

# OUTDEGREE PRIME PAIR LABELING OF DIRECTED GRAPHS

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## ABSTRACT:

Let  $D(p,q)$  be a digraph. A function  $f : V \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,p+q\}$  is said to be an outdegree prime pair labeling of  $D$ , if at each  $u \in V(D)$ ,  $\gcd[f(v), f(w)] = 1, \forall v, w \in N^+(u)$ , where  $N^+(u) = \{w \in V(D) | uw \in A(D)\}$ . In this paper, we tried for outdegree prime pair labeling of some digraphs obtained by orienting the graphs such as Wheel  $W_n$ , Book With Triangular Page  $B_3^n$ , Double Triangular Snake  $D(T_n)$  and Directed Triangular snake  $TS_n$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

A directed graph or digraph  $D$  consists of a finite set  $V$  of vertices (points) and a collection of ordered pairs of distinct vertices. Any such pair  $(u, v)$  is called an arc or directed line and will usually be denoted by  $\overrightarrow{uv}$ . The arc  $\overrightarrow{uv}$  goes from  $u$  to  $v$  and incident with  $u$  and  $v$ , we also say  $u$  is adjacent to  $v$  and  $v$  is adjacent from  $u$ . A digraph  $D$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  arcs is denoted by  $D(p, q)$ . A wheel graph  $W_n$  is a graph formed by connecting a single vertex to all vertices of a cycle. A directed triangular snake  $TS_n$  is a connected digraph, all of whose blocks are directed triangles and whose block-cut points form a directed path. One edge union of cycles of same length is called a Book. The common edge is called as the Base of the Book. If we consider  $n$  copies of cycles of length 3, then the book is called Book with Triangular page and is denoted by  $B_3^n$  [4]. A Double Triangular Snake  $D(T_n)$  consists of two triangular snakes that have a common path [6]. The indegree  $d^-(v)$  of a vertex  $v$  in a digraph  $D$  is the number of arcs having  $v$  as its terminal vertex. The outdegree  $d^+(v)$  of  $v$  is the number of arcs having  $v$  as its initial vertex [1]. A labeling of a graph  $G$  is an assignment of integers to either the vertices or the edges or both subject to certain conditions. The notion of prime labeling for graphs originated with Roger Entringer and was introduced in the paper by Tout et al [7] in the early 1980's and since then it is an active field of research for many scholars. Motivated by the definition of prime labeling, indegree prime labeling of digraphs [2] and the indegree prime pair labeling [5] we define a new concept called an outdegree prime pair labeling and we tried for some digraphs obtained by orienting the graphs such as Wheel  $W_n$ , Book with triangular page  $B_3^n$ , Double Triangular Snake  $D(T_n)$  and Directed triangular snake  $TS_n$ . For more reference on labeling, we refer [3].

**2. MAIN RESULTS**

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $D(p,q)$  be a digraph. A function  $f: V \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,p+q\}$  is said to be an outdegree prime pair labeling of  $D$ , if at each  $u \in V(D)$ ,  $\gcd[f(v), f(w)] = 1, \forall v, w \in N^+(u)$ , where  $N^+(u) = \{w \in V(D) | uw \in A(D)\}$ .

**THEOREM 2.2:**

Let  $D_1$  be the digraph obtained from the wheel graph by orienting the arcs of  $C_n$  in the clockwise direction and the arcs from the central vertex in the inward direction as shown in the figure 2.1. Then,  $D_1$  admits outdegree prime pair labeling.

**PROOF:**

Let  $V(D_1) = \{u, u_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertex set and

$A(D_1) = \{\overrightarrow{u_i u} | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{\overrightarrow{u_i u_{i+1}} | 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{\overrightarrow{u_n u_1}\}$  be the arc set of  $D_1$  as in figure 2.1.

