

# E-CORDIAL LABELING OF SOME PATH UNION GRAPHS

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**Abstract:** Path union of graph  $G$  i.e.  $P_m(G)$  is obtained by fusing a copy of graph  $G$  at each vertex of a path  $P_m$ . Vertex of fusion is same and fixed for all graphs. We discuss  $e$ -cordial labeling of  $P_m(G)$  for  $G = \text{claw, paw, kite}$  and show that  $P_m(G)$  is  $e$ -cordial.

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## Introduction:

In 1997 Yilmaz and Cahit [4] introduced a weaker version of edge graceful labeling called  $E$ -cordial. The word cordial was used first time in this paper. Let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a function that maps  $E$  into  $\{0,1\}$ . Define  $f$  on  $V$  by  $f(v) = \sum\{f(uv)/(uv) \in E\} \pmod 2$ . The function  $f$  is called as  $E$  cordial labeling if  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$ . Where  $e_f(i)$  is the number of edges labeled with  $i = 0,1$  and  $v_f(i)$  is the number of vertices labeled with  $i = 0,1$ . We also use  $v_f(0,1) = (a,b)$  to denote the number of vertices labeled with 0 are  $a$  in number and that with 1 are  $b$  in number. Similarly  $e_f(0,1) = (x,y)$  to denote number of edges labeled with 0 are  $x$  in number and that labeled with 1 are  $y$  in number. A lot of work has been done in this type of labeling and the above mentioned paper gave rise to number of papers on cordial labeling. A graph that admits  $E$ -cordial labeling is called as  $E$ -cordial graph. Yilmaz and Cahit has shown that Trees  $T_n$  with  $n$  vertices and Complete graphs  $K_n$  on  $n$  vertices are  $E$ -cordial iff  $n$  is not congruent to 2 (modulo 4). Friendship graph  $C_3^{(n)}$  for all  $n$  and fans  $F_n$  for  $n$  not congruent to 1 (mod 4). They observe that a graph with  $n$  vertices is not  $e$ -cordial if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod 4$ . One may refer A Dynamic survey of graph labeling for more details on completed work.

## Preliminaries:

**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  $v$ .

**Path union of  $G$**  i.e.  $P_m(G)$  is obtained by taking a path  $P_m$  and  $m$  copies of graph  $G$ . Fuse a copy each of  $G$  at every vertex of path at given fixed point on  $G$ . It has  $mp$  vertices and  $mq + m - 1$  edges, where  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph. If we change the vertex on  $G$  that is fused with vertex of  $P_m$  then we generally get a path union non isomorphic to earlier structure. In this paper we define a  $e$ -cordial function  $f$  that does not depends on which vertex of given graph  $G$  is used to obtain path union. This allows us to obtain path union in which the same graph  $G$  is fused with vertices of  $P_m$  at different vertices of  $G$ , as our choice and the same function  $f$  is applicable to all such structures that are possible on  $P_m(G)$ .

## Main Results:

Theorem 4.1 Path union of claw is  $e$ -cordial.

Proof: There are two possible structures of  $P_m(G)$ . From figure 4.1 it follows that one can take path union at vertex 'u' giving structure 1 and the one point union at point v will give structure 2. The two structures are non-isomorphic. Take a path  $P_m = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)$ . Each edge on  $P_m$  has label '0'. At each vertex fuse a copy of Type A labeling at vertex u. The resultant graph has label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (2m, 2m)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2m-1, 2m)$ . If we form path union at vertex v of claw then also the above type A label will work and label distribution also same.

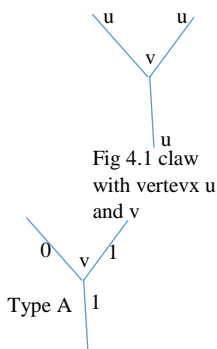


Fig 4.3 claw :  $v_f(0,1) = (2,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (1,2)$

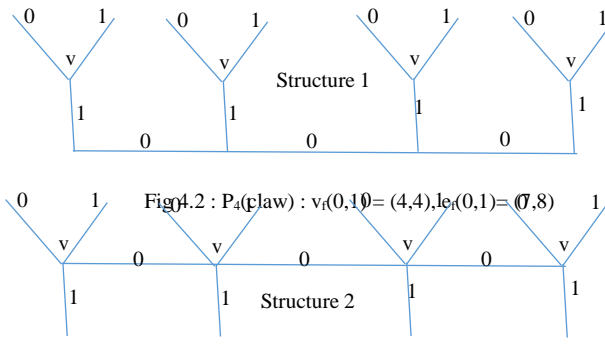


Fig 4.4 :  $P_4(\text{claw}) : v_f(0,1) = (4,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (7,8)$

Theorem 4.2 Path union of paw is e-cordial for all m.

Proof: Define a function  $f:E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ . It gives us following two types of labeled copies of paw.

