

## ADJACENT EDGE GRACEFUL LABELING OF CERTAIN GRAPHS

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### ABSTRACT

*Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. The graph  $G$  is said to be an adjacent edge graceful graph if there exists a bijection  $f: E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that the induced mapping  $f^*: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by  $f^*(u) = \sum_i f(e_i)$  taken over all edges  $e_i$  incident to adjacent vertices of  $u$  is an injection. The resulting edge and vertex labels are distinct. Then the function  $f$  is called an adjacent edge graceful labeling of  $G$ . In this chapter we developed an adjacent edge graceful labeling of certain graphs such as  $P_5 \cup P_r$ , Friendship  $F_r$ , the graph  $f_r \cup P_5$ , the graph  $P_n^2$ , dumbbell graph  $(P_2, C_{2r+1})$ , graph  $P_{r,s}$  and graph  $(P_r, C_3)$  are adjacent edge graceful labeling of the graphs.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we consider finite, undirected, simple graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. For notations and terminology we follow Bondy and Murthy [1]. The concept of edge graceful labeling was first introduced by Lo in [3]. A detailed survey of graph labeling can be found in [2]. Tharmaraj and Sarasija [4, 5] introduced the concept of adjacent edge and strongly adjacent edge graceful labeling of graphs. We extended the work of adjacent edge graceful labeling for some different types of graphs such as  $P_5 \cup P_r$ , Friendship  $F_r$ , the graph  $f_r \cup P_5$ , the graph  $P_n^2$ , dumbbell graph  $(P_2, C_{2r+1})$ , graph  $P_{r,s}$  and graph  $(P_r, C_3)$

**Definition:** Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. The graph  $G$  is said to be an **adjacent edge graceful graph** if there exists a bijection  $f: E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that the induced mapping  $f^*: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by

$f^*(u) = \sum_i f(e_i)$  taken over all edges  $e_i$  incident to adjacent vertices of  $u$  is an injection. The resulting edge and

vertex labels are distinct. The function  $f$  is called an adjacent edge graceful labeling of  $G$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1:** Every path  $P_5 \cup P_r$ , where  $r \geq 5$  and  $r$  is not a multiple of 4, is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $P_r$  be a path with  $r$  vertices and  $r - 1$  edges.

Let  $P_5$  be a path with 5 vertices and 4 edges.

Let  $V(P_5 \cup P_r) = \{v_i, 1 \leq i \leq r + 5\}$

Let  $E(P_5 \cup P_r) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq 4; e_{j-1} = v_j v_{j+1}, 6 \leq j \leq r + 4\}$ .

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Hence the number of vertices and edges of the graph  $P_5 \cup P_n$  are  $n = (r + 5)$  and  $m = (r + 3)$  respectively.

Define a bijection function  $f : E(P_5 \cup P_r) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  by  $f(e_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq r + 3$ .

Let  $f^*$  be the induced vertex labeling of  $f$ .

Define an injective function  $f^*: V(P_5 \cup P_r) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by  
 $f^*(v_1) = 3, f^*(v_2) = 6, f^*(v_3) = 10, f^*(v_4) = 9, f^*(v_5) = 7,$   
 $f^*(v_6) = 11, f^*(v_7) = 18, f^*(v_i) = 4i - 6, 8 \leq i \leq r + 3,$   
 $f^*(v_{r+4}) = 3r + 6, f^*(v_{r+5}) = 2r + 5.$

The edge labels and vertex labels are distinct.

Hence the path  $P_5 \cup P_r$ , where  $r \geq 5$  and  $r$  is not a multiple of 4, is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Theorem 2.2:** Every Friendship graph  $F_r (r \geq 1)$  is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $F_r$  be a friendship graph with  $r$  triangle.

Hence the number of vertices and edges of the graph  $F_r$  are  $n = (2r + 1)$  and  $m = 3r$  respectively.

Let the vertices  $F_r = \{v_i, 1 \leq i \leq 2r, v_{2r+1}\}$

Let  $E(F_r) = \{v_{2r+1}v_i, 1 \leq i \leq 2r, v_{2i-1}v_{2i}, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$ .

