

Additive Inverse Cordial Labeling of Graphs

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Abstract

Let G be a (p, q) graph. Consider the function Ψ from $V(G)$ to the set $0, \pm 1$ and the induced surjective edge function $\Psi_e: E(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2\}$ defined by $\Psi_e(uv) = \Psi(u) + \Psi(v)$. Let $v_\Psi(x)$ and $e_\Psi(y)$ respectively denote the number of vertices labelled by x , where $x \in \{0, \pm 1\}$, and number of edges labelled by y , where $y \in \{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$. Then Ψ is said to be an additive inverse cordial labeling if $|v_\Psi(i) - v_\Psi(j)| \leq 1$, where $i, j \in \{0, \pm 1\}$ and $e_\Psi(x) = e_\Psi(-x)$, $x \in \{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$. If G has an additive inverse cordial labeling Ψ then we say that G is an additive inverse cordial graph.

1. Introduction

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a (p, q) graph. Throughout this paper we have considered only simple, connected, and undirected graphs. The number of vertices of G is called the order of G and the number of edges of G is called the size G . Graph labeling has wide range of applications, see [2]. The graph labeling problem was introduced by Rosa called graceful labelling [4] in the year 1967. In 1980, Cahit[1] introduced the cordial labeling of graphs. Motivated by this labeling we introduce here a new type of graph labeling, called additive inverse cordial labeling. Also here we discuss the nature of this labeling on some standard graphs. Let x be any real number. Then the symbol $\lfloor x \rfloor$ stands for the largest integer less than or equal to x and $\lceil x \rceil$ stands for the smallest integer greater than or equal to x . Terms and definitions not defined here are used in the sense of Harary[3].

2. Preliminaries

Defintion: 2.1

Let u and v be (not necessarily distinct) vertices of a graph G . A u - v walk of G is a finite, alternating sequence $u = u_0, e_1, u_1, e_2, \dots, u_{n-1}, e_n, u_n = v$ of vertices and edges, beginning with vertex u and ending with vertex v , such that $e_i = u_{i-1}u_i$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. The number n is called the length of the walk.

A walk $u_0, e_1, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, e_n, u_n$ is determined by the sequence $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}, u_n$ of its vertices and hence we specify a walk simply by $(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n)$. A walk in which $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n$ are distinct is called a path. A walk $(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n)$ is called a closed walk if $u_0 = u_n$. A closed walk in which $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}$ are distinct is called a cycle. A path on n vertices is denoted by P_n and a cycle on n vertices is denoted by C_n .

Definition: 2.2 $K_{1,n}$ is called a star.

Definition: 2.3 A graph G is complete, if every two of its vertices are adjacent. A complete graph on n vertices is denoted by K_n .

Definition: 2.4 Let G be a (p, q) graph. Consider the function Ψ from $V(G)$ to the set $\{0, \pm 1\}$ and the induced surjective edge function $\Psi_e: E(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2\}$ defined by $\Psi_e(uv) = \Psi(u) + \Psi(v)$. Let $v_\Psi(x)$ and $e_\Psi(y)$ respectively denote the number of vertices labelled by x , where $x \in \{0, \pm 1\}$, and number of edges labelled by y , where $y \in \{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$. Then Ψ is said to be an additive inverse cordial labeling if $|v_\Psi(i) - v_\Psi(j)| \leq 1$, where $i, j \in \{0, \pm 1\}$ and $e_\Psi(x) = e_\Psi(-x)$, $x \in \{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$. If G has an additive inverse cordial labeling Ψ then we say that G is an additive inverse cordial graph.

Illustration 2.1 The graph given in fig 1. is an additive inverse cordial graph.

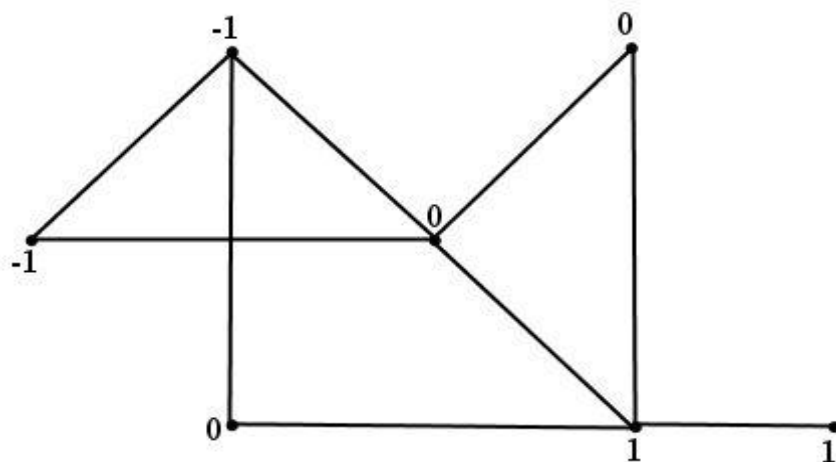


Figure.1

3. Main Results

Theorem: 3.1 The path P_n is additive inverse cordial if and only if $n > 4$.

