

# Product cordial labeling of one point union graphs related to shell graphs

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**Abstract.** We discuss one point union graphs of shell  $S_4$  related graphs. We discuss  $S_4^{(k)}$ ,  $Fl(S_4)^{(k)}$  etc for Product cordial labeling.

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2. Introduction: The graphs we consider are simple, finite, undirected and connected. For terminology and definitions we depend on Graph Theory by Harary [8], A dynamic survey of graph labeling by J.Gallian [7] and Douglas West.[8]. I.Cahit introduced the concept of cordial labeling [6]. There are variety of cordial labeling available in labeling of graphs. Sundaram, Ponraj, and Somasundaram [9] introduced the notion of product cordial labeling. A product cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V$  is a function  $f$  from  $V$  to  $\{0, 1\}$  such that if each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label  $f(u)f(v)$ , the number of vertices labeled with 0 and the number of vertices labeled with 1 differ by at most 1, and the number of edges labeled with 0 and the number of edges labeled with 1 differ by at most 1. A graph with a product cordial labeling is called a product cordial graph. We use  $v_f(0,1) = (a, b)$  to denote the number of vertices with label 1 are  $a$  in number and the number of vertices with label 0 are  $b$  in number. Similar notion on edges follows for  $e_f(0,1) = (x, y)$ .

A lot of work is done in this type of labeling so far. One interested in survey may refer Dynamic survey in Graph labeling by J. Gallian. We mention a very short part of it. Sundaram, Ponraj, and Somasundaram have shown that trees; unicyclic graphs of odd order; triangular snakes; dragons; helms;  $P_m \cup P_n$ ;  $C_m \cup P_n$ ;  $P_m \cup K_{1,n}$ ;  $W_m \cup F_n$  ( $F_n$  is the fan  $P_n + K_1$ );  $K_{1,m} \cup K_{1,n}$ ;  $W_m \cup K_{1,n}$ ;  $W_m \cup P_n$ ;  $W_m \cup C_n$ ; the total graph of  $P_n$  (the total graph of  $P_n$  has vertex set  $V(P_n) \cup E(P_n)$  with two vertices adjacent whenever they are neighbors in  $P_n$ );  $C_n$  if and only if  $n$  is odd;  $C_n^{(t)}$ , the one-point union of  $t$  copies of  $C_n$ , provided  $t$  is even or both  $t$  and  $n$  are even;  $K_{2+m} \cup K_1$  if and only if  $m$  is odd;  $C_m \cup P_n$  if and only if  $m+n$  is odd;  $K_{m,n} \cup P_s$  if  $s > mn$ ;  $C_n + 2 \cup K_{1,n}$ ;  $K_n \cup K_{n,(n-1)/2}$  when  $n$  is odd;  $K_n \cup K_{n-1, n/2}$  when  $n$  is even; and  $P_2 \cup n$  if and only if  $n$  is odd. They also prove that  $K_{m,n} \cup P_s$  ( $m, n > 2$ ),  $P_m \times P_n$  ( $m, n > 2$ ) and wheels are not product cordial and if a  $(p,q)$ -graph is product cordial graph, then  $q \leq (p-1)(p+1)/4 + 1$ . In this paper We show that one point union of  $G = FL(C_3)$ , bull of  $C_3$ , crown of  $C_3$ , double crown of  $C_3$ ,  $C_3^{++}$ ,  $tail(C_3, 2P_2)$ ,  $C_3$  attached with 2 pendent edges attached at adjacent vertices and show them to be Product cordial under certain conditions.

3. Preliminaries:

**3.1 Fusion of vertex.** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. Let  $u \neq v$  be two vertices of  $G$ . We replace them with single vertex  $w$  and all edges incident with  $u$  and that with  $v$  are made incident with  $w$ . If a loop is formed is deleted. The new graph has  $p-1$  vertices and at least  $q-1$  edges. If  $u \in G_1$  and  $v \in G_2$ , where  $G_1$  is  $(p_1, q_1)$  and  $G_2$  is  $(p_2, q_2)$  graph. Take a new vertex  $w$  and all the edges incident to  $u$  and  $v$  are joined to  $w$  and vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are deleted. The new graph has  $p_1+p_2-1$  vertices and  $q_1 + q_2$  edges. Sometimes this is referred as “ $u$  is identified with  $v$ ”. The concept is well elaborated in John Clark and D. Holton [6]

**3.2 Crown graph.** It is  $C_n \square K_2$ . At each vertex of cycle a  $n$  edge was attached. We develop the concept further to obtain crown for any graph. Thus crown  $(G)$  is a graph  $G \square K_2$ . It has a pendent edge attached to each of its vertex. If  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph then crown  $(G)$  has  $q+p$  edges and  $2p$  vertices.

