

## Further Results on Sum Cordial Graphs

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### Abstract

In this paper, we prove that wheel, closed helm, quadrilateral snake, double quadrilateral snake and gear graphs are sum cordial graphs.

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## 1 Introduction

All graphs  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  in this paper are finite, connected and undirected. For any undefined notations and terminology we follow [3]. If the vertices or edges or both of the graph are assigned valued subject to certain conditions it is known as graph labeling. A dynamic survey on graph labeling is regularly updated by Gallian [4]. Labeled graphs have variety of applications in graph theory, particularly for missile guidance code, design good radar type codes and convolution codes with optimal autocorrelation properties. Labeled graphs plays vital role in the study of X-ray crystallography, communication network and to determine optimal circuit layouts. A detailed study on variety of applications on graph labeling is carried out in Bloom and Golomb [1].

**Definition 1.1.** 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  $f$ .

The induced edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is given by  $f^*(e = uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ . Let us denote  $v_f(0)$ ,  $v_f(1)$  be the number of vertices of  $G$  having labels 0 and 1 respectively under  $f$  and  $e_f(0)$ ,  $e_f(1)$  be the number of edges of  $G$  having labels 0 and 1 respectively under  $f^*$ .

**Definition 1.2.** 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 called cordial if it admits labeling.

The concept of cordial labeling was introduced by Cahit [2] in which he investigated several results on this newly defined concept. Also, some new graphs are investigated as product cordial graphs by Vaidya [6].

**Definition 1.3.** A binary vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  with induce edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = (f(u) + f(v)) \pmod{2}$  is called sum cordial labeling if  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is sum cordial if it admits sum cordial labeling.

Shiama [5] investigated the sum cordial labeling and proved that path  $P_n$ , cycle  $C_n$ , star  $K_{1,n}$  etc are some cordial graphs.

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**Definition 1.4.** The wheel graph  $W_n$  is defined as the join of  $K_1 + C_n$ . The vertex corresponding to  $K_1$  is said to be apex vertex, the vertices corresponding to cycle are called rim vertices. The edges corresponding to cycle are called the rim edges and edges joining apex and vertices of the cycle are called spoke edges.

**Definition 1.5.** The helm  $H_n$  is the graph obtained from a wheel  $W_n$  by attaching a pendant edge to each rim vertex.

**Definition 1.6.** The closed helm  $CH_n$  is the graph obtained from a helm  $H_n$  by joining each pendant vertex to each rim vertex.

**Definition 1.7.** The quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is obtained from the path  $P_n$  by replacing every edge of a path by a cycle  $C_n$ .

**Definition 1.8.** The double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_n$  consists of two quadrilateral snakes that have a common path.

**Definition 1.9.** Let  $e = uv$  be an edge of a graph  $G$  and  $w$  is not a vertex of  $G$ . The edge  $e$  is sub divided when it is replaced by the edges  $e' = uw$  and  $e'' = vw$ .

**Definition 1.10.** The gear graph  $G_n$  is obtained from the wheel  $W_n$  by sub dividing each of its rim edge.

## 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** The wheel  $W_n$  is a sum cordial graph except  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v$  be an apex vertex and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are rim vertices for wheel  $W_n$ . Then  $|V(W_n)| = n + 1$  and  $|E(W_n)| = 2n$ .

To define  $f : V(W_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , we consider the following cases,

**For  $n \equiv 0, 1, 2(mod4)$**

$$f(v) = 0;$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 1 \text{ or } 2(mod4); \\ 0, & i \equiv 3 \text{ or } 4(mod4). \end{cases} ; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Therefore,

$$v_f(0) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil, & n \equiv 0(mod4); \\ \frac{n+1}{2}, & n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor, & n \equiv 2(mod4). \end{cases}$$

$$v_f(1) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor, & n \equiv 0(mod4); \\ \frac{n+1}{2}, & n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ \lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil, & n \equiv 2(mod4). \end{cases}$$

$$e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n$$

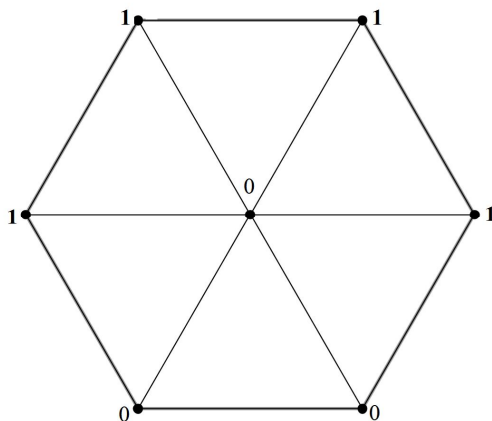
Therefore,

$$v_f(0) - v_f(1) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \equiv 0(mod4); \\ 0, & n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ -1, & n \equiv 2(mod4). \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . So, wheel  $W_n$  is a sum cordial for  $n \equiv 0, 1$  or  $2(mod4)$ .

