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ABSTRACT

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# $E_k \text{ - cordial labeling of graphs}_{N. \; Sridharan^1 \; and \; R. \; Umarani^2}$

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labeling of the graphs  $P_n^+$  ,  $F_n$  and  $C_n^+$ 

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### Introduction

Cordial graphs were first introduced by I.Cahit in 1987 as a weaker version of graceful and harmonious graphs and was based on {0, 1}- binary labeling of vertices [1 - 3]. On the other hand edge-graceful labeling of graphs was introduced by Lo in 1985. Edge - Cordial (E-cordial) graphs was introduced by Ng and Lee for graphs on 4n, 4n+1 and 4n+3 vertices in 1988. Combining k-equitable labeling and edge - graceful labeling of graphs, in[5] Yilmag and Cahit have defined a new graph labeling technique, called  $E_k$  – cordial labeling in 1997[89]. Let f be an edge labeling of a graph G = (V,E) such that f:  $E(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\ldots,k-1\}$  and the induced vertex labeling be given as  $f(v) = \sum f(uv) \pmod{k}$ , where  $u, v \in V$  and  $uv \in E$  The map f is

called an  $E_k$  – cordial labeling of G, if the following conditions are satisfied for all i,  $j \in \{0,1,\ldots,k-1\}$ :

 $|\mathbf{e}_{f}(\mathbf{i})-\mathbf{e}_{f}(\mathbf{j})| \leq 1$  and (1)

(2) $|v_{f}(i)-v_{f}(j)| \leq 1$ 

where  $e_f(i)$ ,  $e_f(j)$  denote the number of the edges labeled with i and j respectively and  $v_f(i)$ ,  $v_f(j)$  denote the number of vertices labeled with i and j respectively. The graph G is called Ek-cordial if it admits an  $E_k$  – cordial labeling. A graph is E – cordial if it is  $E_2$ - cordial. For an extensive survey on graph labeling we refer to Gallian[4].

In this paper, we investigate the  $E_k$  - Cordial labeling of the graphs  $P_n^+$ ,  $F_n$  and  $C_n^+$ 

#### Main Results

If G is a graph, then  $G^+$  is the graph obtained from G by adding a (new) pendant vertex to each vertex of G. The paths, cycles on n vertices are denoted by  $P_n$  and  $C_n$  respectively.

Theorem 2.1. If n >1 is odd, then  $P_n^+$  is  $E_k$  –cordial for all  $k \ge 1$ 2.

Proof: Let n = mk + t, where  $0 \le t \le k$ . Let

(i) 
$$P_n = u_1 u_2 \dots u_n$$
 be the path in  $P = n$  with  $deg(u_i) \neq 1$   
for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in  $\boldsymbol{P}^+$ .

(ii)  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be the pendant vertices of  $P_n^+$  and  $u_i v_i \in$  $E(\boldsymbol{P}_{n}^{*})$ 

Yilmag and Cahit defined  $E_k$  – cordial labelling of graphs by combining k-equitable

labelling and edge-graceful labelling of graphs. In this paper, we investigate the  $E_k$  - Cordial

(iii) 
$$e_i = u_i u_{i+1}$$
 for all  $i = 1, 2, ..., n-1$  and

(iv) 
$$e'_i = u_i v_i$$
 for all  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$ 

Case(1): If t = 0 or t >  $\frac{k}{2}$ , define f: E( $P_n^+$ ).  $\rightarrow$  {0,1,...,k-1}as

follows:

 $f(e'_i) = \Box$  and  $f(e_i) = k-1-\Box$ Where i-1 =  $\square \square \pmod{k}$ ,  $0 \le 1 \le k$ . We claim that f induces an

 $E_k$  – cordial labeling on  $P_n^+$ . Clearly the sequence {f(e\_i)} is k-1, k-2,...,2, 1, 0, k-1, k-2,...,2,1, 0,... k-1,...1,0, k-1, k-2,..., k-t+1 and the sequence  $\{f(e'_i)\}$  is 0, 1, 2, ..., k-1, ..., 0, 1, ..., k-1

1,0,1,2,..., t-1.

