

## Neighborhood Cordial (Nhd-C) Labeling - A New Method of Graph Labeling

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### Abstract

We introduce a new technique of graph labeling named as Neighborhood Cordial (Nhd-C) Labeling of Graphs and show that paths, cycles, FL (Cn), S (C<sub>3</sub>,n), pathunion Pm(C<sub>3</sub>), Pm (C<sub>4</sub>), K<sub>1,m</sub>, K<sub>1,m</sub>, TreeYn are nhd-c graphs.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The graphs considered here are finite, simple and connected. For general definitions and terminology we refer to Harary [4], and Gallian [4]. The concept of cordial labeling was introduced by I. Cahit. [4]. Then up till now a number of cordial labelings have been proposed by different authors [3],[5],[9]. The concept of nhd-p labeling was introduced by Patel and Shrimali [8] in 2015. Making use of neighborhood concept of vertex we combine it with cordiality to obtain Neighborhood Cordial (Nhd-C) Labeling Of Graph.

Let G be a (p,q) graph. Define a function  $f:V(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,p\}$  such that for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\deg(v) > 1$  the  $\gcd\{f(u)/u \in N(v)\}$  is considered to label of the vertex v. This produces the function  $f^*: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  and  $f^*(u) = 1$  when  $\gcd\{f(u)/u \in N(v)\}$  is 1 and 0 otherwise. Further for degree one vertex (pendent vertex) the  $f^*$  label is taken as 0 if it is adjacent to vertex x with f(x) as a even number and  $f^*(x)$  is 1 otherwise. Further number of vertices with label 0 and that with label 1 differ at most by

1. We use the convention  $v_f(0,1) = (x,y)$  to indicate the number of vertices with label 0 are  $x$  and that with label 1 are  $y$  in number. The graphs that admit nhd-cordial labeling are called as nhd-c graphs. In this paper we have defined and shown that paths, cycles, Flag of cycles,  $S(C_3,n)$ , y-tree  $Y_n$ , pathunion  $P_m(C_3), P_m(C_4), K_{1,m}$  etc. are Nhd-c graphs.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**2.1** Path  $P_n$  is a sequence of vertices and edges given by path  $(uv) = (v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, v_3, e_3, \dots, v_n)$ . It has  $n-1$  edges and  $n$  vertices.

**2.2** Cycle  $C_n$  is a closed path  $(uu)$ . It is generally given by  $(v_1=u, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_n, e_n, u)$ . We also can write a  $(uu)$  cycle as  $(u=v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, u)$ .

**2.3**  $S(C_3, n)$  is a snake on  $n-1$  blocks of  $C_3$ . We start with path  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ . Between every two consecutive vertices of  $P_n$ , namely  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  take new vertex  $u_{i1}$  and join it by new edges  $(v_i u_{i1}), (u_{i1} v_{i+1})$ . Thus  $S(C_3, n)$  has  $3(n-1)$  edges and  $2n-1$  vertices.

**2.4**  $FL(G)$  is obtained by attaching an edge to a suitable vertex of  $G$ . It has  $|V(G)| + 1$  vertices and  $|E(G)| + 1$  edges.

**2.5**  $P_m(G)$  is pathunion of  $G$ . We start with a path  $p_m$  and  $m$  copies of a  $(p,q)$  graph  $G$  are taken. At each vertex of path  $P_m$  a copy of  $G$  is attached. The point of attachment is same for all copies of  $G$ . It has  $mp$  vertices and  $q+m-1$  edges.

**2.6** A y-tree is a graph obtained from a path by appending an edge to a vertex of a path adjacent to an end point and it is denoted by  $Y_n$  where  $n$  is the number of vertices in the tree.

**2.7** The graph  $K_{1,m}: K_{1,n}$  is obtained by joining the center  $u$  of the star  $K_{1,a}$  and the center  $v$  of another star  $K_{1,m}$  to a new vertex  $w$ . The number of vertices is  $n + m + 3$  and the number of edges is  $n + m + 2$ .

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1:** Path  $P_n$  is nhd-c graph.

