

# PRODUCT INTEGER CORDIAL LABELING OF SOME WELL KNOWN GRAPHS

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## Abstract

In this paper we introduce the concept of product integer cordial labeling. Let  $G(V, E)$  be a simple connected graph with  $p$  vertices. Let the injective mapping  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  induce an edge labeling  $f^*$  on  $E$  such that  $f^*(uv) = 1$  or  $0$  according as  $f(u)f(v)$  even or odd respectively. Let  $e_f(i) =$  number of edges labeled with  $i$ , where  $i = 0$  or  $1$ . We call  $f$  a product integer cordial if  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is called product integer cordial if it admits a product integer cordial labeling. We also investigate the product integer cordial labeling of some graphs.

**Keywords:-** cordial, Integer cordial, product integer cordial labeling.

## 1. Introduction:

We consider finite, undirected and simple graphs  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G)$  and Edge set  $E(G)$ .

The concept of cordial labeling originated from I. Cahit [1, 2] in 1987 as a weaker version of graceful and harmonious graphs and was based on  $\{0, 1\}$  binary labeling of vertices. For a deeper insight on cordial labeling one may refer to [1 - 13]. The concept of I-cordial labeling was introduced by T. Nicholas and P. Maya [14].

Let  $f$  be an injective map from  $V$  to  $[\frac{-p}{2}, \frac{p}{2}]^*$  or  $[\frac{-p}{2}, \frac{p}{2}]$  as  $p$  is even or odd respectively, such that  $f(u) + f(v) \neq 0$ . Let  $f$  induce an edge labeling  $f^*: E \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  where  $f^*(uv) = 1$  if  $f(u) + f(v) > 0$  and  $f^*(uv) = 0$  otherwise. We call  $f$  an I-cordial labeling of a graph  $G(V, E)$  if  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $e_f(i) =$  number of edges labeled with  $i$ , where  $i = 0$  or  $1$ . The graph  $G$  is called I-cordial if it admits an I-cordial labeling. [14]

In this paper, we introduce the concept of product integer cordial labeling.

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple connected graph with  $p$  vertices. Let an injective mapping  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  induce an edge labeling  $f^*$  on  $E$  such that  $f^*(uv) = 1$  or  $0$  according as  $f(u)f(v)$  even or odd respectively. Let  $e_f(i) =$  number of edges labeled with  $i$ , where  $i = 0$  or  $1$ . We call  $f$  a product integer cordial labeling if  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is called product integer cordial if it admits a product integer cordial labeling.

In this paper we introduce the concept of a new variant of cordial labeling, namely, product integer cordial labeling and investigate it for some graphs.

## 2. Main results:

### Definition 2.1:

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple connected graph with  $p$  vertices. Let the injective mapping  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  induce an edge labeling  $f^*$  on  $E$  such that  $f^*(uv) = 1$  or  $0$  according as  $f(u)f(v)$  is even or odd respectively. Let  $e_f(i) =$  number of edges labeled with  $i$ , where  $i = 0$  or  $1$ . We call  $f$  a product integer cordial if  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is called product integer cordial if it admits a product integer cordial labeling.

**Theorem 2.2:** The cycle  $C_n$  is product integer cordial if and only if  $n$  is odd.

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $C_n$ .

Case (i) n is even.

$$\text{Define } f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \text{ as } f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1 & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}, \\ 2i - n & \text{for } i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Hence } f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 0; \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, (\frac{n}{2} - 1)$$

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 1; \text{ for } i = \frac{n}{2}, \dots, (n - 1)$$

$$f^*(v_n v_1) = 1.$$

Hence  $\frac{n}{2} + 1$  edges receive label 1 and  $\frac{n}{2} - 1$  edges receive label 0, which imply

$$|e_f(1) - e_f(0)| = 2.$$

In fact any other labeling f would yield  $|e_f(1) - e_f(0)| \geq 2$ .

Hence  $C_n$  is not product integer cordial when n is even.

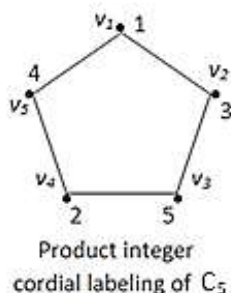
Case (ii) n is odd.  $f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n+1}{2}, \\ 2i - (n + 1), & \text{for } i = \frac{n+3}{2}, \dots, n. \end{cases}$

$$\text{Then } f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}, \\ 1, & \text{for } i = \frac{n+1}{2}, \dots, n - 1. \end{cases}$$

$$f^*(v_n v_1) = 1$$

Hence  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  edges receive label 0 and  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  edges receive label 1, which imply  $|e_f(1) - e_f(0)| = 1$ .

