

## Some Results on Strongly\*-2 Divisor Cordial Labeling

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A strongly\*-2 divisor cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  with the vertex set  $V(G)$  is a bijection  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, |V(G)|\}$  such that each edge  $uv$  assigned the label 1 if  $\lfloor \frac{f(u)+f(v)+f(u)f(v)}{2} \rfloor$  is odd and 0 if  $\lfloor \frac{f(u)+f(v)+f(u)f(v)}{2} \rfloor$  is even, then the number of edges labeled with 0 and the number of edges labeled with 1 differs by at most 1. A graph which admits a Strongly\*-2 divisor cordial labeling is called a Strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graph. In this paper, we proved that Path, Cycle, Star and comb graph are Strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graphs.

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### 1 Introduction

Graph labeling was introduced in 1960's. We refer Harary [4] for looking over the fundamental terms and notations. We refer [3] and [5] for divisor cordial labeling. In [1] and [2], the strongly\*-graphs are studied.

Stimulated by these, we introduce strongly\*-2 divisor cordial labeling. In this paper we prove that the path, cycle, star and comb graph are strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graphs. We give the basic definitions which are necessary for our present work.

**Definition 1.1** A graph of  $G = (V, E)$  is said to be a strongly\*-graph if there exists a bijection  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  in such a way that when an edge, whose vertices are labeled  $i$  and  $j$ , is labeled with the value  $i + j + ij$ , all edge labels are distinct.

**Definition 1.2** A graph is called cordial if it is possible to label its vertices with  $0^s$  and  $1^s$  so that when the edges are labeled with the difference of the labels at their end points, the number of vertices(edges) labeled with ones and zeros differs at most by one.

**Definition 1.3** Let  $P_n$  be a path. Attach a single pendent vertex to every vertex of the path. The resulting graph is a comb graph.

### 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.1** Any path  $P_n$  is a strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graph.

*Proof.* Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $V(P_n) = \{u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_n) = \{u_i u_{i+1}: 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ .

Then  $P_n$  has  $n$  vertices and  $n - 1$  edges. Define  $f: V(P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  by  $f(u_i) = i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge label of  $f$ . Then

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) + f(u_i)f(u_{i+1})}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{i + i + 1 + i(i+1)}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{i^2 + 3i + 1}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Clearly,  $\left\lfloor \frac{i^2 + 3i + 1}{2} \right\rfloor$  is even if  $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $\left\lfloor \frac{i^2 + 3i + 1}{2} \right\rfloor$  is odd if  $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Therefore the edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  can be assigned label 0 if  $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and 1 if  $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ . (1)

Let us find the number of edges with label 0 and 1.

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

Let  $n = 4k + 1$ . Then there are  $4k$  edges. Clearly there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $0 \leq i \leq 3$ ). Hence by (1), there are  $2k$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

Let  $n = 4k + 2$ . Then there are  $4k + 1$  edges. Clearly there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 0, 2, 3$ ) and  $k + 1$  numbers which is congruent to 1 modulo 4. Hence by (1), there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

**Case 3.**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

Let  $n = 4k + 3$ . Then there are  $4k + 2$  edges. Clearly there are  $k + 1$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 0, 3$ ). Hence by (1), there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k + 1$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

**Case 4.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Let  $n = 4k$ . Then there are  $4k - 1$  edges. Clearly there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $k - 1$  numbers which is congruent to 0 modulo 4. Hence by (1), there are  $2k - 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

Thus  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  and hence any path  $P_n$  is a strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graph.

**Example 2.2** A strongly\*-2 divisor cordial labeling of the graph  $P_{10}$  is given in Figure 1.

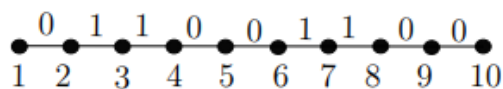


Figure 1.

**Theorem 2.3** Any cycle  $C_n$  is a strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graph.

*Proof.* Let  $C_n: u_1 u_2 \dots u_n$  be the cycle with  $V(C_n) = \{u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(C_n) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, u_1 u_n: 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ .

**Case 1.**  $n$  is odd

Define  $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  by  $f(u_i) = i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge label of  $f$ . Consider the edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Now  $f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) + f(u_i)f(u_{i+1})}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{i + i + 1 + i(i+1)}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{i^2 + 3i + 1}{2} \right\rfloor$  which is even if  $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and

odd if  $i \equiv 2,3(mod 4)$ . Therefore, the edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  can be assigned label 0 if  $i \equiv 0,1(mod 4)$  and 1 if  $i \equiv 2,3(mod 4)$  (1)

For the edge  $u_1 u_n$ ,  $f^*(u_1 u_n) = \lfloor \frac{1+n+n}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor = n$  which is odd since  $n$  is odd and so the edge  $u_1 u_n$  gets the label 1. (2)

Let us find the number of edges with label 0 and 1.

