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## Product cordiality of path union of mix graphs

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**Abstract**

We obtain mixed path union  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  and discuss it for product cordiality, where  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are from  $C_3, C_4$ , bull graph. In this type of path union  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are fused at alternate vertices of  $P_m$ . Note that the minimum length of a mixed path union is 2 if we have to notice that it is a mixed path union.

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**1. Introduction**

The graphs we consider are simple, finite, undirected and connected. For terminology and definitions we depend on Graph Theory by Harary [9], a dynamic survey of graph labeling by J. Gallian [8] and Douglas West. [11]. I. Cahit introduced the concept of cordial labeling [7]. There are variety of cordial labeling available in labeling of graphs. Sundaram, Ponraj, and Somasundaram [10] 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. Gillian. We mention some part of it. Sundaram, Ponraj, and Somasundaram have shown that trees; unicyclic graphs of odd order; triangular snakes; dragons; helms;  $P_mUP_n$ ;  $C_mUP_n$ ;  $P_mUK_{1,n}$ ;  $W_mUF_n$  ( $F_n$  is the fan  $P_n + K_1$ );  $K_{1,m}UK_{1,n}$ ;  $W_mU K_{1,n}$ ;  $W_mUP_n$ ;  $W_mUC_n$ ; 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;  $K_2+mK_1$  if and only if  $m$  is odd;  $C_mUP_n$  if and only if  $m+n$  is odd;  $K_{m,n}$  UPs if  $s > mn$ ;  $C_n+2UK_{1,n}$ ;  $K_nUK_n$ ,  $(n-1)/2$  when  $n$  is odd;  $K_nUK_{n-1,n/2}$  when  $n$  is even; and  $P_2$   $n$  if and only if  $n$  is odd. Are product cordial graphs. They also prove that  $K_{m,n}$  ( $m, n > 2$ ),  $P_m \times P_n$  ( $m, n > 2$ ) and wheels are not product cordial and if a  $(p, q)$ -graph is product cordial graph, then  $q = 6(p-1)(p+1)/4 + 1$ . In this paper we show that  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  where  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  from  $\{C_3, C_4, \text{bull graph}\}$  are product cordial graphs.

**2. Preliminaries****2.1 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 the concept is well elaborated in John Clark, Holton [6]

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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. In this we refer bull graph to  $C_3$ - bull [11]. Path union of G, i.e.  $P_m(G)$  is obtained by taking a path  $p_m$  and take m copies of graph G. Then 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. Mixed path union  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is obtained by taking a path  $P_m = (v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_m)$  and at  $v_i$  of it a copy of  $G_1$  is fused if  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and a copy of  $G_2$  is fused if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  at a fixed vertex of  $G_1$  and that of  $G_2$  where  $G_1 = (p_1, q_1)$  and  $G_2$  is  $(p_2, q_2)$  graph. It is important to note that  $P_m(G_1, G_2) \neq P_m(G_2, G_1)$  ( in the sense of isomorphism). The minimum length of  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is  $m = 2$ . It has  $xp_1 + xp_2$  vertices and  $xq_1 + xq_2 + 2x-1$  edges when  $m = 2x$  and  $(x+1) p_1 + xp_2$  vertices and  $xq_1 + xq_2 + 2x+q_2$  edges when  $m = 2x+1$ .

**3. Main Results**

**Theorem 3.1**

$G = P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is product cordial where  $G_1$  is  $C_3$  and  $G_2$  is  $C_4$  for all m as even number and odd  $m = 2x+1$  for even x only. Proof: We take a path  $P_m = (v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_m)$ . At  $v_i$  we fuse  $C_3$  if  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $C_4$  if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . The copy of  $C_3$  fused at  $v_i$  is given by  $(u_{i,1}, e_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, e_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, e_{i,3}, u_{i,1})$  and that copy of  $C_4$  fused at  $v_i$  is given by  $(v_{i,1}, e_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, e_{i,2}, v_{i,3}, e_{i,3}, v_{i,4}, e_{i,4}, v_{i,1})$ . Note that  $u_{i,j}$  is same as  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 3, \dots$  and  $v_{i,j}$  is same as  $v_i$ ;  $i = 2, 4, \dots$ . Thus when  $m = 2x$  we have  $|V(G)| = 7x$ . and  $|E(G)| = 9m-1$

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

- Case  $m = 2x$ .
- $F(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, x$ ;
- $F(v_{i,j}) = 0$  for  $i = 2, 4, \dots, x$ ;
- $F(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = x+1, x+3, x+5, \dots, 2x$ ;
- $F(v_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = x+2, x+4, \dots, 2x$ .

