

Some Star related *I*-cordial graphs

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Abstract

An *I*-cordial labeling of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is an injective map f from V to $\left[-\frac{p}{2} \dots \frac{p}{2}\right]^*$ or $\left[-\frac{p}{2} \dots \frac{p}{2}\right]$ as p is even or odd, respectively be an injective mapping such that $f(u) + f(v) \neq 0$ and induces an edge labeling $f^*: E \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ where, $f^*(uv) = 1$ if $f(u) + f(v) > 0$ and $f^*(uv) = 0$ otherwise, such that the number of edges labeled with 1 and the number of edges labeled with 0 differ at most by 1. If a graph has *I*-cordial labeling, then it is called ***I*-cordial graph**. In this paper, we prove that $B_{m,n}$, $S'(B_{n,n})$, $D_2(B_{m,n})$ are *I*-cordial; $K_{n,n}$ is *I*-cordial only if n is even; $K_{m,n}$ is *I*-cordial only if m or n is even and $B_{n,n}^2$ is not *I*-cordial.

Notation: Here $[-x..x] = \{t/t \text{ is an integer and } |t| \leq x\}$ and $[-x..x]^* = [-x..x] - \{0\}$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

By a graph we mean a finite undirected graph without loops and multiple edges. For terms not defined here we refer to Harary [9].

An *I*-cordial labeling of a graph $G(V, E)$ is an injective map f from V to $[-\frac{p}{2}.. \frac{p}{2}]^*$ or $[-\frac{p}{2}].. [\frac{p}{2}]$ as p is even or odd, respectively be an injective mapping such that $f(u) + f(v) \neq 0$ and induces an edge labeling $f^*: E \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ where, $f^*(uv) = 1$ if $f(u) + f(v) > 0$ and $f^*(uv) = 0$ otherwise, such that the number of edges labeled with 1 and the number of edges labeled with 0 differ at most by 1. If a graph has *I*-cordial labeling, then it is called ***I*-cordial graph**. The concept of cordial graph originated from I.Cahit [1,2] in 1987 as a weaker version of graceful and harmonious graphs and was based on $\{0,1\}$ binary labeling of vertices.

Let $f: V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be a mapping that induces an edge labeling $\bar{f}: E \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ defined by $\bar{f}(uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$. Cahit called such a labeling cordial if the following condition is satisfied: $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$ and $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$, where $v_f(i)$ and $e_f(i)$, $i = 0, 1$ are the number of vertices and edges of G respectively with label i (under f and \bar{f} respectively). A graph G is called cordial if it admits cordial labeling.

In [1], Cahit showed that (i) every tree is cordial (ii) K_n is cordial if and only if $n \leq 3$ (iii) $K_{r,s}$ is cordial for all r and s (iv) the wheel W_n is cordial if and only if $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ (v) C_n is cordial if and only if $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ (vi) an Eulerian graph is not cordial if its size is congruent to 2 modulo 4.

Du [4] investigated cordial complete k -partite graphs. Kuo et al. [13] determined all m and n for which mK_n is cordial. Lee et al. [14] exhibited some cordial graphs. Generalised Peterson graphs that are cordial are characterised in [7]. Ho et.al [6] investigated the construction of cordial graphs using Cartesian products and composition of graphs. Shee and Ho [7] determined the cordiality of $C_m^{(n)}$; the one-point union of n copies of C_m . Several constructions of cordial graphs were proposed in [10-12, 15-19]. Other results and open problems concerning cordial graph are seen in [2, 5]. Other types of cordial graphs were considered in [3, 4, 8, 21]. Vaidya et.al [22] has also discussed the cordiality of various graphs.

Definition 1.1 [24]

Let f be a binary edge labeling of graph $G = \{V, E\}$ and the induced vertex labeling is given by $f(v) = \sum_{u \in V} f(u,v) \pmod{2}$ where $v \in V$ and $\{u,v\} \in E$. f is called an **E-cordial labeling** of G if $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ and $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$, where $e_f(0)$ and $e_f(1)$ denote the number of edges, and $v_f(0)$ and $v_f(1)$ denote the number of vertices with 0's and 1's respectively. The graph G is called **E-cordial** if it admits E-cordial labeling.