Proof. Let $P_n: u_1, u_2 \dots u_n$ be the path. Since Ψ_e is an onto function, we need atleast four edges so that all the four numbers from the set $\{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$ should be used to label the edges. This implies $n > 4$. On the other hand, we consider the following cases:

Case 1: $n \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$

Take $n=12t$, $t > 0$. Here we define Ψ from $V(G)$ to $\{0, \pm 1\}$ as follows

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 1 \leq i \leq 8t \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t + 1 \leq i \leq 4t \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge function is given by.

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t - 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 1 \leq i \leq 8t - 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t + 1 \leq i \leq 12t - 1 \end{cases}$$

Here $v_\Psi(-1) = v_\Psi(1) = v_\Psi(0) = 4t$, $e_\Psi(-2) = e_\Psi(2) = 4t - 1$ and $e_\Psi(-1) = e_\Psi(1) = 1$.

Case 1: $n \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$

Take $n=12t+1$, $t > 0$. Define a map $\Psi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 2 \leq i \leq 8t + 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t + 2 \leq i \leq 4t + 2 \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge function is given by.

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t + 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 2 \leq i \leq 8t + 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t + 2 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t + 3 \leq i \leq 12t + 4 \end{cases}$$

Here $v_\Psi(-1) = v_\Psi(1) = 4t$, $v_\Psi(0) = 4t + 1$, $e_\Psi(-2) = e_\Psi(2) = 4t - 1$ and $e_\Psi(-1) = e_\Psi(1) = 1$.

Case 3: $n \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$

Take $n=12t+2$, $t > 0$. Here we define a function $\Psi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 2 \leq i \leq 8t + 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t + 2 \leq i \leq 4t + 2 \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge function becomes

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t + 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 2 \leq i \leq 8t \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t + 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t + 2 \leq i \leq 12t + 1 \end{cases}$$

Here $v_\Psi(-1)=v_\Psi(1)=4t+1$, $v_\Psi(0)=4t$, $e_\Psi(-2)=e_\Psi(2)=4t$ and $e_\Psi(-1)=e_\Psi(1)=1$.

Case 3: $n \equiv 3 \pmod{12}$

Take $n=12t+3$, $t > 0$. Here we define a function $\Psi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+2 \leq i \leq 8t+2 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t+3 \leq i \leq 12t+2 \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge function Ψ_e becomes

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+2 \leq i \leq 8t+1 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t+2 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t+3 \leq i \leq 12t+2 \end{cases}$$

In this case

$$v_\Psi(-1)=v_\Psi(1)=v_\Psi(0)=4t+1, e_\Psi(-2)=e_\Psi(2)=4t \text{ and } e_\Psi(-1)=e_\Psi(1)=1.$$

Case 5: $n \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$

Take $n=12t+4$, $t > 0$. Define $\Psi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+2 \leq i \leq 8t+3 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t+4 \leq i \leq 12t+4 \end{cases}$$

Then the edge function Ψ_e becomes

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+2 \leq i \leq 8t+2 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t+3 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t+4 \leq i \leq 12t+3 \end{cases}$$

In this case

$$v_\Psi(-1)=v_\Psi(1)=4t+1, v_\Psi(0)=4t+2, e_\Psi(-2)=e_\Psi(2)=4t \text{ and } e_\Psi(-1)=e_\Psi(1)=1.$$

Case 6: $n \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$

Take $n=12t+5$, $t \geq 0$. Define a map $\Psi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t+2 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+3 \leq i \leq 8t+3 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t+4 \leq i \leq 12t+5 \end{cases}$$

Then the edge function Ψ_e is given by

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t+1 \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t+2 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+3 \leq i \leq 8t+2 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t+3 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t+4 \leq i \leq 12t+4 \end{cases}$$

Clearly $v_\psi(-1)=v_\psi(1)=4t+2$, $v_\psi(0)=4t+1$, $e_\psi(-2)=e_\psi(2)=4t+1$ and $e_\psi(-1)=e_\psi(1)=1$.

