{1,5})$ is shown in Figure 5.

2.10 Theorem: $D_2(B_{n,n})$ is a prime cordial graph.

Proof: Consider two copies of $B_{n,n}$. Let $\{u, v, u_i, v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $\{u', v', u'_i, v'_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ be the corresponding vertex sets of each copy of $B_{n,n}$. Let G be the graph $D_2(B_{n,n})$. Then $|V(G)| = 4(n + 1)$ and $|E(G)| = 4(2n + 1)$. To define $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4(n + 1)\}$ we consider following two cases.

Case 1: $n = 2$

The prime cordial labeling of $B_{2,2}$ is as shown in the Figure 6.

Case 2: $n \geq 3$

Choose a prime p such that $2p < 4(n + 1)$ and $3p \leq 4(n + 1)$ but $5p > 4(n + 1)$.

$$f(u) = 4,$$

$$f(v) = 1,$$

$$f(u') = 2,$$

$$f(v') = 2p,$$

$$f(v'_1) = p,$$

$$f(v'_2) = 3p,$$

Define $f(u_i), 1 \leq i \leq n$ and $f(u'_i), 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ distinct even numbers between 6 to $4(n + 1)$ except $2p$.

$$f(u'_n) = 3,$$

Define $f(v_i), 1 \leq i \leq n$ and $f(v'_i), 3 \leq i \leq n$ distinct odd numbers between 5 to $4n + 3$ except p and $3p$.

In view of the labeling pattern defined above we have $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2(2n + 1)$.

Thus in both the cases we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence $D_2(B_{n,n})$ is a prime cordial graph.

2.11 Illustration: Prime cordial labeling of the graph $D_2(B_{5,5})$ is shown in Figure 7.

2.12 Theorem: The graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_n is not a prime cordial graph for $n = 3, 4$.

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of the first copy of cycle C_n and u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n be the vertices of the second copy of cycle C_n . Denote by G the graph obtained from mutual duplication of a pair of edges respectively from each of two copies of cycle C_n . Then $|V(G)| = 2n$ and $|E(G)| = 2n + 4$.

In order to satisfy the edge condition for the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_3 it is essential to label five edges with 0 and five edges with 1 out of ten edges. But all the possible assignment of vertex labels give rise to label 0 for at most four edges and label 1 for at least six edges. Thus $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2 > 1$. Hence the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_3 is not a prime cordial graph.

In order to satisfy the edge condition for the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_4 it is essential to label six edges with 0 and six edges with 1 out of twelve edges. But all the possible assignment of vertex labels give rise to label 0 for at most five edges and label 1 for at least seven edges. Thus $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2 > 1$. Hence the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_4 is not a prime cordial graph.

Hence the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_n is not a prime cordial for $n = 3, 4$.

2.13 Theorem: *The graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_n admits prime cordial labeling for $n \geq 5$.*

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of first copy of cycle C_n and u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n be the vertices of the second copy of cycle C_n . Let G be the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges each respectively from each copy of cycle C_n . Then $|V(G)| = 2n$ and $|E(G)| = 2n + 4$. To define $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + 4\}$, we consider following two cases.

Case 1: n is odd, $n \geq 5$

Without loss of generality we may assume that the edge $e = v_{\frac{n+1}{2}} v_{\frac{n+3}{2}}$ from the first copy of cycle C_n and the edge $e' = u_1 u_2$ from the second copy of cycle C_n are mutually duplicated.

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= n + 6 - 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+5}{2} \\ f(v_{n+1-i}) &= n + 4 + 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-5}{2} \\ f(u_1) &= 2, \\ f(u_2) &= 4, \\ f(u_3) &= 10, \\ f(u_4) &= 8, \\ f(u_n) &= 6, \\ f(u_{4+i}) &= 10 + 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq n - 5 \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: n is even, $n \geq 6$

Without loss of generality we may assume that the edge $e = v_{\frac{n}{2}+1} v_{\frac{n}{2}+2}$ from the first copy of cycle C_n and the edge $e' = u_1 u_2$ from the second copy of cycle C_n are mutually duplicated.

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= n + 7 - 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} + 3 \\ f(v_{n+1-i}) &= n + 5 + 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 3 \\ f(u_1) &= 2, \\ f(u_2) &= 4, \\ f(u_3) &= 10, \\ f(u_4) &= 8, \\ f(u_n) &= 6, \\ f(u_{4+i}) &= 10 + 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq n - 5 \end{aligned}$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above we have $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n + 2$.

Thus in both the cases we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_n admits prime cordial labeling for $n \geq 5$.

2.14 Illustration: *Prime cordial labeling of the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_9 is shown in Figure 8.*

2.15 Theorem: *The graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_n is not a prime cordial graph for $n = 3, 4$.*

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of the first copy of cycle C_n and let u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n be the vertices of the second copy of cycle C_n . Let G be the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices each respectively from each copy of cycle C_n . Then $|V(G)| = 2n$ and $|E(G)| = 2n + 4$.

