


## Graceful labeling on twig diamond graph with pendant edges \*

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**Abstract** A graceful labeling of a graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges is an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q\}$  with the property that the resulting edges are also distinct, where an edge incident with the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is assigned the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ . A graph which admits a graceful labeling is called a graceful graph. In this paper, we prove the graceful labeling of a new family of graphs  $G$  called a twig diamond graph with pendant edges.

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## 1 Introduction

The most interesting and famous graph labeling method is the *graceful labeling* of graphs introduced by Rosa [4] in 1967. A graceful labeling of a graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges is an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q\}$  with the property that the resulting edges are also distinct, where an edge incident with the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is assigned the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ . A graph which admits a graceful labeling is called a graceful graph. A variety of graphs and families of graphs are known to be graceful for the past five decades. Caterpillars are proved to be graceful by Rosa [4].

Sethuraman and Jeba Jesintha [5,6] proved that all banana trees and extended banana trees are graceful. Hoede and Kuiper [2] showed that wheels  $W_n = C_n + K_1$  are graceful. Rosa [4] showed that the  $n$  cycle  $C_n$  is graceful if and only if  $n = 0$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ . Kaneria and Makadia [3] proved that a star of a cycle  $C_n (n = 0 \pmod{4})$  is graceful. Golomb [7] showed that all complete bipartite graphs are graceful. For an exhaustive survey on graceful graphs we refer to the dynamic survey by Gallian [1].

Graceful labeling is actively being used in many research fields such as communication in sensor networks, designing fault tolerant systems, automatic channel allocation, coding theory problems, X-ray, optimal circuit layout and additive number theory. In this paper, we prove the graceful labeling on twig diamond graph attached with pendant edges.

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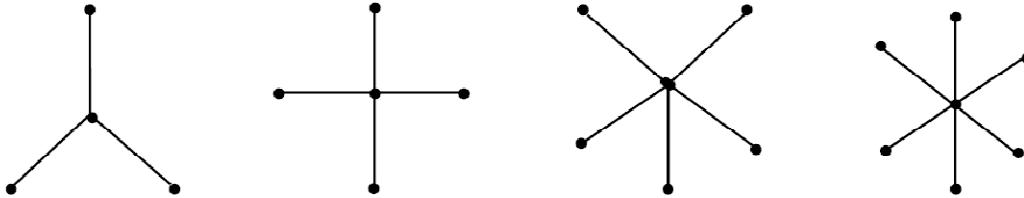
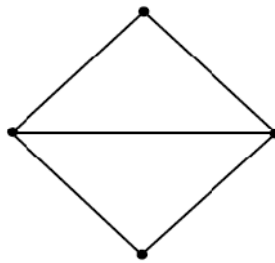
Fig. 1: The star graphs  $S_4, S_5, S_6$  and  $S_7$ .

Fig. 2: The diamond graph.

## 2 Preliminary definitions

We now detail the necessary preliminary definitions to be used by us in this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** The star graph  $S_n$  of order  $n$ , sometimes simply known as an “ $n$  star graph” is a tree on  $n$  vertices with one vertex of degree  $n - 1$  and the other  $n - 1$  vertices each of degree 1 (see Fig. 1).

**Definition 2.2.** The *diamond graph* is a planar undirected graph with 4 vertices and 5 edges. It consists of a complete graph  $K_4$  minus one edge (see Fig. 2).

**Definition 2.3.** The *twig diamond graph* is a planar undirected graph with 8 vertices and 11 edges obtained by the attachment of two diamond graphs by an edge (see Fig. 3).

## 3 The main result

In this section we prove the main result of this paper in Theorem 3.1 below.

**Theorem 3.1.** *The twig diamond graph with pendant edges is graceful.*

**Proof.** Let us consider two diamond graphs  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . The vertices on the diamond graph  $D_1$  are denoted by  $u_1, \dots, u_4$  and the vertices on  $D_2$  are denoted by  $u_5, \dots, u_8$  in the clockwise direction. We connect the two diamond graphs by an edge joining the two vertices  $u_2$  and  $u_8$  and name the resultant graph as twig diamond graph as shown in Fig. 3. Now pendant edges are attached to the remaining vertices of the twig diamond graph, namely,  $u_1, u_3, u_4$  and  $u_5, u_6, u_7$ . The vertices attached at  $u_1$  are denoted by  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  in the clockwise direction and the vertices attached at  $u_3$  are denoted by  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  in the clockwise direction. Similarly, the vertices attached at  $u_4$  are denoted by  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  in the clockwise direction, the vertices attached at  $u_5$  are denoted by  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  in the clockwise

