

# Some Special Class of Odd-Even Graceful Graphs

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**Abstract** – The Odd-Even graceful labeling of a graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges means that there is an injection  $f : V(G)$  to  $\{1,3,5,\dots,2q+1\}$  such that, when each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ , the resulting edge labels are  $\{2,4,6,\dots,2q\}$ . A graph which admits an odd-even graceful labeling is called an odd-even graceful graph. In this paper we prove that some graphs namely  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$ ,  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n$ : odd),  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n$ : even),  $C_4 @ S_m$ ,  $P_{(n)_m}$  ( $n$ : odd),  $P_{(n)_m}$  ( $n$ : even) are Odd-Even graceful.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

As a graph, we mean a finite undirected graph without loops or multiple edges. A path on  $n$  vertices is denoted as  $P_n$ .  $G^+$  is a graph obtained from the graph  $G$  as attaching a pendant vertex at each vertex of  $G$ . Graph labeling, where the vertices are assigned certain values subject to some conditions, have often motivated as practical problems. In the last five decades enormous work has been done on this subject[1]. The concept of graceful labeling was introduced as Rosa[3] and in 1967.

A function  $f$  is a graceful labeling of a graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges if  $f$  is an injection from the vertices of  $G$  to the set  $\{0,1,2,\dots,q\}$  such that, when each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ , the resulting edge labels are distinct. Golomb[2] subsequently called such labeling are graceful and this is now the popular term. A graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges to be odd-graceful if there is an injection  $f$  from  $V(G)$  to  $\{0,1,2,\dots,2q-1\}$  such that, when each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ , the resulting edge labels are  $\{1,3,\dots,2q-1\}$ . Sridevi R, NavaneethaKrishnan S defined the odd-even graceful labeling[4,5]. The Odd-Even graceful labeling of a graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges is an injection  $f : V(G)$  to  $\{1,3,5,\dots,2q+1\}$  such that, when each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ , the resulting edge labels are  $\{2,4,6,\dots,2q\}$ . A graph which admits an odd-even graceful labeling is called an odd-even graceful graph. In this paper, we prove that some graphs namely  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$ ,  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n$ : odd),  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n$ : even),  $C_4 @ S_m$ ,  $P_{(n)_m}$  ( $n$ : odd),  $P_{(n)_m}$  ( $n$ : even) are Odd-Even graceful.

## II. MAIN RESULTS

In this section we prove some graphs namely  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$ ,  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n$ : odd),  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n$ : even),  $C_4 @ S_m$ ,  $P_{(n)_m}$  ( $n$ : odd),  $P_{(n)_m}$  ( $n$ : even) are Odd-Even graceful.

**Definition 2.1.** A  $(p,q)$ -graph  $G = (V,E)$  is said to be an Odd-Even graceful if there exists an injection  $f$  from  $V$  into  $\{1,3,5,\dots,2q+1\}$  such that  $f^*(E) = \{2,4,6,\dots,2q\}$  where  $f^*(uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$  for any edge  $uv \in E$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A graph obtained from a path of length  $n - 1$  by attaching root of a star  $K_{1,m}$  at one end of the path. It is denoted by  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$ .

**Theorem 2.3.**  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G = SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$

Let  $V(G) = \{(v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n), (u_i : 1 \leq i \leq m)\}$

Let  $E(G) = \{(v_i v_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{(v_n u_i) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  and

$|V(G)| = m+n$  and  $|E(G)| = m+n - 1$ .

**Case (i): when  $n$  is odd.**

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,(2n+2m-1)\}$  as

$$f(v_{2i-1}) = 2i-1, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = (2m+1) + 2(n-1) - 2(i-1), 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(u_i) = n+2i, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

The induced edge labeling are given as

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2m+2(n-1) - 2(i-1), 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(v_n u_i) = 2i, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

It shows the edge labels are distinct.

Hence,  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

For example the Odd-Even graceful labeling of  $SP(P_5, K_{1,6})$  is shown in figure 1.

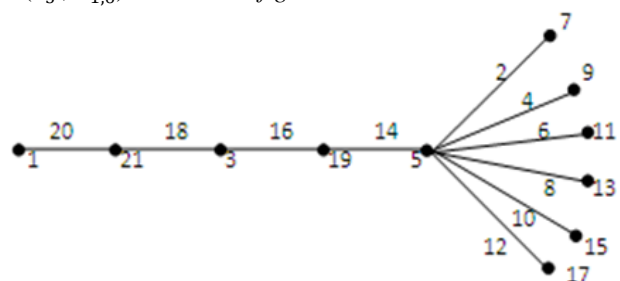


Fig.1.  $SP(P_5, K_{1,6})$

**Case (ii): when  $n$  is even**

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,(2n+2m-1)\}$  as

$$f(v_{2i-1}) = 2i-1, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(v_{2i}) = (2m+1) + 2(n-1) - 2(i-1), 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(u_i) = n-1 + 2i, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

The induced edge labeling are given as

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2m + 2(n-1) - 2(i-1), 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f^*(v_n u_i) = 2i, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

It shows the edge labels are distinct.

