



## NEIGHBOURHOOD-PRIME LABELING OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF CAYLEY GRAPHS

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### Abstract

A Cayley graph is a graph constructed from a finite group  $\Gamma$  and a Cayley set  $S$  of  $\Gamma$ . It is denoted by  $Cay(\Gamma, S)$ . Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices. A bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is said to be a neighbourhood-prime labeling if for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  with  $\deg(v) > 1$ ,  $\gcd\{f(u) \mid u \in N(v)\} = 1$ . A graph which admits neighbourhood-prime labeling is called a neighbourhood-prime graph. This paper studies the result connecting Cayley graphs and neighbourhood-prime labeling.

### 1. Introduction

Cayley graph was introduced by Arthur Cayley [1] in 1878 is an important concept relating group theory and graph theory. S. K. Patel and N. P. Shrimali [7] introduced neighbourhood-prime labeling of a graph.

**Definition 1.1**[4]. A subset  $S$  of a group  $\Gamma$  is called a generating set for  $\Gamma$ , denoted by  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ , if every element of  $\Gamma$  can be expressed as a finite product

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of elements in  $S$  and their inverses.

**Definition 1.2** [4]. A dihedral group  $D_{2n}$ ,  $n \geq 3$  is a group with  $2n$  elements such that it contains an element 'a' of order 2 and an element 'b' of order  $n$  with  $ba = ab^{-1}$ . Thus  $D_{2n} = \langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^n = 1, ba = ab^{-1} \rangle$ . The elements of dihedral group can be explicitly listed as  $D_{2n} = \{1, b, b^2, b^3, \dots, b^{n-1}, a, ab, ab^2, ab^3, \dots, ab^{n-1}\}$ .

The orders of the elements in the dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  are  $o(1) = 1$ ,  $o(ab^i) = 2$  where  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$  and if  $n$  is even then  $o(b^{\frac{n}{2}}) = 2$ .

**Definition 1.3** [6, 8]. Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite group with identity  $e$  and  $S$  a subset of  $\Gamma$ . If  $e \notin S$  and  $s \in S$  implies  $s^{-1} \in S$ , then  $S$  is called a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$ . The Cayley graph of  $\Gamma$  with respect to  $S$  is the graph whose vertices are the elements of  $\Gamma$  and two elements  $x, y$  of  $\Gamma$  are adjacent if and only if there is  $s \in S$  such that  $y = xs$ . This graph is denoted by  $Cay(\Gamma, S)$ .

**Remark 1.4**[8]. (1)  $Cay(\Gamma, S)$  is  $|S|$ -regular graph.

(2)  $Cay(\Gamma, S)$  is connected graph if and only if  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ .

The following facts are from [7].

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices. A bijective function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is said to be neighbourhood-prime labeling, if for each vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , with  $\deg(v) > 1$ ,  $\gcd\{f(u) \mid u \in N(v)\} = 1$ . A graph which admits neighbourhood-prime labeling is called a neighbourhood-prime graph.

**Remark 1.6.** A graph  $G$  in which every vertex is of degree atmost 1 is neighbourhood-prime vacuously.

**Theorem 1.7.** *The cycle  $C_n$  is neighbourhood-prime if  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .*

**Theorem 1.8.** *The cycle  $C_n$  is not neighbourhood-prime if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .*  
The following theorems are from [5].

**Theorem 1.9.** *Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$  such that  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . If  $G$  is*

hamiltonian, then  $G$  has a neighbourhood-prime labeling.

**Theorem 1.10.** *If the graph  $G$  contains a hamiltonian cycle  $C$  and a chord that forms a cycle of length  $4k$  for some positive integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  using only the chord and edges from  $C$ , then  $G$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Theorem 1.11.** *If  $G$  is hamiltonian and contains an odd cycle then  $G$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Theorem 1.12.** *All graphs with minimum degree at least  $\frac{n}{2}$  are neighbourhood-prime.*

**Theorem 1.13.** *A hamiltonian graph of order  $n$  with  $|E| > n \left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + n$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Theorem 1.14** [3]. Every connected Cayley graph of a finite abelian group of order at least three is hamiltonian.