Define a bijection  $f: E(F_r) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3r\}$  by  
 $f(v_{2r+1}v_{2i-1}) = 3i - 2, 1 \leq i \leq r, f(v_{2r+1}v_{2i}) = 3i, 1 \leq i \leq r$  and  
 $f(v_{2i-1}v_{2i}) = 3i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq r.$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced vertex labeling of  $f$ .

Define an injective function  $f^*: V(F_r) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by  
 $f^*(v_1) = 5 + r(3r + 1); f^*(v_2) = 3 + r(3r + 1),$   
 $f^*(v_{2i}) = 6i - 3 + k, 2 \leq i \leq r$  and  $f^*(v_{2i-1}) = 6i + k - 1, 2 \leq i \leq r$ , where  $k = 3r^2 + r$

Thus the resulting vertex and edge labels should be distinct.

Hence the Friendship graph  $F_r$  is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Theorem 2.3:** Every dumbbell graph  $(P_2, C_{2r+1}), r \geq 1$ , is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** The dumbbell graph  $(P_2, C_{2r+1}) (r \geq 1)$  is the join sum of the cycle  $C_{2r+1}, r \geq 1$  and the path graph  $P_2$ .

Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be the vertices of the path  $P_2$  and  $\{u_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4r\}$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_{2r+1} (r \geq 1)$  and the edges of this graphs is

$\{v_1v_2, v_1u_1, v_1u_{2r}, v_2u_{2r+1}, v_2u_{4r}, u_iu_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq 2r - 1, u_ju_{j+1}, 2r + 1 \leq j \leq 4r - 1\}.$

Therefore  $|V(P_2, C_{2r+1})| = n = 4r + 2$  and  $|E(P_2, C_{2r+1})| = m = 4r + 3.$

Define a bijection  $f: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4r + 3\}$  by  $f(v_1u_1) = 1, f(u_iu_{i+1}) = i + 1, 1 \leq i \leq 2r - 1, f(u_{2r}v_1) = 2r + 1,$   
 $f(v_1v_2) = 2r + 2, f(v_2u_{2r+1}) = 2r + 3, f(u_ju_{j+1}) = j + 3, 2r + 1 \leq j \leq 4r - 1, f(v_2u_{4r}) = 4r + 3.$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced vertex labeling of  $f$ .

The induced vertex labels  $f^*: E((P_2, C_{2r+1})) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by  
 $f^*(v_1) = 12(1 + r), f^*(v_2) = 16(1 + r), f^*(u_1) = 9 + 4r, f^*(u_i) = 2(2i + 1), 2 \leq i \leq 2r - 1, f^*(u_{2r}) = 8r + 3,$   
 $f^*(u_{2r+1}) = 12r + 17, f^*(u_{2r+i}) = 8r + 4i + 10, 2 \leq i \leq 2r - 1, f^*(u_{4r}) = 16r + 11.$

The edge labels and vertex labels are distinct.

Then  $f$  becomes an adjacent edge graceful labeling of the graph  $(P_2, C_{2r+1}) (r \geq 1).$

**Theorem 2.4:** The graph  $(f_r \cup P_5)$  is an adjacent edge graceful graph, where  $f_r$  is a fan graph,  $r$  is an odd integer and  $r \geq 5$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f_r$  be a fan graph with  $r + 1$  vertices and  $2r - 1$  edges,  $r \geq 5$  and odd number.

Let  $P_5$  be a path graph with 5 vertices and 4 edges. Then the number of vertices and edges of the graph  $(f_r \cup P_5)$  are  $n = r + 6$  and  $m = 2r + 3$  respectively.

The vertices of the fan graph  $f_r = \{v_i, 1 \leq i \leq r + 1\}$  and  $v_{r+1}$  is the apex vertex.