**Proof:** The ordinary labels of path are defined using vertices as be  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n)$ . Define  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  given by  $f(v_i) = i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $n = 2x$  this produces  $v_f(0,1) = (x,x)$  and for  $n = 2x+1$  we have  $v_f(0,1) = (x+1,x)$ .

**Theorem 3.2:**  $C_n$  is nhd-c graph for an even number  $n$ , where,  $n > 3$ .

**Proof:** Define  $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  as  $f(v_i) = i$ , where,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Taking  $n = 2x$ , we have  $v_f(0,1) = (x,x)$  from where the result follows.

**Theorem 3.3:**  $FL(C_n)$  is nhd-c graph.

**Proof:** A Flag of  $C_n$  is defined using vertices as  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}$ . Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2x+1\}$  given by  $f(v_i) = i$ , where,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

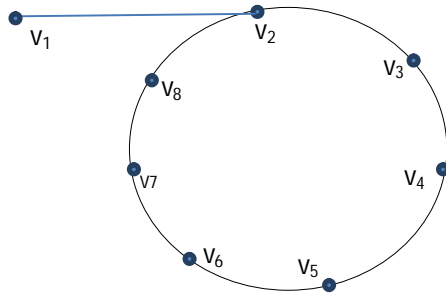


Fig 3.1: Ordinary labeling of

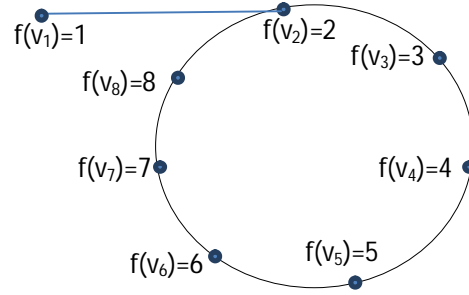


Fig 3.2: Nhd-c labeling of  $FL(C_7)$

The numbers observed are for  $n = 2x$ ,  $v_r(0,1) = (x+1, x)$  and for  $n = 2x+1$ ,  $v_r(0,1) = (x, x)$ .

**Theorem 3.4:**  $S(C_3, n)$ , a snake on  $n-1$  blocks is nhd-c graph for  $n > 3$ .

**Proof:** A  $C_3$  snake  $S(C_3, n)$  is obtained by taking a path defined by using the vertices as  $P_n$  given by  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ . A new vertex  $u_i$  is taken between vertices  $v_i, v_{i+1}$  (not on edge  $v_i v_{i+1}$ ) and new edges  $(v_i u_i)$  and  $(u_i v_{i+1})$ . A function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2(n-1)+1\}$  given by  $f(v_i) = 2i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 4, 5, \dots, n-2$ ;  $f(v_3) = 2(n-1)$ ,  $f(v_{n-1}) = 6$ ,  $f(v_n) = 3$ ,  $f(u_1) = 2n-1$ ,  $f(u_2) = 1$ ,  $f(u_i) = 2i-1$  for  $i=3, 4, \dots$ .

We get number distribution as  $v_r(0,1) = (n-1, n)$

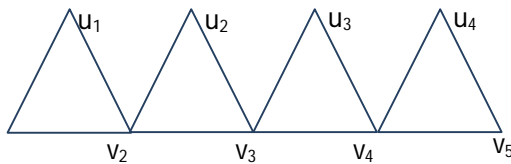


Fig 3.3:  $S(C_3, 4)$  with ordinary labeling

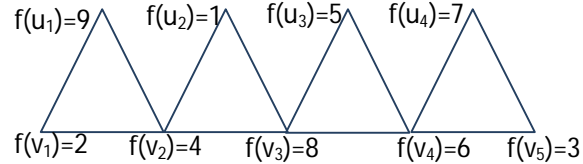


Fig3.4:  $S(C_3, 4)$  with nhd-c labeling

**Theorem 3.5:**  $P_m(C_3)$  is nhd-c graph iff  $m$  is an even number.

**Proof:** Take a path defined by using vertices as  $p_m = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ . The vertices of  $C_3$  at  $i$ th vertex of path  $P_n$  are given by  $w_{i,1} = v_i, w_{i,2}, w_{i,3}$ . It has  $p = 3n$  vertices and  $q = 4n-1$  edges.