In order to satisfy the edge condition for the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_3 it is essential to label five edges with 0 and five edges with 1 out of ten edges. But all the possible assignment of vertex labels give rise to label 0 for at most four edges and label 1 for at least six edges. Thus $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2 > 1$. Hence the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_3 is not a prime cordial graph.

In order to satisfy the edge condition for the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_4 it is essential to label six edges with 0 and six edges with 1 out of twelve edges. But all the possible assignment of vertex labels give

rise to label 0 for at most five edges and label 1 for at least seven edges. Thus $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 2 > 1$. Hence the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_4 is not a prime cordial graph.

Hence the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_n is not prime cordial for $n = 3, 4$.

2.16 Theorem: *The graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_n admits prime cordial labeling for $n \geq 5$.*

Proof: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of the first copy of cycle C_n and u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n be the vertices of the second copy of cycle C_n . Let G be the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices each respectively from each of two copies of C_n . Then $|V(G)| = 2n$ and $|E(G)| = 2n + 4$. To define $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + 4\}$ we consider following two cases.

Case 1: n is odd, $n \geq 5$

Without loss of generality we may assume that the vertex $v_{\frac{n+3}{2}}$ from the first copy of cycle C_n and the vertex u_1 from the second copy of cycle C_n are mutually duplicated.

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= n + 2 - 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2} \\ f(v_{\frac{n+3}{2}-2}) &= 1, \\ f(v_{\frac{n+3}{2}-1}) &= 2n - 4, \\ f(v_{\frac{n+3}{2}}) &= 2n, \\ f(v_{\frac{n+3}{2}+1}) &= 2n - 2, \\ f(v_{\frac{n+3}{2}+1+i}) &= 2n + 1 - 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-5}{2} \\ f(u_1) &= 2n - 6, \\ f(u_{i+1}) &= 2n - 4 - 4i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2} \\ f(u_{\frac{n-1}{2}+i}) &= 1 + 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq 3 \\ f(u_{n+1-i}) &= 2n - 6 - 4i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-5}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: n is even, $n \geq 6$

Without loss of generality we may assume that the vertex $v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}$ from the first copy of cycle C_n and the vertex u_1 from the second copy of cycle C_n are mutually duplicated.

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= n + 5 - 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{2} \\ f(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}-2}) &= 1, \\ f(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}-1}) &= 2n - 4, \\ f(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}}) &= 2n, \\ f(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}+1}) &= 2n - 2; \\ f(v_{\frac{n+2}{2}+1+i}) &= 2n + 1 - 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{2} \\ f(u_1) &= 2n - 6, \\ f(u_{i+1}) &= 2n - 6 - 4i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{2} \\ f(u_{\frac{n}{2}+i}) &= 3 + 2i; & 0 \leq i \leq 2 \\ f(u_{n+1-i}) &= 2n - 4 - 4i; & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-4}{2} \end{aligned}$$

In view of the labeling pattern defined above we have $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n + 2$.

Thus in both the cases we have $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Hence the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_n admits prime cordial labeling for $n \geq 5$.

2.17 Illustration: *Prime cordial labeling of the graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_{10} is shown in Figure 9.*

3. Concluding Remarks

As every graph is not a prime cordial graph it is very interesting to investigate graph or graph families which admit prime cordial labeling. In this paper we have investigated some new results on prime cordial labeling. To investigate similar results for other graph families and in the context of different labeling problems is an open area of research.

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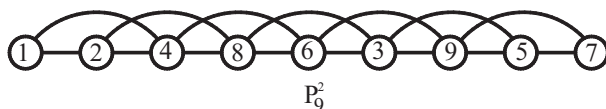
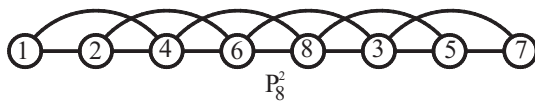
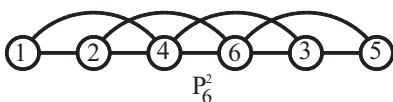


