

**PATH RELATED NEAR MEAN CORDIAL GRAPHS**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Let**  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. A **Near Mean Cordial Labeling** of  $G$  is a function in  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1, p+1\}$  such that the induced map  $f^*$  defined by

$$f^*(uv) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f(u) + f(v)) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $e_f(0)$  and  $e_f(1)$  represent the number of edges labeled with 0 and 1 respectively. A graph is called a **Near Mean Cordial Graph** if it admits a near mean cordial labeling.

In this paper, It is to be proved that  $P_n \times K_2$ ,  $P_n @ 2K_{1,n}$  and  $H_n^+$  are **Near Mean Cordial** graphs.

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

By a graph, it means a finite undirected graph without loops or multiple edges. For graph theoretic terminology, Harary [4] and G.J. Gallian[1] are referred.

A vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  is an assignment of labels to the vertices of  $G$  that induces for each edge  $uv$  a label depending on the vertex labels of  $u$  and  $v$ .

A graph  $G$  is said to be labeled if the  $n$  vertices are distinguished from a given set, which induces distinguish edge values satisfying certain conditions. The concept of graceful labeling was introduced by Rosa [3] in 1967 and subsequently by Golomb [2].

In this paper, It is to be proved that  $P_n \times K_2$ ,  $P_n @ 2K_{1,n}$  and  $H_n^+$  are **Near Mean Cordial** graphs.

**2. PRELIMINARIES**

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. Let  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  and for each edge  $uv$ , assign the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ .  $f$  is called a **cordial labeling** if the number of vertices labeled 0 and the the number of vertices labeled 1 differ by atmost 1 and also the number of edges labeled 0 and the the number of edges labeled 1 differ by atmost 1. A graph is called **Cordial** if it has a cordial labeling.

**Definition 2.2:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. A **Near Mean Cordial Labeling** of  $G$  is a function in  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1, p+1\}$  such that the induced map  $f^*$  defined by

$$f^*(uv) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f(u) + f(v)) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $e_f(0)$  and  $e_f(1)$  represent the number of edges labeled with 0 and 1 respectively. A graph is called a **Near Mean Cordial Graph** if it admits a near mean cordial labeling.

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**Definition 2.3:**  $P_n @ 2K_{1,n}$  is a graph which is obtained by joining the root of the star  $K_{1,n}$  to the end vertex of the path  $P_n$ .

**Definition 2.4:** Define the product  $G_1 \times G_2$ , by consider any two vertices  $u = (u_1, u_2)$ , and  $v = (v_1, v_2)$  in  $V_1 \times V_2$ . Then  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $G_1 \times G_2$ , whenever  $(u_1 = v_1 \text{ and } u_2 \text{ adj to } v_2)$  or  $(u_2 = v_2 \text{ and } u_1 \text{ adj to } v_1)$ .

The product  $P_m \times P_n$  is called planar grids and  $K_2 \times P_n$  is called Ladder. The product  $C_m \times P_n$  is called Grids on cylinder of order  $mn$ . In particular,  $D_n = C_n \times K_2$  is called a prism and  $B_m = K_{1,m} \times K_2$  is called a book.

**Definition 2.5:**  $G^+$  is a graph obtained from  $G$  by attaching a pendant vertex from each vertex of the graph  $G$ .

**3. MAIN RESULTS**

**Theorem 3.1:**  $P_n \times K_2$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph  $\forall n \geq 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_n \times K_2) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $E(P_n \times K_2) = \{(u_i v_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{(u_i u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{(v_i v_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$

**Case (i): when  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$**

Define  $f : V(P_n \times K_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n-1, 2n+1\}$  by

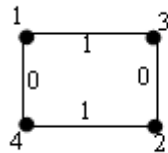


Figure: 3.1.1

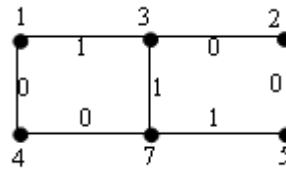


Figure: 3.1.2

**Case (ii): when  $n > 3$**

Define  $f : V(P_n \times K_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n-1, 2n+1\}$  by

**when  $n$  is even:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(u_1) &= 1 \\ f(u_{2i+1}) &= \frac{n}{2} + i + 1, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \\ f(u_{2i}) &= 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ f(v_{2i-1}) &= n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ f(v_{2i}) &= \frac{3n}{2} + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \\ f(v_n) &= 2n + 1 \end{aligned}$$

**when  $n$  is odd :**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(u_1) &= 1, \quad f(u_2) = 2 \\ f(u_{2i+1}) &= 2 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(u_{2i}) &= \frac{n+3}{2} + i - 1, & 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2} \\ f(v_{2i-1}) &= n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\ f(v_{2i}) &= \frac{3(n+1)}{2} + (i - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2} \\ f(v_{n-1}) &= 2n + 1 \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labeling are

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_i v_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(v_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(v_i) + f(v_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \end{aligned}$$

(i) Let  $n = 2k, (k \in \mathbb{N})$

Here,  $e_f(1) = e_f(0) = n + k - 1$ .