Hence  $C_n$  is product integer cordial graph iff n is odd.



**Theorem 2.3:** The complete bipartite graph  $K_{m, n}$ ,  $n > m$ , is product integer cordial iff  $m = 1$ .

Case(i) n is even.

Let  $V = U \cup W$  where  $U = \{u_1\}$ ,  $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ ; n is even.

Then  $p = n + 1$ ,  $q = n$

Let  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$  be the function defined as follows:

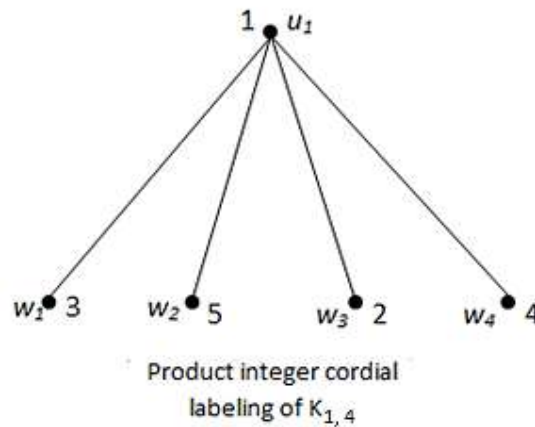
$$f(u_1) = 1;$$

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

Hence  $\frac{n}{2}$  edges receive even labels and  $\frac{n}{2}$  edges odd labels.

Hence  $|e_f(1) - e_f(0)| = 0$ .

Hence  $K_{m,n}$  is product integer cordial when  $m = 1$  and  $n$  is even.



**Case (ii)**  $n$  is odd.

Define  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$  as follows:

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 2i + 1 & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{(n-1)}{2}, \\ 2i - (n - 1) & \text{for } i = \frac{(n+1)}{2}, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

and  $f(u_1) = 1$ .

Hence  $f^*(u_1 w_i) = 0$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{(n-1)}{2}$

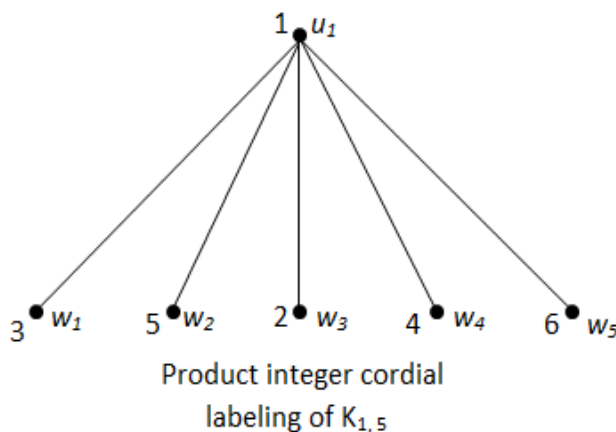
$f^*(u_1 w_i) = 1$ , for  $i = \frac{(n+1)}{2}, \dots, n$ .

That is,  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  edges receive odd labels and  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  edges receive even labels.

Hence  $|e_f(1) - e_f(0)| \leq 1$ .

Hence  $K_{m,n}$  is product integer cordial where  $n$  is odd and  $m = 1$ .

From both cases  $K_{m,n}$  is product integer cordial for any  $n$  and  $m = 1$ .



**Case (iii):**  $m \geq 2; n > m$ .

Let  $V = A \cup B$ , where  $|A| = m, |B| = n$ .

If there exists a product integer cordial labeling  $f$  then for the least possible assignment,  $f$  must assign odd labels to the  $m$  vertices of the partite set  $A$ . In this case  $f$  would induce  $m \binom{n-m}{2}$  odd labels for the edges.

Therefore  $(mn - \frac{m(n-m)}{2})$  edges receive even labels.

That is  $e_f(1) = \frac{m(n+m)}{2}; e_f(0) = \frac{m(n-m)}{2}$

Therefore the difference between even and odd labels =  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)|$

$$= \left| \frac{m(n+m)}{2} - \frac{m(n-m)}{2} \right|$$

$$= m^2 \geq 1$$

which is a contradiction.

Hence  $K_{m,n}$  is product integer cordial graph iff  $m = 1$ .

