

## Cordial Labeling in Context of Barycentric Subdivision of Special Graphs

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### Abstract

In this paper we discuss cordial labeling in context of barycentric subdivision of shell graph, complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  and wheel graph.

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### 1. Introduction

We begin with simple, finite, undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ . In this paper  $P_n$  denotes path with  $n$  vertices and  $C_n$  denotes cycle with  $n$  vertices. For all other terminology and notations we follow Harary [8].

**Definition 1.1.** A shell  $S_n$  is the graph obtained by taking  $n - 3$  concurrent chords in a cycle  $C_n$ . The vertex at which all the chords are concurrent is called the *apex* vertex.

**Definition 1.2.** A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is said to be *bipartite graph* if the vertex set can be partitioned into two subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that for every edge  $e_i = v_i v_j \in E$ ,  $v_i \in V_1$  and  $v_j \in V_2$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A *complete bipartite graph* is a simple bipartite graph such that two vertices are adjacent if and only if they are in different partite sets. If partite sets are having  $m$  and  $n$  vertices then the related complete bipartite graph is denoted by  $K_{m,n}$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two graphs such that  $V(G) \cap V(H) = \phi$ . Then join of  $G$  and  $H$  is denoted by  $G + H$ . It is the graph with  $V(G + H) = V(G) \cup V(H)$ ,  $E(G + H) = E(G) \cup E(H) \cup J$ , where  $J = \{uv | u \in V(G), v \in V(H)\}$ .

**Definition 1.5.** A *wheel*  $W_n$  is join of the graphs  $C_n$  and  $K_1$ . i.e.  $W_n = C_n + K_1$ . Here vertices corresponding to  $C_n$  are called *rim vertices* and  $C_n$  is called *rim* of  $W_n$  while the vertex corresponding to  $K_1$  is called *apex* vertex.

**Definition 1.6.** If the vertices of the graph are assigned values subject to certain conditions is known as *graph labeling*.

A dynamic survey of graph labeling is published and updated every year by Gallian [5]. The reference cited here is the updated survey of 2012.

**Definition 1.7.** A function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is called a *binary vertex labeling* of a graph  $G$  and  $f(v)$  is called *label of the vertex*  $v$  of  $G$  under  $f$ .

For an edge  $e = uv$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is given by  $f^*(e) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ . Let  $v_f(0), v_f(1)$  denote the number of vertices of  $G$  with labels 0, 1 respectively under  $f$  and let  $e_f(0), e_f(1)$  denote the number of edges of  $G$  with labels 0, 1 respectively under  $f^*$ .

**Definition 1.8.** A binary vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  is called a *cordial labeling* if  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is *cordial* if it admits cordial labeling.

The concept of cordial graphs was introduced by Cahit [3]. Cahit [4] proved that complete bipartite graphs  $K_{m,n}$  are cordial for all  $m$  and  $n$  and wheel graph  $W_n$  is cordial if and only if  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Vaidya et al.[11], proved that star of Petersen graph, the graph obtained by joining two copies of Petersen graph by a path of arbitrary length and the graph obtained by joining two copies of wheel graph by a path of arbitrary length are cordial graphs. Andar et al. [1], [2] proved that helms, closed helms, flowers, multiple shells are cordial.

In this paper we prove that barycentric subdivision of shell graph, complete bipartite graph, wheel graph are cordial graphs.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** The barycentric subdivision of shell graph  $S_n$  is cordial for all  $n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be the barycentric subdivision of shell graph  $S_n$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n-1}$  be external vertices of  $G$  and  $v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, \dots, v'_{n-3}$  be the internal vertices in  $G$ . Here

the vertices  $v_2, v_4, \dots, v_{2n-2}$  and  $v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, \dots, v'_{n-3}$  are formed by barycentric subdivision of shell graph  $S_n$ , where  $v'_i$  is the vertex adjacent to apex vertex  $v_0$  and the vertex  $v_{2(i+1)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-3$ . We define labeling function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  as follows.

**Case 1:**  $n = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= 0, \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4), 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4), 1 \leq i \leq n-3 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= 0, \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4), 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_1) &= 1, \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4), 2 \leq i \leq n-3 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 3:**  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod } 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4), 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4), 1 \leq i \leq n-3 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 4:**  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= 1, \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4), 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4), 1 \leq i \leq n-3 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 5:**  $n \equiv 3(\text{mod } 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= 0, \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod } 4), 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_1) &= 1, \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod } 4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod } 4), 2 \leq i \leq n-3. \end{aligned} \quad \blacksquare$$

The labeling pattern defined above satisfies the condition  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  in each case which is shown in *Table 1*. Hence the graph under consideration is cordial graph.