**Definition 1.15** [2]. A group  $G$  is described as hamiltonian if and only if  $G$  is a non-abelian group such that every subgroup is normal.

**Theorem 1.16** [2]. *Any connected Cayley graph of a finite hamiltonian group is hamiltonian.*

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.**  *$Cay(\Gamma, S)$  where  $o(\Gamma) \leq 3$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $o(\Gamma) \leq 3$  and  $S$ , a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$ .

**Case (i).**  $o(\Gamma) = 1$ .

Here  $Cay(\Gamma, S) \cong K_1$  and so is neighbourhood-prime vacuously.

**Case (ii).**  $o(\Gamma) = 2$ .

Let  $\Gamma = \{e, x\}$  where  $e$  is the identity element. Then  $S = \Phi$  or  $\{x\}$ .

Therefore,  $Cay(\Gamma, S) \cong \begin{cases} \overline{K_2} & \text{if } S = \Phi \\ K_2 & \text{if } S = \{x\} \end{cases}$ . Obviously  $K_2$  and  $\overline{K_2}$  are neighbourhood-prime.

**Case (iii).**  $o(\Gamma) = 3$ .

Let  $\Gamma = \{e, x, y\}$  where  $e$  is the identity element. Since the order of every element of the group divides the order of the group, every element of  $\Gamma$  is of order 1 or 3. Therefore,  $x$  and  $y$  are generators of  $\Gamma$  and so  $x^2 \neq e, y^2 \neq e$ . Then  $x \neq x^{-1}, y \neq y^{-1}$  and  $x^2 = y, y^2 = x$ . Hence  $x^{-1} = y, y^{-1} = x$ . Therefore, either  $S = \Phi$  or  $S = \{x, y\}$ . Therefore,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S) \cong \begin{cases} \overline{K_3} & \text{if } S = \Phi \\ K_3 & \text{if } S = \{x, y\} \end{cases}$ . Clearly  $K_3$  and  $\overline{K_3}$  are neighbourhood-prime.

Hence the theorem.

**Observation 2.2.** (1)  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  of a finite group  $\Gamma$  of order  $n$  with  $S = \Phi$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{K_n}$  and so is neighbourhood-prime vacuously.

(2) By theorem 1.12,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  of a finite group  $\Gamma$  of order  $n$  with  $|S| \geq \frac{n}{2}$  is neighbourhood-prime, since  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is a regular graph of degree  $|S|$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite abelian group of order  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ . Then,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime if  $n \leq 3$  or if  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  for  $n > 3$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite abelian group of order  $n$  and  $S$ , a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ .

**Case (i).**  $n \leq 3$

By theorem 2.1,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Case (ii).**  $n > 3$  and  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

Since  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ ,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is connected. Therefore, by theorem 1.14,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is hamiltonian. Therefore, by theorem 1.9,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

Hence the theorem.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ . Then,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime if  $n \leq 3$  or if  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  for  $n > 3$ .*

**Proof.** Since any cyclic group is abelian, the result follows.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Every Cayley graph of a finite group of prime order is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite group of prime order  $p$  and  $S$ , a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$ .

**Case (i).**  $S = \Phi$

Here,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S) \cong \overline{K_p}$  and so is neighbourhood-prime.

**Case (ii).**  $S \neq \Phi$

When  $p = 2$ ,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S) \cong K_2$  and so is neighbourhood-prime.

Let  $p \geq 3$ . Since  $p$  is prime, every element of  $\Gamma$  except identity is a generator of  $\Gamma$ . Therefore,  $S$  is always a generating set of  $\Gamma$ . Further, since  $p$  is prime,  $\Gamma$  is cyclic and  $p \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Hence the result follows from 2.4.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite hamiltonian group of order  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime if  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite hamiltonian group of order  $n$  and  $S$ , a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is connected. Therefore, by theorem 1.16,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is hamiltonian. Hence, by theorem 1.9,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime if  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite abelian group of order  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$  and  $|S| > 2\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + 1\right)$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite abelian group of order  $n$  and  $S$ , a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$  and  $|S| > 2\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + 1\right)$ .