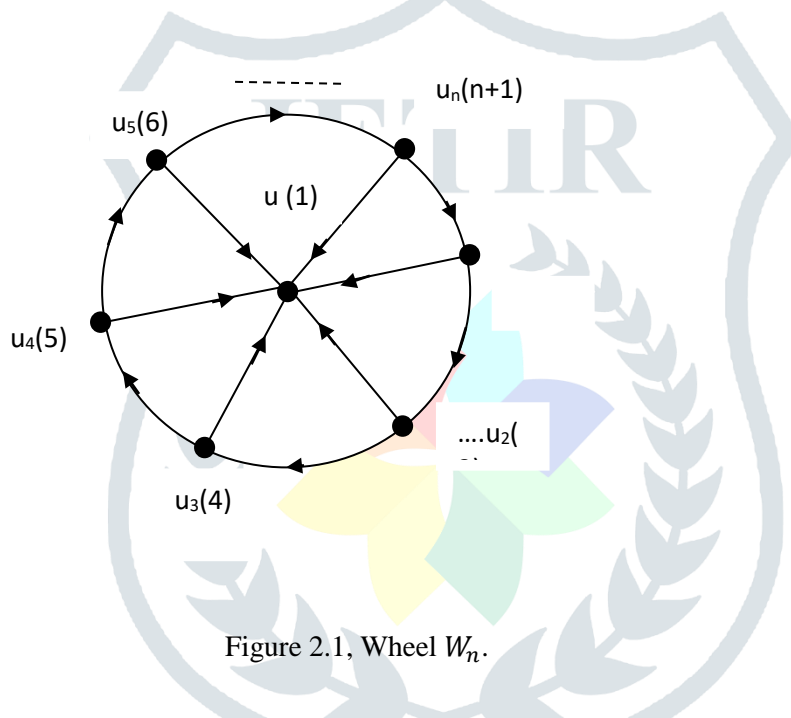


Figure 2.1, Wheel  $W_n$ .

The digraph  $D_1$  has  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  arcs.

Therefore,  $p+q = 3n+1$

Define a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{1,2, \dots, 3n + 1\}$  by  $f(u) = 1, f(u_i) = i + 1, 1 \leq i \leq n$

Now,  $N^+(u) = \emptyset \rightarrow (1)$

$N^+(u_i) = \{u, u_{i+1}\}, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$

$N^+(u_n) = \{u, u_1\}$

Also,  $\gcd[f(v), f(w)] = \gcd[1, i + 1] = 1, \forall v, w \in N^+(u_i), i = 1 \text{ to } n - 1 \rightarrow (2)$

and  $\gcd[f(v), f(w)] = \gcd[1, 2] = 1, \forall v, w \in N^+(u_n) \rightarrow (3)$

From (1), (2) & (3),  $f$  admits an outdegree prime pair labeling of  $D_1$ .

**REMARK 2.3:**

- (1) If in  $D_1$  the direction of arcs of  $C_n$  are reversed, then also  $D_1$  admits outdegree prime pair labeling.

(2) Let  $D_2$  be the digraph obtained from  $D_1$  by reversing the direction of the arcs at the central vertex as in figure 2.2.

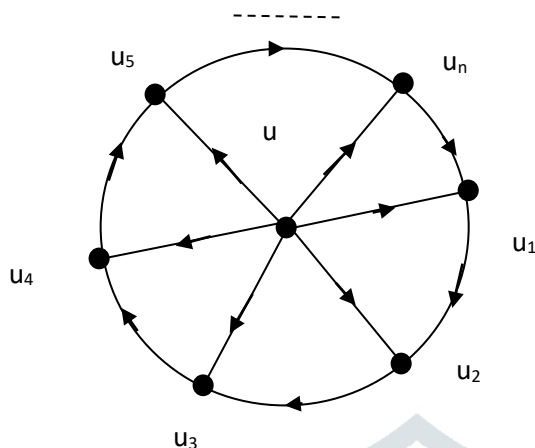


Figure 2.2, Wheel  $W_n$

Then the above labeling of  $D_1$  is not an outdegree prime pair labeling of  $D_2$ . The following theorem states a necessary and sufficient for the existence of an outdegree prime pair labeling of  $D_2$ .

**THEOREM 2.4:**

Let  $D_2$  be the digraph obtained from  $D_1$  by reversing the direction of the arcs at the central vertex as in figure 2.2. Then,  $D_2$  admits outdegree prime pair labeling iff  $n \leq 12$ .

**PROOF:**

Let  $n \leq 12$ . Then there are atleast  $n$  prime numbers  $\leq 3n+1$ .

Therefore, assigning  $f(u) = 1$  &  $f(u_i) =$  a prime number  $\leq 3n+1$ , we get an outdegree prime pair labeling of  $D_2$ .