We note that (1) If t = 0,

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(3)  $|e_{f}(i)-e_{f}(j)| \le 1 \text{ for all } i, j \in \{0,1,..,k-1\}$ . (4)  $f(u_i)+f(v_i) = k-1$  for all  $i \neq n$   $f(u_n) = 0$ 

(5) If t = 0,  $v_k(i) = 2m$  for all i

(6) If 
$$t \neq 0$$
,

$$v_{f}(i) = \begin{cases} 2m+1 & \text{if } 1 \le i \le k\text{-t or } t \le i \\ 2m+2 & \text{if } t = 0 \text{ or } k\text{-t} < i < t \\ (7) | v_{f}(i) \cdot v_{f}(j) | \le 1, \text{ for all } i, j \in \{0,1,...,k\text{-}\} \end{cases}$$

Thus in this case the map f induces an  $E_k$  – cordial labeling for  $P_n^+$ 

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2m if  $i \neq 0$ .

Case (2): If  $2 \le t < \frac{k}{2}$ , define f:  $E(\mathbf{p}_n^+)$ .  $\rightarrow \{0,1,\ldots,k-1\}$  as  $f(e'_i) = \Box \Box$  and  $f(e_i) = k-1-\Box$ . Where  $i \le mk$  and i = $\square \pmod{k}$  $f(e'_{mk+i}) = i \text{ and } f(e_{mk+i}) = k-i-1, \text{ for } 1 \le i \le t.$ Clearly,  $v_{f}(i) = \begin{cases} 2m\!\!+\!\!1 & \text{if } i = k\!\!-\!\!1,\! 0 \le \! i \le \! t, k\!\!+\!\! t \le \! i \le \! k\!\!-\!\! 3 \\ 2m & \text{if } i = k\!\!-\!\! 2 \text{ and } t < \! i < \! k\!\!-\!\! t. \end{cases}$ if i if i = 0 or t  $e_{f}(i) = \langle i < k-t, i \rangle = k-1.$ as ef induces an  $E_k$  - cordial labeling. : If t =1, define f: E  $(\mathbf{P}_n^+) \rightarrow \{0,1,\dots,k-1\}$  as 2m+1 if i 2m In this case f induces Case (3):  $f(e'_n) = k-1;$   $f(e'_{n-1}) = 0$  $f(e'_i) = \Box \Box$  for  $i \le n-2$ ;  $f(e_i) = k \cdot \Box \Box -1$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., nWhere i-1 =  $\square \square \pmod{k}$ ,  $0 \le \square \square \le k$ . Clearly,  $\begin{cases} 2m & \text{for all } i \neq \\ 2m+1 & \text{for } i = 0 \end{cases}$ for all  $i \neq 0$  $e_{f}(i) = \dot{}$  $v_{f}(i) = \begin{cases} for all \ i \neq 1, k-1 \\ 2m+1 & for \ i = 1, k-1 \\ map \ f \ induces \ an \ E_{k} - cordial \ labeling. \end{cases}$ 2m This Theorem 2.2 If n is even and  $n \neq k/2 \pmod{k}$ ,  $P_n^+$  is  $E_k - \text{cordial}$ . Proof: Let (i)  $u_1, u_2, \dots$  un be the path in  $P_n^+$  with  $deg(u_i) \neq 1$  in  $P_n^+$ . (ii) v,...v<sub>n</sub> be the pendant vertices of  $\mathbf{P}_n^+$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{P}_n^+)$ . (iii)  $\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_{i+1}$  for all i=1,2,...,n-1 and  $\mathbf{e'}_i = \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i$  for all i=1,2,...n.  $n = mk + t, 0 \le t < k.$ (iv) Case (i): If t=0 or t >k/2, define f on  $E(\mathbf{P}_n^+)$  as follows:  $f(e'_i) = \Box$  and  $f(e_i) = k - \Box \Box - 1$  for all i where  $i = \Box \Box \pmod{d}$ k),  $0 \leq \Box \Box \leq k$ . Clearly, if t = 0,  $e_{f}(i) = if i = 0.$ (2m if  $i \neq 0$ 2m-1  $v_{f}(i) =$ 2m for all i. if  $t \neq 0$ . 2m+2  $e_{f}(i) = \begin{cases} \text{for } i \leq k \text{-t or } i \geq t. \\ \text{for } i \leq k \text{-t or } i \geq t. \end{cases}$   $v_{f}(i) = \begin{cases} 2m+2 \quad \text{for } i = 0, k \text{-t}, < i < t \\ 2m+1 \quad k \text{-t or } i \geq t. \end{cases}$ 2m+1 for 1  $\leq i \leq$ Case(2): If t = 1, define  $f(e'_n) = k-1;$   $f((e'_{n-1}) = 0$  $f(e'_i) = \text{for all } i \leq n-2,$  $f(e'_i) = k-1-\Box \Box$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n-1where i-1= $\square$  (mod k),  $0 \leq \square \square < k$ . Clearly, 2m+1

