



## A note on 3-Prime cordial graphs

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  be a map. For each edge  $uv$ , assign the label  $\gcd(f(u), f(v))$ .  $f$  is called  $k$ -prime cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  where  $v_f(x)$  denotes the number of vertices labeled with  $x$ ,  $e_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0)$  respectively denote the number of edges labeled with 1 and not labeled with 1. A graph with a  $k$ -prime cordial labeling is called a  $k$ -prime cordial graph. In this paper we investigate 3-prime cordial labeling behavior of union of a 3-prime cordial graph and a path  $P_n$ .

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## 1 Introduction

All graphs in this paper are finite, simple and undirected. Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph where  $p$  refers the number of vertices of  $G$  and  $q$  refers the number of edge of  $G$ . For a graph

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$G$ , the splitting graph of  $G$ ,  $S'(G)$ , is obtained from  $G$  by adding for each vertex  $v$  of  $G$  a new vertex  $v'$  so that  $v'$  is adjacent to every vertex that is adjacent to  $v$ , see Gallian survey [2]. Note that if  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph then  $S'(G)$  is a  $(2p, 3q)$  graph. All graphs considered here are finite simple and undirected. The number of vertices of a graph  $G$  is called order of  $G$ , and the number of edges is called size of  $G$ . In 1987, Cahit introduced the concept of cordial labeling of graphs [1]. Sundaram, Ponraj, Somasundaram [6] have introduced the notion of prime cordial labeling. A prime cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V$  is a bijection  $f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V|\}$  such that if each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label 1 if  $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) = 1$  and 0 if  $\gcd(f(u), f(v)) > 1$ , then the number of edges labeled with 0 and the number of edges labeled with 1 differ by at most 1. Also they discussed the prime cordial labeling behavior of various graphs. Recently Ponraj et al. [8], introduced  $k$ -prime cordial labeling of graphs. In this paper we investigate the 3-prime cordial labeling behavior of union of a 3-prime cordial graph and a path  $P_n$ . Let  $x$  be any real number. Then  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  stands for the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$  and  $\lceil x \rceil$  stands for smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ . Terms not defined here follow from Harary [3].

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph and  $2 \leq p \leq k$ . Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  be a function. For each edge  $uv$ , assign the label  $\gcd(f(u), f(v))$ .  $f$  is called a  $k$ -prime cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  where  $v_f(x)$  denotes the number of vertices labeled with  $x$ ,  $e_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0)$  respectively denote the number of edges labeled with 1 and not labeled with 1. A graph with a  $k$ -prime cordial labeling is called a  $k$ -prime cordial graph.

**Theorem 2.1.** [8] The path  $P_n$  is 3-prime cordial if and only if  $n \neq 3$ .

*Proof.* For  $n = 3$ , it is trivial that, for any labeling  $g$ ,  $v_g(1) = v_g(2) = v_g(3) = 1$ . But  $e_g(0) = 0$ . This implies  $|e_g(0) - e_g(1)| > 1$ . Assume  $n \neq 3$ . Let  $P_n$  be the path  $v_1v_2 \dots v_n$ .

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil}$ . Then assign the label 3 consecutively to the vertices  $v_{\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + 1}, v_{\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + 2}, \dots$  until we have received the  $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$  edges with the label 0. If all the  $\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$  3's are exhausted then assign the label 1 to the remaining vertices; otherwise consider the non labeled vertex  $v_i$  such that  $v_{i-1}$  is labeled and assign the labels 1, 3 to the vertices  $v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}, \dots$  alternatively until  $\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$  3's are exhausted. Finally assign the label 1 to the remaining vertices.

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

As in case 1, assign the labels to the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . Now, let  $i$  be the least positive integer such that the label of  $v_{i-1} =$  the label of  $v_{i+1} = 3$ , and the label of  $v_i = 1$ . Finally

interchange the labels of  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Clearly this vertex labeling satisfies both vertex and edge conditions.  $\square$

### 3 Main Results

First we prove that union of any 3-prime cordial with  $P_n$  is also a 3-prime cordial if  $n > 12$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  3-prime cordial graph then  $G \cup P_n$  also a 3-prime cordial graph if  $n > 12$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a 3-prime cordial labeling of  $G$  and let  $g$  be a 3-prime cordial labeling of  $P_n$  defined in theorem 2.1. Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of  $P_n$ . We define a map  $h : V(G \cup P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  by  $h(v_i) = g(v_i)$  where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $h(u_j) = f(u_j)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . Then we have the following cases.