**Subcase 1.1.**  $n \equiv 1(mod 4)$

Let  $n = 4k + 1$ . Then there are  $4k + 1$  edges. Clearly there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $0 \leq i \leq 3$ ). By (1), there are  $2k$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1 and the edge  $u_1 u_n$  with label 1. Hence there are  $2k$  edges with label 0 and  $2k + 1$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

**Subcase 1.2.**  $n \equiv 3(mod 4)$

Let  $n = 4k + 3$ . Then there are  $4k + 3$  edges. Clearly there are  $k + 1$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 1,2$ ) and  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 0,3$ ). By (1), there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k + 1$  edges with label 1 and the edge  $u_1 u_n$  with label 1. Hence there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k + 2$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

**Case 2.**  $n$  is even

**Subcase 2.1.**  $n \equiv 0(mod 4)$

Define  $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,n\}$  by  $f(u_i) = i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge label of  $f$ . As in case 1,  $f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \lfloor \frac{i^2+3i+1}{2} \rfloor$  which is even if  $i \equiv 0,1(mod 4)$  and odd if  $i \equiv 2,3(mod 4)$ . For the edge  $u_1 u_n$ ,  $f^*(u_1 u_n) = \lfloor \frac{1+n+n}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor = n$  which is even and so the edge  $u_1 u_n$  gets label 0.

Let us find the number of edges with label 0 and 1. Now  $n = 4k$ . Then there are  $4k$  edges. Clearly there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 1,2,3$ ) and  $k - 1$  numbers which are congruent to 0 modulo 4. By (1), there are  $2k - 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1 and the edge  $u_1 u_n$  with label 0. Hence there are  $2k$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

**Subcase 2.2.**  $n \equiv 2(mod 4)$

Define  $f: V(C_n) \rightarrow \{1,2,\dots,n\}$  by

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & i=1 \\ i+1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ i-1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd and } i \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

Consider the edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

$$\text{For } i = 1, f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = f^*(u_1 u_2) = \lfloor \frac{f(u_1)+f(u_2)+f(u_1)f(u_2)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{1+3+1(3)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{7}{2} \rfloor = 3.$$

For odd  $i$  and  $i \neq 1$ ,  $f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \lfloor \frac{i-1+i+2+(i-1)(i+2)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{i^2+3i-1}{2} \rfloor$  which is even if  $i \equiv 3(mod 4)$  and odd if  $i \equiv 1(mod 4)$ .

For even  $i$ ,  $f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \lfloor \frac{i+i+1+(i+1)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{i^2+3i+1}{2} \rfloor$  which is even if  $i \equiv 0(mod 4)$  and odd if  $i \equiv 2(mod 4)$ . Therefore the edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  can be assigned label 0 if  $i \equiv 0,3(mod 4)$  and 1 if  $i \equiv 1,2(mod 4)$ . (3)

For the edge  $u_1 u_n$ ,  $f^*(u_1 u_n) = \lfloor \frac{1+n+n}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor = n$  which is even and so the edge  $u_1 u_n$  gets label 0. Let us find the number of edges with label 0 and 1. Here  $n = 4k + 2$ . Then there

are  $4k + 2$  edges. Clearly there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 0, 2, 3$ ) and  $k + 1$  numbers which is congruent to 1 modulo 4. By (3), there are  $2k$  edges with label 0 and  $2k + 1$  edges with label 1 and the edge  $u_1 u_n$  label with 0. Hence there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k + 1$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

Thus  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  and hence any cycle  $C_n$  is a strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graph.

**Example 2.4** A strongly\*-2 divisor cordial labeling of the graph  $C_{10}$  is given in Figure 2.

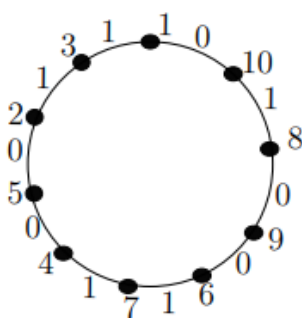


Figure 2.