In 1997 Yilmaz and Cahit [24] have introduced E-cordial labeling as a weaker version of edge-graceful labeling. They proved that the trees with n vertices, K_n , C_n are E-cordial if and only if $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ while $K_{m,n}$ admits E-cordial labeling if and only if $m + n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

Definition 1.2 [21]

A **prime cordial labeling** of a graph G with vertex set V is a bijection f from V to $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, |V|\}$ where each edge uv is assigned the label 1 if $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1$ and 0 if $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) > 1$, such that the number of edges having label 0 and edges having label 1 differ by at most 1.

Sundaram et.al. [20] introduced the notion of prime cordial labeling. They proved the following graphs are prime cordial: C_n if and only if $n \geq 6$; P_n if and only if $n \neq 3$ or 5 ; $K_{1,n}$ (n , odd); the graph obtained by subdividing each edge of $K_{1,n}$ if and only if $n \geq 3$; bi-stars; dragons; crowns; triangular snakes if and only if the snake has at least three triangles; ladders. J. Babujee and L.Shobana [23] proved the existence of prime cordial labeling for sun graph, kite graph and coconut tree and Y-tree, $\langle K_{1,n}; 2 \rangle$ ($n \geq 1$); Hoffman tree, and $K_2 \Theta C_n$ (C_n)

In this paper, we prove that $B_{m,n}$, $S'(B_{n,n})$, $D_2(B_{m,n})$ are I -cordial; $K_{n,n}$ is I -cordial only if n is even ; $K_{m,n}$ is I -cordial only if m or n is even and $B_{n,n}^2$ is not I -cordial

Notation. 1.3

$$(i) \quad [-x..x] = \{t/t \text{ is an integer and } |t| \leq x\}$$

$$(ii) \quad [-x..x]^* = [-x..x] - \{0\}$$

2. Main Results**3. Definition.2.1**

Let $G = (V,E)$ be a simple connected graph with p vertices. Let $f: V \rightarrow \left[-\frac{p}{2}.. \frac{p}{2}\right]^*$ or $\left[-\left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor .. \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor\right]$ as p is even or odd respectively be an injective mapping such that $f(u) + f(v) \neq 0$ and induces an edge labeling $f^*: E \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ such that $f^*(uv) = 1$, if $f(u) + f(v)$

> 0 and $f(uv) = 0$ otherwise. Let $e_f(i) =$ number of edges labeled with i , where $i = 0$ or 1 . f is said to be ***I-cordial*** if $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$. A graph G is called ***I-cordial*** if it admits a ***I-cordial labeling***.

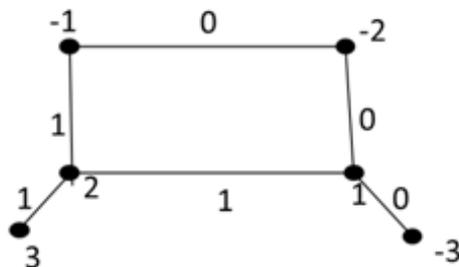


Fig 1. *I-cordial* Graph

Theorem 2.2[16] Let G be a (p, q) graph where p is even. Then G is *I-cordial* only if $d(v) < p - 1$, for any vertex $v \in V(G)$.

Theorem 2.3[16] Let G be a (p, q) graph where p is odd. If there exist two vertices u and v such that $d(u) = p - 1 = d(v)$. Then G is not an *I-cordial*.

Theorem 2.4 $B_{m,n}$ is *I-cordial*.

Proof. $B_{m,n}$ has $(m + n + 2)$ vertices and $(m + n + 1)$ edges. Let u be the vertices of degree m and v be the vertices of degree n , such that uv is a common edge in $B_{m,n}$. Let u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m denote the vertices adjacent to u and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n denote the vertices adjacent to v in $B_{m,n}$. Then $E(B_{m,n}) = \{uv\} \cup A \cup B$, where $A = \{uu_i\}_{i=1}^m$ and $B = \{vv_i\}_{i=1}^n$.

CASE1. Both m and n are even or m and n are odd.