Let  $n = 4a + b$ , where  $n \in N$ .

**Illustration 2.1** Cordial labeling of the graph obtained by barycentric subdivision of

Table 1: Table for Theorem 2.1

b	vertex conditions	edge conditions
0	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
2	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$

shell graph  $S_5$  is shown in Figure 1 as an illustration for the Theorem 2.1.

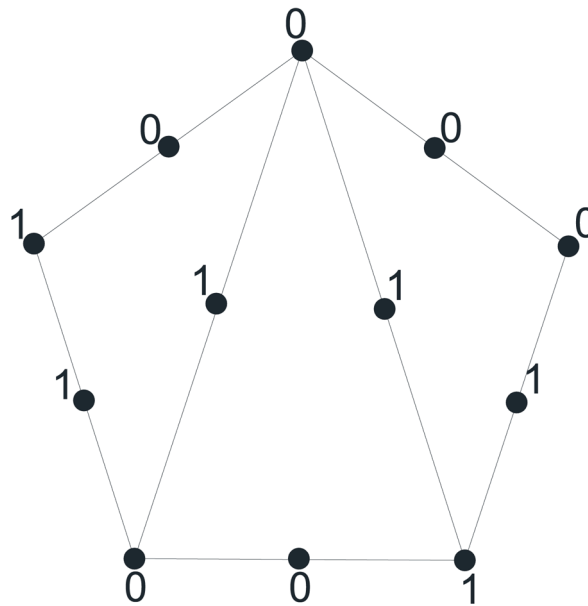


Figure 1: Cordial labeling of barycentric subdivision of shell graph  $S_5$

**Theorem 2.2.** The barycentric subdivision of complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  is cordial for all  $n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be the barycentric subdivision of complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$ . Let  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  be the bipartition of vertex set  $V$  complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$ . Let  $\{v_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  denote the vertices of  $V_1$  and let  $\{v_j | j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  denote the vertices of  $V_2$ .

Let  $\{v_{ij} | i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be the vertices formed by barycentric subdivision of  $K_{n,n}$  where  $v_{ij}$  is the vertex adjacent to  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . We define labeling function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  as follows.

**Case 1:**  $n \equiv 0(mod4)$   
 $f(v_i) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 0, 3(mod4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$f(v_j) = 0$ ; if  $j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 0, 1, 2, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

**Case 2:**  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_i) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$f(v_j) = 0$ ; if  $j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 1(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 0, 2(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 3(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

**Case 3:**  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_i) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$f(v_j) = 0$ ; if  $j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 1, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 0, 2(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

**Case 4:**  $n \equiv 3(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_i) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $i \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$f(v_j) = 0$ ; if  $j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 0(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 0, 3(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 1, 2(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 1(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 0, 1(\text{mod}4)$

$= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 2, 3(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

For  $i \equiv 2(\text{mod}4)$

$f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 1, 2(mod 4)$   
 $= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 3(mod 4), 1 \leq j \leq n$   
 For  $i \equiv 3(mod 4)$   
 $f(v_{ij}) = 0$ ; if  $i \equiv 2, 3(mod 4)$   
 $= 1$ ; if  $j \equiv 0, 1(mod 4), 1 \leq j \leq n$ .

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The labeling pattern defined in above cases satisfies the condition  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  in each case as shown in Table 2. Hence the graph under consideration is cordial graph.

Let  $n = 4a + b, k = 4c + d$ , where  $n, k \in N$ .

Table 2: Table for Theorem 2.2

b	vertex conditions	edge conditions
0,2	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$

**Illustration 2.2** Cordial labeling for the graph obtained by barycentric subdivision of graph  $K_{3,3}$  is shown in Figure 2 as an illustration for the Theorem 2.2. It is the case related to  $n \equiv 3(mod 4)$ .