**For  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$**  In order to satisfy the vertex condition for the sum cordial graph it is necessary to assign 0 to  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  vertices out of  $n + 1$  vertices. The vertices having label 1 will give rise at least  $\lceil \frac{2n+1}{2} \rceil$  edges with label 1 and at most  $\lfloor \frac{2n-1}{2} \rfloor$  edges with label 0 out of  $2n$  edges. Therefore,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \geq 2$ . Hence the edge condition for the sum cordial graph is not satisfied. So wheel  $W_n$  is not sum cordial for  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$ .

**Example 2.1.** *The wheel  $W_6$  is a sum cordial graph.*



Sum cordial labeling of Wheel  $W_6$

**Theorem 2.2.** *The closed Helm  $CH_n$  is a sum cordial graph.*

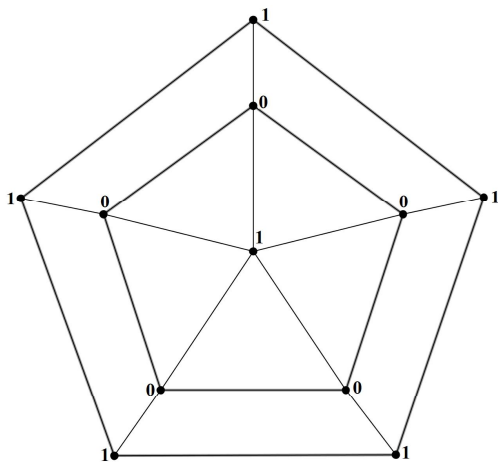
**Proof:** Let  $v$  be an apex vertex and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are rim vertices. We denote the pendant vertices by  $v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n$ . Then  $|V(CH_n)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(CH_n)| = 4n$ .

Define  $f : V(CH_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  by  $f(v) = 1, f(v_i) = 0, f(v'_i) = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

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

Hence,  $CH_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Example 2.2.** *The Closed helm  $CH_5$  is a sum cordial graph.*



Sum cordial labeling of Closed helm  $CH_5$

**Theorem 2.3.** *The quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is a sum cordial graph.*

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  be the edges of a path  $P_n$ . To construct a quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  from the path  $P_n$ , we join  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to new vertices  $w_i$  and  $w'_i$  by edges  $e'_{2i-1} = v_i w_i, e'_{2i} = v_{i+1} w'_i$  and  $e''_i = w_i w'_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ . Then  $|V(Q_n)| = 3n - 2$  and  $|E(Q_n)| = 4n - 4$ .

To define  $f : V(Q_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , we consider the following cases,

**$n$  is even**

$$f(v_i) = 1 : 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\ 1, & \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n - 1. \end{cases}$$

$$f(w'_i) = 0 : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

Therefore,  $v_f(0) = \frac{3n-2}{2} = v_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0) = 2n - 2 = e_f(1)$ .  
 Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = 0 = |e_f(0) - e_f(1)|$ .

**$n$  is odd**

$$f(v_i) = 1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

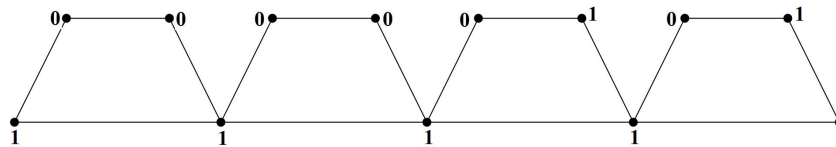
$$f(w_i) = 0; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f(w'_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}; \\ 1, & \frac{n-1}{2} < i \leq n - 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $v_f(0) = \lfloor \frac{3n-2}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $v_f(1) = \lceil \frac{3n-2}{2} \rceil$  and  $e_f(0) = 2n - 2 = e_f(1)$ .  
 Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

Hence,  $Q_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Example 2.3.** *The quadrilateral snake  $Q_5$  is a sum cordial graph.*