Let $f : V \rightarrow \left[\frac{-(m+n+2)}{2}, \dots, \frac{(m+n+2)}{2} \right]^*$ be a mapping defined by $f(u) = -1$ and $f(v) = 2$, $f(u_1) = -2$, $f(v_1) = 1$. The other vertices $\{u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ can be arranged with the labels,

$\{-(n+1), \dots, -4, -3, 3, 4, \dots, (n+1)\}$ in such a way that the vertices are given positive and negative labels. Since, $f(u) = -1$ and $f(u_1) = -2$, the edge $f^*(uu_1) < 0$. Similarly, $f(v) = 2$ and $f^*(uv) = -1$, so that $f^*(vv_1) > 0$ and $f^*(uv) > 0$. Therefore, $e_f(1) = e_f(0) + 1$. Since, positive and negative integers are equally shared among the other vertices, the other edges equally shares positive and negative labels. That is, $e_f(0) = e_f(1)$. Hence, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$.

CASE 2. m is odd and n is even.

We define $f: V \rightarrow \left[-\left(\frac{m+n+2}{2}\right) \dots \left(\frac{m+n+2}{2}\right)\right]$ as $f(u) = -1$, $f(v) = 0$ and $f(v_1) = 1$, so that $f^*(uv) < 0$ and $f^*(vv_1) > 0$. Therefore, $e_f(0) = e_f(1)$. The other vertices $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ can be labeled by the integers $-2, -3, \dots, -\left(\frac{m+n+2}{2}\right), 2, 3, \dots, \left(\frac{m+n+2}{2}\right)$ can be arranged such that the vertices receives positive and negative integers. Therefore, the edges equally shares positive and negative labels. That is, $e_f(0) = e_f(1)$. Hence, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$. Both cases imply $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$. Hence, G is I-cordial.