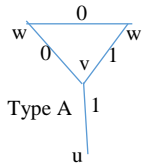


Fig 4.5 paw :  
 $v_f(0,1) = (2,2)$ ,  
 $e_f(0,1) = (2,2)$

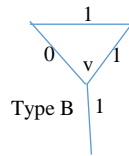


Fig 4.6 paw :  
 $v_f(0,1) = (2,2)$ ,  
 $e_f(0,1) = (1,3)$

There are three possible structures of  $P_m(G)$ . From figure 4.3 it follows that one can take path union at vertex 'u' giving structure 1 and the path union at point v will give structure 2 and path union at w giving structure 3. All structures are pairwise non-isomorphic. Take a path  $P_m = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)$ . Each edge on  $P_m$  has label '0'. At each vertex  $v_i$  fuse a copy of Type A labeling (at vertex u) for all  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and copy of Type B if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . The resultant graph has label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (2m, 2m)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2x+1, 2x+1)$  for odd number  $m = 2x-1$ ;  $x = 0, 1, 2$ .  $v_f(0,1) = (2m, 2m)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (4+5(x-1), 5x)$  for even number  $m = 2x = 1, 2$ . If we form path union at vertex 'v' or at 'w' of claw then also the above type A label will work and label distribution is also same. Thus the function f is independent of the vertex of paw used to form path union.

Theorem 4.3 Path union ( $P_m$ ( house )) of house is e-cordial for m is not congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$

Proof: Define a function  $f:E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ . It gives us following three types of labeled copies of house graph. Take a path  $P_m = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)$ . Each edge on  $P_m$  has label '0'. At  $v_1$  fuse a copy of type A label, at  $v_2$  fuse a copy of type B label, at  $v_3$  fuse type C label. For  $i > 3$  at each vertex  $v_i$  fuse a copy of Type A labeling for all  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and copy of Type B if  $i \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$  copy of Type C if  $i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . The resultant graph

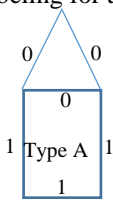


Fig 4.7 :  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (3,3)$

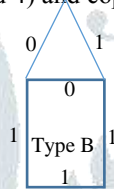


Fig 4.8 :  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2,4)$

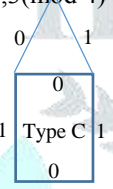


Fig 4.9 :  $v_f(0,1) = (1,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (3,3)$

has label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (3,3)$  for  $m=1$ , for  $m = 2$  is given by  $v_f(0,1) = (6,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (6,7)$ . For all m of type  $4x$ ,  $x = 1, 2..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (10x, 10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x, 14x-1)$ . For all m of type  $4x+1$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (13+10x, 12+10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x+17, 14x+17)$ . For all m of type  $4x+2$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (14+10x, 16+10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x+21, 14x+20)$ . For all m of type  $4x+3$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (7+10x, 8+10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x+10, 14x+10)$ .

The function f is independent of the vertex of house used to form path union.

Theorem 4.4 Path union ( $G = P_m$ ( bull )) of bull is e-cordial for m is not congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$

Proof: Define a function  $f:E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ . It gives us following two types of labeled copies of bull graph.

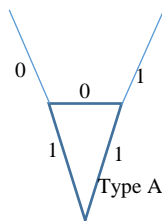


Fig 4.10 :  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2,3)$

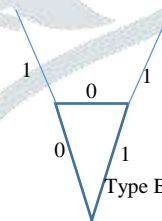


Fig 4.11 :  $v_f(0,1) = (1,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2,3)$

Take a path  $P_m = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)$ . Each edge on  $P_m$  has label '0'. At  $v_1$  fuse a copy of type A label, at  $v_2$  fuse a copy of type A label, At  $v_3$  fuse a copy of type B label, at  $v_4$  fuse a copy of type A label, at  $v_5$  fuse type A label. For  $i > 5$  at each vertex  $v_i$  fuse a copy of Type B labeling for all  $i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and copy of Type A if  $i \equiv 0, 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ . The resultant graph has label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2,3)$  for  $m=1$ , for  $m = 2$  is given by  $v_f(0,1) = (6,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (5,6)$ . For all m of type  $4x$ ,  $x = 1, 2..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (10x, 10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (12x-1, 12x)$ . For all m of type  $4x+1$ ,  $x = 1, 2..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (13+10(x-1), 12+10(x-1))$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (12(x-1)+14, 12(x-1)+15)$ . For all m of type  $4x+2$ ,  $x = 1, 2..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (14+10(x-1), 16+10(x-1))$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (12x+5, 12x+6)$ . For all m of type  $4x+3$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2..$  We have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (7+10x, 8+10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (12x+8, 12x+9)$ .

The function f is independent of the vertex of bull used to form path union. The graph is e-cordial.

Theorem 4.5 Path union ( $G = P_m$ ( bowtie )) of bull is e-cordial for m is not congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$ .