**Corollary 2.4:** Star graph is product integer cordial for all  $n$ .

**Theorem 2.5:** Path  $P_n$  is product integer cordial for any  $n$ .

**Case (i)**  $n$  is even.

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices,  $n$  is even, hence  $q = n - 1$ .

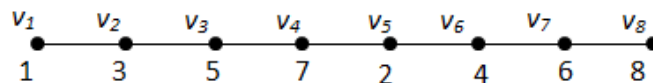
Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1; & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}, \\ 2i - n; & \text{for } i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

Then  $f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 0$ ; for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1$  and  $f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 1$ ; for  $i = \frac{n}{2}, \dots, n - 1$ .

Hence  $\frac{n}{2} - 1$  edges receive odd labels and  $\frac{n}{2}$  edges receive even labels.

This implies  $|e_f(1) - e_f(0)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $P_n$  is product integer cordial when  $n$  is even.



Product integer cordial labeling of  $P_8$

**Case (ii):** n is odd.

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

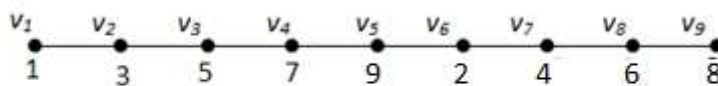
$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1; & i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{(n+1)}{2}, \\ 2i - (n + 1); & i = \frac{(n+3)}{2}, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

Then the induced function  $f^*$  is obtained as

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}, \\ 1; & i = \frac{n+1}{2}, \dots, n-1. \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  edges receive even labels and  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  edges receive odd labels.

Hence  $P_n$  is product integer cordial when n is odd.



Product integer cordial labeling of  $P_9$

**Theorem 2.6:** Friendship graph  $C_3^{(t)}$  is product integer cordial for all t.

**Proof:**

**Case (i) :** t is odd.

The graph  $C_3^{(t)}$  has  $2t + 1$  vertices and  $3t$  edges. Let w be the apex vertex.

Define  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2t+1\}$  by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1; & i = 1, 2, \dots, t, \\ 2i - 2t; & i = t + 1, \dots, 2t. \end{cases}$$

$$f(w) = 1.$$

Then  $f^*(wv_i) = 0$ ; if  $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$

$f^*(wv_i) = 1$ ; if  $i = t+1, \dots, 2t$  and  $f(w) = 1$ .

$$\text{Also } f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & i = 1, 3, \dots, t-2, \\ 1; & i = t, t+2, \dots, (2t-1). \end{cases}$$

Then  $\frac{3t-1}{2}$  edges receive odd labels and  $\frac{3t+1}{2}$  edges receive even labels.

$$\text{Hence } |e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1.$$

Hence  $C_3^{(t)}$  is product integer cordial graph when t is odd.

Case (ii):  $t$  is even.

Let  $f(w) = 1$

Define  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2t\}$  by

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2i + 1; & i = 1, 2, \dots, t, \\ 2i - 2t; & i = t + 1, \dots, 2t. \end{cases}$$

Then the induced function  $f^*$  as follows:

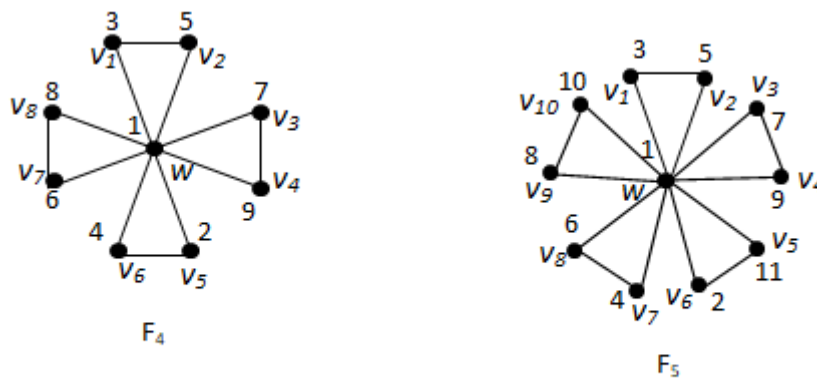
$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & i = 1, 2, \dots, t, \\ 1; & i = t + 1, \dots, 2t. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 0; & i = 1, 3, \dots, t - 1, \\ 1; & i = t + 1, t + 3, \dots, 2t - 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus, } e_f(0) = \frac{3t}{2} \text{ and } e_f(1) = \frac{3t-2}{2}.$$

Hence  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

Hence  $C_3^{(0)}$  is product integer cordial graph for all  $t$ .



Product integer cordial labeling of  $F_4$  and  $F_5$

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