

# MEAN SQUARE CORDIAL LABELING OF MULTIPLE SHELL AND SHELL FLOWER GRAPH

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### Abstract

Graph theory plays an important role in a variety of real-world systems. Graph concepts such as labeling and colouring are used to depict a variety of processes and relationships in material, social, biological, physical, and information systems. In heterogeneous fields, graph labeling is utilised. Some applications, such as communication network addressing, fault tolerant system design, and automatic channel allocation, make use of this technology. For network designing, the structure of shell graph plays a prominent role which is taken here for discussion under one of the variations in cordial labeling. Cordial Labeling is used in Automated Routing algorithms, Communications-related Adhoc Networks and variety of other applications. These networks and routing paths are best represented by a complicated graph made up of vertices and edges. Mean square cordial labeling is one such variation in cordial labeling and this labeling technique is applied here for some classes of shell graphs. The design of shell topology is unaffected by attacks and failures to solve complicated problems in networks. Hence the study of mean square cordial labeling technique for such stable networks is of high importance in computer field. Here we investigated that multiple shell graph and shell-flower graph are mean square cordial graphs.

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#### 1. Introduction

Graph labeling is an interesting topic of graph theory with diversified applications. Rosa proposed the notion of graph labeling in 1967. Graph labeling is the process of assigning integers to edges, vertices, or both, based on specified criteria. Various graph labeling [1] has been researched in the literature over the last three decades (Gallian, 2010). Cordial graph labeling was introduced by Cahit [2] as a weaker form of both graceful graphs and harmonious graphs. Researchers explored their ideas of cordial labeling under many variations such as prime cordial, mean cordial, product cordial, divisor cordial etc. Cordial labeling of different types of shell graph were studied by A. Meena et al. [3]. Jeba et al. [4] produced some interesting results for duplication of prism graph in edge product cordial labeling. An intensive survey of prime and divisor cordial was carried out by A. Parthiban et al. [5]. One such variation of cordial labeling is mean square cordial labeling, introduced by A. Nellai Murugan. He analysed new results in the same labeling technique for some special graphs [6]. Dhanalakshmi et al. [7-11] examined the same labeling for some snake graphs, star related graphs, shell 3 graphs, cyclic and acyclic graphs. In this paper we investigated that multiple shell graph and shell-flower graph are mean square cordial graphs.

#### 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.** A Mean Square Cordial Labeling of a Graph G(V, E) with p vertices and q edges is a surjection from V to  $\{0, 1\}$  such that each edge uv is assigned the label  $([(f(u)^2 + f(v)^2)/2])$  where  $\lceil x \rceil$  ceil (x) is the least integer greater than or equal to x with the condition that 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.

**Definition 2.** A shell graph C(k, k-3) is the graph obtained by taking (k-3) concurrent chords in a cycle  $C_k$ . Note that shell graph is same as the Fan graph  $F_{n-1} = P_{n-1} + K_1$ .

Definition 3. A multiple shell is defined to be a collection of edge disjoint

shells that have common apex vertex. Hence a double shell consists of two edge disjoint shells with a common apex vertex.

**Definition 4.** A double shell consists of two edge disjoint shells with a common apex. A shell bow graph is defined as a double shell in which each shell has any order.

**Definition 5.** A shell-flower graph is formed by 'k' copies of the union of the shell C(n, n-3) and  $K_2$  where one end vertex of  $K_2$  is joined to the apex of the shell. We denote this graph by  $[C(n, n-3) U K_2]^k$  where the superscript k denotes the k copies of  $[C(n, n-3) U K_2]$ .

#### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Multiple shell admits mean square cordial labeling when  $n \neq 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $k \neq 0 \pmod{2}$ .

**Proof.** Consider the multiple shell graph as G. Let  $V(G) = \{u_0, v_i : i \text{ varies from } 1 \text{ to } n-1\}$  and  $E(G) = \{[(u_0v_i): i \text{ varies from } 1 \text{ to } n-1] \cup [(v_iv_{i+1}): i \text{ varies from } 1 \text{ to } n-2]\}$  where  $u_0$  is the apex vertex and  $v_i$  be the vertices of the cycles of a shell respectively (excludes the apex vertex).

Here |V| = nk and |E| = (2n - 3)k

Define f maps from V(G) to  $\{0, 1\}$ 

To prove G admits mean square cordial labelling, we discussed three cases namely (i)  $n, k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  (ii)  $n, k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and (iii) even k and odd n.

Case 1.  $n, k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ 

 $f(u_0)=0$ 

$$f(v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2}$$

$$1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \le i \le (n-1)k$$

Hence the labeling of edges are

$$f(u_0 v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2}$$
$$1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \le i \le (n-1)k$$

 $f(v_iv_{i+1}) = 0, 1 \le i \le n-2$ , for k/2 shells

1,  $1 \le i \le n - 2$ , for (k/2) + 1 to k shells



**Figure 2.** Multiple shell graph of n = 4 and k = 4.

$$f(u_0) = 0$$
  
$$f(v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2}$$
  
$$1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \le i \le (n-1)k$$

**Case 2.**  $n, k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ 

Hence the labeling of edges are

$$f(u_0 v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2}$$
$$1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \le i \le (n-1)k$$

 $f(v_i v_{i+1}) = 0, 1 \le i \le n-2$ , for (k-1)/2 shells

$$1, 1 \le i \le n-2$$
, for  $((k-1)/2) + 1$  to  $k-1$  shells

For the  $k^{\text{th}}$  shell,

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**Figure 3.** Multiple shell graph of n = 3 and k = 3.

