

Cordial Double-Staircase Graphs

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Abstract

Let $G = (V, E)$ be finite, simple, connected and undirected graph with vertex set V and edge set E . Let p and q denote the order and size of the graph G . A vertex labeling $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ induces an edge labeling $f^*: E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. For an edge $e = uv$, the mapping f^* is given by $f^*(e) = |f(u) - f(v)|$, then $v_f(i) =$ number of vertices of G having label i under f . $e_{f^*}(i) =$ number of edges of G having label i under f^* .

The function f is said to be a cordial labeling of G if the number of vertices labeled 0 and the number of vertices labeled 1 differ by at most one, the number of edges labeled 0 and the number of edges labeled 1 differ by at most one.

In this paper, we have established that Double-Staircase Graph of order k admits Cordial Labeling.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

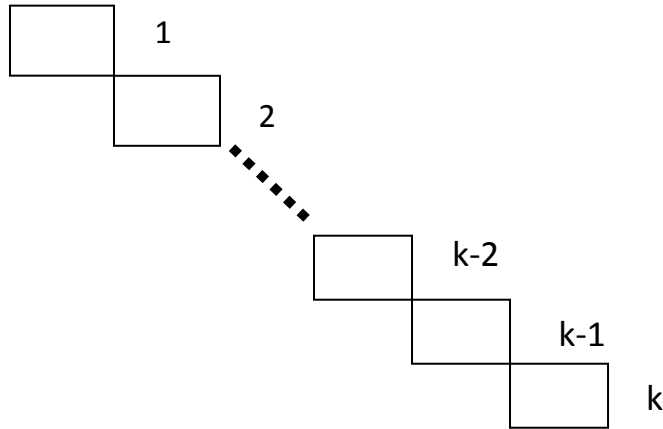
In 1967, A. Rosa introduced graph labeling. A graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the vertices or edges or both subject to certain conditions.

A. Solairaju and M. Antony Arockiasamy proved that any staircase graph $G(S, k)$ of order k admits cordial labeling.[4] [11].

The notation of cordial labeling was introduced by Ibrahim Cahit, Turkey. A Cordial labeling of a graph G with vertex set V is a function of f from the vertices of G to $\{0, 1\}$ such that for each edge uv , assign the label $|f(u) - f(v)|$. The number of vertices labeled '0' and the number of vertices labeled '1' differ by at most one and also the number of edges labeled '0' and the number of edges labeled '1' differ by at most one.

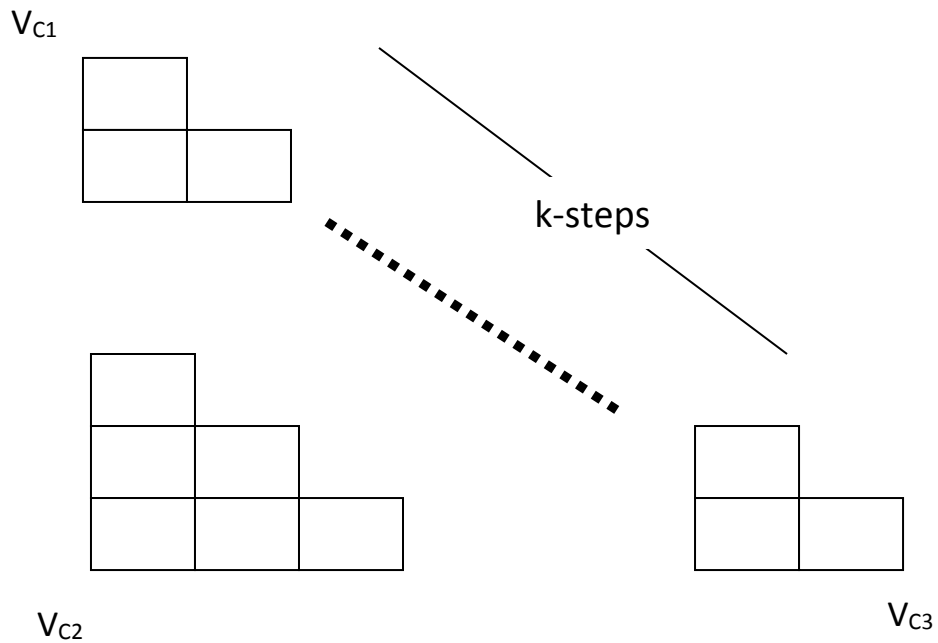
DEFINITION 1.1

$k^*(C_4)$ is a graph, consisting of k copies of C_4 with a vertex common in between any two consecutive copies of C_4 except first and last copies of C_4 .



