

# Geometric Mean Cordial Labeling of certain Graphs

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## Abstract

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph and  $f$  be a mapping from  $V(G)$  into  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ . For each edge  $uv$  assign the label  $\lceil \sqrt{f(u)f(v)} \rceil$ ,  $f$  is called a geometric mean cordial labeling if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ , where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(x)$  denote the number of vertices and edges labeled with  $x, x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  respectively. A graph with a geometric mean cordial labeling is called geometric mean cordial graph [6]. In this paper, we prove that the Comb graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$ , Quadrilateral snake graph  $Q_n$  and Crown graph  $[C_n \odot K_1]$  are geometric mean cordial graph.

## 1 Introduction

A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges, or both subject to certain conditions [8]. A detailed study on applications of graph labeling was discussed by Bloom and Golomb [4]. According to Beineke and Hedge, graph labeling serves as a frontier between number theory and structure of graphs [3]. A Geometric mean labeling of a graph  $G$  with  $p$

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vertices and  $q$  edges is an injective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q + 1\}$  such that the induced edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$  defined as  $f^*(uv) = \lceil \sqrt{f(u)f(v)} \rceil$  or  $\lfloor \sqrt{f(u)f(v)} \rfloor$  is bijective [10]. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. For an edge  $e = uv$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is given by  $f^*(e) = |f(u)f(v)|$ . A binary vertex labeling 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 [5]. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph and  $f$  be a mapping from  $V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ . For each edge  $uv$  assign the label  $\lceil \sqrt{f(u)f(v)} \rceil$ ,  $f$  is called a geometric mean cordial labeling if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$ , where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(x)$  denote the number of vertices and edges labeled with  $x$ ,  $x = \{0, 1, 2\}$  respectively. A graph with a geometric mean cordial labeling is called geometric mean cordial graph [6].

## 2 Comb Graph

**Definition 2.1.** [9] *The Comb graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$  is the graph obtained from a path  $P_n$  by attaching a pendent edge to each vertex of the path  $P_n$ .*

**Theorem 2.2.** *The Comb graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$  is a geometric mean cordial graph.*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a Comb Graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$  with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$ , i.e.  $V(G) = \{v_i, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $v_i$  represents the vertices of the path and  $u_i$  represents the pendent vertices corresponding to each  $v_i$  respectively and the edge set be  $E(G) = \{v_1v_2, v_2v_3, v_3v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}v_n\} \cup \{v_1u_1, v_2u_2, v_3u_3, \dots, v_{n-1}u_{n-1}, v_nu_n\}$ , i.e.  $E(G) = \{v_iv_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_iu_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

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

Case (i):  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}3)$ . Let  $n = 3t, t \geq 1$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, & t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \\ 2, & 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}, \quad f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, & t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \\ 2, & 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t \end{cases}$$

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(2) = 2t, e_f(1) = 2t - 1$ .

Case (ii):  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod}3)$ . Let  $n = 3t + 1, t \geq 1$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 2, 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}, f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t \\ 2, 2t + 1 \leq i \leq 3t + 1 \end{cases}$$

Then  $v_f(0) = 2t, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t+1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2t, e_f(2) = 2t+1$ .

Case (iii):  $n \equiv 2(mod3)$ . Let  $n = 3t + 2, t \geq 1$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, 1 \leq i \leq t + 1 \\ 1, t + 1 \leq i \leq 2t + 2 \\ 2, 2t + 3 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}, f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, 1 \leq i \leq t + 1 \\ 1, t + 2 \leq i \leq 2t + 1 \\ 2, 2t + 2 \leq i \leq 3t + 2 \end{cases}$$

Then  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 2t+1, v_f(1) = 2t+2$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = e_f(2) = 2t+1$ .

From all of the above three cases, we see that  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, the Comb graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$  is a geometric mean cordial graph.  $\square$

### 3 Crown Graph

**Definition 3.1.** [7] *The Crown graph  $[C_n \odot K_1]$  is the graph obtained by attaching a pendent edge to each vertex of the cycle  $C_n$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.** *The Crown graph  $[C_n \odot K_1]$  is a geometric mean cordial graph if  $n \equiv 1, 2(mod3)$*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a Crown graph  $[C_n \odot K_1]$  with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$ ; i.e.,  $V(G) = \{v_i, u_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $v_i$  represents the vertices of the cycle and  $u_i$  represents the pendent vertices corresponding to each  $v_i$  respectively and the edge set

$$E(G) = \{v_1v_2, v_2v_3, v_3v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}v_n, v_nv_1\} \cup \{u_1v_1, u_2v_2, u_3v_3, \dots, u_{n-1}v_{n-1}, u_nv_n\};$$

i.e.,  $E(G) = \{v_iv_{i+1}/1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_nv_1\} \cup \{u_iv_i/1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Let  $l$  denote the number of vertices and  $k$  the number of edges of  $[C_n \odot K_1]$ . Here  $k = l$ .

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

Case (i):  $n \equiv 1(mod3)$ . Let  $n = 3t + 1, t \geq 1$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, t+1 \leq i \leq 3t+1 \end{cases}, f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 2, t+1 \leq i \leq 3t+1 \end{cases}$$

Then  $l \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ; i.e.,  $l = 3s + 2$ . So  $v_f(0) = s, v_f(1) = v_f(2) = s + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(2) = s + 1, e_f(1) = s$ .

Case (ii):  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $n = 3t + 2, t \geq 1$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0, 1 \leq i \leq t \\ 1, t+1 \leq i \leq 3t+2 \end{cases}, f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0, 1 \leq i \leq t+1 \\ 2, t+2 \leq i \leq 3t+2 \end{cases}$$

Then  $l \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ; i.e.,  $l = 3s + 1$ , so  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = s, v_f(1) = s + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = s + 1, e_f(1) = e_f(2) = s$ .

From the above two cases, we see that  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Hence, the Crown graph  $[C_n \odot K_1]$  is a geometric mean cordial graph.  $\square$

### 4 Quadrilateral Snake Graph

**Definition 4.1.** [1] *The Quadrilateral snake graph  $Q_n$  is obtained from the path  $P_n$  by replacing every edge of a path by a cycle  $C_4$ .*

**Theorem 4.2.** *The Quadrilateral snake graph  $Q_n$  is a geometric mean cordial graph.*

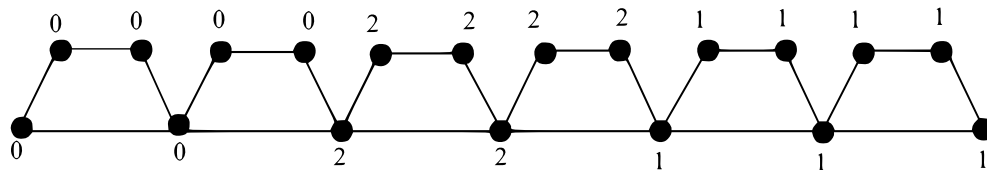


Figure 1: Quadrilateral Snake Graph  $Q_7$

Here  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 6, v_f(1) = 7$ , and  $e_f(0) = e_f(2) = e_f(1) = 8$ . Therefore  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1$  for all  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

## 5 Conclusion

In this paper we have proved that the Comb graph  $[P_n \odot K_1]$ , the Crown graph  $[C_n \odot K_1]$  and the Quadrilateral snake graph  $Q_n$  are Geometric mean cordial graph. To investigate analogous results for different families of graphs that admit geometric mean cordial labeling is an open area of research.

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