**Theorem 2.5** Any star  $K_{1,n}$  is a strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graph.

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{u, v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(K_{1,n}) = \{uv_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Then  $|V(K_{1,n})| = n + 1$  and  $|E(K_{1,n})| = n$ . Define  $f: V(K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$  by  $f(u) = 1$  and  $f(v_i) = i + 1$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge label of  $f$ . Then  $f^*(uv_i) = \lfloor \frac{1+i+1+i+1}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2i+3}{2} \rfloor = i + 1$  which is odd if  $i$  is even and even if  $i$  is odd. (1)

**Case 1.**  $n$  is even

Let  $n = 2k$ . Then there are  $2k$  edges. Clearly there are  $k$  odd and  $k$  even numbers. Hence by (1),  $k$  edges with label 1 and  $k$  edges with label 0 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

**Case 2.**  $n$  is odd

Let  $n = 2k + 1$ . Then there are  $2k + 1$  edges. Then there are  $k$  even numbers and  $k + 1$  odd numbers. Hence by (1), there are  $k$  edges with label 1 and  $k + 1$  edges with label 0 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

Thus  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  and hence any star  $K_{1,n}$  is a strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graph.

**Example 2.6** A strongly\*-2 divisor cordial labeling of the graph  $K_{1,6}$  is shown in Figure 3.

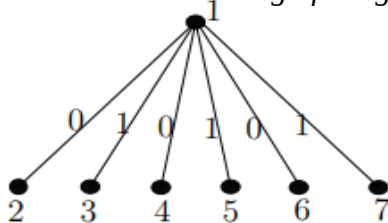


Figure 3.

**Theorem 2.7** The comb  $P_n \odot K_1$  is a strongly\*-2 divisor cordial graph.

*Proof.* Let  $V(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i u_{i+1}, u_j v_j : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Then the graph  $P_n \odot K_1$  has  $2n$  vertices and  $2n-1$  edges.

**Case 1.**  $n$  is odd

Define  $f: V(P_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$  by  $f(u_i) = i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $f(v_i) = n + i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge label of  $f$ . Consider the edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

Now  $f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \lfloor \frac{i+i+1+i(i+1)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{i^2+3i+1}{2} \rfloor$  which is even if  $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and odd if  $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ . Therefore, the edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  can be assigned label 0 if  $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and 1 if  $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  (1)

**Subcase 1.1.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

In this case,  $n = 4k + 1$ . For the edges  $u_j v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,

$$f^*(u_j v_j) = \lfloor \frac{j+n+j(n+j)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{(n+2)j+n+j^2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{(4k+3)j+4k+1+j^2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{4kj+3j+4k+1+j^2}{2} \rfloor = 2k(1+j) + \lfloor \frac{j^2+3j+1}{2} \rfloor.$$

For  $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{j^2+3j+1}{2} \rfloor$  is even and so  $f^*(u_j v_j)$  is even and for  $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{j^2+3j+1}{2} \rfloor$  is odd and so  $f^*(u_j v_j)$  is odd. Therefore, for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , the edges  $u_j v_j$  can be assigned label 0 if  $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and 1 if  $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ . (2)

Let us find the number of edges with label 0 and 1. Now  $n = 4k + 1$  implies that there are  $8k + 1$  edges. There are  $n - 1 = 4k$  edges of the form  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and so there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $0 \leq i \leq 3$ ). By (1), there are  $2k$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1. Also there are  $n = 4k + 1$  edges of the form  $u_j v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and so there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $j$  modulo 4, ( $j = 0, 2, 3$ ) and  $k + 1$  numbers congruent to 1 modulo 4. By (2), there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1. Hence there are  $4k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $4k$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

**Subcase 1.2.**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

$$\text{Here } n = 4k + 3. \text{ For the edges } u_j v_j, 1 \leq j \leq n, f^*(u_j v_j) = \lfloor \frac{j+n+j(n+j)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{(n+2)j+n+j^2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{(4k+5)j+4k+3+j^2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{4kj+3j+4k+3+j^2}{2} \rfloor = 2k(1+j) + \lfloor \frac{j^2+5j+3}{2} \rfloor.$$

For  $j \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{j^2+5j+3}{2} \rfloor$  is even and so  $f^*(u_j v_j)$  is even and for  $j \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{j^2+5j+3}{2} \rfloor$  is odd and so  $f^*(u_j v_j)$  is odd. Therefore, for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , the edges  $u_j v_j$  can be assigned label 0 if  $j \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$  and 1 if  $j \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4}$ . (3)