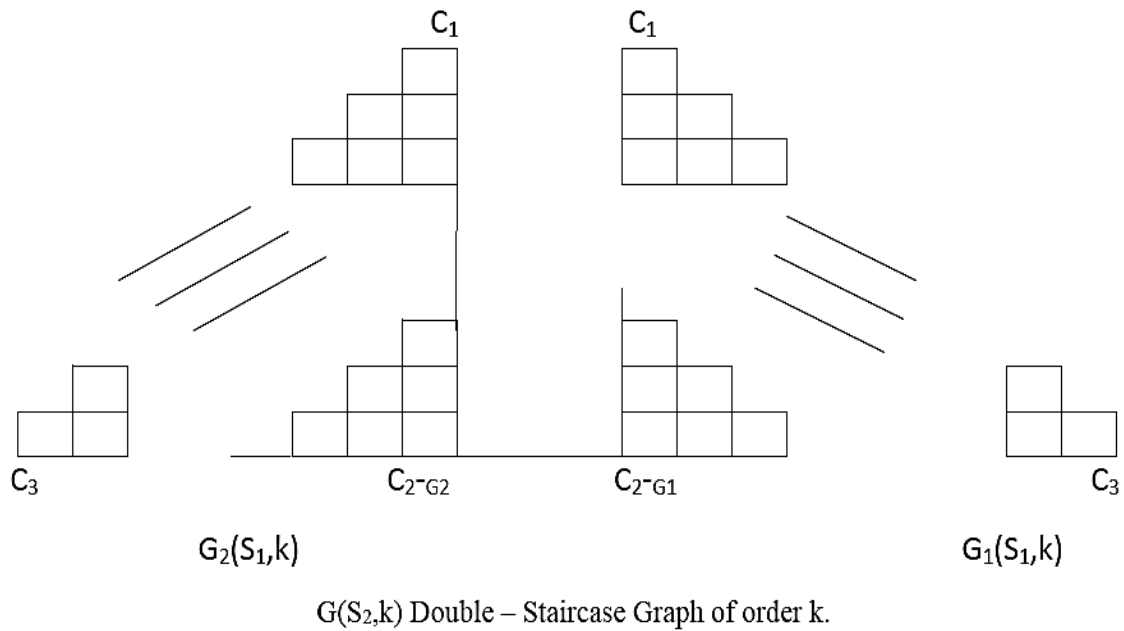
DEFINITION 1.2

A Staircase graph of G order k ($k \geq 2$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$) is a graph obtained by merging $(2k-2)$ edges of k^*C_4 with $(2k-2)$ edges in the shortest path $V_{c1} V_{c3}$ and $(k-1)^{th}$ staircase.



DEFINITION 1.3

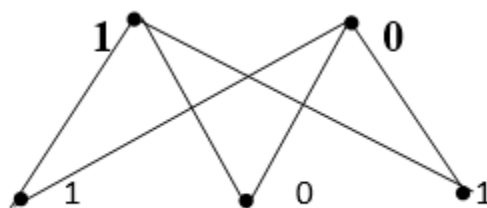
A double-staircase graph G of order k is obtained by joining an edge between $C_{2-G_1} - C_{2-G_2}$. [(ie) C_2 of $G_1(S_1, k)$ is joined with C_2 of $G_2(S_1, k)$ by an edge]. As there are 3 corner vertices in each of the staircase graph joining which we get a double – staircase graph of order k .



DEFINITION 1.5

A binary vertex labeling f of a graph G is called a cordial labeling if $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

EXAMPLE 1.6



THEOREM 2.1

Double – Staircase graph G of order k admits cordial labeling.

PROOF:

Let $G(S_2, k)$ be a double – staircase graph of order k .