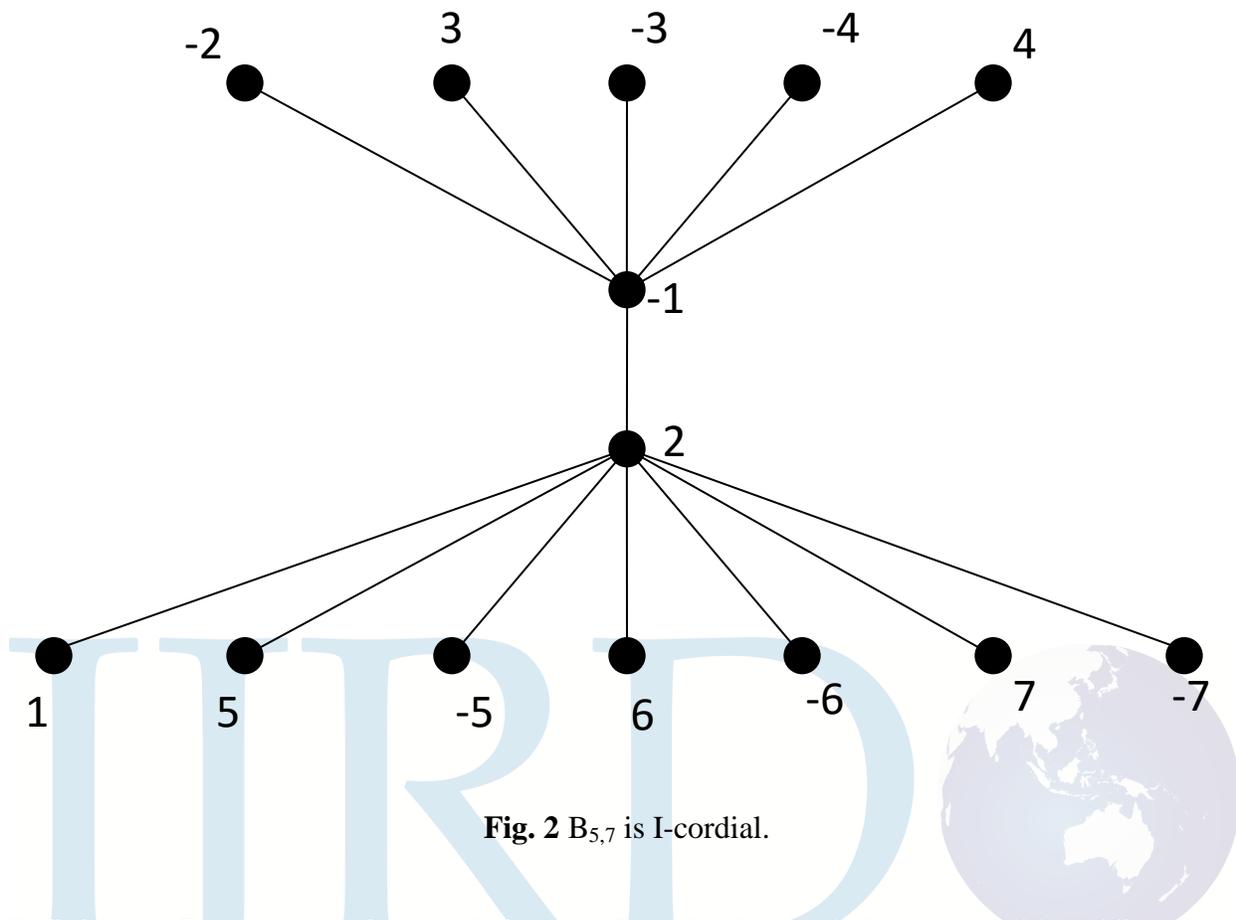


Fig. 2 $B_{5,7}$ is I-cordial.

Definition 2.5 For a graph G the *splitting graph* $S'(G)$ of a graph G is obtained by adding a new vertex v' corresponding to each vertex v of G such that $N(v) = N(v')$.

Note. The graph $S'(B_{n,n})$ is obtained from $B_{n,n}$ by adding the vertices u', v', u_i', v_i' corresponding to u, v, u_i, v_i where $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then $E(G) = \{uv, uv', u'v, uu_i', uu_i, u'u_i, vu_i', vv_i, v'v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.

Theorem 2.6 $S'(B_{n,n})$ is an I-cordial graph.

Proof. Here $p = 4(n + 1)$ and $q = 3(2n + 1)$. We define $f : V \rightarrow [-2(n + 1) \dots 2(n + 1)]^*$ as, $f(u) = 2$; $f(u_i') = 1$; $f(u_i') = (i + 1), 2 \leq i \leq n$; $f(u_i) = n + 1 + i, 1 \leq i \leq n$; $f(u') = 2(n + 1)$; $f(v) = -1$; $f(v_i') = -(i + 1), 1 \leq i \leq n$; $f(v_i) = -(n + 1 + i), 1 \leq i \leq n$; $f(v') = -f(u)$.

Then $f^*(uu_i') > 0$, $f^*(uu_i) > 0$, $f^*(u'u_i) > 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $f^*(vv_i') < 0$, $f^*(vv_i) < 0$, $f^*(v'v_i) < 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Here $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$. Since, $f(u) = 2$, $f(v) = -1$, $f(u') = 2(n + 1)$ and $f(v') = -2(n+1)$. We have $f^*(uv) > 0$, $f^*(uv') < 0$ and $f^*(vu') > 0$. Hence $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 1$.

Thus $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$. Hence $S'(B_{n,n})$ is an I -cordial.