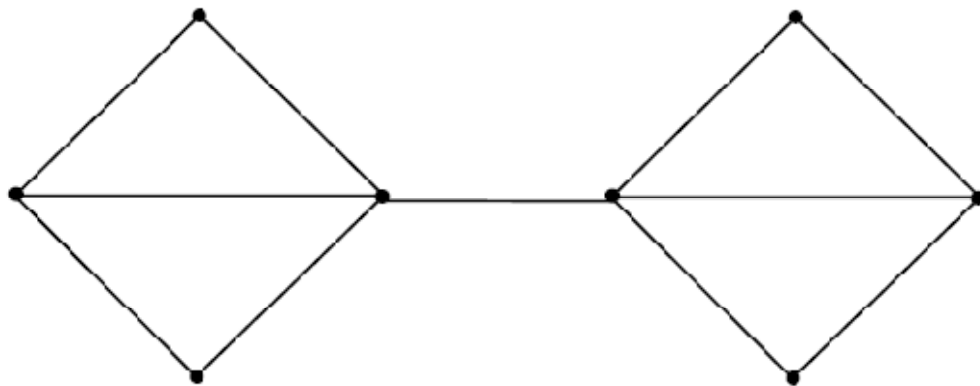


Fig. 3: The twig diamond graph.

direction and the vertices attached at  $u_6$  are denoted by  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in the clockwise direction. Again, the vertices of the star graph attached at  $u_7$  are denoted by  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  in the clockwise direction as shown in Fig. 4. For reasons of simplicity let us denote the vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_5$  together as  $u_1^i$ ;  $u_2$  and  $u_6$  together as  $u_2^i$ ;  $u_3$  and  $u_7$  together as  $u_3^i$  and  $u_4$  and  $u_8$  together as  $u_4^i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , where,  $u_1^1 = u_1, u_1^2 = u_5, u_2^1 = u_2, u_2^2 = u_6, u_3^1 = u_3, u_3^2 = u_7, u_4^1 = u_4$  and  $u_4^2 = u_8$ . The resulting graph has  $p = 6n + 8$  vertices and  $q = 6n + 11$  edges where  $n$  denotes the number of pendant edges as shown in Fig. 4.

The vertex labels for the twig diamond graph are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1^i) &= (i - 1)(n + 3), \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ f(u_2^i) &= (n + 1) + (i - 1)(2n + 8), \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ f(u_3^i) &= i(n + 2), \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ f(u_4^i) &= q - n - (i - 1)(n + 2), \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

The vertex labels for the pendant edges attached at the vertex  $u_1$  are as given below:

$$f(s_j) = q - (j - 1), \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n. \quad (3.2)$$

The vertex labels for the pendant edges attached at the vertex  $u_3$  are given by

$$f(v_j) = q - n + (j - 1), \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n, \quad (3.3)$$

and the vertex labels for the pendant edges attached at the vertex  $u_4$  are given by

$$f(t_j) = n - (j - 1), \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n. \quad (3.4)$$

The vertex labels for the pendant edges attached at the vertex  $u_5$  are given by

$$f(w_j) = \begin{cases} q - (2n + 1), & \text{for } j = 1, \\ q - 2n - 2 - (j - 1), & \text{for } 2 \leq j \leq n. \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

The vertex labels for the pendant edges attached at the vertex  $u_6$  are given by

$$f(x_j) = \begin{cases} (n + 4) + j, & \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n - 1 \\ 2j + 5, & \text{for } j = n \end{cases} \quad (3.6)$$

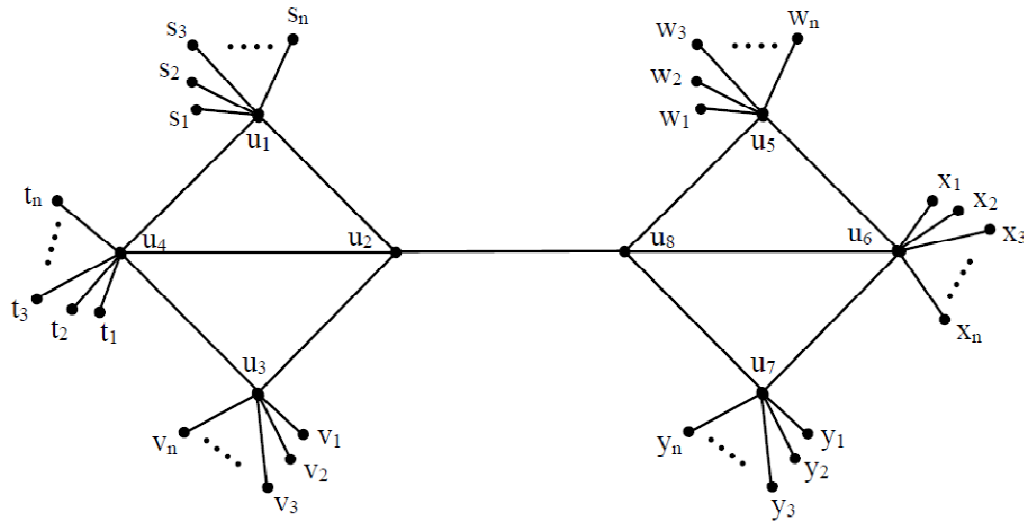


Fig. 4: The twig diamond graph with pendant edges.