The label number distribution is given by  $v_f(0, 1) = (7x, 7x)$  and  $e_f(0, 1) = (7y+x, 7y+x-1)$  where  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  for x is even number. When x is odd number then  $v_f(0, 1) = (7x+3, 7x+4)$ ; take  $y = \frac{x-1}{2}$ ,  $e_f(0, 1) = (7y+x+3, 7y+x+4)$ .

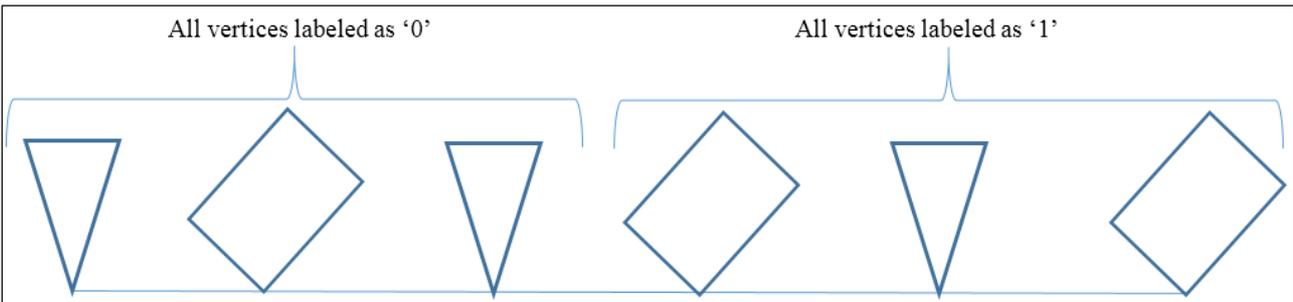


Fig 1: mixed path union on  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  with  $m = 6$

Case  $m = 2x+1$  (only even x)

To obtain a labeled copy of  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  from one end we label  $P_{2x}(G_1, G_2)$  part of  $P_{2x+1}(G_1, G_2)$  as above. The copy of  $C_3$  fused at last vertex of  $P_{2x+1}$  is labeled as follows:

- $F(u_{i,1}) = 1$ ;
- $F(u_{i,2}) = 1$ ;
- $F(u_{i,3}) = 0$ .

The label number distribution is given by  $v_f(0, 1) = (7x+1, 7x+2)$  and  $e_f(0, 1) = (7y+x+2, 7y+x+1)$  where  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  for x is even number. #

**Theorem 3.2**  $G = P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is product cordial where  $G_1$  is  $C_4$  and  $G_2$  is  $C_3$ . For all m even number and m is odd number  $2x+1$  then x is odd number only.

Proof: We take a path  $P_m = (v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_m)$ . At  $v_i$  we fuse  $C_3$  if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $C_4$  if  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . The copy of  $C_3$  fused at  $v_i$  is given by  $(u_{i,1}, e_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, e_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, e_{i,3}, u_{i,1})$  and that copy of  $C_4$  fused at  $v_i$  is given by  $(v_{i,1}, e_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, e_{i,2}, v_{i,3}, e_{i,3}, v_{i,4}, e_{i,4}, v_{i,1})$ . Note that  $u_{i,j}$  is same as  $v_i$ ,  $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ . And  $v_{i,j}$  is same as  $v_i$ ;  $i = 1, 3, \dots$ .