Case 7: $n \equiv 6 \pmod{12}$

Take $n=12t+6$, $t \geq 0$. Define a map Ψ from $V(G)$ to the set $\{0, \pm 1\}$ as follows

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t+2 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+3 \leq i \leq 8t+4 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t+5 \leq i \leq 12t+6 \end{cases}$$

Then the function Ψ_e is given by.

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t+1 \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t+2 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+3 \leq i \leq 8t+3 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t+4 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t+5 \leq i \leq 12t+5 \end{cases}$$

Here $v_\psi(-1)=v_\psi(1)=v_\psi(0)=4t+2$, $e_\psi(-2)=e_\psi(2)=4t+1$ and $e_\psi(-1)=e_\psi(1)=1$.

Case 8: $n \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$

Let $n=12t+7$, $t \geq 0$. We define a map Ψ from $V(G)$ to $\{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t+2 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+3 \leq i \leq 8t+5 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t+6 \leq i \leq 12t+7 \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge function $\Psi_e: E(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2\}$ is given by

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t+1 \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t+2 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t+3 \leq i \leq 8t+4 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t+5 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t+5 \leq i \leq 12t+6 \end{cases}$$

Then $v_\psi(-1)=v_\psi(1)=4t+2$, $v_\psi(0)=4t+3$, $e_\psi(-2)=e_\psi(2)=4t+1$ and $e_\psi(-1)=e_\psi(1)=1$.

Case 9: $n \equiv 8 \pmod{12}$

Let $n=12t+8$, $t \geq 0$. Define a function Ψ from $V(G)$ to $\{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 4 \leq i \leq 8t + 5 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t + 6 \leq i \leq 12t + 8 \end{cases}$$

Then the edge function Ψ_e is given by

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 2 \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t + 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 4 \leq i \leq 8t + 4 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t + 5 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t + 6 \leq i \leq 12t + 7 \end{cases}$$

Then $v_\Psi(-1) = v_\Psi(1) = 4t + 3$, $v_\Psi(0) = 4t + 2$, $e_\Psi(-2) = e_\Psi(2) = 4t + 2$ and $e_\Psi(-1) = e_\Psi(1) = 1$.

Case 10: $n \equiv 9 \pmod{12}$

Let $n=12t+9$, $t \geq 0$. Define a map $\Psi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$ as follows

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 4 \leq i \leq 8t + 6 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t + 7 \leq i \leq 12t + 9 \end{cases}$$

Then the edge function Ψ_e is given by

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 2 \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t + 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 4 \leq i \leq 8t + 5 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t + 6 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t + 7 \leq i \leq 12t + 8 \end{cases}$$

Then $v_\Psi(-1) = v_\Psi(1) = v_\Psi(0) = 4t + 3$, $e_\Psi(-2) = e_\Psi(2) = 4t + 2$ and $e_\Psi(-1) = e_\Psi(1) = 1$.

Case 11: $n \equiv 10 \pmod{12}$

Let $n=12t+10$, $t \geq 0$. Define a function Ψ from $V(G)$ to $\{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 4 \leq i \leq 8t + 7 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t + 8 \leq i \leq 12t + 10 \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge map Ψ_e becomes

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 2 \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t + 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 4 \leq i \leq 8t + 6 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t + 7 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t + 8 \leq i \leq 12t + 9 \end{cases}$$

In this case $v_\psi(-1) = v_\psi(1) = 4t + 3$, $v_\psi(0) = 4t + 4$, $e_\psi(-2) = e_\psi(2) = 4t + 2$ and $e_\psi(-1) = e_\psi(1) = 1$.

Case 12: $n \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$

Let $n=12t+11$, $t \geq 0$. Define $\Psi : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$ by

$$\Psi(u_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 4 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 5 \leq i \leq 8t + 7 \\ 1 & \text{if } 8t + 8 \leq i \leq 12t + 11 \end{cases}$$

Then the induced edge map Ψ_e becomes

$$\Psi_e(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 4t + 3 \\ -1 & \text{if } i = 4t + 4 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4t + 5 \leq i \leq 8t + 6 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 8t + 7 \\ 2 & \text{if } 8t + 8 \leq i \leq 12t + 10 \end{cases}$$

Here $v_\psi(-1) = v_\psi(1) = 4t + 3$, $v_\psi(0) = 4t + 3$, $e_\psi(-2) = e_\psi(2) = 4t + 3$ and $e_\psi(-1) = e_\psi(1) = 1$.