- (ii) Let  $n = 2k + 1, (2, 4, 6, \dots \in N)$   
Here,  $e_f(0) = n + k$  and  $e_f(1) = n + k - 1$
- (iii) Let  $n = 2k + 1, (3, 5, \dots \in N)$   
Here,  $e_f(0) = n + k - 1$  and  $e_f(1) = n + k$

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $P_n \times K_2$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $P_6 \times K_2, P_7 \times K_2$  and  $P_9 \times K_2$  are shown in Figures 3.1.3 - 3.1.5.

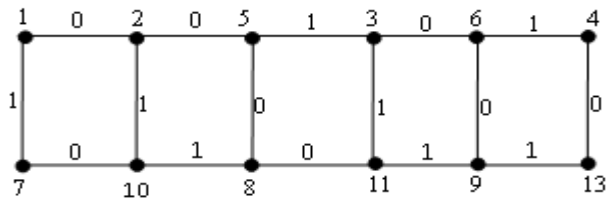


Figure: 3.1.3

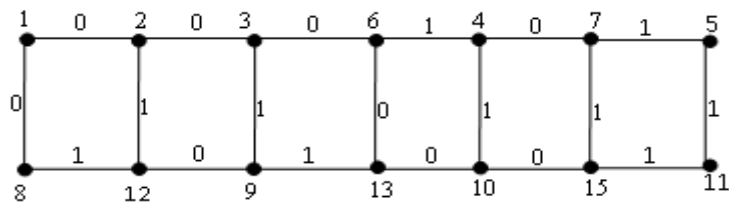


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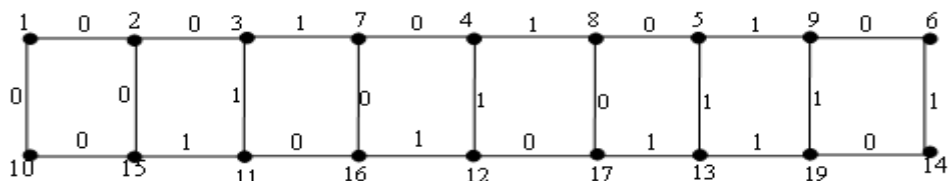


Figure: 3.1.5

**Theorem 3.2:**  $P_n @ 2 K_{1,n}$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

**Proof:** Let  $V(P_n @ 2 K_{1,n}) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .  
Let  $E(P_n @ 2 K_{1,n}) = \{(u_i w_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{(w_i w_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{w_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

**When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ :**

Define  $f: V(P_n @ 2 K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n-1, 3n+1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(w_{2i-1}) &= 2n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ f(w_2) &= 3n+1 \\ f(w_{2(i+1)}) &= 3n-i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ :**

Define  $f: V(P_n @ 2 K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n-1, 3n+1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(w_{2i-1}) &= 2n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\ f(w_2) &= 3n+1 \\ f(w_{2(i+1)}) &= 3n-i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ :**

Define  $f : V(P_n @ 2 K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n-1, 3n+1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ f(u_n) &= 3n+1 \\ f(v_i) &= n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(w_{2i-1}) &= i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\ f(w_{2i}) &= \frac{n}{2} + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**When  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ :**

Define  $f : V(P_n @ 2 K_{1,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 3n-1, 3n+1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ f(u_n) &= 3n+1 \\ f(v_i) &= n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(w_{2i-1}) &= i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\ f(w_{2i}) &= \frac{n+1}{2} + i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

From all the cases, The induced edge labelings are

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u_i w_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(w_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f^*(w_i w_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(w_i) + f(w_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, & 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ f^*(w_i v_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(w_i) + f(v_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, & 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n = 2k + 1, (k \in \mathbb{N})$

Here,  $e_f(1) = e_f(0) = n + k$ .

Let  $n = 2k, (k \in \mathbb{N})$

Here,  $e_f(1) = n + k - 1$  and  $e_f(0) = n + k$ , (when  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ).