 $v_{t}(i) = \begin{cases} 2m+1 \text{ if } i = 1 \text{ or } k-1\\ 2m & \text{ if } i \neq 1, k-1.\\ \text{Case(3): If } 2 \leq t < \frac{k}{2}, \text{ define } f \text{ on } E(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{+}).\text{as} \end{cases}$ follows:  $f(e'_n) = 2(t-1)$  $f(e'_i) = \square$  and  $f(e_i) = k-1-\square$  for all  $i \le n-1$ , Where i-1 =  $\square \square \pmod{k}$ ,  $0 \le \square \square < k$ . Then clearly, 2m+1  $0 \le i \le t-1$  or i = 2(t-1) or  $k-t \le i \le k-1$  $e_{f}(i) =$ 2m for all other i. 2m+1  $0 \le i \le t-1$  or i = 2(t-1) or  $k-t \le i$  $v_{f}(i) =$ ≤k-1 2m for all other i. Thus if  $n \neq k/2 \pmod{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_n^+$  is  $\mathbf{E}_k$  – cordial. Theorem 2.3. Let  $n \ge 2$  and  $k \ge 2$  be integers such that  $n \neq k/2 \pmod{k}$ . Then  $C_n^+$  is  $E_k$  – cordial. Proof: Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots u_n u_1$  be the cycle in  $C_n^+$  and  $v_1, \dots v_n$  be the pendant Vertices in  $\mathbf{C}_n^+$ , let  $u_i v_i \in E(\mathbf{C}_n^+)$ .Let  $e_i$  and  $e'_i$  denote the edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$  and  $u_i v_i$  respectively for all i = 1, 2, ..., n-1 and  $e_n = u_n u_1$ ,  $e'_n = u_n v_n$ . Let n = mk + t,  $0 \le t < k$ Let us define f:  $E(\mathbb{C}_n^+) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$  as follows:  $f(e'_i) = \Box \Box$  for all i=1,2,...,n;  $f(e_i) = k - \Box \Box -1$ for all i=1,2,...,n-1 where  $i-1 \equiv \square \pmod{k}, 0 \leq \square \leq k$ . 0 if t = 0 or  $t \ge k/2$  $\begin{cases} 1 & t & 0 & 0 \\ k-1 & \\ k-1 & \\ k-1 & \\ k+1 & \\ k-1 & \\ k$  $f(e_n) =$ We note that If t = 0,  $v_f(i) = e_f(i) = 2m$ (1)(2) If  $1 < t \leq$ (3) If  $1 \le t \le \frac{k}{2}$ .  $v_{f}(i) = \begin{cases} 2m+1 & \text{if } 1 \le i \le t-1 \text{ or } i \\ =, [k/2] \text{ or } [(k+1)/2] & k-t \le i \le k-2 \\ 2m & \text{ for all other } i. \end{cases}$  $e_{f}(i) = \int_{k+1}^{2m+1} \text{ for } 0 \le i \le t-1, i = [(k+1)/2], k-t \le i \le k+1$ for all other i. (4) if k/2 < t, 2m+2 for i = 0, k-t < i<t  $2m+1 \text{ for } 1 \le i \le k\text{-t or } i \ge t.$   $e_{i}(i) = \begin{cases} 2m+2 & \text{for } k\text{-t} < i < t \text{ and} \\ i=0 \\ k\text{-t or } i \ge t. \end{cases}$  $v_{f}(i) =$ 2m+1 for  $i \leq$ 

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Thus  $C_n^+$  is  $E_k$  – cordial.