Let $f: V \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ be a mapping from the set of vertices of G to $\{0, 1\}$.

$f^*: V \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ be a mapping from set of edges of G to $\{0,1\}$ and for each edge $uv \in E$, assign the label $|f(u) - f(v)|$.

Here, the staircase $G_1(S, k)$ is split into $k + 1$ horizontal path $P_{m1}, P_{m2}, \dots, P_{mk}, P_{mk+1}$ where P_{mi} represents the shortest horizontal path between v_{i1} and $v_{ij}, 1 \leq j \leq k + 1$. The pattern of vertex labeling proposed for any staircase graph of k -steps (for odd and even k) is obtained as follows

For each path $P_{mi}, 1 \leq i \leq k + 1$, the label 1 is assigned to all the vertices of P_{mi} , if i is odd and the label 0 is assigned to all the vertices of P_{ni} if i is even.

Similarly, the staircase $G_2(S, k)$ is split into $k + 1$ horizontal path $P_{n1}, P_{n2}, \dots, P_{nk}, P_{nk+1}$ where P_{ni} represents the shortest horizontal path between v_{i1} and $v_{ij}, 1 \leq j \leq k + 1$. The pattern of vertex labeling proposed for any staircase graph of k steps (for odd and even k) is obtained as follows

For each path $P_{ni}, 1 \leq i \leq k + 1$, the label 0 is assigned to all the vertices of P_{ni} , if i is odd and the label 1 is assigned to all the vertices of P_{ni} if i is even.

The above rule need to be slightly altered in final path $P_{mk-1}, P_{mk}, P_{mk-1}, P_{nk-1}, P_{nk}, P_{nk+1}$, in such a way that the number of vertices labeled as 0 and the number of vertices labeled as 1, differ atmost by one.

Simultaneously, the resulting number of edges labeled as 1 and the number of edges labeled as 0 also differ at most by one.

Let $G_1(S, k)$ and $G_2(S, k)$ be two staircase graphs of same order obtained by joining an edge between $C_{2-G_1} - C_{2-G_2}$

Let the total number of vertices for the double –staircase graph $p = \frac{2k^2+10k+4}{2}$ and total number of edges for the double – staircase graph is $q = 2k^2 + 6k + 1$.

We defined already that $f: V \rightarrow \{0,1\}$. Let p contains 0's and 1's. Split the values of p equally and denote the 1st set of values as 'r' and 2nd set of values as 't'.

If r is even, again split the set of r vertices into two equal sets and assign 0's and 1's to the number of vertices.

If r is odd, then split the set of r vertices into two sets containing r_1 and r_2 number of vertices respectively. Take $r_1 = \frac{r-1}{2}$ and assign these r_1 vertices with 0's and take $r_2 = r-r_1$ and assign these r_2 vertices with 1's.

In this way, we obtain $G_1(S, k)$ graph.

Now to find $G_2(S, k)$:

Consider t , If t contains even number of vertices split t equally into two sets and assign 0's and 1's to the number of vertices.

If t contains odd number of vertices then split t as t_1 and t_2 .

Take $t_1 = \frac{t-1}{2}$ and assign these t_1 vertices with 1's and take $t_2 = t - t_1$ and assign these t_2 vertices with 0's.

After assigning the values for the vertices, the edge values should be assigned with at most difference 1.