**Case 1.**  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $p = 3t_1$  and  $q = 2r_1$ . In this case  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = t_1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = r_1$ .

**Subcase 1a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . Hence  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$  and  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

**Subcase 1b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 1$ . Here  $v_g(1) = v_g(3) = t_2$ ,  $v_g(2) = t_2 + 1$ . This implies  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . Hence  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$  and  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

**Subcase 1c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 2$ . Here  $v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_g(1) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . Hence  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$  and  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

**Case 2.**  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $p = 3t_1$  and  $q = 2r_1 + 1$ . In this case  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = t_1$  and  $e_f(0) = r_1 + 1$ ,  $e_f(1) = r_1$  or  $e_f(0) = r_1$ ,  $e_f(1) = r_1 + 1$ .

**Subcase 2a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1 + 1$ ,  $e_f(1) = r_1$  then consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 3$  and  $g(v_{i+1}) = 1$ . Relabel the vertex  $v_i$  and  $v_n$  by 1 and 3 respectively. Then  $e_g(0) = r_2$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2 + 1$ . Now  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1$  and  $e_f(1) = r_1 + 1$  then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

**Subcase 2b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 1$ . Here  $v_g(2) = t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_g(1) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1 + 1$ ,  $e_f(1) = r_1$  then consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 3$  and  $g(v_{i+1}) = 1$ . Relabel the vertex  $v_i$  and  $v_n$  by 1 and 3 respectively. Then  $e_g(0) = r_2$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2 + 1$ . Now  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1$  and  $e_f(1) = r_1 + 1$  then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

**Subcase 2c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 2$ . Here  $v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_g(1) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1 + 1$ ,  $e_f(1) = r_1$  then consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 3$  and  $g(v_{i+1}) = 1$ . Relabel the vertex  $v_i$  and  $v_n$  by 1 and 3 respectively. Then  $e_g(0) = r_2$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2 + 1$ . Now  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1$  and  $e_f(1) = r_1 + 1$  then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

**Case 3.**  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $p = 3t_1 + 1$  and  $q = 2r_1$ . In this case  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t_1$ ,  $v_f(3) = t_1 + 1$  or  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = t_1$ ,  $v_f(2) = t_1 + 1$  or  $v_f(2) = v_f(3) = t_1$ ,  $v_f(1) = t_1 + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = r_1$ .

**Subcase 3a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . So  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

**Subcase 3b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 1$ . Here  $v_g(2) = t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_g(1) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . Then i)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or ii)  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$ ,  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$  or iii)

$v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(1) = v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1.$

If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . So  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

For the case (ii), we consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = 2$  and  $g(v_i) = 3$ . Now, relabel the vertex  $v_{i-1}$  by 3. Then  $v_g(1) = v_g(2) = t_2$  and  $v_g(3) = t_2 + 1$ . Hence  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  and  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

**Subcase 3c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = t_2, v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2 + 1$ . Then i)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1, v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$  or ii)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2, v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or iii)  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . So  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

For the case (i), we consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_{i+1}) = 1$  and  $g(v_i) = 3$ . Now, relabel the vertex  $v_i$  by 1. Then  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  and the edge condition is not affected.

Now we consider the case (ii). Here we interchange the labels of the vertices with labels 2 and 3 in  $P_n$  then proceed as above, we have the same case.

**Case 4.**  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $p = 3t_1 + 1$  and  $q = 2r_1 + 1$ . In this case  $v_f(2) = v_f(3) = t_1, v_f(1) = t_1 + 1$  or  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = t_1, v_f(2) = t_1 + 1$  or  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t_1, v_f(3) = t_1 + 1$  and  $e_f(0) = r_1 + 1, e_f(1) = r_1$  or  $e_f(0) = r_1, e_f(1) = r_1 + 1$ .

**Subcase 4a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1, e_f(1) = r_1 + 1$  then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1 + 1, e_f(1) = r_1$  then consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 3, g(v_{i+1}) = 1$ . Note that  $v_n$  is labeled by 1. Now interchange the labels of  $v_i$  and  $v_n$ . Then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

**Subcase 4b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 1$ . Here  $v_g(2) = t_2 + 1, v_g(1) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . Then i)  $v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or ii)  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$  or iii)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ .

Consider the case (ii). In this case, we find a vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 2,$

$g(v_{i+1}) = g(v_{i+2}) = 3$ . Now assign the label 3 to the vertex  $v_i$ . Now  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . Suppose  $e_f(0) = r_1$ ,  $e_f(1) = r_1 + 1$  then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ . If  $e_f(0) = r_1 + 1$ ,  $e_f(1) = r_1$  then consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $f(v_i) = f(v_{i-1}) = 3$ ,  $f(v_{i+1}) = 1$ . Note that  $v_n$  is labeled by 1. Now interchange the labels of  $v_i$  and  $v_n$  then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

**Subcase 4c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = t_2$ ,  $v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2 + 1$ . Then i)  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or ii)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$ ,  $v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or iii)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 3$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . For the edge conditions of the labeling  $h$  we proceed as in subcase 4b.

For the case (ii), relabel the vertices with the label 3 by 2 and vice versa. Let the new labeling be  $h'$ . Then Consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $h'(v_{i-1}) = h'(v_i) = 2$ ,  $h'(v_{i+1}) = h'(v_{i+2}) = 2$ . Now, relabel the vertex  $v_{i+2}$  by 1. Clearly this vertex labeling  $h'$  satisfy the vertex and edge conditions.

The same case may be arised for the case (iii) when without interchanging the labels 3 and 2.

**Case 5.**  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $p = 3t_1 + 2$  and  $q = 2r_1$ . In this case  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t_1 + 1$ ,  $v_f(3) = t_1$  or  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = t_1 + 1$ ,  $v_f(2) = t_1$  or  $v_f(2) = v_f(3) = t_1 + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = t_1$  and  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = r_1$ .

**Subcase 5a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$  or  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2$  or  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . So  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

**Subcase 5b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 1$ . Here  $v_g(2) = t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_g(1) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . Then i)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$ ,  $v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$  or ii)  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or iii)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$ ,  $v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ .

For the case (i), we consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 2$  and  $g(v_{i+1}) = g(v_{i+2}) = 3$ . Now, relabel the vertex  $v_i$  by 3. Then  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ . Consider the case (iii). Here relabel the vertices with the label 3 by 2 and vice versa.

Let the new labeling be  $h'$ . Then consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $h'(v_{i-1}) = h'(v_i) = 2$  and  $h'(v_{i+1}) = 1, h'(v_{i+2}) = 2$ . Now relabel the vertex  $v_{i+2}$  by 1. Then  $v_{h'}(1) = v_{h'}(2) = v_{h'}(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . So  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

**Subcase 5c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = t_2, v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2 + 1$ . Then i)  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2, v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or ii)  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1, v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$  or iii)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$ .

For the case (iii), we consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 3, g(v_{i+1}) = 1$  and  $g(v_{i+2}) = 3$ . Now, relabel the vertex  $v_{i+2}$  by 1. Then  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1, v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . So  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ .

**Case 6.**  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $p = 3t_1 + 2$  and  $q = 2r_1 + 1$ . In this case  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = t_1 + 1, v_f(3) = t_1$  or  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = t_1 + 1, v_f(2) = t_1$  or  $v_f(2) = v_f(3) = t_1 + 1, v_f(1) = t_1$ . Also  $e_f(0) = r_1 + 1, e_f(1) = r_1$  or  $e_f(0) = r_1, e_f(1) = r_1 + 1$ .

**Subcase 6a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . This implies  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1, v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$  or  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1, v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2$  or  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1, v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ . If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . So  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 2, e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ . Now interchange the labels of  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . Then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

**Subcase 6b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 1$ . Here  $v_g(2) = t_2 + 1, v_g(1) = v_g(3) = t_2$ . Then i)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2 + 1, v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2, v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2$  or ii)  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$  or iii)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2, v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2, v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ .

Consider the case (i). In this case, we consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 2, g(v_{i+1}) = g(v_{i+2}) = 3$ . Now assign the label 3 to the vertex  $v_i$ . Now  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ . Consider the case (iii). Here interchange the labels 3 and 2. Now consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 2, g(v_{i+1}) = 1, g(v_{i+2}) = 2$ . Now relabel the vertex  $v_{i+2}$  by 1. Then  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . Then  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ . If  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  then interchange the labels of  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

**Subcase 6c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t_2 + 2$ . Here  $v_g(1) = t_2$ ,  $v_g(2) = v_g(3) = t_2 + 1$ . Then i)  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$  or ii)  $v_h(1) = v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$  or iii)  $v_h(1) = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $v_h(2) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$ .

For the case (iii), we consider the vertex  $v_i$  such that  $g(v_{i-1}) = g(v_i) = 3$ ,  $g(v_{i+1}) = 1$ ,  $g(v_{i+2}) = 3$ . Now, relabel the vertex  $v_{i+2}$  by 1. Then  $v_h(1) = v_h(3) = t_1 + t_2 + 1$ ,  $v_h(2) = t_1 + t_2 + 2$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  then  $n - 1 = 2r_2$ . Here  $e_g(0) = e_g(1) = r_2$ . Therefore  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

If  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then put  $n - 1 = 2r_2 + 1$ . Here  $e_g(0) = r_2 + 1$  and  $e_g(1) = r_2$ . Then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$  or  $e_h(0) = r_1 + r_2 + 2$ ,  $e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2$ . Now interchange the labels of the vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . Then  $e_h(0) = e_h(1) = r_1 + r_2 + 1$ .

Thus  $G \cup P_n$  is 3-prime cordial if  $n > 12$ . □

Next we show that the splitting graph of a star is not a 3-prime cordial graph. Let  $V(S'(K_{1,n})) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S'(K_{1,n})) = \{uu_i, vv_i, uv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.**  $S'(K_{1,n})$  is not 3-prime cordial.

*Proof.* Suppose there exists a 3-prime cordial labeling  $f$ , then we have the following possible cases.

**Case 1.**  $f(u) = f(v) = 2$ .

**Subcase 1a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t$ . Then  $p = 6t + 2$  and  $q = 9t$ . Here we have the following three cases:

(a)  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(3) = 2t$ . (b)  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(2) = 2t$ .

(c)  $v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = 2t$ . Consider the case (a) and (c). In this case  $e_f(0) \leq 4t - 2$ , a contradiction. Consider the case (b). Here  $e_f(0) \leq 4t - 4$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase 1b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t + 1$ . Then  $p = 6t + 4$  and  $q = 9t + 3$ . In this case we have the following three cases: (a)  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(3) = 2t + 2$ . (b)  $v_f(1) = v_f(3) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(2) = 2t + 2$ . (c)  $v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2t + 1$ ,  $v_f(1) = 2t + 2$ . Consider the case (a) and (c). In this case  $e_f(0) \leq 4t - 2$ , a contradiction. Consider the case (b). Here  $e_f(0) \leq 4t$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase 1c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t + 2$ . Then  $p = 6t + 6$  and  $q = 9t + 6$ . Here  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2t + 2$ . But  $e_f(0) \leq 4t$ , a contradiction.



**Case 2.**  $f(u) = f(v) = 3$ .

Similar to case 1.

**Case 3.**  $f(u) = f(v) = 1$ .

Similar to case 1.

**Case 4.**  $f(u) = 2, f(v) = 1$  or  $f(u) = 1, f(v) = 2$ .

**Subcase 4a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

We consider the three cases as given in subcase 1a. For the cases (a) and (c), we have  $e_f(0) \leq 2t - 1$ , a contradiction. If we consider the case (b), we get  $e_f(0) \leq 2t - 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase 4b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Her also we have three cases as in subcase 1b. First we consider the cases (a) and (c). Here  $e_f(0) \leq 2t - 1$ , a contradiction. For the case (b), we get  $e_f(0) \leq 2t$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase 4c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

As in subcase 1c, we have  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2t + 2$ . But  $e_f(0) \leq 2t$ , a contradiction.

**Case 5.**  $f(u) = 3, f(v) = 1$  or  $f(u) = 1, f(v) = 3$ .

Similar to case 4.

**Case 6.**  $f(u) = 2, f(v) = 3$  or  $f(u) = 3, f(v) = 2$ .

**Subcase 6a.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Consider the three cases given in subcase 1a. For the cases (a) and (b), we have  $e_f(0) \leq 4t - 1$ , and for the case (c), we get  $e_f(0) \leq 4t$ , both gives a contradiction to a 3-prime cordial labeling.