Thus when  $m = 2x$  we have  $|V(G)| = 7x$ . And  $|E(G)| = 9m-1$

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

- Case  $m = 2x$ .
- $F(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for  $i = 2, 4, \dots, x$ ;
- $F(v_{i,j}) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, x$ ;
- $F(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = x+2, x+4, \dots, 2x$ ;
- $F(v_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = x+1, x+3, x+5, \dots, 2x$ ;

The label number distribution is given by  $v_f(0, 1) = (7x, 7x)$  and  $e_f(0, 1) = (7y+x, 7y+x-1)$  where  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  for x is even number. When x is odd number then  $v_f(0, 1) = (7y+4, 7y+3)$ ;  $y = \frac{x-1}{2}$ ,  $e_f(0, 1) = (7y+x, 7y+x-1)$ .

Case  $m = 2x+1$  (only odd  $x$ )

To obtain a labeled copy of  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  from one end we label  $P_{2x}(G_1, G_2)$  part of  $P_{2x+1}(G_1, G_2)$  as above. The copy of  $C_4$  fused at last vertex of  $P_{2x+1}$  is labeled as follows: ( $x$  is odd number)

- $F(u_{i,1}) = 1;$
- $F(u_{i,2}) = 1;$
- $F(u_{i,3}) = 1,$
- $F(u_{i,4}) = 0.$

When  $x$  is odd number then  $v_f(0,1) = (7y+5, 7y + 6) ; y = \frac{x-1}{2}, e_f(0,1)=(7y+x+2), 7y+x+2). \#$

**Theorem 3.3**  $G = P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is product cordial where  $G_1$  is  $C_3$  and  $G_2$  is bull graph for  $m = 2x, x$  is even number and  $m = 2x+1$  when  $x$  is even number.

Proof: We take a path  $P_m = (v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2... v_m)$ . At  $v_i$  we fuse  $C_3$  if  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and bull if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . The copy of  $C_3$  fused at  $v_i$  with vertex  $u_{i,1}$  of  $C_3$  is given by  $(u_{i,1}, e_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, e_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, e_{i,3}, u_{i,1})$  and that copy of bull fused at  $v_i$  at  $v_{i,1}$  of bull is given by  $\{(v_{i,1}, e_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, e_{i,2}, v_{i,3}, e_{i,3}, v_{i,1})$  and pendent vertices  $v_{i,4}, v_{i,5}$  with corresponding pendent edges  $(v_{i,2}v_{i,4})$  and  $(v_{i,3} v_{i,5})$ . Note that  $u_{i,j}$  is same as  $v_i, i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$  and  $v_{i,j}$  is same as  $v_i ; i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ . Thus when  $m = 2x$  we have  $|V(G)| = 8x$ . And  $|E(G)| = 10x-1$ . and  $|V(G)| = 8x+3$   $|E(G)| = 10x+3$  if  $m = 2x+1$ .

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

Case  $m = 2x$ .

- $F(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, x;$
- $F(v_{i,j}) = 0$  for  $i = 2, 4, \dots, x;$
- $F(v_{i,4}) = 0, f(v_{i,5}) = 0$  for  $i \leq x$
- $F(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = x+1, x+3, \dots, 2x;$
- $F(v_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = x+2, x+4, x+6, \dots, 2x;$
- $F(v_{i,4}) = 1, f(v_{i,5}) = 1$  for  $x \leq i \leq 2x$

The label number distribution is given by  $v_f(0,1) = (8y, 8y)$  and  $e_f(0,1) = (8y+x+1, 8y+x-1)$  where  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  for  $x$  is even number.

When  $x$  is odd number then there is no vertex prime labeling.

Case  $m = 2x+1$

To obtain a labeled copy of  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  from one end we label  $P_{2x}(G_1, G_2)$  part of  $P_{2x+1}(G_1, G_2)$  as above. The copy of  $C_3$  fused at last vertex of  $P_{2x+1}$  is labeled as follows:

- $F(u_{i,1}) = 1;$
- $F(u_{i,2}) = 1;$
- $F(u_{i,3}) = 0;$

The label number distribution is given by  $v_f(0,1) = (8y+2, 8y+1)$  and  $e_f(0,1) = (8y+x+2, 8y+x+1)$  where  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  for  $x$  is even number.

For odd number  $x$  there is no product cordial labeling. #

**Theorem 3.4**  $G = P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is product cordial where  $G_1$  is bull graph and  $G_2$  is  $C_3$  cycle for  $m = 2x, x$  is even and for all  $m$ .