The vertices of the path graph  $P_5$  are  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$  and  $u_5$ . Thus

$$\text{Let } V(f_r \cup P_5) = \begin{cases} v_i, & 1 \leq i \leq r + 1 \\ u_i, & 1 \leq i \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } E(f_r \cup P_5) = \begin{cases} e_j = v_j v_{j+1}, & 1 \leq j \leq (r - 1) \\ e_{r-1+i} = v_i v_{r+1}, & 1 \leq i \leq r \\ e_k = u_k u_{k+1}, & 1 \leq k \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

Define a bijection  $f: E(P_5 \cup f_r) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2r + 3\}$  by  $f(e_j) = j, 1 \leq j \leq r - 1, f(e_{r-1+i}) = r - 1 + i, 1 \leq i \leq r, f(e_i) = 2r - 1 + i, 1 \leq i \leq 4$ .

Then  $f$  induces an injective function  $f^*: V(f_r \cup P_5) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by  $f^*(v_1) = \frac{3r^2 + r + 8}{2}, f^*(v_{r-1}) = \frac{3r^2 + 13r - 20}{2}, f^*(v_r) = \frac{3r^2 + 7r - 10}{2}, f^*(v_{r+i}) = \frac{r(5r-3)}{2}, f^*(v_{i+1}) = \frac{3r^2 + 3r + 16}{2} + 6(i - 1), 1 \leq i \leq r - 3, f^*(u_1) = 4r + 1, f^*(u_2) = 6r + 3, f^*(u_3) = 8r + 6, f^*(u_4) = 6r + 6, f^*(u_5) = 4r + 5$ .

Thus the vertex and edge labels are distinct.

Hence the graph  $(f_r \cup P_5)$  admits an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Theorem 2.5:** Every graph  $P_n^2 (n \geq 5, n \neq 9)$  is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** The square of a simple path graph  $P_n$  is the graph  $P_n^2$  and  $n \neq 9$ . The vertices of the graph  $P_n^2$  is same as the vertices of the path graph  $P_n$ . Every pair of vertices with distance two or less in  $P_n$  is connected by an edge.

Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n$  vertices and  $n - 1$  edges and  $n \geq 5, n \neq 9$ .

$$\text{Let } V(P_n^2) = \{v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

$$E(P_n^2) = \{v_i v_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1; v_i v_{i+2}, 1 \leq i \leq n - 2\}$$

$$|V(P_n^2)| = n \text{ and } |E(P_n^2)| = m = 2n - 3$$

Define a bijection  $f: E [P_n^2] \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  by  $f(v_i v_{i+1}) = i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, f(v_i v_{i+2}) = n + (i - 1), 1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ .

Define the induced vertex labels as the injective function  $f^*: V(P_n^2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$ .

**Case-(i):** If  $n \geq 10$  then the induced vertex labels are  $f^*(v_1) = 3n + 11, f^*(v_2) = 5n + 19, f^*(v_3) = 6n + 31, f^*(v_4) = 7n + 45, f^*(v_i) = 8n - 20 + 16i, 5 \leq i \leq n - 4, f^*(v_n) = 10n - 20, f^*(v_{n-1}) = 15n - 34, f^*(v_{n-2}) = 19n - 49, f^*(v_{n-3}) = 22n - 66$ .

**Case-(ii):** If  $n = 5$  then the vertex labels are  $f^*(v_1) = 26, f^*(v_2) = 36, f^*(v_3) = 39, f^*(v_4) = 37$  and  $f^*(v_5) = 30$ .

**Case-(iii):** If  $n = 6$  then the induced vertex labels are as follows:  $f^*(v_1) = 29, f^*(v_2) = 49, f^*(v_3) = 57, f^*(v_4) = 60, f^*(v_5) = 56, f^*(v_6) = 40$ .

**Case-(iv):** If  $n = 7$  then the vertex labels are

$$f^*(v_1) = 32, f^*(v_2) = 54, f^*(v_3) = 73, f^*(v_4) = 82, f^*(v_5) = 84, f^*(v_6) = 71, f^*(v_7) = 50.$$

**Case (v):** If  $n = 8$  then the induced vertex labels are:

$$f^*(v_1) = 35, f^*(v_2) = 59, f^*(v_3) = 79, f^*(v_4) = 101, f^*(v_5) = 110, f^*(v_6) = 103, f^*(v_7) = 86, f^*(v_8) = 60.$$

Hence  $P_n^2, n \geq 5$  and  $n \neq 9$  is an adjacent edge graceful.