The vertex labels for the pendant edges attached at the vertex  $u_7$  are given by

$$f(y_j) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 3 - j, & \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq 2, \\ \lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor - j + 1, & \text{for } 3 \leq j \leq n. \end{cases} \quad (3.7)$$

From equations (3.1) to (3.7) we see that the vertex labels  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, q$  are distinct. The edge labels for the twig diamond graph are computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(u_1^i) - f(u_2^i)| &= |4 - i(n+5)|, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ |f(u_2^i) - f(u_3^i)| &= |(n+6)i - (n+7)|, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ |f(u_3^i) - f(u_4^i)| &= |(2n+4)i - (q+2)|, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ |f(u_4^i) - f(u_5^i)| &= |(q+n+5) - i(2n+5)|, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ |f(u_5^i) - f(u_6^i)| &= |(3n+10)i - (n+q+9)|, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2, \\ |f(u_6^1) - f(u_7^2)| &= 4n - 7. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

The edge labels for the pendant edges are given as below:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(s_j) - f(u_1)| &= q - (j-1), \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ |f(v_j) - f(u_3)| &= q - (2m+3) - (j-1), \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ |f(t_j) - f(u_4)| &= q - n - j, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ |f(w_j) - f(u_5)| &= \begin{cases} 3j+7, & \text{for } j=n, \\ q - (3j+5) - j, & \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n-1, \end{cases} \\ |f(x_j) - f(u_6)| &= \begin{cases} 2n+5-j & \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n-1, \\ j+4, & \text{for } j=n, \end{cases} \\ |f(y_j) - f(u_7)| &= \begin{cases} j+1, & \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n-2, \\ j+3, & \text{for } n-1 \leq j \leq n. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

From (3.8) and (3.9) it is obvious that the edge labels  $1, \dots, q$  are distinct. Thus the twig diamond graph is graceful.  $\square$

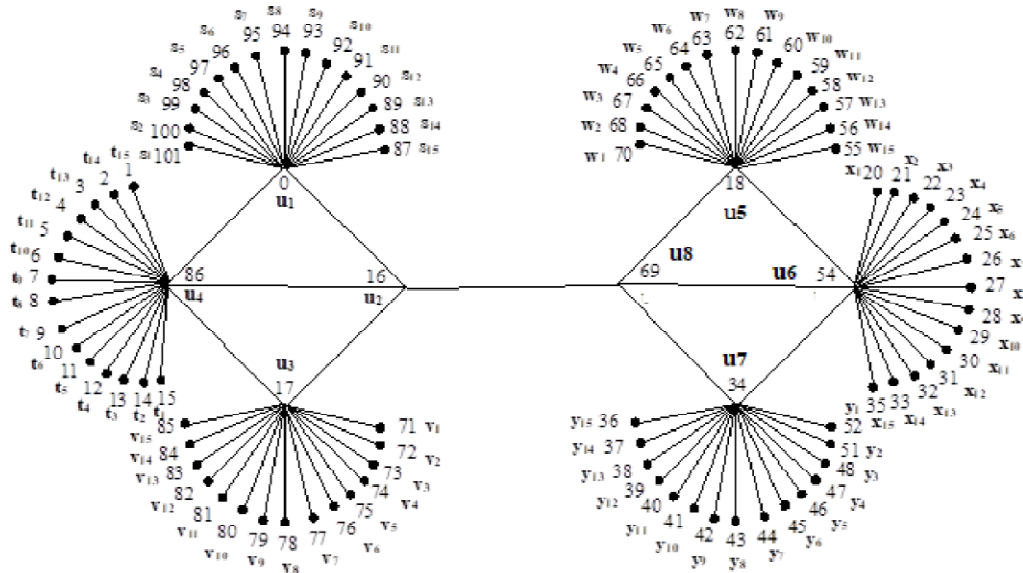


Fig. 5: The twig diamond graph attached with 15 pendant edges.

We illustrate Theorem 3.1 in Fig. 5 for the case when  $p = 98$  and  $q = 101$ .

#### 4 Conclusion

We have shown that the new family of graphs called the twig diamond graph is graceful. Further in our future paper we intend to prove the gracefulness of a new family of graphs obtained by joining pendant edges onto the vertices of the complete graph  $K_4$  and the kite graph.

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