Corollary:3.1.1 The cycle C_n is additive inverse cordial, if and only if, $n > 4$. 

Proof: Since Ψ_e is a surjective function, we need atleast four edges so that all the four labels from the set $\{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$ should be used to label the edges, so $n > 3$. Consider the case $n=4$, suppose there exists an additive inverse cordial labeling Ψ . As Ψ_e is an onto function, -2 should be a label of any of the four edges of the cycle C_n . This label can be obtained only from two adjacent vertices with the label -1. So we have left with two non labeled vertices. As -2 is one of the edge label 2 should be a label of any of the remaining non-labeled edges. It is possible only when the two non-labeled adjacent vertices should be labeled by 1. If so, $v_\psi(-1) = v_\psi(1) = 2$, $v_\psi(0) = 0$, a contradiction. Hence C_4 is not an additive inverse cordial graph. For $n > 4$, the labeling given in theorem 3.1 satisfies the required conditions. Hence C_n is additive inverse cordial if $n > 4$. 

Theorem: 3.2 $K_{1,n}$ is not additive inverse cordial.

Proof. Let u be the vertex of degree n in $K_{1,n}$. Suppose we assign 0 to u , then there doesn't exist an edge with the label 2. If we assign 1 to u , then 2 cannot be an edge label. Suppose we

choose -1 as label of u , then there does not exist an edge with the label 2. In either case, Ψ_e is not onto and hence $K_{1,n}$ does not admit an additive inverse cordial labeling.

Theorem: 3.3 K_n is additive inverse cordial iff $n > 3$.

Proof. As the edge map is surjective, n should be greater than 3. Conversely, suppose $n \geq 4$ then we define Ψ as follows:

Case 1: $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Let $n=3t$, $t > 0$. Assign the label 0 to t vertices and then -1 to another t vertices and the remaining vertices are labeled by 1. In this case, $v_\Psi(-1) = v_\Psi(1) = v_\Psi(0) = t$, $e_\Psi(-2) = e_\Psi(2) = \binom{t}{2}$ and $e_\Psi(-1) = e_\Psi(1) = t^2$.

Case 2: $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Let $n=3t+1$, $t > 0$. Assign the label -1 to first t vertices then assign 1 to next t vertices. Finally we assign the label 0 to $t+1$ vertices. Here $v_\Psi(-1) = v_\Psi(1) = t$, $v_\Psi(0) = t+1$, $e_\Psi(-2) = e_\Psi(2) = \binom{t}{2}$ and $e_\Psi(-1) = e_\Psi(1) = (t+1)t$.

Case 3: $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let $n=3t+2$, $t > 0$. Assign the label -1 to first $t+1$ vertices and assign the label 1 to next $t+1$ vertices. Finally we assign the label 0 to t vertices. Note that $v_\Psi(-1) = v_\Psi(1) = t+1$, $v_\Psi(0) = t$, $e_\Psi(-2) = e_\Psi(2) = \binom{t+1}{2}$

$$\text{and } e_\Psi(-1) = e_\Psi(1) = (t+1)t.$$

Hence K_n is additive inverse cordial for all $n \geq 4$.

Example 3.1 A complete graph K_9 with an additive inverse cordial labeling is given below. □

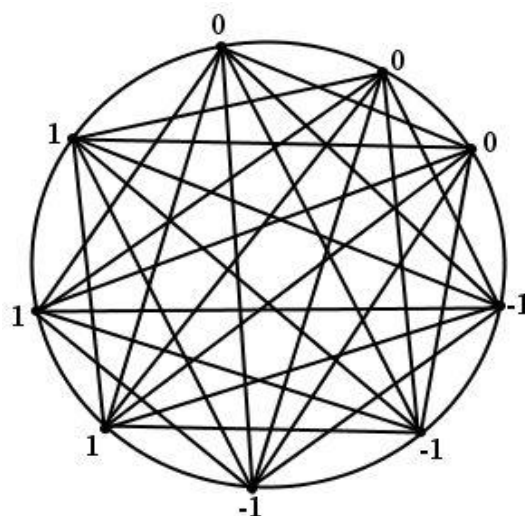


Figure.2

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