The graph obtained from  $\mathbf{P}_n^+$  by identifying all the pendant vertices of  $\mathbf{P}_n^+$  to new vertex w is denoted by  $\mathbf{F}_n$  and is called the fan on (n+1) vertices. The wheel W<sub>n</sub> is the graph obtained from  $C_n^+$  by identifying all the pendant vertices of  $C_n^+$  to a new vertex w. Infact  $F_n = K_1 + P_n$  and  $W_n = K_1 + C_n$ .

Theorem 2.4 Let  $k \ge 3$  and n = mk + t, 0 t < k,  $m \ge 1$ .

If  $k = 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $m = 0 \pmod{2}$  assume that  $t \neq k-1$  Then  $F_n$ is  $E_{k}$  – cordial. Proof:

Let  $u_1u_2...u_n$  be the path  $P_n$  and w be vertex which is adjacent to each  $u_i$  ( $1 \le i \le n$ ). The edges  $u_i u_{i+1}$  and  $wu_i$  are denoted by  $e_i$  and  $e'_i$  respectively. First we define  $f(e_i)$  and  $f(e'_i)$  for all i < mk-1. Then we consider various cases and extend f to  $E(F_n)$  in each 0000

Define 
$$f(e'_i) \equiv \Box$$
 and  $f(e'_i) \equiv k-\Box \Box -1$  for  $1 \le i \le mk-1$ ,  
Where  $i-1 \equiv \Box \pmod{k}, 0 \le \Box < k$ .  
Case(1): If  $t \equiv 0$  define  $f(e'_i) \equiv k-1$ ,  $f(e'_{n-1}) = k-2$  and  $f(e_{n-1}) = 1$ 

Case(2): If t = 1, k = 4 and m is odd, define  $f(e'_{n-1}) = 3$ ,  $f(e'_{n-1}) = 0$  and  $f(e_{n-1}) = 0$ . If t =1 and either k  $\neq 4$  or m is even, define  $f(e'_n) = k-1, f(e'_{n-1}) = 1; f(e_{n-2}) = f(e_{n-1}) = 0.$ Case(3): Let 1 < t < k.

We observe that  $m \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} j = k/2$  if k is even m is odd

$$= 0$$
 if either k is odd or m is even

Let  $(t(t-1))/2 = s \pmod{k}, 0 \le s \le k \text{ and } s + k/2 = a \pmod{k}$ k).

Assume that either k is odd or m is even. Sub case(1):

Let s < k - t + 1. Then define  $f(e_{mk-1}) = 1, \quad f(e_{mk}) = 0; \quad f(e'_{mk-1}) = k-2; \quad f(e'_{mk}) = 0$  $f(e_{mk+i}) = k-i \quad f(e'_{mk+i}) = i-1 \quad \text{for all } 1 \le i < t-1.$ and if s = 0,  $f(e'_n) = t$ ;  $f(e'_{n-1}) = t-1$ ;  $f(e_{n-1}) = k-t$ . if  $s \ne 0$ ,  $f(e'_n) = t-1$ ;  $f(e'_{n-1}) = t-2$ ;  $f(e_{n-1}) = k-t+1$ . Sub case(2): Let  $s \ge k-t+1$  and t < k-t. Define f as follows:  $f(e_{mk-1}) = 1,$   $f(e_{mk}) = 0;$   $f(e'_{mk-1}) = k-2;$   $f(e'_{mk}) = k-2;$  $f(e_{mk+i}) = \begin{cases} k\text{-}i & \text{for all } 1 \le i \le k\text{-}s\text{-}2\\ k\text{-}i\text{-}1 & \text{for all } k\text{-}s\text{-}1 \le i \le t\text{-}1\\ f(e'_{mk+i}) = i\text{-}1 & \text{for all } 1 \le i < t\text{-}1 \text{ f}(e'_n) = t. \end{cases}$ Sub case(3): Let  $s \ge k - t + 1$ ;  $2t \ge k + 2$  and  $t \le s$ .