Now to prove the converse,

Clearly in  $D_2$ , every vertex in the cycle gives outdegree to the central vertex  $u$ . Therefore, if  $D_2$  admits an outdegree prime labeling, then  $\gcd[f(v_i), f(v_j)] = 1, \forall v_i, v_j \in C$ , where  $C$  is the outer cycle of the wheel.

This is possible only when  $f(v_i)$  is prime  $\forall v_i \in C$

Also  $p+q = 3n+1$ .

Therefore,  $D_2$  admits an outdegree prime pair labeling only when there are atleast  $n$  primes  $\leq 3n+1$

Again, this is possible only when  $n \leq 12$  (manually checked).

Therefore,  $D_2$  admits an outdegree prime pair labeling only if  $n \leq 12$ .

**REMARK 2.5:**

A graph may exhibit both indegree and outdegree prime pair labeling. But they need not be the same. For example, the outdegree and indegree prime pair labeling of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  ( $n \leq 12$ ) are completely different. Further,  $D_1$  exhibits outdegree prime pair labeling for all  $n$ , and indegree prime pair labeling only for  $n \leq 12$ . Reverse is the case with  $D_2$ .

**THEOREM 2.6:**

The directed triangular snake  $TS_n$  admits outdegree prime pair labeling.

**PROOF:**

Let  $V(TS_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n-2}, v_{2n-1}\}$  be the vertex set

and  $A(TS_n) = \{\overrightarrow{v_i v_{i+1}} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 2n-2\} \cup \{\overrightarrow{v_i v_{i+2}} \mid i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n-3\}$  be the arc set, where the vertices with odd suffixes lie along the path and the vertices with even suffixes are on the top of the triangles. Then the directed triangular snake is as in the figure 2.3.

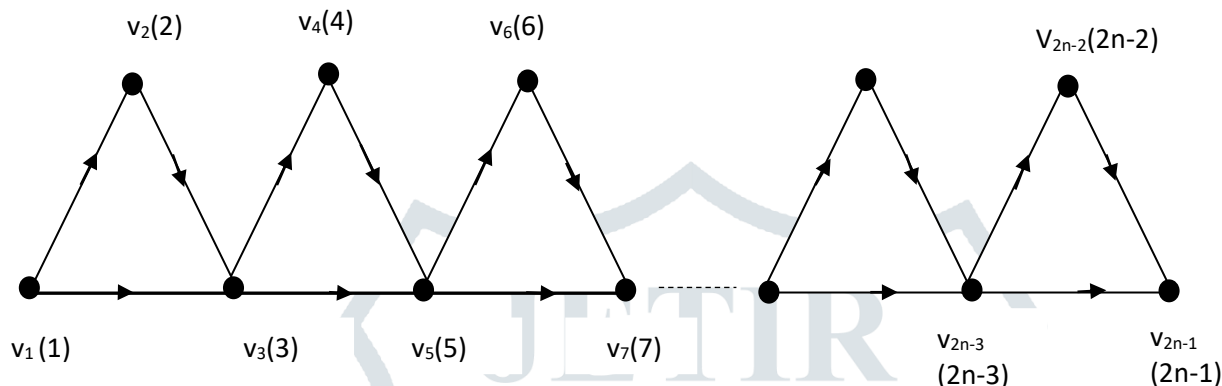


Figure 2.3, Directed Triangular Snake  $TS_n$

Hence, the directed triangular snake has  $2n-1$  vertices and  $3n-3$  arcs.

Define a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 5n-4\}$  by  $f(v_i) = i, \forall 1 \leq i \leq 2n-1$ .

i.e., The vertices on the horizontal path get the consecutive odd numbers and the upper vertices in the triangles get the consecutive even numbers.

$$\text{Now, } N^+(v_{2i}) = \{v_{2i+1}\}, 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

$$N^+(v_{2i-1}) = \{v_{2i}, v_{2i-1}\}, 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \quad \rightarrow (2)$$

$$N^+(v_{2n-1}) = \emptyset \quad \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \gcd[f(u), f(v)] = \gcd(i, i+1) = 1, \forall u, v \in N^+(v_{2i-1}), 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \quad \rightarrow (3)$$

From (1),(2) & (3),  $f$  admits an outdegree prime pair labeling.