**Case (i).**  $n \leq 3$

By theorem 2.1,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Case (ii).**  $n > 3$

Since  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$ ,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is connected regular graph of degree  $|S|$ . By theorem 1.14,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is hamiltonian. Also,  $|E| = \frac{n}{2}|S| > n\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + 1\right) = n\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + n$ . Hence by theorem 1.13,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$  and  $|S| > 2\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + 1\right)$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Since any cyclic group is abelian, the result follows.

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite hamiltonian group of order  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$  and  $|S| > 2\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + 1\right)$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite hamiltonian group of order  $n$  and  $S$ , a Cayley set of  $\Gamma$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = \Gamma$  and  $|S| > 2\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + 1\right)$ . Then,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is connected regular graph of degree  $|S|$ . By theorem 1.16,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is hamiltonian. Also,  $|E| = \frac{n}{2}|S| > n\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + 1\right) = n\left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{8} \right\rfloor + n$ . Hence by theorem 1.13,  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Observation 2.10.** (1)  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\})$  is isomorphic to the complete graph  $K_n$  and so by theorem 1.12, is neighbourhood-prime.

(2)  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, \{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n-1\})$  is isomorphic to the complete  $n$ -regular bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  and so by theorem 1.12, is neighbourhood-prime.

(3)  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, \{n\})$  is isomorphic to  $nK_2$  and so is neighbourhood-prime vacuously.

(4)  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, \{x, x^{-1}\})$  where  $n \geq 3$  and  $x$  is a generator of  $Z_n$ , is isomorphic to the cycle  $C_n$  and so by 1.7 and 1.8, is neighbourhood-prime if and only if  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

(5) Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  containing atleast one generator of  $Z_n$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is hamiltonian. Hence, by theorem 1.9,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime if  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  such that  $\{1, k\} \subseteq S$  for some  $k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Proof.** Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  such that  $\{1, k\} \subseteq S$  for some  $k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Since  $1 \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  contains a hamiltonian cycle  $C = (0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1, 0)$ .

Therefore, by theorem 1.9,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime if  $k \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Suppose  $k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Since  $k \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  contains a chord connecting 0 and  $k$ .

**Case (i).**  $k \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Then  $k$  is even and so  $C_{k+1}(0, 1, 2, \dots, k, 0)$  is an odd cycle in  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$ . Therefore, by theorem 1.11,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Case (ii).**  $k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Here  $C_{k+1}(0, 1, 2, \dots, k, 0)$  is a cycle of length  $4m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  formed by the chord and edges from  $C$ . Therefore, by theorem 1.10,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  such that  $\{x, y\} \subseteq S$  where  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$  and  $y$  is even. Then  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Proof.** Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  satisfying the hypothesis of the theorem. Since  $x \in S$  and  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$ ,  $\langle x \rangle = Z_n$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  contains a hamiltonian cycle  $C = (x, x \oplus x, \dots, x \oplus x \oplus \dots (n-1 \text{ times}), 0, x)$ . Therefore, by theorem 1.9,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime if  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

Suppose  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Since  $y \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  contains a chord connecting 0 and  $y$ . Further,  $n$  is even and so  $x$  is odd. Hence  $y$  is even implies,  $C$  contains a path  $P$  joining 0 and  $y$  of even length. Therefore,  $P$  together with the chord  $(0, y)$  forms an odd cycle in  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$ . Hence by theorem 1.11,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $n > 2k$  and  $n \equiv 2k \pmod{4k}$  where  $k \in Z^+$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  such that  $\langle S \rangle = Z_n$  and  $2k \in S$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Proof.** Let  $n > 2k$  and  $n \equiv 2k \pmod{4k}$  where  $k \in Z^+$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  satisfying the hypothesis of the theorem. Since  $\langle S \rangle = Z_n$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is connected.  $(Z_n, \oplus)$  is finite and cyclic implies  $(Z_n, \oplus)$  is abelian. Therefore, by theorem 1.14,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is hamiltonian. Let  $n = 4kt + 2k$  for some  $t \in Z^+$ . Let  $l$  be the order of the element  $2k$ . Since  $2k \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  contains the cycle,