Hence,  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

For example the Odd-Even graceful labeling of  $SP(P_6, K_{1,7})$  is shown in figure 2.

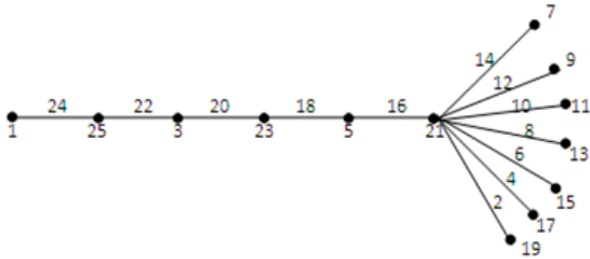


Fig.2.  $SP(P_6, K_{1,7})$

**Definition 2.6.** Graph  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n > 2$ ) is a star with  $n$  spokes in which each spoke is a path of length  $m$ .

**Theorem 2.7.**  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n$ : odd) is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

*Proof:* Let  $G = S_{m,n}$

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \{u, u_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}.$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{(uu_{i1} : 1 \leq i \leq m)\} \cup \{(u_{ij} u_{ij+1} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1)\}$$

$$|V(G)| = mn + 1 \text{ and } |E(G)| = mn.$$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 3, 5, \dots, (2nm+1)\}$  as

$$\text{Let } f(u) = 1$$

When  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i2j}) = n(i-1) + 2j + 1, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(u_{i2j-1}) = (2mn + 1) - n(i-1) - 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

When  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i2j-1}) = ni + 1 - 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(u_{i2j}) = 2mn + 3 - ni + 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

The induced edge labeling are given as

$$f^*(uu_{i1}) = \begin{cases} ni, & 1 \leq i \leq m, i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2mn - (i-1)n, & 1 \leq i \leq m, i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

*Case (i): when  $m$  is odd.*

When  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$

$$f^*(u_{m+1-i, n+1-j} u_{m+1-i, n-j}) = \begin{cases} 2j + 2n(i-1), & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2ni - 2j, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

*Case (ii): when  $m$  is even.*

When  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$

$$f^*(u_{m+1-i, n+1-j} u_{m+1-i, n-j}) = \begin{cases} 2ni - 2 - 2(j-i), & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2n(i-1) + 2j, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

It shows the edge labels are distinct.

Hence,  $S_{m,n}$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

For example the Odd-Even graceful labeling of  $S_{5,5}$  and  $S_{4,7}$  are shown in figure 2.8. and figure 3. respectively

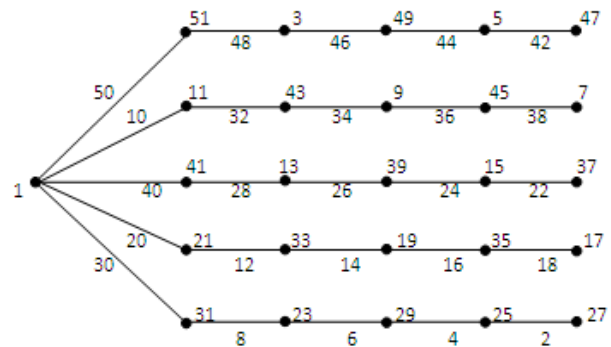


Fig.3.  $S_{5,5}$

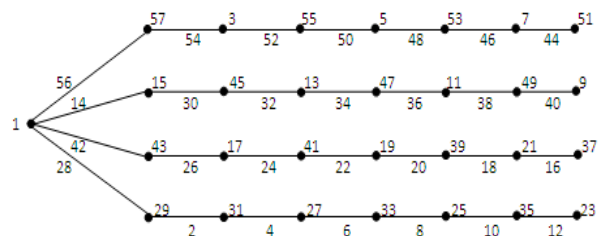


Fig.4.  $S_{4,7}$

**Theorem 2.10.**  $S_{m,n}$  ( $n$ : even) is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

*Proof:* Let  $G = S_{m,n}$

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \{(u), (u_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n)\}.$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{(uu_{i1} : 1 \leq i \leq m)\} \cup \{(u_{ij} u_{ij+1} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1)\} \text{ and } |V(G)| = mn + 1 \text{ and } |E(G)| = mn.$$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 3, 5, \dots, (2nm+1)\}$  as

$$\text{Let } f(u) = 1$$

When  $i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i2j}) = n(i-1) + 2j + 1, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(u_{i2j-1}) = (2mn + 1) - n(i-1) - 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

When  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i2j-1}) = ni + 1 - 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(u_{i2j}) = 2mn + 3 - ni + 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

The induced edge labeling are given as

$$f^*(uu_{i1}) = \begin{cases} ni, & 1 \leq i \leq m, i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2mn - (i-1)n, & 1 \leq i \leq m, i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Case (i): when m is odd.