Let us find the number of edges with label 0 and 1. Now  $n = 4k + 3$  implies that there are  $8k + 5$  edges. Then there are  $n - 1 = 4k + 2$  edges of the form  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and so there are  $k + 1$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 0, 3$ ). By (1), there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k + 1$  edges with label 1. Also there are  $n = 4k + 3$  edges of the form  $u_j v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Then there are  $k + 1$  numbers which are congruent to  $j$  modulo 4, ( $j = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $k$  numbers congruent to 0 modulo 4. By (3), there are  $2k + 2$  edges with label 0 and  $2k + 1$  edges with label 1. Hence there are  $4k + 3$  edges with label 0 and  $4k + 2$  edges with label 1 and so

$$|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1.$$

**Case 2:**  $n$  is even

Define  $f: V(P_n \odot K_1) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$  by  $f(u_i) = i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $f(v_i) = 2n + 1 - i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $f^*$  be the induced edge label of  $f$ . As in case 1,  $f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \lfloor \frac{i^2 + 3i + 1}{2} \rfloor$  which is even if  $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and odd if  $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . (4)

**Subcase 2.1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

In this case,  $n = 4k$ . For the edges  $u_j v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,

$$f^*(u_j v_j) = \lfloor \frac{j + 2n + 1 - j + j(2n + 1 - j)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2n + 1 + 2nj + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2(4k) + 1 + 2(4k)j + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{8k + 8kj + 1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor = 4k(1 + j) + \lfloor \frac{1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor.$$

For  $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor$  is odd and so  $f^*(u_j v_j)$  is odd and for  $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor$  is even and so  $f^*(u_j v_j)$  is even. Therefore, for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , the edges  $u_j v_j$  can be assigned label 1 if  $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  and 0 if  $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ . (5)

Let us find the number of edges with label 0 and 1. Now  $n = 4k$  implies that there are  $8k - 1$  edges. Then there are  $n - 1 = 4k - 1$  edges are of the form  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and so there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $k - 1$  numbers which are congruent to 0 modulo 4. By (4), there are  $2k - 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1. Also there are  $n = 4k$  edges of the form  $u_j v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and so there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $j$  modulo 4, ( $0 \leq i \leq 3$ ). By (5), there are  $2k$  edges with label 1 and  $2k$  edges with label 0. Hence there are  $4k - 1$  edges with label 0 and  $4k$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

**Subcase 2.2.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In this case, } n = 4k + 2. \text{ For the edges } u_j v_j, 1 \leq j \leq n, \quad f^*(u_j v_j) &= \lfloor \frac{j + 2n + 1 - j + j(2n + 1 - j)}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2n + 1 + 2nj + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2(4k + 2) + 1 + 2(4k + 2)j + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor = \\ &= \lfloor \frac{8k + 8kj + 4 + 1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{4(1 + j)(2k + 1) + 1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor = 2(1 + j)(2k + 1) + \lfloor \frac{1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor. \end{aligned}$$

For  $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor$  is odd and so  $f^*(u_j v_j)$  is odd and for  $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{1 + j - j^2}{2} \rfloor$  is even and so  $f^*(u_j v_j)$  is even. Therefore, for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , the edges  $u_j v_j$  can be assigned label 1 if  $j \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  and 0 if  $j \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ . (6)

Let us find the number of edges with label 0 and 1. Now  $n = 4k + 2$  implies that there are  $8k + 3$  edges. Then there are  $n - 1 = 4k + 1$  edges are of the form  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and so there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $i$  modulo 4, ( $i = 0, 2, 3$ ) and  $k + 1$  numbers which are congruent to 1 modulo 4. By (4), there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0 and  $2k$  edges with label 1. Also there are  $n = 4k + 2$  edges of the form  $u_j v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , then there are  $k$  numbers which are congruent to  $j$  modulo 4, ( $i = 0, 3$ ) and  $k + 1$  numbers are congruent to  $j$  modulo 4, ( $i = 1, 2$ ). By (6), there are  $2k + 1$  edges with label 1 and  $2k + 1$  edges with label 0. Hence there are  $4k + 2$  edges with label 0 and  $4k + 1$  edges with label 1 and so  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$ .

Thus  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  and hence the comb  $P_n \odot K_1$  is a strongly\*-2 divisor cordial

graph.

**Example 2.8** A strongly\*-2 divisor cordial labeling of the graph  $P_6 \odot K_1$  is given in Figure 4

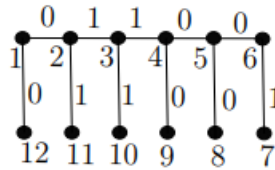


Figure 4.

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