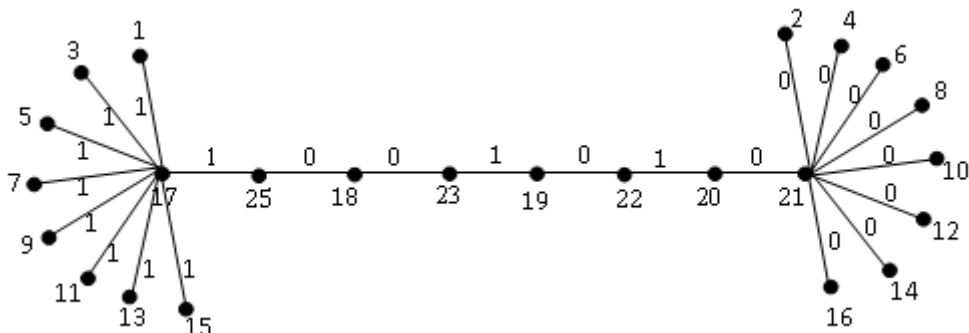
Here,  $e_f(0) = n + k - 1$  and  $e_f(1) = n + k$ , (when  $k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ).

So, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $P_n @ 2 K_{1,n}$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $P_8 @ 2 K_{1,8}$ ,  $P_9 @ 2 K_{1,9}$ ,  $P_6 @ 2 K_{1,6}$  and  $P_7 @ 2 K_{1,7}$  are shown in Figures 3.2.1 - 3.2.4.

**When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ :**



**Figure: 3.2.1**

When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ :

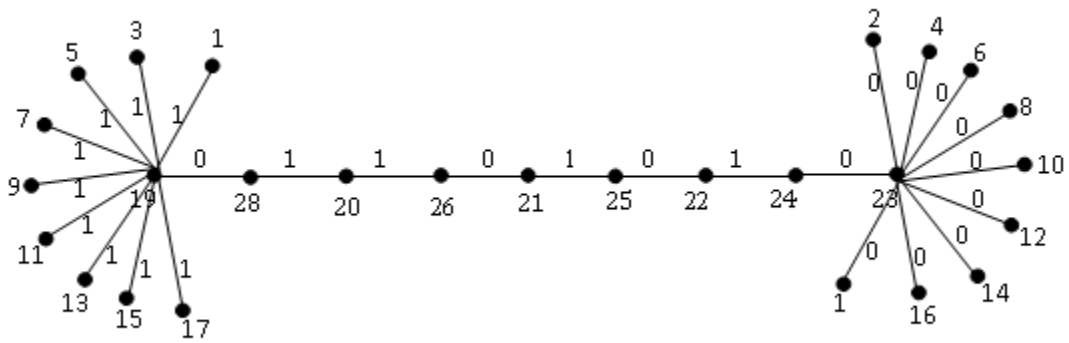


Figure: 3.2.2

When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ :

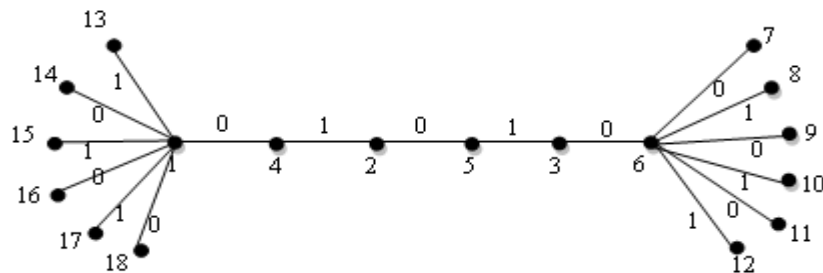


Figure: 3.2.3

When  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ :

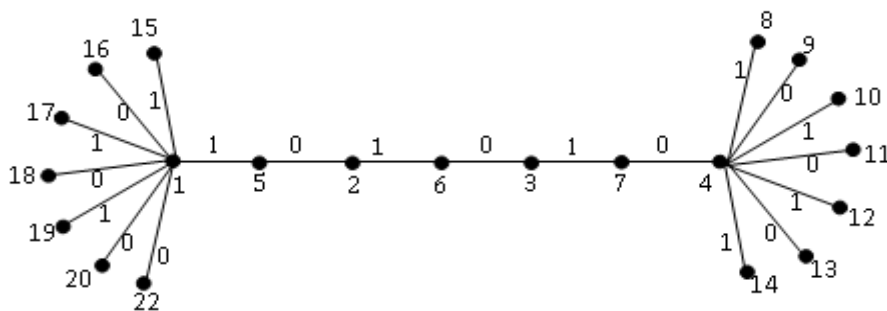


Figure: 3.2.4

**Theorem 3.3:**  $H_n^+$  ( $n$  : odd) is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

**Proof:** Let  $V(H_n^+) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, u'_i, v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $E(H_n^+) = \{(u_i u_{i+1}), (v_i v_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_i u'_i, v_i v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_{(\frac{n+1}{2})} v_{(\frac{n+1}{2})}\}$ .