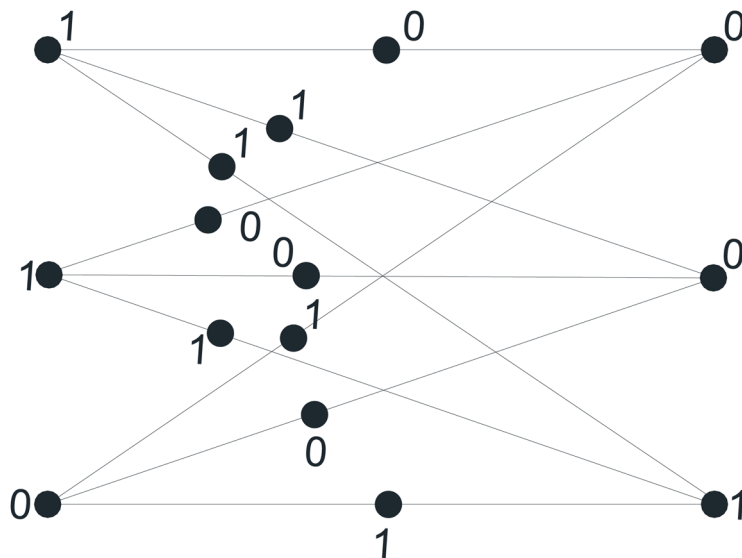


Figure 2: Cordial labeling of barycentric subdivision of complete bipartite graph  $K_{3,3}$

**Theorem 2.3.** The barycentric subdivision of wheel graph  $W_n$  is cordial for all  $n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be the barycentric subdivision of wheel  $W_n$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}$  be rim vertices of  $G$ . Let  $v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n$  be internal vertices of  $G$ . Let  $v_0$  be the apex vertex of  $G$ . To define labeling function  $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  we consider the following cases.

**Case 1:**  $n \equiv 0(mod4)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= 0, \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(mod4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(mod4), 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(mod4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(mod4), 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:**  $n \equiv 1(mod4)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= 1, f(v_2) = 0, \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(mod4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(mod4), 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq 2 \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(mod4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(mod4), 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

**Case 3:**  $n \equiv 2(mod4)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= 1, f(v_1) = 0 \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 3(mod4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 1, 2(mod4), 2 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(mod4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(mod4), 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

**Case 4:**  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_0) &= 0, f(v_1) = 1, f(v'_2) = 0 \\ f(v_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(mod4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(mod4), 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i) &= 0; \text{ if } i \equiv 0, 1(mod4) \\ &= 1; \text{ if } i \equiv 2, 3(mod4), 3 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

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The labeling pattern defined in above cases satisfies the conditions of cordial labeling which is shown in *Table 3*. Hence the graph under consideration is cordial graph.

Let  $n = 4a + b, k = 4c + d$ , where  $n, k \in N$ .

Table 3: Table for Theorem 2.3

b	vertex conditions	edge conditions
0,2	$v_f(0) = v_f(1)$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$
1,3	$v_f(0) = v_f(1) + 1$	$e_f(0) = e_f(1)$

**Illustration 2.3** Cordial labeling for the graph obtained by barycentric subdivision of  $W_6$  is shown in *Figure 3* as an illustration for *Theorem 2.3*. It is the case related to  $n \equiv 2(mod4)$ .

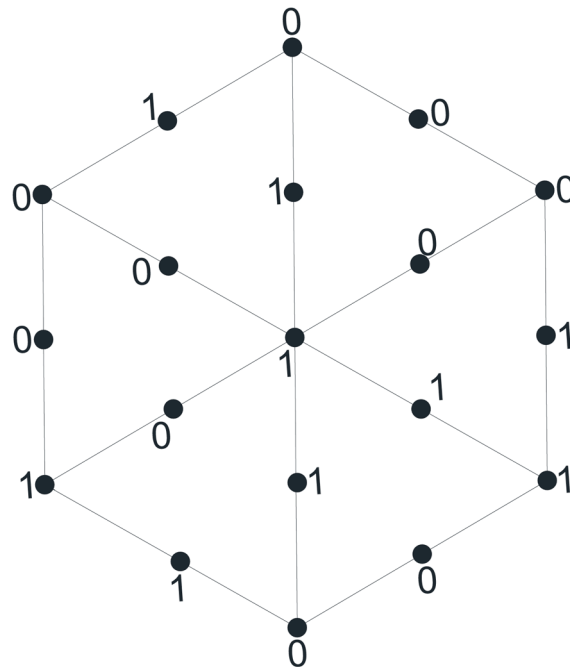


Figure 3: Cordial labeling of barycentric subdivision of wheel graph  $W_6$

### 3. Conclusion

The cordial labeling for wheel graph, complete bipartite graph and shell graph is already discussed in [2] and [4]. We derived results on cordial labeling of barycentric subdivision of these graphs.

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