

# Mean Cordial Labeling Patterns in Shadow-Graphs of Paths

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## Abstract

Let  $f$  be a function from  $V(G)$  to  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ . Give a numerical value (label) from  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  for every edge  $uv$ .  $f$  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 as  $x$  ( $x = 0, 1, 2$ ). A graph with mean cordial labeling is called a mean cordial graph. In this paper, we study the mean cordial labeling pattern of shadow-graphs of path graphs  $D_2(P_n)$ , for  $n \geq 2$

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## 1. Introduction:

The graphs discussed are simple, finite, and undirected. For a graph  $G$ ,  $V(G)$  denotes the set of vertices, and  $E(G)$  denotes the set of edges. The *order* of  $G$  refers to the number of vertices in  $V(G)$ , while the *size* refers to the number of edges in  $E(G)$ . Labeled graphs find applications in various fields, including tracking systems, route design, broadband networks, astrographs, and coding/encoding processes[1]. The concept of cordial labeling was introduced by Cahit in 1987[2].

### 1.1 Definition:

Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be a mapping. Give a numerical value (label)  $|f(u) - f(v)|$  for every edge  $uv$ .  $f$  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  $e_f(x)$  represent the number of vertices and edges respectively labeled as  $x$  ( $x = 0, 1$ ). A graph that admits cordial labeling is called a cordial graph [2].

### 1.2 Definition:

Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  be a function. Give a numerical value (label)  $\left\lfloor \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2} \right\rfloor$  for every edge  $uv$ .  $f$  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  $x$  ( $x = 0, 1, 2$ ). A graph that admits a mean cordial labeling is called a mean cordial graph[3].

If we reduce the codomain 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 [4].

Examine the mean cordial labeling pattern of shadow graph of path graphs. The  $\text{sign}[x]$  represents the greatest integer not exceeding  $x$  and  $[x]$  represents the smallest integer exceeding  $x$ . Terminologies not described in this paper are used in Harary's context[2].

### 1.3 Definition:

The path graph  $P_n$  is a tree with two vertices of degree 1, and the other  $n - 2$  vertices of degree 2. A path graph is therefore a graph that can be drawn so that all of its vertices and edges lie on a single straight line [5].

### 1.4 Definition:

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  $G''$ [6].

Example1:

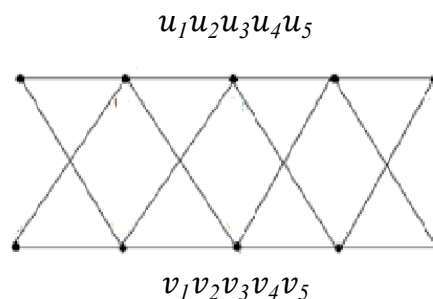


Fig.1  $D_2(P_5)$

Here  $|V(D_2(P_n))| = 2n$  and  $|E(D_2(P_n))| = 4(n - 1)$

### 1.5 Definition:

Let  $f$  be a mapping from  $V(G)$  to  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ . For every edge  $uv$  of  $G$ , nominate the label  $\left\lfloor \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2} \right\rfloor$  or  $\left\lceil \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2} \right\rceil$ .  $f$  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.

## 2. Main Result:

**Theorem:** Let  $P_n$  be a path graph on  $n$  vertices, then  $D_2(P_n)$  admits mean cordial labeling for  $n \geq 2$ .

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

**Case 1:**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ : That is,  $n = 3k$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer.

We define vertex labeling as follows:  $f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ 2 & i \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ 1 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ 0 & i \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ 1 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

We define edge labeling as follows:

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

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

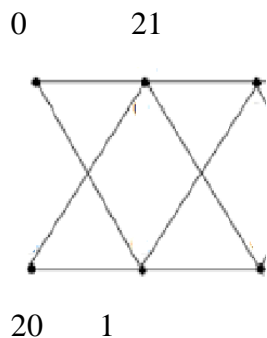
$$g(u_i u_{i+1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1})}{2} \right\rfloor \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1.$$

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

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

$$e_g(0) = e_g(2) = 4k-1, e_g(1) = 4k-2.$$

Example: MCL of  $D_2(P_3)$  is shown in Fig.2



**Fig.2**  $D_2(P_3)$

**Case 2:**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ : That is,  $n = 3k+1$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer.

We define vertex labeling as follows:  $f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, i < n \\ 2 & i \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ 1 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$

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

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, i < n \\ 0 & i \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ 1 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

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

We define edge labeling as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Example: MCL of  $D_2(P_4)$  is shown in Fig.3

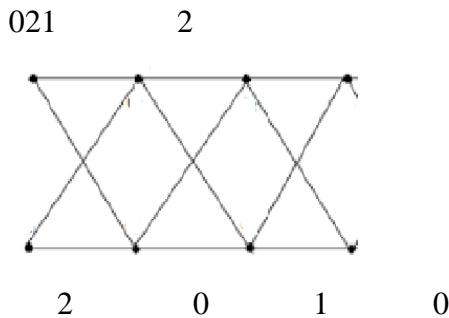


Fig.3  $D_2(P_4)$

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

We define vertex labeling as follows:  $f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, i < n-1 \\ 2 & i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, i < n \\ 1 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$

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

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

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2 & i \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, i < n-1 \\ 0 & i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, i < n \\ 1 & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

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

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

We define edge labeling as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

$$e_g(0) = 4k + 2, e_g(1) = e_g(2) = 4k + 1.$$

Example: MCL of  $D_2(P_5)$  is shown in Fig.4

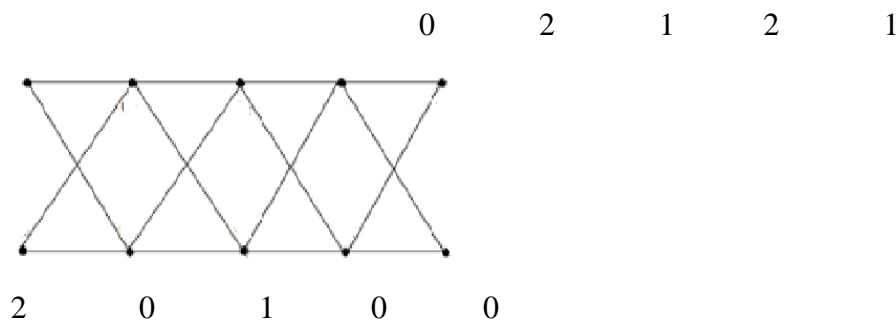


Fig.4  $D_2(P_5)$

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