**Theorem 2.6:** The graph  $P_{r,s}$  ( $r \geq 3, s \geq 3$ ) is adjacent edge graceful.

**Proof:** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two fixed vertices of the graph  $P_{r,s}$ .

Let  $u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{i,r-1}$  be the vertices of the  $i^{th}$  path.

Let  $V(P_{r,s}) = \{u, v, u_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq r-1\}$  and

$$E(P_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} uu_{i1}, & 1 \leq i \leq s \\ u_{ij}u_{ij+1}, & 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq r-2 \\ u_{i(r-1)}v, & 1 \leq i \leq s \end{cases}$$

$$|V(P_{r,s})| = n = (r-1)s + 2 \text{ and } |E(P_{r,s})| = m = rs$$

Define a bijection  $f: E(P_{r,s}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, rs\}$  by  $f(uu_{i1}) = r(i-1) + 1, 1 \leq i \leq s$   
 $f(u_{ij}u_{ij+1}) = r(i-1) + j + 1, 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq r-2, f(u_{i(r-1)}v) = ri, 1 \leq i \leq s$

Let  $f^*$  be the induced vertex labeling of  $f$ .

Define an injection  $f^*: V(P_{r,s}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by

$$f^*(u) = s[r(s-1) + 3], f^*(v) = s[r(s+1) - 1],$$

$$f^*(u_{i1}) = r\left[\frac{s(s-1)}{2} + 2(i-1)\right] + s + 5, 1 \leq i \leq s$$

$$f^*(u_{ij}) = 4\left[(i-1)r + j\right] + 2, 1 \leq i \leq s, 2 \leq j \leq r-2,$$

$$f^*(u_{i,r-1}) = r\left[2i + \frac{s(s+1)}{2}\right] - 3, 1 \leq i \leq s.$$

Here the edge label and vertex labels are distinct.

Hence we obtained the graph  $P_{r,s}$  is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Theorem 2.7:** The graph  $P_{2,s}$  is not an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be the adjacent vertices.

$$\text{Here } f^*(u) = 1 + 2 + \dots + 2s = \frac{2s(2s+1)}{2} = s(2s+1) = f^*(v)$$

Hence the adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$  have same label as  $s(2s+1)$ .

Therefore  $P_{2,s}$  is not adjacent edge graceful.

**Theorem 3.24:** The graph  $(P_r, C_3), r \geq 2$  is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r$  be the vertices of path  $P_r$  and  $v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}$  be the vertices in the  $i^{th}$  copy of cycle  $C_3$ .

$$\text{Let } V(P_r, C_3) = \begin{cases} u_i, 1 \leq i \leq r \\ v_i, 1 \leq i \leq 3r \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } E(P_r, C_3) = \begin{cases} u_i u_{i+1}, & 1 \leq i \leq (r-1) \\ u_i v_{3i-2}, & 1 \leq i \leq r \\ v_{3i-2} v_{3i-1}, v_{3i-1} v_{3i}, v_{3i} v_{3i-2}, & 1 \leq i \leq r \end{cases}$$

Then  $|V(P_r, C_3)| = n = 4r$  and  $|E(P_r, C_3)| = m = 5r - 1$ .

Define a bijection  $f: E [P_r, C_3] \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  by  $f(u_i u_{i+1}) = 5i, 1 \leq i \leq r - 1,$   
 $f(u_1 v_1) = 4, f(u_i v_{3i-2}) = 5i - 4, 2 \leq i \leq r, f(v_1 v_2) = 1, f(v_2 v_3) = 2, f(v_3 v_1) = 3,$   
 $f(v_{3i-2} v_{3i-1}) = 5i - 3, 2 \leq i \leq r, f(v_{3i-1} v_{3i}) = 5i - 2, 2 \leq i \leq r, f(v_{3i} v_{3i-2}) = 5i - 1, 2 \leq i \leq r.$

The induced vertex label is an injection function  $f^*: V(P_r, C_3) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$

The vertex and edge labels are distinct.

Hence we obtained that the  $(P_r, C_3)$  graph is an adjacent edge graceful graph.

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