$$\begin{aligned} C &= (2k, 2k \oplus 2k, 2k \oplus 2k \oplus 2k, \dots, 2k \oplus 2k \oplus \dots (l-1 \text{ times}), \\ &\quad 2k \oplus 2k \oplus \dots (l \text{ times}), 2k) \\ &= (2k, 2(2k), 3(2k), \dots, n-2k, 0, 2k) \\ &= (2k, 2(2k), 3(2k), \dots, 4kt, 0, 2k) \\ &= (2k, 2(2k), 3(2k), \dots, 2t(2k), 0, 2k) \end{aligned}$$

Obviously  $C$  is of odd length  $2t + 1$ .

Hence by theorem 1.11,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.



**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $n > 1$  and  $x \neq n \in Z_{2n}$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_{2n}$  such that  $\{x, x \oplus x \oplus \dots (2m \text{ times})\} \subseteq S$  for some  $m \in Z^+$  and  $2m < l$  where  $l = o(x)$ . If  $\langle S \rangle = Z_{2n}$ , then  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $n > 1$  and  $x \neq n \in Z_{2n}$ . Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_{2n}$  satisfying the hypothesis of the theorem. Since  $\langle S \rangle = Z_{2n}$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, S)$  is connected.  $(Z_{2n}, \oplus)$  is finite and cyclic implies  $(Z_{2n}, \oplus)$  is abelian. Therefore, by theorem 1.14,  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, S)$  is hamiltonian.

Let  $y = x \oplus x \oplus \dots (2m \text{ times})$  for some  $m \in Z^+$  and  $2m < l$  where  $l = o(x)$ . Since  $x \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, S)$  contains the cycle,  $C = (x, x \oplus x, \dots, x \oplus x \oplus \dots (n-1 \text{ times}), 0, x)$ . Hence  $C$  contains a path  $P$  joining 0 and  $y$  of even length. Since  $y \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, S)$  contains an edge connecting 0 and  $y$ . Therefore,  $P$  together with the edge  $(0, y)$  forms an odd cycle in  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, S)$ . Hence by theorem 1.11,  $\text{Cay}(Z_{2n}, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Lemma 2.15.** *Let  $x \in Z_n$  where  $n$  is even and  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$ . Then  $x \oplus x \oplus x \oplus \dots \left(\frac{n}{2} \text{ times}\right) = \frac{n}{2}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in Z_n$  where  $n$  is even. Further,  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$  and so  $x$  is odd. Let  $x = 2k + 1$  for some  $k \in Z^+$ . Therefore,  $\frac{n}{2}x = \frac{n}{2}(2k + 1) = nk + \frac{n}{2}$ . Hence  $x \oplus x \oplus x \oplus \dots \left(\frac{n}{2} \text{ times}\right) = \frac{n}{2}$ .

**Theorem 2.16.** *Let  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$  and  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  such that  $\left\{x, \frac{n}{2}\right\} \subseteq S$  where  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$  and  $S$  be a Cayley set of  $Z_n$  satisfying the hypothesis of the theorem. Since  $x \in S$  and  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$ ,  $\langle x \rangle = Z_n$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  contains a hamiltonian cycle  $C = (x, x \oplus x, \dots, x \oplus x \oplus \dots (n-1 \text{ times}), 0, x)$ . Let  $n = 8t + 6$  for some  $t \in Z^+ \cup \{0\}$ . Clearly,  $n$  is even.

By lemma 2.15,  $x \oplus x \oplus x \oplus \dots \left(\frac{n}{2} \text{ times}\right) = \frac{n}{2}$ . Hence  $C$  contains a path  $P$  joining 0 and  $\frac{n}{2}$  of length  $4t + 3$ . Since  $\frac{n}{2} \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  contains a chord connecting 0 and  $\frac{n}{2}$ . Therefore,  $P$  together with the chord  $\left(0, \frac{n}{2}\right)$  forms a cycle of length  $4(t + 1)$  in  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$ . Hence by theorem 1.10,  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Theorem 2.17.** *Let  $n > 3$  and  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Then,  $\text{Cay}\left(Z_n, \left\{\frac{n}{3}, \frac{2n}{3}\right\}\right)$  is not neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $n > 3$  and  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $S = \left\{\frac{n}{3}, \frac{2n}{3}\right\}$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S) \cong \frac{n}{3}C_3$ . Further, to label each cycle we need a minimum of two odd positive integers and so totally  $\frac{2n}{3}$  odd positive integers. But there are only  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  odd positive integers  $\leq n$ . Also  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil < \frac{2n}{3}$  and so the neighbourhood-prime labeling is not possible. Hence  $\text{Cay}(Z_n, S)$  is not neighbourhood-prime.