**3.3 Flag of a graph  $G$**  denoted by  $FL(G)$  is obtained by taking a graph  $G = G(p, q)$ . At suitable vertex of  $G$  attach a pendent edge. It has  $p+1$  vertices and  $q+1$  edges.

**3.4  $G^{(k)}$**  it is One point union of  $k$  copies of  $G$  is obtained by taking  $k$  copies of  $G$  and fusing a fixed vertex of each copy with same fixed vertex of other copies to create a single vertex common to all copies. If  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph then  $|V(G^{(k)})| = k(p-1)+1$  and  $|E(G^{(k)})| = kq$

**3.5 A bull graph  $bull(G)$**  was initially defined for a  $C_3$ -bull. It has a copy of  $G$  with an pendent edge each fused with any two adjacent vertices of  $G$ . For  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph,  $bull(G)$  has  $p+2$  vertices and  $q+2$  edges.

**3.6 A tail graph** (also called as antenna graph) is obtained by fusing a path  $P_k$  to some vertex of  $G$ . This is denoted by  $tail(G, P_k)$ . If there are  $t$  number of tails of equal length say  $(k-1)$  then it is denoted by  $tail(G, tP_k)$ . If  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph and a tail  $P_k$  is attached to it then  $tail(G, P_k)$  has  $p+k-1$  vertices and  $q+k-1$  edges.

4. Main Results:

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $G = S_4^{(k)}$ . Then  $G$  is product cordial iff  $k$  is an even number.

**Proof:** We define  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $S_4$  in  $G$  as : the cycle  $C_4$  of  $S_4$  as  $(u_{i,1}, c_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, c_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, c_{i,3}, u_{i,4}, c_{i,4}, u_{i,1})$ ; the chord  $(u_{i,1}, u_{i,3})$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

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

Case  $k = 2x$ , an even number.

The vertex common to all copies of  $S_4$  is say  $u_{i,1}$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (3x, 3x+1)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (5x, 5x)$ . If we change the common point on  $G$  the same function  $f$  works as product cordial labeling. The only one thing is required is that the vertex common to all copies of  $S_4$  is labeled as '1'.

Case  $k$  is an odd number say  $2x+1$ .

We need  $v_f(0) = v_f(1)$ . This produces  $e_f(0) = e_f(1)+2$  at least. Therefore the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  is not satisfied. The graph is not product cordial.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $G' = FL(S_4)$  then  $G = G'^{(k)}$  is product cordial for all  $k$  if one point union is taken at any vertex other than pendent vertex. If the common vertex is taken at pendent vertex then  $G$  is product cordial iff  $k$  is even.

Proof: We define  $i^{th}$  copy of  $FL(S_4)$  in  $G$  as : the cycle  $C_4$  of  $S_4$  as  $(u_{i,1}, c_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, c_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, c_{i,3}, u_{i,4}, c_{i,4}, u_{i,1})$ ; the chord  $(u_{i,1}u_{i,3})$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and the pendent vertex  $u_{i,5}$  with corresponding pendent edge  $(u_{i,1}u_{i,5})$ . Thus  $G$  has  $4k+1$  vertices and  $6k$  edges. In structure 1 we take vertex common to all copies as  $u_{i,1}$ , the degree three vertex on  $S_4$ . In structure 2 we take vertex common to all copies as  $u_{i,2}$ , the degree two vertex on  $S_4$ .

Define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  as follows: ( The one point union of  $FL(S_4)$  is taken at vertex  $S_4$ .

Case  $k = 2x$ , an even number.

Let the common point to all copies of  $FL(S_4)$  be  $u_{i,1}$

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (4x, 4x+1)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (6x, 6x)$ .

If we change the common point on  $G$  the same function  $f$  works as product cordial labeling. The only one thing is required is that the vertex common to all copies of  $FL(S_4)$  is labeled as '1'.