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

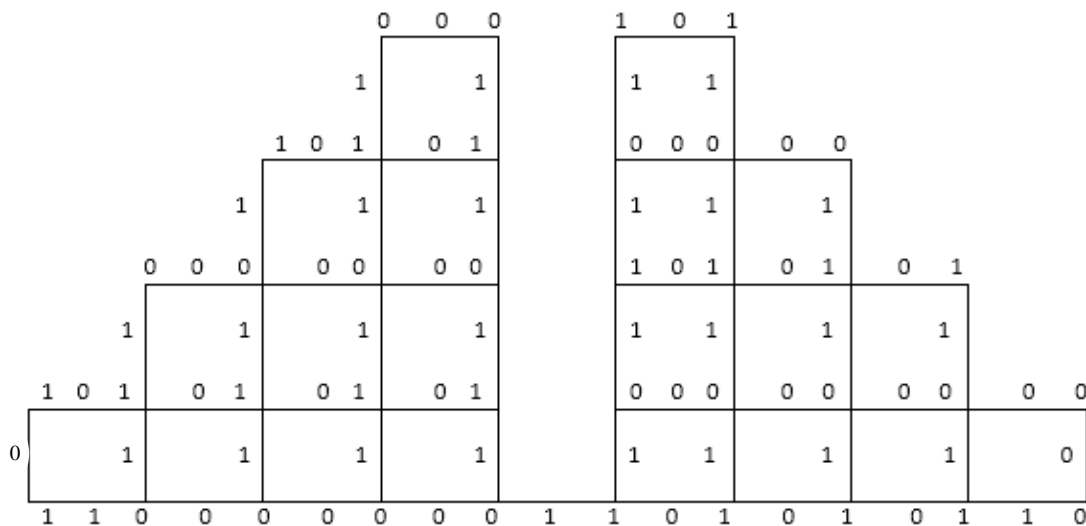
Always the number of 1 assigned to the edges must be greater then number of 0's assigned to the edges with atmost difference 1.

The above pattern of labeling established the cordiality of $G(S_2, k)$.

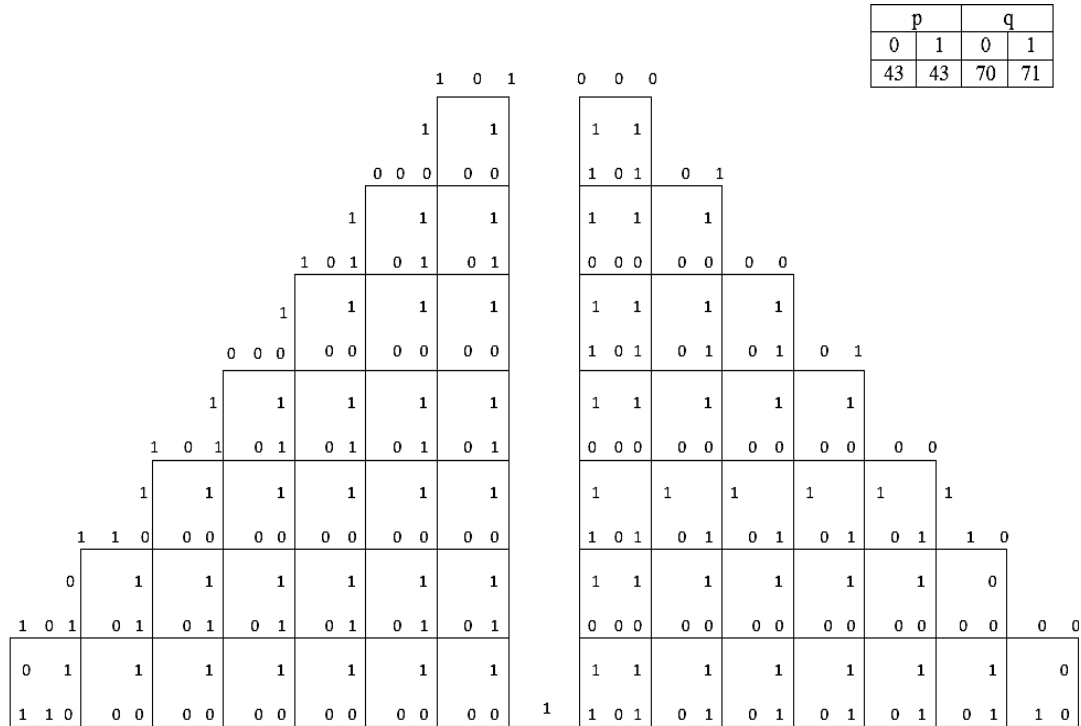
Thus, the double – staircase graph of order k admits cordial labeling.

Example 2.2: $G(S_2, 4)$ Double staircase graph G of order 4

p		q	
0	1	0	1
19	19	28	29



Example 2.3: $G(S_2, 7)$ Double staircase graph G of order 7



CONCLUSION:

In this paper, we established that the double-staircase graph of order k admits Cordial labeling. We have given few examples of graphs of odd and even order.

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