Case 3.  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ 

$$\begin{split} f(u_0) &= 0 \\ f(v_i) &= 0, \, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{(n-1)k}{2} \\ &1, \, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq (n-1)k \end{split}$$

Hence the labeling of edges are

$$f(u_0 v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2}$$
$$1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \le i \le (n-1)k$$

Above vertex and edge labeling pattern satisfies the mean square cordial labeling of graph G.

**Theorem 3.2.** Shell flower graph  $[C_{n \cdot n-3}, k_2]^k$  admits mean square cordial labeling when  $n, k \neq 1 \pmod{2}$ .

**Proof.** Consider the shell-flower graph as G. Let  $V(G) = \{u_0, u_j : i$  varies from 1 to  $k, v_i : i$  varies from 1 to  $n-1\}$  and  $E(G) = \{[(u_0u_j): j$ 

varies from 1 to  $k] \cup [(u_0v_i): i]$  varies from 1 to  $n-1] \cup [(v_iv_{i+1}): i]$  varies from 1 to n-1] where  $u_0$  is the apex vertex,  $u_j$  be the pendant vertex of  $k_2$  and  $v_i$  be the vertices of the cycles of a shell respectively (excludes the apex vertex).

Here |V| = (2n - 2)k and |E| = nk + k

Define *f* maps from V(G) to  $\{0, 1\}$ 

To prove G admits mean square cordial labelling, we discussed three cases namely (i) n and k are even, (ii) even n and odd k and (iii) even k and odd n.

**Case 1.** 
$$n, k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$
  
 $f(u_0) = 0$   
 $f(u_j) = 0, 1 \le j \le \frac{k}{2}$   
 $1, \frac{k}{2} + 1 \le j \le k$   
 $f(v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2} - 1$   
 $1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} \le i \le (n-1)k$ 

Hence the labeling of edges are

$$f(u_0 u_j) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{k}{2}$$

$$1, \frac{k}{2} + 1 \le j \le k$$

$$f(u_0 v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2}$$

$$1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \le i \le (n-1)k$$

 $f(v_iv_{i+1}) = 0, 1 \le i \le n-2$ , for k/2 shells

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1,  $1 \le i \le n - 2$ , for (k/2) + 1 to k shells



**Figure 4.** Shell flower graph of n = 4 and k = 4.

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ 

 $f(u_0) = 0$   $f(u_j) = 0, 1 \le j \le \frac{k}{2} - 1$   $1, \frac{k+1}{2} + 1 \le j \le k$   $f(v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2} - 1$   $1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} \le i \le (n-1)k$ 

Hence the labeling of edges are

$$f(u_0 u_j) = 0, 1 \le j \le \frac{k-1}{2}$$

$$1, \frac{k+1}{2} + 1 \le j \le k$$

$$f(v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2} - 1$$

$$1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} \le i \le (n-1)k$$

 $f(v_i v_{i+1}) = 0, 1 \le i \le n-2$ , for (k-1)/2 shells

1,  $1 \le i \le n-2$ , for ((k-1)/2) + 1 to k-1 shells

For the  $k^{\text{th}}$  shell,

$$f(v_i v_{i+1}) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{n-1}{2}$$
  
 $1, \frac{n+1}{2} \le i \le n-2$ 

**Case 3.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ 

$$f(u_0) = 0$$

$$f(u_j) = 0, 1 \le j \le \frac{k}{2}$$

$$1, \frac{k}{2} + 1 \le j \le k$$

$$f(v_i) = 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2}$$

$$1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \le i \le (n-1)k$$

Hence the labeling of edges are

$$\begin{split} f(u_0 u_j) &= 0, 1 \le j \le \frac{k}{2} \\ &1, \frac{k}{2} + 1 \le j \le k \\ f(u_0 v_i) &= 0, 1 \le i \le \frac{(n-1)k}{2} \\ &1, \frac{(n-1)k}{2} + 1 \le i \le (n-1)k \\ f(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 0, 1 \le i \le n-2, \text{ for } k/2 \text{ shells} \\ &1, 1 \le i \le n-2, \text{ for } (k/2) + 1 \text{ to } k \text{ shells} \end{split}$$

Above vertex and edge labeling pattern satisfies the mean square cordial labeling of graph G.

#### 4. Conclusion

This research paper looked at the mean square cordial labeling of multiple shell graphs and shell flower graphs. The authors stated that the similar labeling trend may be observed in some more graphs. It will be quite fascinating for the researchers to investigate this labeling technique for a few additional kinds of graphs in their future work.

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