**REMARK 2.7:**

Suppose  $D_3$  is the digraph obtained by reorienting the arcs of  $TS_n$  in theorem 2.6, as in figure 2.4,

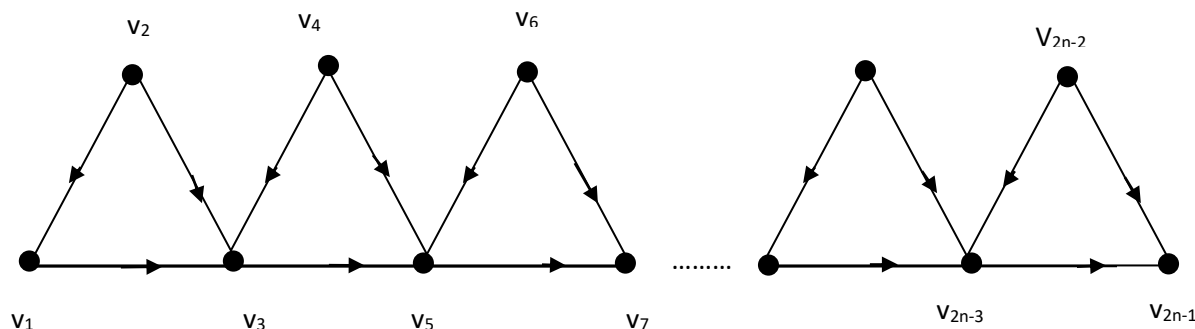


Figure 2.4, Directed Triangular Snake  $TS_n$

then also  $D_3$  admits an outdegree prime pair labeling with labeling as in theorem 2.6. But if the direction of the arcs  $v_i v_{i-1}$  &  $v_i v_{i+1}$  are reversed the resulting graph is not an outdegree prime pair labeling with labeling as in theorem 2.6.

**THEOREM 2.8:**

Suppose  $D_4$  is the digraph obtained by orienting the arcs of the book with triangular page  $B_3^n$  as in figure 2.5. Then  $D_4$  admits outdegree prime pair labeling when  $n \leq 10$ .

**PROOF:**

Let  $V(D_4) = \{u, v, u_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertex set and

$A(D_4) = \{\overrightarrow{uu_i}, \overrightarrow{u_i v}, \overrightarrow{uv} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the arc set of  $D_4$  as in figure 2.5.

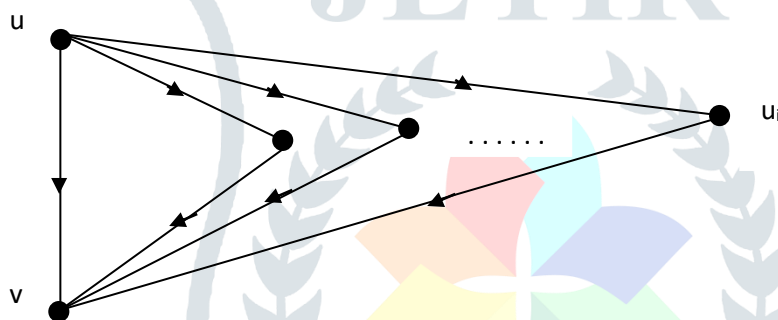


Figure 2.5, book with triangular page  $B_3^n$

The digraph  $D_4$  has  $n+2$  vertices and  $2n+1$  arcs.

Therefore,  $p+q = 3n+3$ .

List out the prime numbers  $\leq 3n+3$ .

Define  $f(u_i) = i^{\text{th}}$  prime number  $\leq 3n+3$  for all  $u_i$ .

$f(u) = i+1^{\text{th}}$  prime number

$f(v) = 1$ .

Now,  $N^+(v) = \emptyset \rightarrow (1)$

$N^+(u_i) = \{v\}, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n \rightarrow (2)$

$N^+(u) = \{v, u_i\}, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$

Since  $f(v_i)$  &  $f(w_i)$  are prime  $\forall i$ ,

$\text{gcd}[f(v_i), f(w_i)] = 1, \forall v_i, w_i \in N^+(u), i = 1 \text{ to } n \rightarrow (3)$

From (1), (2) & (3),  $f$  admits an outdegree prime pair labeling of  $D_4$ .