**Subcase 6b.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

In this case we consider the three cases given in subcase 1b. If we consider the cases (a) and (b), we have  $e_f(0) \leq 4t + 1$ , and for the case (c), we get  $e_f(0) \leq 4t$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase 6c.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

As in subcase 1c, we have  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = 2t + 2$ . Here  $e_f(0) \leq 4t + 2$ , a contradiction.

Hence the splitting graph of a star is not a 3-prime cordial graph.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $G$  be a graph obtained from the star  $K_{1,n}$  by identifying each pendent vertex to the central vertex of the star  $K_{1,m}$ . Then  $G$  is 3-prime cordial.*

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{u, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(K_{1,n}) = \{uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Let the vertex set of the  $i^{\text{th}}$   $K_{1,m}$  be  $\{v_i, v_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$  and the edge set be  $\{v_i v_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ . Identify  $u_i$  with  $v_i$ . It is obvious that the graph  $G$  has  $mn + n + 1$  vertices and  $mn + n$  edges. Assign the label 2 to the vertex  $u$ . We now move to the first star  $K_{1,m}$ . Assign the label 2 to the vertex  $v_1$ . Then assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_1^1, v_1^2, \dots$  etc, until we have used  $\lceil \frac{mn+n+1}{3} \rceil$  2's as the vertex labels. If the used 2's is less than  $\lceil \frac{mn+n+1}{3} \rceil$  then we move to the next star  $K_{1,n}$ . Assign the label 1 to the vertex  $v_2$ . Then assign the label 2 to the vertices  $v_1^2, v_2^2, \dots$  etc. If the number of

vertices labeled with 2 is  $\lceil \frac{mn+n+1}{3} \rceil$  then stop. Otherwise, we move to the next step and continuing as in above. Suppose the process is stop in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  star, then assign 3 to the unlabeled pendent vertices of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  star. We now move to  $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$  star. Assign 3 to the central vertex. Next assign 3 to the pendent pendent vertices of the  $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$  star. Each time count the value of  $e_f(0)$ . If it is  $\lceil \frac{mn+n}{2} \rceil$  then assign 1 to the remaining vertices of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  star. Otherwise, assign 1 to the pendent vertices. This process is repeated until we have  $\lceil \frac{mn+n}{2} \rceil$  edges with label 0.

Assign the label 1 to the central vertex of the non-labeled stars then move to its pendent vertices corresponding to it and 1 to the pendent vertices. Count the value of  $v_f(1)$ . If it is  $\lfloor \frac{mn+n+1}{3} \rfloor$  then stop. Finally assign 3 to the non-labeled vertices.

It is easy to verify that this vertex labeling is a 3-prime cordial labeling.  $\square$

Jelly fish graphs  $J(m, n)$  obtained from a cycle  $C_4 : uvxyu$  by joining  $x$  and  $y$  with an edge and appending  $m$  pendent edges to  $u$  and  $n$  pendent edges to  $v$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *The jelly fish  $J(m, n)$  is 3-prime cordial if  $10m \geq n + 2$ .*

*Proof.* Let the vertex set of  $J(m, n)$  be  $\{u, v, x, y, u_i, v_j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and the edge set be  $\{uu_i, vv_j, ux, xv, uy, yv, xy : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . We give the labeling  $f$  to the vertices of  $J(m, n)$  as follows: Assign the label 2 to the vertices  $u, x, y$ . Then assign the label 2 to all the vertices  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ). Then assign the label 3 to the vertex  $v$ . Next assign the label 3 to the vertices  $v_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{m+n+4}{3} \rceil - 1$ ). Next assign 1 to the vertices  $v_{n-i}$  ( $0 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{m+n+4}{3} \rfloor$ ). Finally, assign the label 2 to the non-labeled vertices  $v_i$ . We now count the edges with label 0 and 1. If the number of edges with label 0 is 2 more than the number of edges labeled with 1, then we relabel the vertices  $u_1$  and  $v_1$ . Clearly, thus the relabeled graph  $J(m, n)$  is 3-prime cordial; otherwise  $f$  is automatically a 3-prime cordial labeling.  $\square$

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