Sum cordial labeling of Quadrilateral snake  $Q_5$

**Theorem 2.4.** *The double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_n$  is a sum cordial graph.*

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  be the edges of the path  $P_n$ . To construct a double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_n$  from the path  $P_n$ , we join  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to new vertices  $u_i, u'_i, w_i$  and  $w'_i$  by edges  $e_{2i-1}^u = v_i u_i$ ,  $e_{2i}^u = v_{i+1} u'_i$ ,  $e_i^{uu} = u_i u'_i$ ,  $e_{2i-1}^w = v_i w_i$ ,  $e_{2i}^w = v_{i+1} w'_i$  and  $e_i^{ww} = w_i w'_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ . Then  $|V(DQ_n)| = 5n - 4$  and  $|E(DQ_n)| = 7n - 7$ . Define  $f : V(DQ_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 1 \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}; \\ 0, & i \equiv 0 \text{ or } 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i) = f(u'_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_i) = 1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w'_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 1 \text{ or } 3 \pmod{4}; \\ 1, & i \equiv 0 \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Therefore,

**For even  $n$**   $v_f(0) = \frac{5n-4}{2} = v_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0) = \lfloor \frac{7(n-1)}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $e_f(1) = \lceil \frac{7(n-1)}{2} \rceil$ .  
 Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

For odd  $n$

$$v_f(0) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{5n-4}{2} \rfloor, & n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ \lceil \frac{5n-4}{2} \rceil, & n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

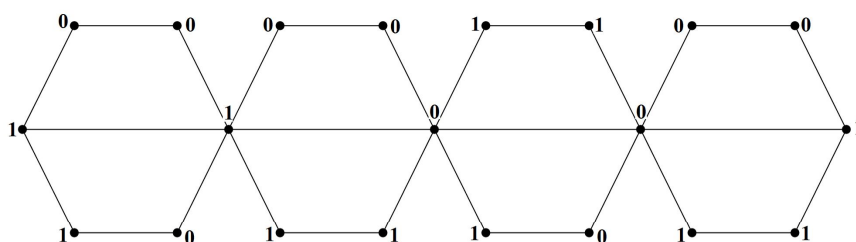
$$v_f(1) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{5n-4}{2} \rceil, & n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ \lfloor \frac{5n-4}{2} \rfloor, & n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Also,  $e_f(0) = \frac{7(n-1)}{2} = e_f(1)$ .

Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

Hence,  $DQ_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Example 2.4.** The double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_5$  is a sum cordial graph.



Sum cordial labeling of Double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_5$

**Theorem 2.5.** The gear graph  $G_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Proof:** Let  $W_n$  be the wheel with an apex vertex  $v$  and rim vertices be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . To obtain the gear graph  $G_n$ , subdivide each rim edge of wheel by the vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ , where each  $u_i$  sub divides the edge  $v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  and  $u_n$  subdivides the edge  $v_1 v_n$ . Then  $|V(G_n)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(G_n)| = 3n$ . To define  $f : V(G_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , we consider the following two cases,

For even  $n$  Define

$$f(v) = 1$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\ 0, & \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \text{ is odd}; \\ 0, & i \text{ is even}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $v_f(0) = \lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $v_f(1) = \lceil \frac{2n+1}{2} \rceil$ ,  $e_f(0) = \frac{3n}{2} = e_f(1)$ . Thus, we get  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$ ,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

For odd  $n$  Define

$$f(v) = 1$$

$$f(v_1) = 1$$

$$f(v_i) = f(v_{n+2-i}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd}; \\ 0, & \text{if } i \text{ is even}. \end{cases} ; 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd except } i = \frac{n+1}{2}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} ; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Therefore,  $v_f(0) = \lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $v_f(1) = \lceil \frac{2n+1}{2} \rceil$  and

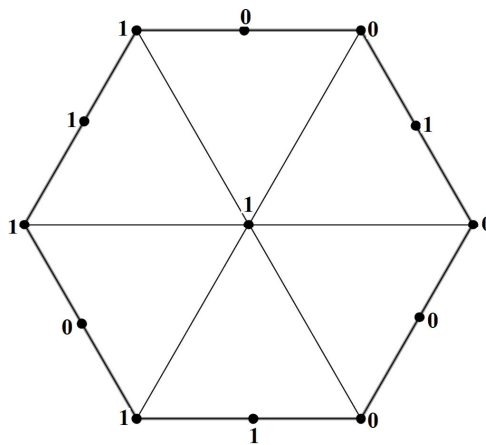
$$e_f(0) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 3(mod4). \end{cases}$$

$$e_f(1) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } n \equiv 3(mod4). \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence, the gear  $G_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Example 2.5.** The Gear  $G_6$  is a sum cordial graph.



Sum cordial labeling of Gear  $G_6$

### 3 Conclusion

We contribute some new results on sum cordial labeling. The labeling pattern is demonstrated by means of examples. To derive similar results for other graph families and in the context of different labeling problems is an open area of research.

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