Case  $k = 2x+1$ . Let the common point to all copies of  $S_4$  be  $u_{i,1}$

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = 2x+1$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, 3$ ;

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = 2x+1$ , and all  $j = 4, 5$ .

The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (4x+2, 4x+3)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (6x+3, 6x+3)$ . If we change the common point on  $G$  the same function  $f$  works as product cordial labeling. The only one thing is required is that the vertex common to all copies of  $FL(S_4)$  be labeled as 1. (in all above cases it was  $u_{i,1}$ )

If the one point union of  $FL(S_4)$  is taken at pendent vertex of  $FL(S_4)$  then for  $k = 2x$  only the  $G$  is product cordial graph. The same function as above will work with condition that

the vertex common to all copies of  $FL(S_4)$  be labeled as 1. When  $k = 2x+1$  this graph is not product cordial.

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $G' = Bull(S_4)$ . Then  $G = G'^{(k)}$  is product cordial for all  $k$  when common vertex is a cycle  $C_4$  vertex and if the common point is a pendent vertex then for  $k = 2x$  only.

Proof: We define  $i^{th}$  copy of  $Bull(S_4)$  in  $G$  as : the cycle  $C_4$  of  $S_4$  as  $(u_{i,1}, c_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, c_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, c_{i,3}, u_{i,4}, c_{i,4}, u_{i,1})$ ; the chord  $(u_{i,1}u_{i,3})$ , two pendent edges as  $(u_{i,1}u_{i,5})$ ,  $(u_{i,2}u_{i,6})$  corresponding to pendent vertices  $u_{i,5}$ ,  $u_{i,6}$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Thus  $G$  has  $5k+1$  vertices and  $7k$  edges.

Case  $k = 2x$ , an even number.

Let the common point to all copies of  $bull(S_4)$  be  $u_{i,1}$

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, \dots, 6$

The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (5x, 5x+1)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (7x, 7x)$ . If we change the common point on  $G$  to some other vertex on cycle  $C_4$  of  $S_4$  ( i.e the vertices  $u_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, u_{i,4}$  ) same function  $f$  works as product cordial labeling.

Case  $k = 2x+1$ , an odd number.

Let the common point to all copies of  $bull(S_4)$  be  $u_{i,1}$

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, \dots, 6$

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 2x+1$  and all  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 4, 5, 6$ .

The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (4x+3, 4x+3)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (7x+4, 7x+3)$ .

If we change the common point on  $G$  to some other vertex on cycle  $C_4$  of  $S_4$  ( i.e the vertices  $u_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, u_{i,4}$  ) same function  $f$  works as product cordial labeling.

If the common vertex to all  $k$  copies of  $bull(S_4)$  in  $G$  is taken as a pendent vertex ( $u_{i,5}$  or  $u_{i,6}$ ) then the same function as above gives us product cordial labeling for  $k = 2x$  an even number. Also the label number distribution is same. But when  $k = 2x+1$  the graph is not product cordial.

**Theorem 4.4** The one point union of  $k$  copies of  $S_4^+$  i.e.  $G = (S_4^+)^{(k)}$  is product cordial.

Proof: We define  $i^{th}$  copy of  $S_4^+$  in  $G$  as : the cycle  $C_4$  of  $S_4$  as  $(u_{i,1}, c_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, c_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, c_{i,3}, u_{i,4}, c_{i,4}, u_{i,1})$ ; the chord  $(u_{i,1}u_{i,3})$ , four pendent edges as  $(u_{i,j}u_{i,j+4})$ ;  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Corresponding to pendent vertices  $u_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $j = 5, 6, 7, 8$ . Thus  $G$  has  $7k+1$  vertices and  $9k$  edges.

Case  $k = 2x$ , an even number.

Let the common point to all copies of  $G$  be  $u_{i,1}$  (or any one on  $S_4$ )

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ .

$f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, \dots, 8$

The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (7x, 7x+1)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (9x, 9x)$ .

Case  $k = 2x+1$ , an even number.

Let the common point to all copies of  $G$  be  $u_{i,1}$

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ .  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, \dots, 8$ .  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, 3, 5$   
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 4, 6, 7, 8$   
 The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (7x+3, 7x+4)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (9x+5, 9x+4)$ .  
 Let the common point be a pendent vertex say  $u_{i,5}$ .