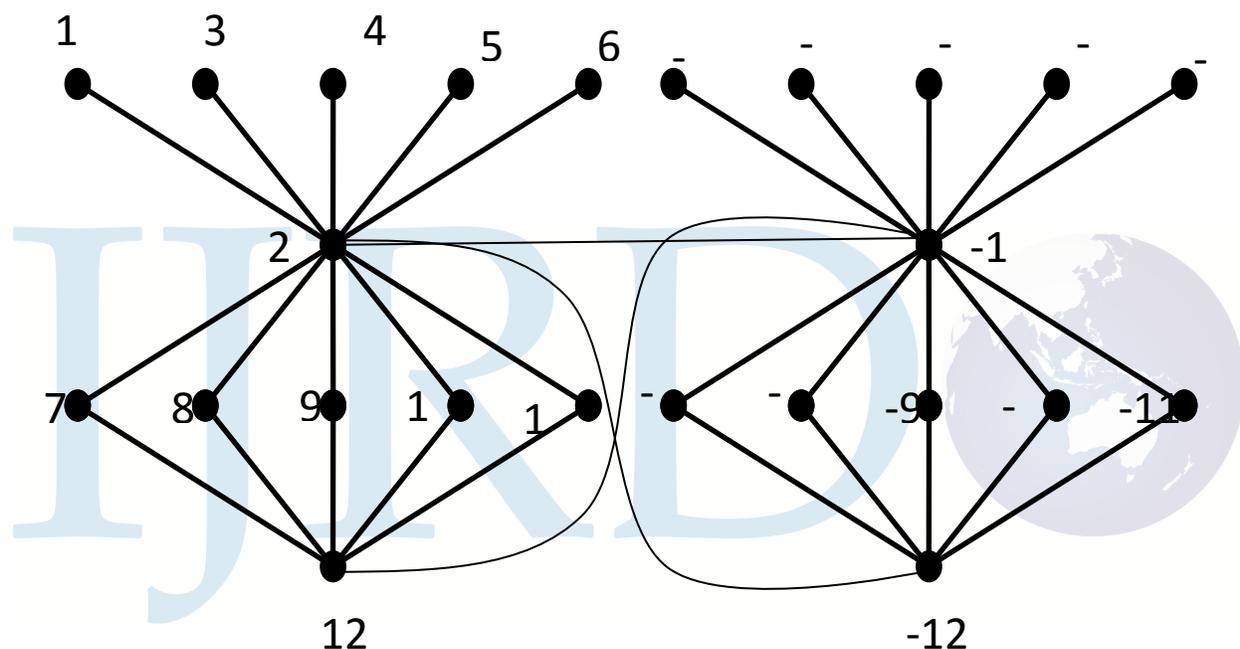


Fig. 3 $S'(B_{5,5})$ is I -cordial

Definition 2.7 The *shadow graph* $D_2(G)$ of a connected graph G is constructed by taking two copies of G say G' and G'' . Join each vertex u' in G' to the neighbors of the corresponding vertex v' in G'' .

Note. Consider two copies of $B_{n,n}$. Let $\{u, v, u_i, v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $\{u', v', u_i', v_i'; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ be the corresponding vertex set of each copy of $B_{n,n}$. Let G be the graph $D_2(B_{n,n})$ and $E(G) = \{uv, uv', u'v, u'v', uu_i, u'u_i, vv_i, v'v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ then $p = 4(n + 1)$ and $q = 4(2n + 1)$.

Theorem 2.8 $D_2(B_{n,n})$ is I-cordial.

Proof. We define vertex labeling $f : V \rightarrow [-2(n+1) \dots 2(n+1)]^*$ as $f(u) = 1$; $f(u') = -1$;
 $f(u_i) = -(i+1)$, $1 \leq i \leq n$; $f(u'_i) = f(v_n) - i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$; $f(v) = 2(n+1)$; $f(v') = -2(n+1)$;
 $f(v_i) = -(i+1)$, $1 \leq i \leq n$; $f(v'_i) = f(u_n) + i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Then $f^*(uu_i) > 0$; $f^*(u'u'_i) > 0$; $f^*(uui') > 0$; $f^*(u'u_i) > 0$ and $f^*(vv_i) < 0$; $f^*(v'v_i) < 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Hence $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$. Also, $f^*(uv) > 0$, $f^*(u'v) > 0$, $f^*(uv') < 0$, $f^*(u'v') < 0$. Hence $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$. Thus from all the cases, $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$.