Figure 1. P_6^2, P_8^2, P_9^2 and their prime cordial labeling



Figure 2. P_{12}^2 and its prime cordial labeling

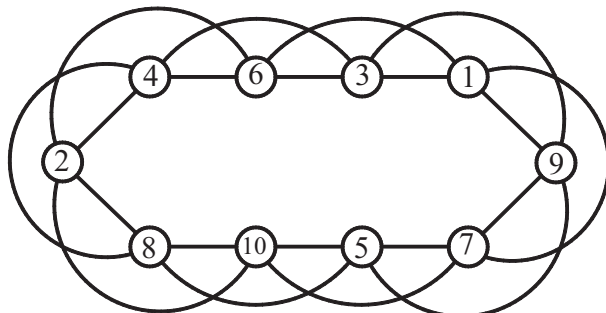


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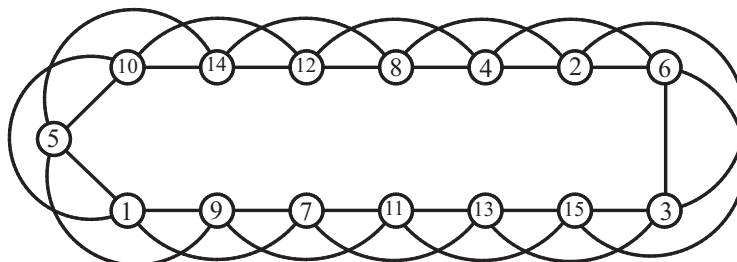


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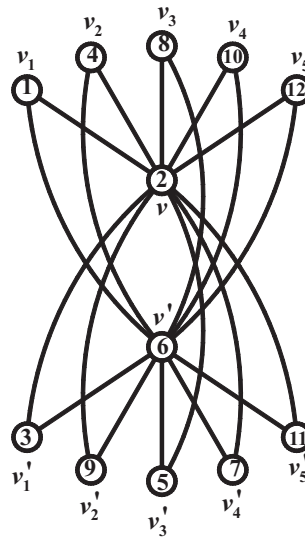


Figure 5. $D_2(K_{1,5})$ and its prime cordial labeling

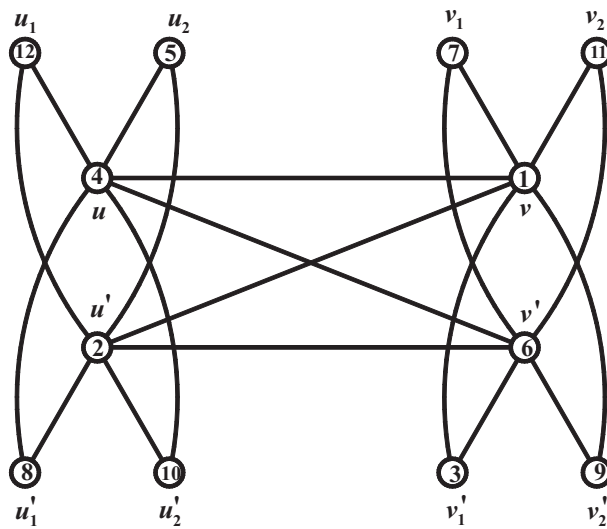


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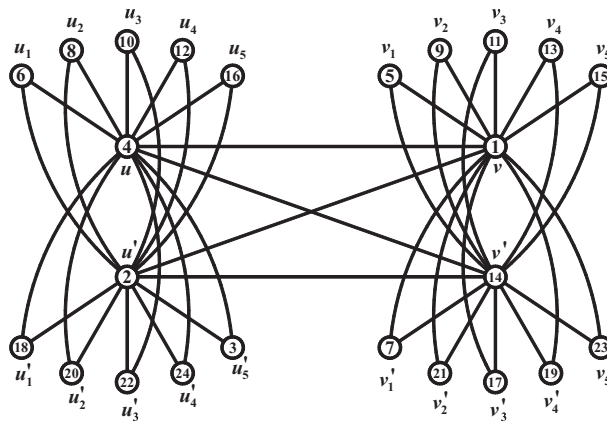


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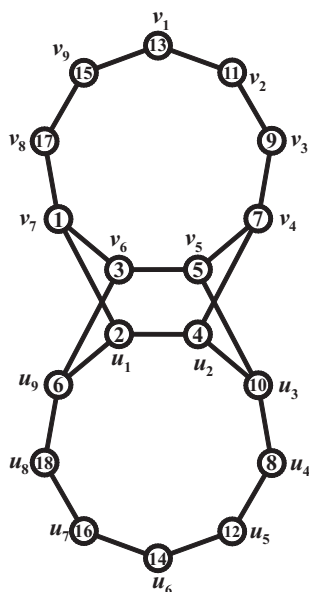


Figure 8. The graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of edges in C_9 and its prime cordial labeling

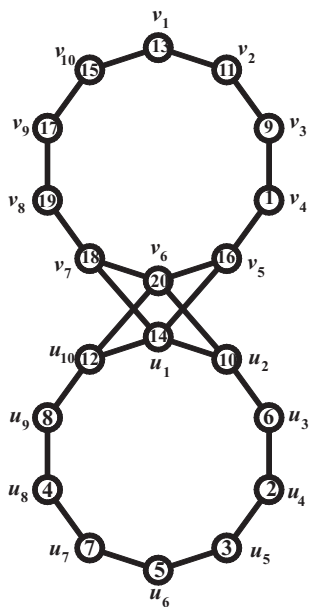


Figure 9. The graph obtained by mutual duplication of a pair of vertices in C_{10} and its prime cordial labeling