Labels up to first  $2x$  copies are same as above. Then labels on  $(2x+1)^{th}$  copy of  $S_4^+$  are given by :  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 2x+1$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, 3, 5$ .  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = 2x+1$ , and all  $j = 4, 6, 7, 8$ .

The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (7x+3, 7x+4)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (9x+5, 9x+4)$ .

**Theorem 4.5** Let  $G'$  be the graph obtained by fusing two pendent edges at any vertex of  $S_4$ .  $G' = (\text{tail}(S_4, 2P_2))$ . Then  $G'^{(k)}$  is product cordial for all  $k$  if the common vertex is any vertex which is not pendent vertex. If common vertex is pendent vertex then  $k = 2x$  only.

**Proof:** We define  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G'$  in  $G$  as : the cycle  $C_4$  of  $S_4$  as  $(u_{i,1}, c_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, c_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, c_{i,3}, u_{i,4}, c_{i,4}, u_{i,1})$ ; the chord  $(u_{i,1}, u_{i,3})$ , two pendent edges as  $(u_{i,1}, u_{i,5})$ ,  $(u_{i,1}, u_{i,6})$ . Corresponding to pendent vertices  $u_{i,j}, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $j = 5, 6$ . Thus  $G$  has  $5k+1$  vertices and  $7k$  edges. There are two structures. In structure 1 we take the common point as a point on  $S_4$  in  $G$ . In structure 2 we take pendent vertex as a common point on  $G$ .

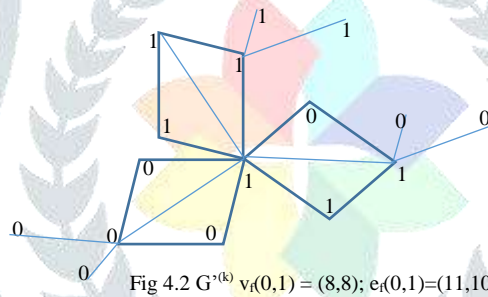
Structure 1:

Case  $k = 2x$ , an even number.

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ .  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, \dots, 6$ .  
 The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (5x, 5x+1)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (7x, 7x)$ .

Case  $k = 2x+1$ , an odd number.

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ .  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, \dots, 6$ .  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 2x+1$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = 2x+1$ , and all  $j = 4, 5, 6$ .  
 The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (5x+2, 5x+3)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (7x+4, 7x+3)$ .



Structure 2:

Case  $k = 2x$ , an even number.

$f(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, x$ , and all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ .  
 $f(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for all  $i = x+1, \dots, 2x$ , and all  $j = 2, 3, \dots, 6$ .  
 The label number distribution is  $v_f(0,1) = (5x, 5x+1)$ ;  $e_f(0,1) = (7x, 7x)$ .

Case  $k = 2x+1$ , an odd number. Then there is no product cordial labeling.

**Conclusions:** In this paper we have obtained one point union graphs on  $S_4$ , and the graphs obtained from  $S_4$  by fusing pendent edges (maximum two at a vertex) at vertices of  $S_4$ . We have studied these path unions for product cordiality. We have shown that:

- 1)  $S_4^{(k)}$  is product cordial iff  $k$  is an even number. 2)
- Let  $G' = FL(S_4)$  then  $G = G'^{(k)}$  is product cordial for all  $k$  if one point union is taken at any vertex other than pendent vertex. If the common vertex is taken at pendent vertex then  $G$  is product cordial iff  $k$  is even.
- 3) Let  $G' = Bull(S_4)$ . Then  $G = G'^{(k)}$  is product cordial for all  $k$  when common vertex is a cycle  $C_4$  vertex and if the common point is a pendent vertex then for  $k = 2x$  only. 4) The one point union of  $k$  copies of  $S_4^+$  i.e.  $G = (S_4^+)^{(k)}$  is product cordial.
- 5) Let  $G'$  be the graph obtained by fusing two pendent edges at any vertex of  $S_4$ .  $G' = (\text{tail}(S_4, 2P_2))$ . Then  $G'^{(k)}$  is product cordial for all  $k$  if the common vertex is any vertex which is not pendent vertex. If common vertex is pendent vertex then  $k = 2x$  only. It is necessary to study these types of graphs further.

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