A function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}$  given by:  $f(v_i) = 2 + (i-1)6$ ;  $f(w_{i,1}) = f(v_i) + 2$ ;  $f(w_{i,2}) = f(v_i) + 4$ ;  $f(v_{x+j}) = 6(j-1) + 1$ ;  $f(w_{x+j,1}) = f(v_{x+j}) + 2$ ;  $f(w_{x+j,2}) = f(v_{x+j}) + 4$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, x$  where,  $x = \frac{p}{2}$ ,  $p$  being even number.

The proof then follows.

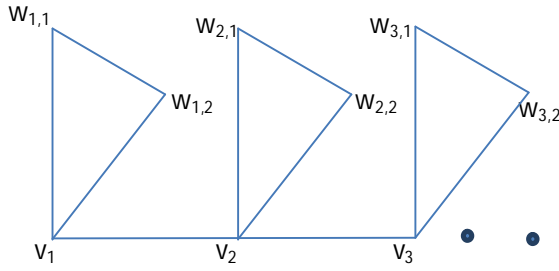


Fig 3.5:  $P_m(C_3)$  ordinary labeling

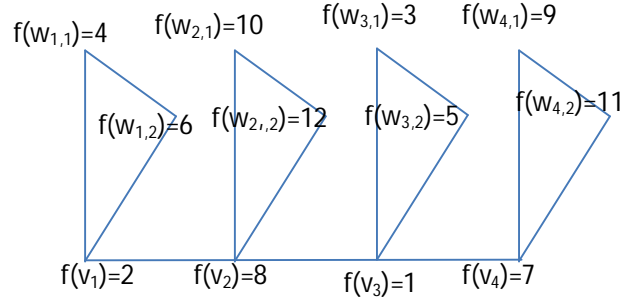


Fig 3.6:  $P_m(C_3)$  nhd-c labeling

**Theorem 3.6:**  $P_m(C_4)$  is nhd-c graph.

**Proof:** Take a path defined using vertices as  $p_m = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ . The vertices of  $C_4$  at  $i$ th vertex of path  $P_n$  are given by  $w_{i,1} = v_i, w_{i,2}, w_{i,3}, w_{i,4}$ . It has  $p = 4n$  vertices and  $q = 5n - 1$  edges. A function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}$  given by

$$f(v_i) = 4(i-1) + 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$f(w_{ij}) = f(v_i) + j, j = 1, 2, 3. \text{ This gives label numbers distribution as } v_f(0,1) = (2n, 2n)$$

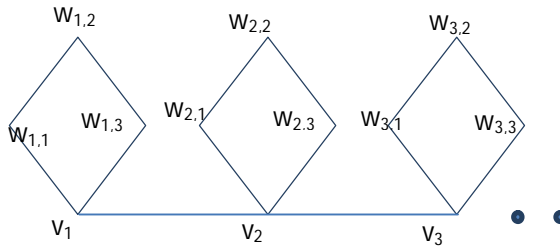


Fig 3.7: ordinary labeling of  $P_m(C_4)$

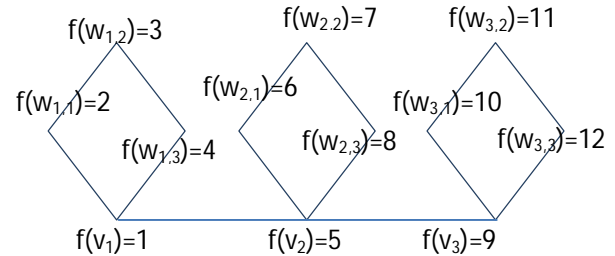


Fig 3.8: nhd-c labeling of  $P_m(C_4)$

**Theorem 3.7:** A  $y$ -tree  $y_n$  is nhd-c graph for  $n > 5$ .

**Proof:** A  $y$ -tree is defined by vertices as  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_n$ . This is shown in figure 3.9 below.

