



# Mean Cordial Labeling Of Some Graphs

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**ABSTRACT:** Let  $f$  be a function from  $V(G)$  to  $\{0,1,2\}$ . For every edge  $uv$  nominate the label  $\{0,1,2\}$ .  $f$  is called a mean cordial labeling if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0,1,2\}$  where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(x)$  represent the number of vertices and edges respectively labeled with  $x(x = 0,1,2)$ . A graph with mean cordial labeling is called a mean cordial graph. In this chapter we study the mean cordial labeling pattern of ladder graph  $L_n$  and shadow graph of  $K_{1,n}$ .

**KEYWORDS:** mean cordial labeling, ladder graph, shadow graph.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The graphs under consideration are simple, finite, and undirected.  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  represent the set of vertices and set of edges of a graph  $G$ , respectively. The number of elements of  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  is called the order and size of  $G$  respectively. Tracking system, route design, broadband networks, astrographs, and coding-encoding are just a few of the fields where labeled graphs are used (Gallian, 2022). Cahit introduced the cordial labeling concept in 1987 (Cahit, 1987).

**Definition 1:** Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  be a mapping. For every edge  $uv$  nominate the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ .  $f$  is called a cordial labeling if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0,1\}$  where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(x)$  denote the number of vertices and edges respectively labelled with  $x(x = 0,1)$ . A graph that admits a cordial labeling is called a cordial graph (Cahit, 1987).

**Definition 2:** Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  be a function. For each edge  $uv$  assign the label  $\left\lfloor \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \right\rfloor$ .  $f$  is called a mean cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0,1,2\}$  where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(x)$  denote the number of vertices and edges respectively labeled with  $x(x = 0,1,2)$ . A graph that admits a mean cordial labeling is called a mean cordial graph (Ponraj et al., 2012).

If we reduce the range set of  $f$  to  $\{0,1\}$  then this definition becomes the definition of product cordial labeling. M. Sundaram, R. Ponraj, and Somasundaram established the concept of cordial product labelling (Sundaram et al., 2004).

I examine the mean cordial labeling pattern of lattice graphs. The sign  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  represents greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$  and  $\lceil x \rceil$  represents smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ . Terminologies not described here are used in Harary's context (Book 1 (Harary).Pdf, n.d.).

**Definition 3:** A cartesian product of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is the graph  $G \times H$  such that its vertex set is a Cartesian product of  $V(G)$  and  $V(H)$  i.e.  $V(G \times H) = V(G) \times V(H) = \{(x, y) : x \in V(G), y \in V(H)\}$  and its edge set is



defined as  $E(G \times H) = \{((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) : x_1 = y_1 \text{ and } (x_2, y_2) \in E(H) \text{ or } x_2 = y_2 \text{ and } (x_1, y_1) \in E(G)\}$  (“Cartesian Product of Graphs,” 2022).

**Definition 4:** The ladder graph  $L_n$  is defined as the cartesian product of  $P_n$  by  $K_2$  where  $P_n$  is a path with  $n$  vertices and  $K_2$  is a complete graph with two vertices. Here  $V_{L_n} = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E_{L_n} = \{e_i = u_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{f_i = u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{g_i = v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ . (Sumathi, 2018)

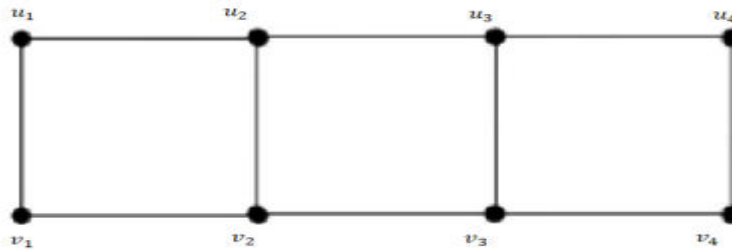


Figure 1:  $L_4$

**Definition 5:** The shadow graph  $D_2(G)$  of a connected graph  $G$  is constructed by taking two copies of  $G$  say  $G'$  and  $G''$ . Join each vertex  $u'$  in  $G'$  to the neighbours of the corresponding vertex  $v'$  in  $G''$ . (Jayasekaran, 2018).

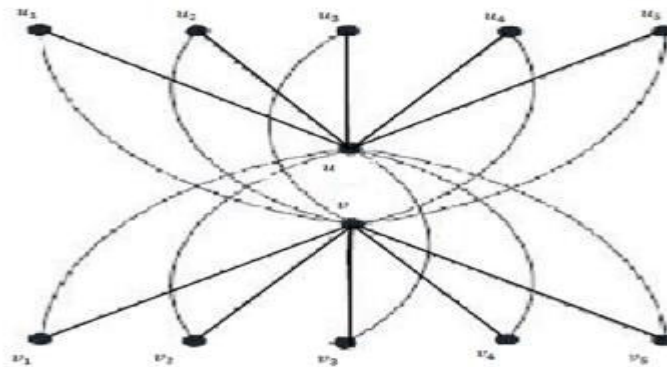


Figure 2: Shadow graph of  $K_{1,5}$

**Definition 6:** Let  $f$  be a function from  $V(G)$  to  $\{0,1,2\}$ . For each edge  $uv$  of  $G$ , assign the label  $\lfloor \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \rfloor$  or  $\lceil \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \rceil$ .  $f$  is called a mean cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(i) - e_f(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0,1,2\}$  where  $v_f(x)$  and  $e_f(x)$  represent the number of vertices and edges respectively labeled as  $x (x = 0,1,2)$ . An illustration using mean cordial labeling is referred to as a mean cordial graph.