**Observation 2.18.** (1)  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, \{ab^i\})$  where  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, \{b^{\frac{n}{2}}\})$  where  $n$  is even, are isomorphic to  $nK_2$  and so neighbourhood-prime vacuously.

**Theorem 2.19.** *Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of a dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  such that  $\{b, a\} \subseteq S$ . Then,  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of a dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  satisfying the hypothesis of the theorem. Since  $b \in S$  and  $o(b) = n$ ,  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  contains two disjoint cycles  $C_1 = (b, b^2, b^3, \dots, b^{n-1}, 1, b)$  and  $C_2 = (ab, ab^2, ab^3, \dots, ab^{n-1}, a, ab)$  of length  $n$ . Hence  $C_1$  contains a path  $P_1$  joining  $b$  and 1 of

length  $n - 1$  and  $C_2$  contains a path  $P_2$  joining  $a$  and  $ab^{n-1}$  of length  $n - 1$ . Since  $a \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  contains an edge connecting 1 and  $a$  and also contains an edge connecting  $ab^{n-1}$  and  $ab^{n-1}a = aab = b$ . Therefore,  $P_1 + (1, a) + P_2 + (ab^{n-1}, b) = (b, b^2, b^3, \dots, b^{n-1}, 1, a, ab, ab^2, ab^3, \dots, ab^{n-1}, b)$  is a hamiltonian cycle in  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  of length  $2n$ .

**Case (i).**  $n$  is odd

Then  $C_1$  is an odd cycle in  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$ . Hence by theorem 1.11,  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Case (ii).**  $n$  is even

Then  $2n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and so  $2n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Hence by theorem 1.9,  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Theorem 2.20.** *Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of a dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  such that  $\{b^i, ab^i\} \subseteq S$  where  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $\gcd(i, n) = 1$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a Cayley set of a dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  satisfying the hypothesis of the theorem. Let  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Since  $b^i \in S$  and  $\gcd(i, n) = 1$ ,  $o(b^i) = n$ . Then  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  contains two disjoint cycles  $C_1 = (b^i, b^{r_2i}, b^{r_3i}, \dots, b^{r_{(n-1)}i}, 1, b^i)$  and  $C_2 = (ab^i, ab^{r_2i}, ab^{r_3i}, \dots, ab^{r_{(n-1)}i}, a, ab^i)$  where  $r_x = \text{remainder of } x \pmod{n}$ , of length  $n$ . Hence  $C_1$  contains a path  $P_1$  joining  $b^i$  and 1 of length  $n - 1$  and  $C_2$  contains a path  $P_2$  joining  $ab^i$  and  $a$  of length  $n - 1$ . Since  $ab^i \in S$ ,  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  contains an edge connecting 1 and  $abi$  and also contains an edge connecting  $a$  and  $aab^i = b^i$ . Therefore,  $P_1 + (1, ab^i) + P_2 + (a, b^i) = (b^i, b^{r_2i}, b^{r_3i}, \dots, b^{r_{(n-1)}i}, 1, ab^i, ab^{r_2i}, ab^{r_3i}, \dots, ab^{r_{(n-1)}i}, a, b^i)$  is a hamiltonian cycle in  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  of length  $2n$ .

**Case (i).**  $n$  is odd

Then  $C_1$  is an odd cycle in  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$ . Hence by theorem 1.11,  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

**Case (ii).**  $n$  is even

Then  $2n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and so  $2n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Hence by theorem 1.9,  $\text{Cay}(D_{2n}, S)$  is neighbourhood-prime.

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