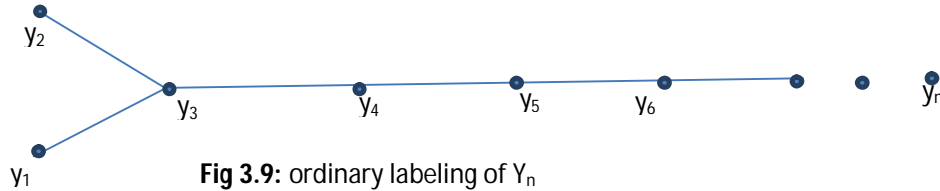


Fig 3.9: ordinary labeling of  $Y_n$

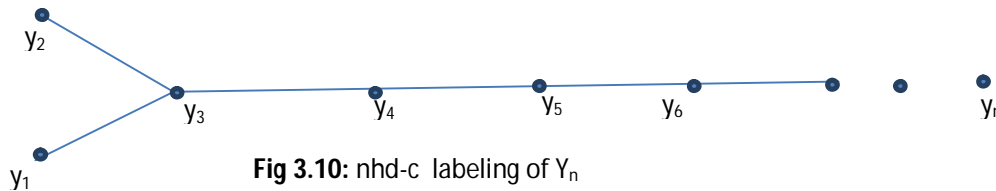


Fig 3.10: nhd-c labeling of  $Y_n$

Define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

Case I. When  $n = 6$ .  $f(y_1)=1$ ,  $f(y_2)=5$ ,  $f(y_3)=3$ ,  $f(y_4)=2$ ,  $f(y_5)=6$ ,  $f(y_6)=4$ . Note that  $v_f(0,1)=(3,2)$

Case II. When  $n_i$  is odd number  $> 6$ , say  $n = 2x+1$ , then

$f(y_1)=5$ ,  $f(y_2)=n$ ,  $f(y_3)=1$ ,  $f(y_i)=2i-1$ ,  $i=4, 5, \dots, x$

$f(y_{x+1})=3$ ,  $f(y_{x+2})=2$ ,  $f(y_{x+3})=6$ ,  $f(y_{x+4})=4$ ,  $f(y_{x+i})=2(i-1)$ ,  $i=5, 6, \dots, x+1$ . The number distribution is  $v_f(0,1)=(x+1, x)$

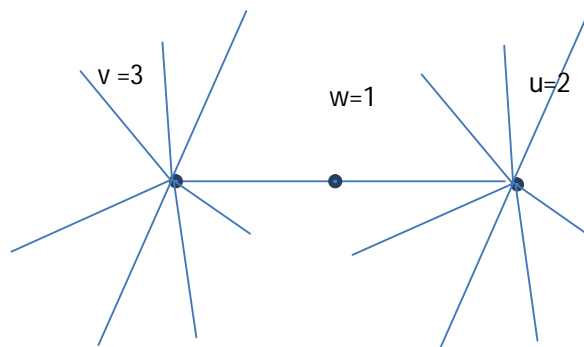
Case III. When  $n$  is even number, say  $2x$ , then

$f(y_1)=5$ ,  $f(y_2)=7$ ,  $f(y_3)=1$ ,  $f(y_4)=9$ ,  $f(y_j)=2j-1$ ,  $j=5, \dots, x-1$ ,  $f(y_x)=3$ ,  $f(y_{x+1})=2$ ,  $f(y_{x+2})=6$ ,  $f(y_{x+3})=4$ ,  $f(y_{x+j})=2j$ ,  $j=4, 5, \dots, x$ .

The number distribution is  $v_f(0,1)=(x, x)$ .

**Theorem 3.8:** The graph  $K_{1,m}$  is a nhd-c graph.

**Proof:** The vertices adjacent to  $u$  are  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  and that adjacent to  $v$  be  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_m$ . The degree 2 vertex be labeled as  $w$ .



Once  $f^*(v) = 3$  and  $f^*(u) = 2$  is fixed all the pendent vertices adjacent to  $v$  will receive  $f^*$  image as 1 and that all pendent vertices adjacent to  $u$  will receive  $f^*$  label as 0, this is independent of what actual  $f$ -labels are received by  $u_i$  and  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . As  $f^*(w)=1$ , thus the label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1)=(m, m+1)$ .

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

We have defined a new type of graph labeling called as nhd-c labeling. We have discussed different families and have shown them to be nhd-c graphs. Further attention on  $C_4$ -snakes, path unions of even cycles ( $n > 4$ ) as well path unions on odd cycles ( $n > 3$ ) is required.

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