**MAIN RESULTS:**

**Theorem 1:** Let  $L_n$  be a ladder graph, then  $L_n$  admits mean cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  and  $g : E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$ .

**Case(i):**  $n \equiv 0(mod3)$  : That is,  $n = 3k$ , where  $k$  is positive integer.



We define vertex labeling as follows:  $f(u_i) = f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2 & 1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 & k+1 \leq i \leq 2k \\ 0 & 2k+1 \leq i \leq 3k. \end{cases}$

We define edge labeling as follows:

$$g(u_i u_{i+1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1})}{2} \right\rfloor \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3k - 1,$$

$$g(v_i v_{i+1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(v_i) + f(v_{i+1})}{2} \right\rfloor \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3k - 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$g(u_i v_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u_i) + f(v_i)}{2} \right\rfloor \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3k.$$

In this case, we have  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2k$ , and

$$e_g(0) = e_g(2) = 3k - 1, e_g(1) = 3k.$$

**Case(ii):**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  : That is,  $n = 3k + 1$ , where  $k$  is positive integer.

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$$g(u_i v_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u_i) + f(v_i)}{2} \right\rfloor \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3k + 1.$$

In this case, we have  $v_f(0) = 2k$ ,  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2k + 1$ , and

$$e_g(0) = e_g(2) = 3k, e_g(1) = 3k + 1.$$

**Case(iii):**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  : That is,  $n = 3k + 2$ , where  $k$  is positive integer.

We define vertex labeling as follows:  $f(u_i) = f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2 & 1 \leq i \leq k. \\ 1 & k+1 \leq i \leq 2k \\ 0 & 2k+1 \leq i \leq 3k. \end{cases}$

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$$e_g(0) = e_g(2) = 3k + 1 , e_g(1) = 3k + 2.$$

In all the above cases the conditions,  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_g(i) - e_g(j)| \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \{0,1,2\}$ , are satisfied by the labeling pattern.

Example 1. Figure 3 represents the mean cordial labeling of ladder graph  $L_5$ .

This is the case involving  $n \equiv 2(mod3)$ .

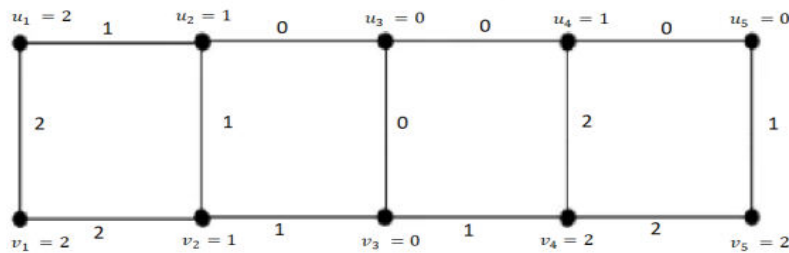


Figure3: Ladder graph  $L_5$

**Theorem 2:** Let  $D_2(K_{1,n})$  be a shadow graph of  $K_{1,n}$ , then  $D_2(K_{1,n})$  admits mean cordial labeling.

**Proof:** Define  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  and  $g : E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$ .

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In this case, we have,  $v_f(0) = v_f(2) = 2k + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = 2k$ , and

$$e_g(0) = e_g(1) = e_g(2) = 4k$$

**Case(ii):**  $n \equiv 1(mod3)$  : That is,  $n = 3k + 1$ , where  $k$  is positive integer.

We define vertex labeling as follows:

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**Case(iii):**  $n \equiv 2(mod3)$  : That is,  $n = 3k + 2$ , where  $k$  is positive integer.

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$$f(u) = 0, f(v) = 2$$

$$f(u_i) = f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2 & 1 \leq i \leq k. \\ 1 & k + 1 \leq i \leq 2k \\ 0 & 2k + 1 \leq i \leq 3k. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_{3k+1}) = 1 ; f(v_{3k+1}) = 2$$



$$f(u_{3k+2}) = 1 ; f(v_{3k+2}) = 0$$

We define edge labeling as follows:

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In this case, we have,  $v_f(0) = v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2k + 2$ , and

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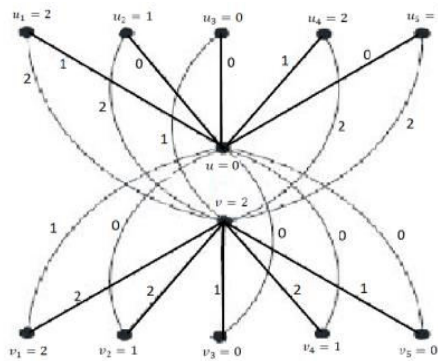


Figure 4: Shadow graph  $D_2(K_{1,5})$



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