Then t -1 < s and hence k - s < k- (t-1) and (t-1) < (t-1) + (k-s) = k-(s-t)-1 < k. Define f as follows:  $f(e_{mk-1}) = 1,$   $f(e_{mk}) = 0;$   $f(e'_{mk-1}) = k-2;$  $f(e'_{mk}) = k-1$  $f(e_{mk+i}) = k-i$  for all  $1 \le i \le t-1$ 

$$f(e'_{mk+i}) = i-1 \text{ for all } 1 \le i < t-1$$
  
and  $f(e'_n) = t-1 + k$ -s.  
Sub case(4):  
Let  $s \ge k - t + 1$ :  $2t = k + 1$  (ork). Then  $s \ge t$ .  
Then  $t-1 + k - s + k - t = k + k - (s+1) \equiv k-(s+1) \pmod{k}$ ;  
 $k - (s+1) < k-t$  as  $k > s \ge t$ .  
Define f as follows:  
 $f(e_{mk-1}) = 1, \quad f(e_{mk}) = 0; \quad f(e'_{mk-1}) = k-2;$   
 $f(e'_{mk}) = k-1$   
 $f(e_{mk+i}) = \begin{cases} k-i & \text{for all } 1 \le i \le s - t \\ k-i-1 & \text{for all } s-t+1 \le i \le t-1 \end{cases}$   
 $f(e'_{mk+i}) = \begin{cases} k-i & \text{for all } 1 \le i \le s - t \\ k-i-1 & \text{for all } 1 \le i < t-1 \end{cases}$   
 $f(e'_{mk+i}) = f(e'_{mk+i}) = f(e'_$ 

Let m be odd and k be even. All the subcases proved in case 3 are valid, if we replace s by a, where  $s + \lfloor k/2 \rfloor = a \pmod{k} 0 \le 1$ a < k.

One can easily verify that the map f induces an  $E_k$  – cordial labeling.

Illustration for Ek - cordial labeling of graphs

 $E_k$  – Cordial Labeling of  $P_n^+$ 

Case(i) E<sub>7</sub> – Cordial Labeling of  $P_7^+$ 

$$0 1 2 3 4 5 6$$
  

$$6 5 4 3 2 1$$

 $E_7$  – Cordial Labeling of  $P_{11}^+$ 

case(ii) E<sub>9</sub> – Cordial Labeling of  $P_{12}^+$ 

Case(iii) E<sub>9</sub> – Cordial Labeling of  $P_{10}^+$ 

Case (ii)  $E_6$  – Cordial Labeling of  $P_6^+$ Subcase (i)

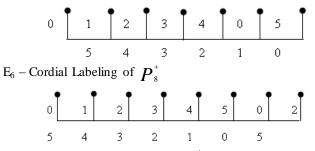
$$0 \boxed{1} 2 3 4 5$$

$$5 4 3 2 1$$

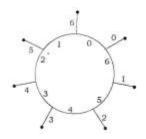
Subcase (ii)  $E_6$  – Cordial Labeling of  $P_{11}^+$ 

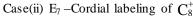


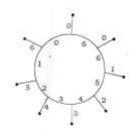
Subcase (iii) E<sub>6</sub> – Cordial Labeling of  $P_7^+$ 



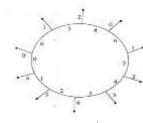
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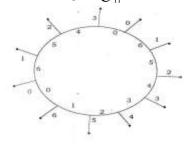




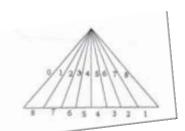
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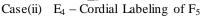


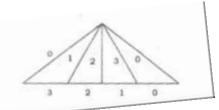
 $Case(iv)E_7$  – Cordial labeling of  $C_{11}^+$ 



Theorem: 4  $F_n$  is  $E_k$  – Cordial Case (i) t = 0 m-odd k-odd  $E_9$  – Cordial Labeling of  $F_9$ 



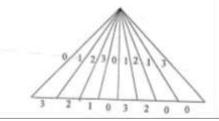




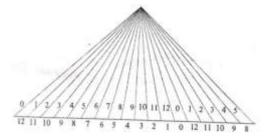
E<sub>6</sub> – Cordial Labeling of F<sub>13</sub>



E<sub>4</sub> – Cordial Labeling of F<sub>9</sub>



 $E_{13}$  – Cordial labeling of  $F_{19}$ 



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