When  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$

$$f^*(u_{m+1-i, n+1-j} u_{m+1-i, n-j}) = \begin{cases} 2j+2n(i-1), & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2ni-2j, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Case (ii): when m is even.

When  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$

$$f^*(u_{m+1-i, n+1-j} u_{m+1-i, n-j}) = \begin{cases} 2ni-2-2(j-i), & i \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2n(i-1) + 2j, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

It shows the edge labels are distinct.

Hence,  $S_{m,n}$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

For example the Odd-Even graceful labeling of  $S_{3,6}$  and  $S_{6,4}$  are shown in figure 5 and figure 6. respectively

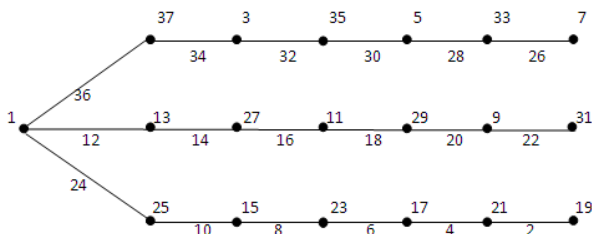


Fig.5.  $S_{3,6}$

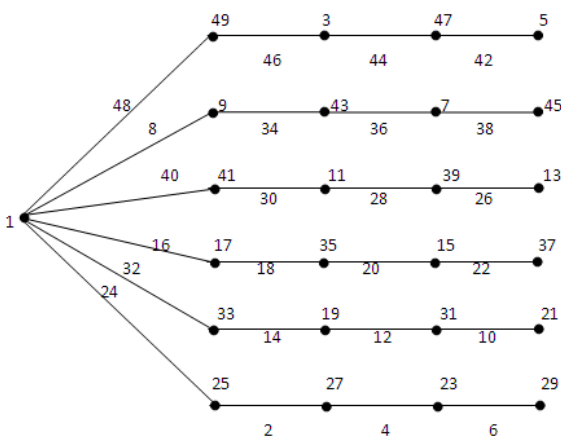


Fig.6.  $S_{6,4}$

**Definition 2.13.** Graph obtained by attaching centre vertex of a star  $S_m$  at any one of the vertex of  $C_n$  is denoted by  $C_n @ S_m$ .

**Theorem 2.14.**  $C_4 @ S_m$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

*Proof:* Let  $G = C_4 @ S_m$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{(u_i : 1 \leq i \leq 4), (u_{ij} : 1 \leq j \leq m)\}$

Let  $E(G) = \{(u_1 u_3) \cup (u_1 u_4) \cup (u_2 u_3) \cup (u_2 u_4)\} \cup \{(u_1 u_{1j} : 1 \leq j \leq m)\}$  and

$|V(G)| = 4+m$  and  $|E(G)| = 4+m$ .

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,(2m+9)\}$  as

$$f(u_i) = 2i-1, 1 \leq i \leq 3$$

$$f(u_4) = 9$$

$$f(u_{1j}) = 2j+9, 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

The induced edge labeling are given as

$$f^*(u_1 u_3) = 4, \quad f^*(u_1 u_4) = 8,$$

$$f^*(u_2 u_3) = 2, \quad f^*(u_2 u_4) = 6,$$

$$f^*(u_1 u_{1j}) = 2j+8, 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

It shows the edge labels are distinct.

Hence,  $C_4 @ S_m$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

For example the Odd-Even graceful labeling of  $C_4 @ S_9$  is shown in figure 7.

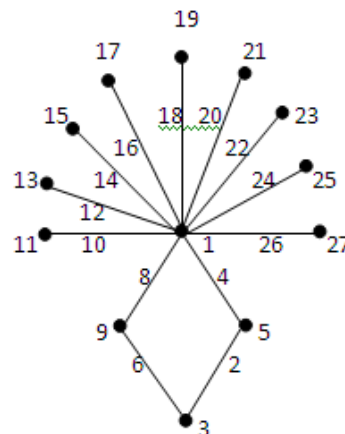


Fig.7.  $S_4 @ S_9$

**Definition 2.16.** Graph  $P_{(n)_m} = G(V,E)$  such that  $V(G) = \{(u_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n)\}$  and

$E(G) = \{(u_{ij} u_{ij+1} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n) \cup [(u_{ij} u_{i+1j} : 1 \leq i \leq m-1) \text{ for any fixed } j]\}$ .

**Theorem 2.17.**  $P_{(n)_m}$  ( $n$ : odd), is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

*Proof:* Let  $G = P_{(n)_m}$

Let  $V(G) = \{(u_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n)\}$ .