Therefore, $D_2(B_{n,n})$ admits I-cordial. ■



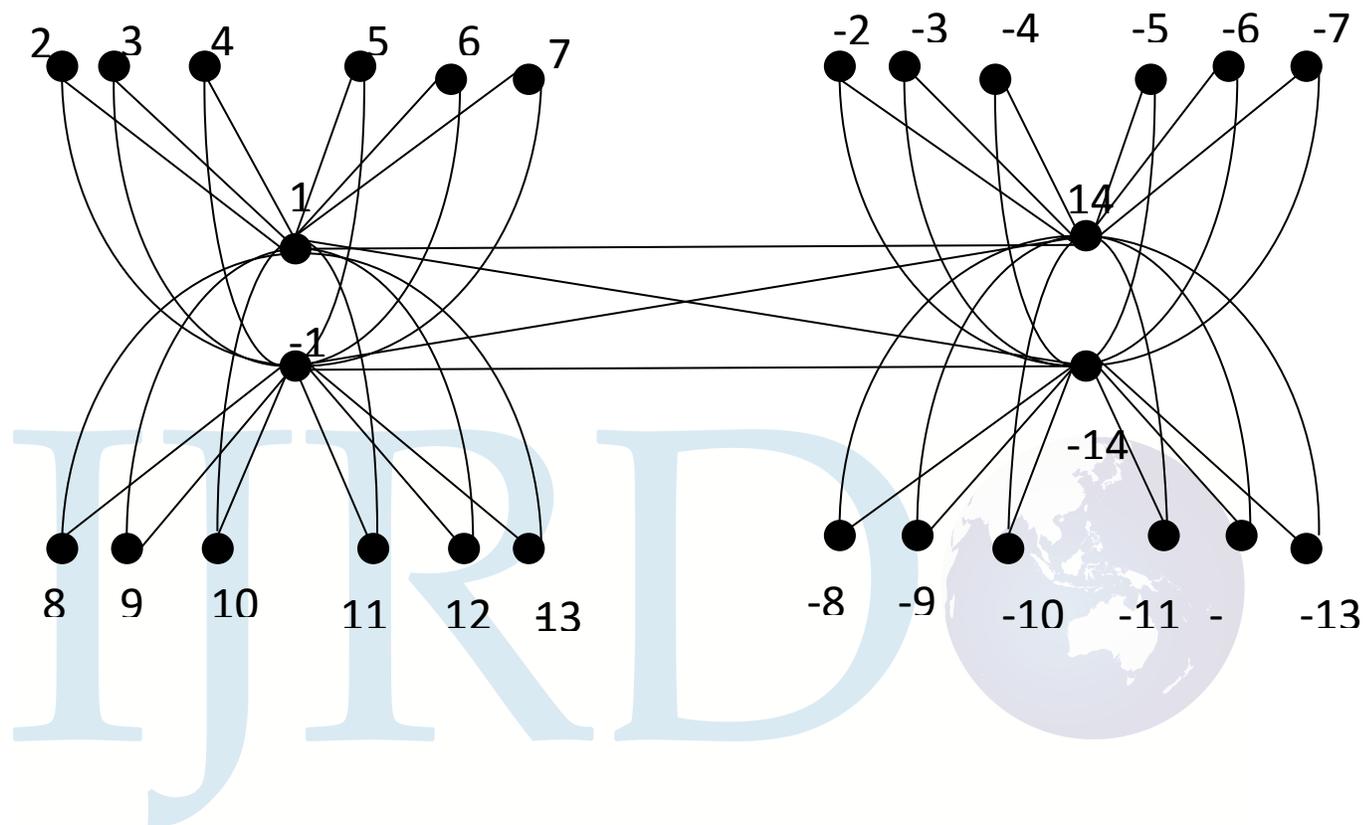


Fig. 4 $D_2(B_{6,6})$ is I-cordial

Theorem 2.9 $B_{n,n}^2$ is not I-cordial graph.

Proof. Consider $B_{n,n}$ with vertex set $\{u, v, u_i, v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ where u_i, v_i are pendant vertices. Let G be the graph $B_{n,n}^2$ and $E(G) = \{uv, vv_i, u_i, uv_i, vu_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$, then $p = 2(n+1)$ and $q = 4n + 1$. Since the vertices u and v are adjacent to u_i 's and v_i 's for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. That is, $d(u) = d(v) = p - 1$. Then by Theorem 2.2.3, G is not I-cordial.

Theorem. 2.10 The complete bipartite graph $K_{n,n}$, $n \geq 2$ is I-cordial only if n is even.

Proof. Let $G = K_{n,n}$ be a complete bipartite graph with the partitions $\{U, V\}$ where $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ and $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. Then $p = 2n$ and $q = n^2$. We define $f: V \rightarrow [-n..n]^*$ as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{i+1}{2}\right) & \text{if } i \text{ is odd ; } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ \frac{i}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is even ; } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{n+i+1}{2}\right) & \text{if } i \text{ is odd ; } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ \left(\frac{n+i}{2}\right) & \text{if } i \text{ is even ; } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

Then $f^*(u_1v_i) > 0$ for all $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n-1$ and $f^*(u_1v_i) < 0$ for all $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n$. Hence $n/2$ edges with positive labels are incident with u_1 . Similarly, $n/2$ edges with negative labels are incident with u_1 . Similar argument holds for all n edges. That is $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n^2/2$. Hence $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$. Thus G is I-cordial when n is even.