Proof: Define a function  $f:E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ . It gives us following three types of labeled copies of bowtie graph. Take a path  $P_m = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)$ . Each edge on  $P_m$  has label '0'. At  $v_1$  fuse a copy of type A label, at  $v_2$  fuse a copy of type A label, At  $v_3$  fuse a copy of type B label, at  $v_4$  fuse a copy of

type C label, at  $v_5$  fuse type A label. For  $i > 5$  at each vertex  $v_i$  fuse a copy of Type C labeling for all  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , Type B labeling for all  $i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and copy of Type A if  $i \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4}$ .

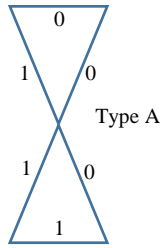


Fig 4.12 :  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2,3)$

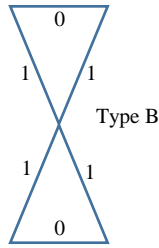


Fig 4.13 :  $v_f(0,1) = (1,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2,4)$

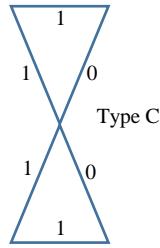


Fig 4.14 :  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2,4)$

The resultant graph has label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (3,3)$  for  $m=1$ , for  $m = 2$  is given by  $v_f(0,1) = (6,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (7,6)$ . For all  $m$  of type  $4x$ ,  $x = 2, 3, ..$  We have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (10x, 10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x, 14x-1)$ .

For  $m=4$  we have  $v_f(0,1) = (10,10)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (13,14)$ .

For all  $m$  of type  $4x+1$ ,  $x = 1, 2, ..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (13+10(x-1), 12+10(x-1))$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (17+14(x-1), 17+14(x-1))$ .

For all  $m$  of type  $4x+2$ ,  $x = 1, 2, ..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (14+10(x-1), 16+10(x-1))$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (20+14(x-1), 21+14(x-1))$ .

For all  $m$  of type  $4x+3$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, ..$  We have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (7+10x, 8+10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x+10, 14x+10)$ .

The function  $f$  is independent of the vertex of bowtie used to form path union. The graph is e-cordial.

Theorem 4.6 Path union ( $G = P_m$ ( dart) of dart is e-cordial for  $m$  is not congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$ .

Proof: Define a function  $f: E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ . It gives us following three types of labeled copies of dart graph.

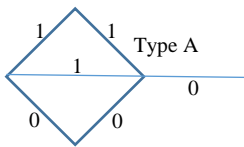


Fig 4.15 :  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (3,3)$

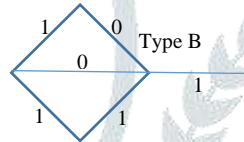


Fig 4.16 :  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (2,4)$

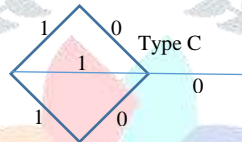


Fig 4.17 :  $v_f(0,1) = (1,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (3,4)$

Take a path  $P_m = (v_1, v_2, ..v_m)$ . Each edge on  $P_m$  has label '0'. At  $v_1$  fuse a copy of type A label, at  $v_2$  fuse a copy of type B label, at  $v_3$  fuse type C label. For  $i > 3$  at each vertex  $v_i$  fuse a copy of Type A labeling for all  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and copy of Type B if  $i \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$  copy of Type C if  $i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . The resultant graph has label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (3,2)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (3,3)$  for  $m=1$ , for  $m = 2$  is given by  $v_f(0,1) = (6,4)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (6,7)$ . For all  $m$  of type  $4x$ ,  $x = 1, 2, ..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (10x, 10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x, 14x-1)$ . For all  $m$  of type  $4x+1$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, ..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (13+10x, 12+10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x+17, 14x+17)$ . For all  $m$  of type  $4x+2$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, ..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (14+10x, 16+10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x+21, 14x+20)$ . For all  $m$  of type  $4x+3$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, ..$  we have label distribution given by  $v_f(0,1) = (7+10x, 8+10x)$ ,  $e_f(0,1) = (14x+10, 14x+10)$ .

The function  $f$  is independent of the vertex of house used to form pathunion.

**Conclusions:**

In this paper we have discussed and shown that path union  $P_m(G)$  is e-cordial for certain choice of  $G$ . The e-cordial function  $f$  we defined is such that irrespective of the vertex on  $G$  used to fuse with path vertex to obtain  $P_m(G)$ , the graph is e-cordial.

We have shown that 1) Path union of claw is e-cordial for all  $m$ . 2) Path union of paw is e-cordial for all  $m$ . 3) Path union ( $P_m$ ( house) ) of house is e-cordial for  $m$  is not congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$ . 4) Path union ( $G = P_m$ ( bull) of bull is e-cordial for  $m$  is not congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$ ) 5) Path union ( $G = P_m$ ( bowtie) ) of is e-cordial for  $m$  is not congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$ . 6) Path union ( $G = P_m$ ( dart)) of dart is e-cordial for  $m$  is not congruent to  $2 \pmod{4}$ . Our work confirms one observation by Cahit that a graph with  $n$  vertices is not e-cordial if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

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