Let  $E(G) = \{(u_{ij} u_{ij+1} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1) \cup$

$\{(u_{i, \frac{n+1}{2}} u_{i+1, \frac{n+1}{2}}) : 1 \leq i \leq m-1)\}$  and

$|V(G)| = mn$  and  $|E(G)| = mn-1$ .

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1,3,5,\dots,(2nm-1)\}$  as

When  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

$$f(u_{i2j}) = n(i-2) + 2(j-1) + n + 2, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(u_{i2j-1}) = (2mn-n) - n(i-2) - 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

When  $i \equiv 1 \pmod 2$

$$f(u_{i2j-1}) = n(i-1) + 1 + 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(u_{i2j}) = (2mn-1) - n(i-1) - 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

The induced edge labeling are given as

$$f^*(u_{m+1-i, n+1-j} u_{m+1-i, n-j}) = 2j + 2n(i-1), 1 \leq j \leq n-1, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

$$f^*(u_{m+1-i, \frac{n+1}{2}} u_{m-i, \frac{n+1}{2}}) = 2ni, 1 \leq i \leq m-1$$

It shows the edge labels are distinct.

Hence,  $P_{(n)_m}$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

For example the Odd-Even graceful labeling of  $P_{(5)_5}$  is shown in figure 8.

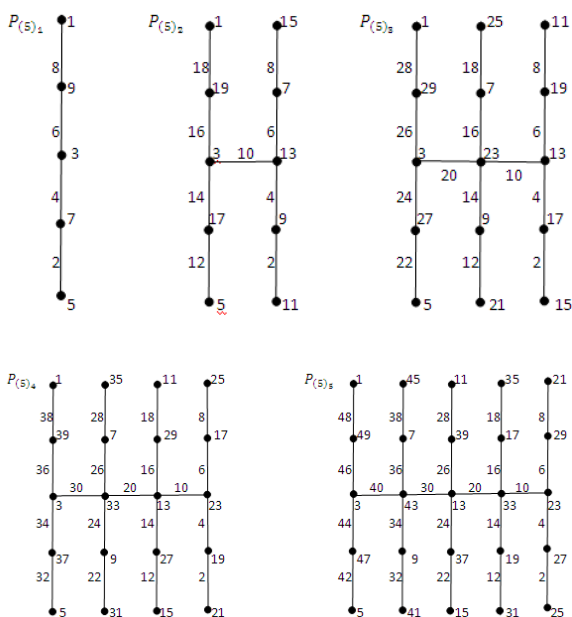


Fig.8.  $P_{(5)_5}$

**Theorem 2.19.**  $P_{(n)_m}$  ( $n$ : even) is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

*Proof:* Let  $G = P_{(n)_m}$

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \{(u_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n)\}.$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{(u_{ij} u_{ij+1} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1) \cup$$

$$\{(u_{i \frac{n+2}{2}} u_{i+1 \frac{n}{2}}) : 1 \leq i \leq m-1\}$$

$$|V(G)| = mn \text{ and } |E(G)| = mn - 1.$$

Define  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 3, 5, \dots, (2nm-1)\}$  as

$$f(u_{i2j-1}) = n(i-1) + 1 + 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(u_{i2j}) = (2mn-1) - n(i-1) - 2(j-1), 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

The induced edge labeling are given as

$$f^*(u_{m+1-i, n+1-j} u_{m+1-i, n-j}) = 2j + 2n(i-1), 1 \leq j \leq n-1, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f^*(u_{m+1-i, \frac{n}{2}} u_{m-i, \frac{n}{2}}) = 2ni, 1 \leq i \leq m-1$$

It shows the edge labels are distinct.

Hence,  $P_{(n)_m}$  is an Odd-Even graceful graph.

For example the Odd-Even graceful labeling of  $P_{(6)_3}$  is shown in figure 9.

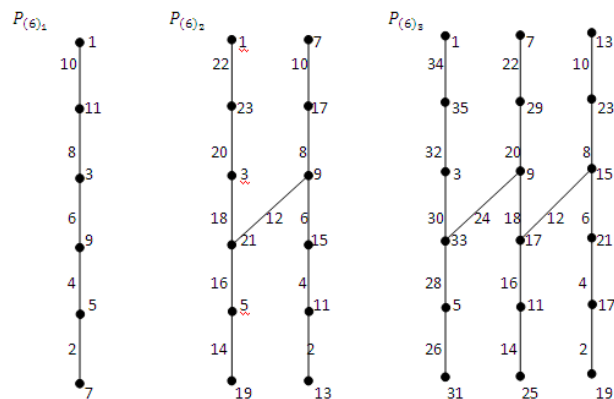


Fig.9.  $P_{(6)_3}$

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