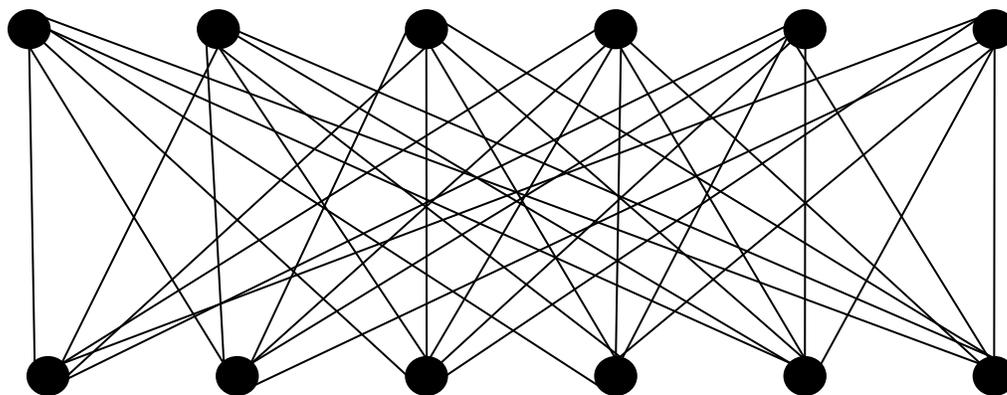


Fig. 5 $K_{6,6}$ is I-cordial

Conversely, when n is odd, the labels cannot be shared between the two partite sets in such a way that same labels of different parity lies in different partite sets. Hence $K_{n,n}$ is not an I-cordial graph when n is odd. ■

Theorem 2.11 The bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ is I-cordial if and only if both m and n are not odd.

Proof. Consider a bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ with $\{U, V\}$ vertices where $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots u_m\}$ and $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$. Then $p = m + n$ and $q = mn$.

CASE 1. m is even and n is odd.

We define $f: V \rightarrow \left[-\left(\frac{m+n-1}{2}\right) \dots \left(\frac{m+n-1}{2}\right)\right]$ as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i+1}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is odd; } 1 \leq i \leq m \\ -\frac{i}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is even; } 1 \leq i \leq m \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{m+i+1}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is odd; } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ -\frac{m+i}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is even; } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_n) = 0$$

Then $f^*(u_i v_i) > 0$ for all $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n$ and $f^*(u_i v_i) < 0$ for all $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n-1$.

Similar argument holds for all m and n vertices in $K_{m,n}$. Thus, $\frac{q}{2}$ edges equally shares label 0 and

1. That is, $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{q}{2}$. Hence $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$.

CASE 2.m and n are even.

We define $f : V \rightarrow \left[-\left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right) \dots \left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)\right]^*$, the labeling as follows:

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i+1}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is odd ; } 1 \leq i \leq m \\ -\frac{i}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is even ; } 1 \leq i \leq m \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{m+i+1}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is odd ; } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ -\frac{m+i}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is even ; } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

As in Case 1, $\frac{q}{2}$ edges equally share label 0 and 1. That is, $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{q}{2}$.

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

Conversly, suppose both m and n are odd. Then $m+n$ is even, say $2k$. The labels cannot be shared between the two partite set in such a way that same label of different parity lies in different partite sets. Therefore $K_{m,n}$ is not I-cordial if m and n are odd. ■

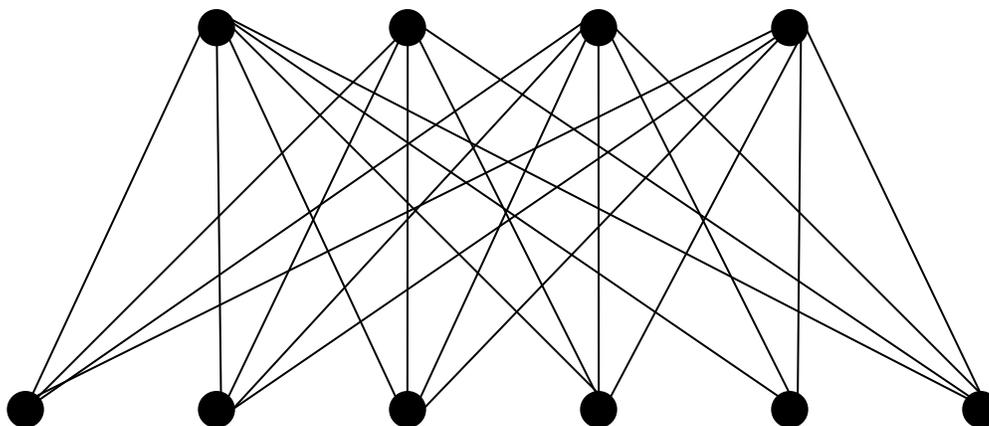


Fig. 6 $K_{4,6}$ is I-cordial.

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