Proof: We take a path  $P_m = (v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2... v_m)$ . At  $v_i$  we fuse  $C_3$  if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and bull if  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . The copy of  $C_3$  fused at  $v_i$  with vertex  $u_{i,1}$  of  $C_3$  is given by  $(u_{i,1}, e_{i,1}, u_{i,2}, e_{i,2}, u_{i,3}, e_{i,3}, u_{i,1})$  and that copy of bull fused at  $v_i$  at  $v_{i,1}$  of bull is given by  $\{(v_{i,1}, e_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, e_{i,2}, v_{i,3}, e_{i,3}, v_{i,1})$  and pendent vertices  $v_{i,4}, v_{i,5}$  with corresponding pendent edges  $(v_{i,2}v_{i,4})$  and  $(v_{i,3} v_{i,5})$ . Note that  $u_{i,j}$  is same as  $v_i, i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$  and  $v_{i,j}$  is same as  $v_i ; i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ . Thus when  $m = 2x$  we have  $|V(G)| = 8x$ . And  $|E(G)| = 10x-1$ . and  $|V(G)| = 8x+3$   $|E(G)| = 10x+3$  if  $m = 2x+1$ .

Case  $m = 2x$ .

- $F(u_{i,j}) = 0$  for  $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, x;$
- $F(v_{i,j}) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 3, \dots, x;$
- $F(v_{i,4}) = 0, f(v_{i,5}) = 0;$  for  $i \leq x$
- $F(u_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = x+2, x+4, \dots, 2x;$
- $F(v_{i,j}) = 1$  for  $i = x+1, x+3, x+5, \dots, 2x;$
- $F(v_{i,4}) = 1, f(v_{i,5}) = 1$  for  $x \leq i \leq 2x$

The label number distribution is given by  $v_f(0,1) = (8y, 8y)$  and  $e_f(0,1) = (8y+x+1, 8y+x-1)$  where  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  for  $x$  is even number.

When  $x$  is odd number then there is no vertex prime labeling.

Case  $m = 2x+1$

To obtain a labeled copy of  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  from one end we label  $P_{2x}(G_1, G_2)$  part of  $P_{2x+1}(G_1, G_2)$  as above. The copy of bull fused at last vertex of  $P_{2x+1}$  is labeled as follows:

- $F(u_{i,1}) = 1;$
- $F(u_{i,2}) = 1;$
- $F(u_{i,3}) = 1;$
- $F(u_{i,4}) = 0;$
- $F(u_{i,5}) = 0;$

The label number distribution is given by  $v_f(0, 1) = (8y+2, 8y+3)$  and  $e_f(0, 1) = (8y+x+2, 8y+x+3)$  where  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  for  $x$  is even number.

When  $x$  is odd number given by  $2y+1, y=0, 1, \dots$ . We have  $v_f(0, 1) = (8y+7, 8y+6)$  and  $e_f(0, 1) = (10y+8, 10y+7)$  where  $y = \frac{x-1}{2}$ . #

#### 4. Conclusions

A mixed path union  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  has at odd vertex of  $P_m$  a copy of  $G_1$  is fused and at even vertex of path  $P_m$  the copy of  $G_2$  is fused. We take  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  from  $\{C_3, C_4, \text{bull graph}\}$ . We have proved following results:

- 1)  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is product cordial where  $G_1$  is  $C_3$  and  $G_2$  is  $C_4$  for all  $m$  as even number and odd  $m = 2x+1$  for even  $x$  only
- 2)  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is product cordial where  $G_1$  is  $C_4$  and  $G_2$  is  $C_3$ . For all  $m$  even number and  $m$  is odd number  $2x+1$  then  $x$  is odd number only.
- 3)  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is product cordial where  $G_1$  is  $C_3$  and  $G_2$  is bull graph for  $m=2x, x$  is even number and  $m = 2x+1$  when  $x$  is even number.
- 4)  $P_m(G_1, G_2)$  is product cordial where  $G_1$  is bull graph and  $G_2$  is  $C_3$  cycle for  $m = 2x, x$  is even and for all  $m$ .

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