Define  $f : V(H_n^+) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n-1, 4n+1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_{2i-1}) &= 2n - 2(i - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\
 f(u_{2i}) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\
 f(u'_{2i-1}) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\
 f(u'_{2i}) &= 2n - 1 - 2(i - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\
 f(v_1) &= 4n + 1 \\
 f(v_{2i+1}) &= 4n - 2 - 2(i - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\
 f(v_{2i}) &= 2n + 2 + 2(i - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\
 f(v'_{2i-1}) &= 2n + 1 + 2(i - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2} \\
 f(v'_{2i}) &= 4n - 1 - 2(i - 1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labelings are

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\
 f^*(u_i u'_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u'_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\
 f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(v_i) + f(v_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\
 f^*(v_i v'_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(v_i) + f(v'_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\
 f^*(u_{\binom{n+1}{2}} v_{\binom{n+1}{2}}) &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $e_f(0) = 2n$  and  $e_f(1) = 2n - 1$

So, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $H_n^+$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $H_7^+$  is shown in the Figure 3.3.1.

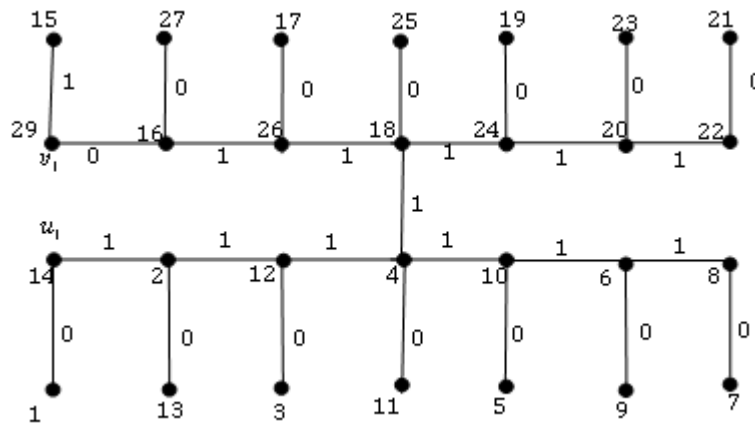


Figure: 3.3.1

**Theorem 3.4:**  $H_n^+$  ( $n$  : even) is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

**Proof:** Let  $V(H_n^+) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, u'_i, v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

$$\text{Let } E(H_n^+) = \{(u_i u_{i+1}), (v_i v_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i u'_i, v_i v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_{\binom{n}{2}} v_{\binom{n}{2}}\}.$$

Define  $f : V(H_n^+) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n-1, 4n+1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_{2i-1}) &= 2n - 2(i-1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\
 f(u_{2i}) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\
 f(u'_{2i-1}) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\
 f(u'_{2i}) &= 2n - 1 - 2(i-1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\
 f(v_1) &= 4n + 1 \\
 f(v_{2i+1}) &= 4n - 2 - 2(i-1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \\
 f(v_{2i}) &= 2n + 2 + 2(i-1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\
 f(v'_{2i-1}) &= 2n + 1 + 2(i-1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \\
 f(v'_{2i}) &= 4n - 1 - 2(i-1), & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labelings are

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\
 f^*(u_i u'_i) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u'_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\
 f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(v_i) + f(v_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f^*(v_i v'_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(v_i) + f(v'_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_{\frac{n}{2}+1} v_{\frac{n}{2}}) = 1$$

Here,  $e_f(0) = 2n$  and  $e_f(1) = 2n - 1$

So, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $H_n^+$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $H_8^+$  is shown in the Figure 3.4.1.

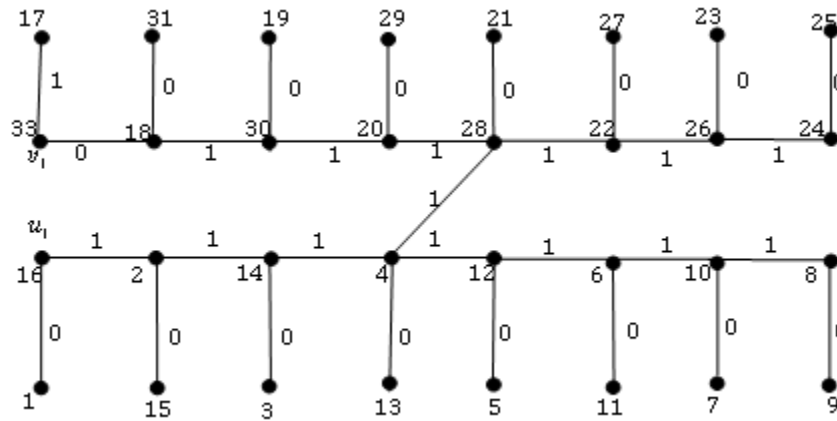


Figure: 3.4.1

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