**REMARK 2.9:**

The digraphs in figures 2.3 & 2.5 exhibit the same in and out degree prime pair labeling.

**THEOREM 2.10:**

Suppose  $D_5$  be the digraph obtained by orienting the arcs of the Double Triangular Snake  $D(T_n)$  as in figure 2.6. Then  $D_5$  admits outdegree prime pair labeling.

PROOF:

Let  $V(D_5) = \{u_i, w_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertex set

and  $A(D_5) = \{\overrightarrow{v_i v_{i+1}} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{\overrightarrow{u_i v_i}, \overrightarrow{w_i v_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{\overrightarrow{u_i v_{i+1}}, \overrightarrow{w_i v_{i+1}} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$  be the arc set of  $D_5$ .

Then the double triangular snake is as in the figure 2.6.

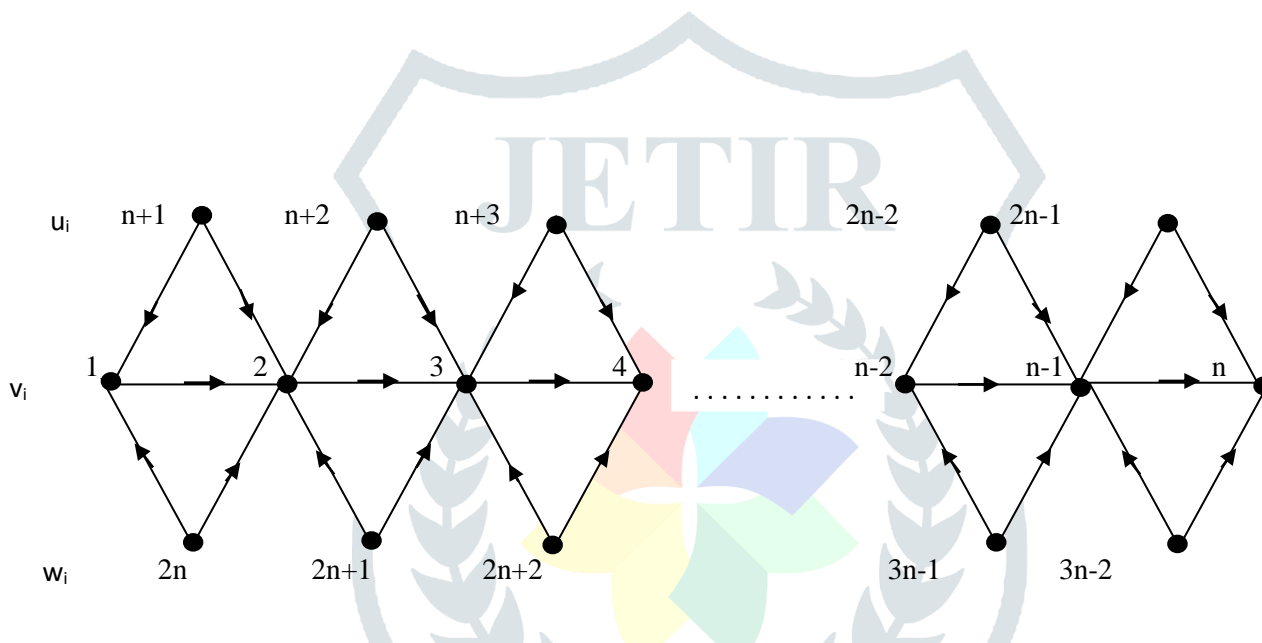


Figure 2.6, Double Triangular Snake  $D(T_n)$

Hence, the double triangular snake has  $3n-2$  vertices and  $5n-5$  arcs.

Define a function  $f : V \rightarrow \{1,2,3,\dots,8n-2\}$  by

$$f(v_i) = i, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(u_i) = i + 1, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

$$f(w_i) = 2n - 1 + i, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

$$\text{Now, } N^+(u_i) = N^+(w_i) = \{v_i, v_{i+1}\}, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

$$N^+(v_i) = \{v_{i+1}\}, 1 \leq i \leq n-1.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \gcd[f(u), f(v)] = \gcd(i, i + 1) = 1, \forall u, v \in N^+(u_i) \& N^+(w_i), 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \quad \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) & (2),  $f$  admits an outdegree prime pair labeling.

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