

# A Proof Method on Labelings of Graph

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**Abstract** Cordial labeling and total product cordial labeling of pyramid graph were discussed, and graph decomposition method was introduced. It is proved that pyramid graphs are cordial and total product cordial.

**Keywords** Cordial Graph, Total Product Cordial Graph, Pyramid Graph

## 1. Introduction and Definitions

In 1987, Cahit[1] introduced the notion of cordial labeling. Sundaram, Ponraj and Somasundar-am[6] introduced the notions of product cordial labeling and total product cordial labeling in 2006. As for the detailed results on cordial graph, product cordial graph and total product cordial graph, the readers can be referred to [2]. Lee and Wang[4] defined pyramid graph, and proved that pyramid graph is graceful. Most graph labeling methods trace their original one introduced by Rosa[5] in 1967, or one given by Graham and Sloane[3] in 1980. In this paper, graph decomposition method was introduced, it is proved that pyramid graphs are cordial and total product cordial.

**Definition 1.1. Cordial Graph:** a cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V$  is a function  $f$  from  $V$  to  $\{0, 1\}$  such that if each edge  $uv$  assigned the label  $g(uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 and the number of vertices labeled with 0 differ by at most 1, the number of edges labeled with 1 and the number of edges labeled with 0 differ by at most 1. A graph  $G(V, E)$  is called cordial graph if it admits a cordial labeling.

**Definition 1.2. total product cordial graph:** a total product cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V$  is a function  $f$  from  $V$  to  $\{0, 1\}$  such that if each edge  $uv$  is assigned the label  $g(uv) = f(u)f(v)$ , the number of vertices and edges labeled with 1 and the number of vertices and edges labeled with 0 differ by at most 1. A graph is called total product cordial graph if it admits a total product cordial labeling.

**Definition 1.3. pyramid graph:** a pyramid graph obtained by arranging vertices into a finite number of lines with  $i$  vertices in the  $i$ th line and every line the  $j$ th vertex

in that line is joined to the  $j$ th vertex and the  $(j+1)$ th vertex of the next line. A pyramid graph that has  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

vertices is denoted by  $J_n$  is illustrated in Fig.1.

## 2. Results

First, we let  $v_i = |\{v \in V(G) \mid f(v) = i\}|$ ,  $e_i = |\{uv \in E(G) \mid g(uv) = i\}|$ .

**Theorem 2.1.**  $J_n$  is cordial graph.

In the follow discussion,  $J_n$  is divided into some subgraphs, and defined the vertex labelings in these subgraphs, to discuss  $J_n$ .

**Proof** the vertices of  $J_n$  are divided into groups every four lines successively and the vertices in the rest lines (if exists) form one group, in each group, there are odd number of vertices in the first line and the third line, there are even number of vertices in the second line and the fourth line. The rules of vertices in each group are defined as follows:

1. the vertex labelings in the same line are alternating 1, 0;
2. the first vertex labeling in the first line and the fourth line are 0;
3. the first vertex labeling in the second line and the third line are 1.

Based on the previous rules, in every group, the number of vertices labeled with 0 is one more than the number of vertices labeled with 1 in the first line, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is one more than the number of vertices labeled with 0 in the third line, the number of vertices labeled with 0 is the same as the number of vertices labeled with 1 in the second and fourth lines, therefore

when  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$ ,  $|v_0 - v_1| = 0$  in  $J_n$ ;

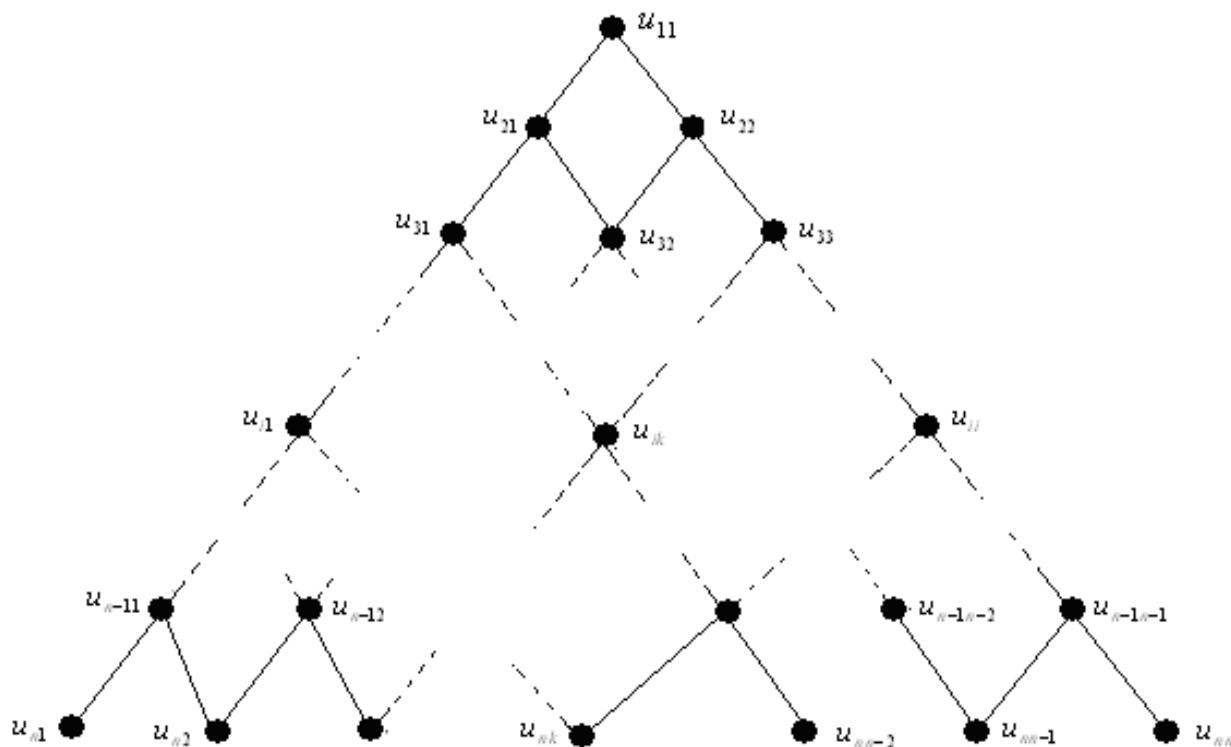
when  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod } 4)$ , there is only one line in the last group, so  $|v_0 - v_1| = 1$  in  $J_n$ ;

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Figure 1. pyramid  $J_n$ 

when  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$ , there are only two lines in the last group, so  $|v_0 - v_1| = 1$  in  $J_n$ ;

when  $n \equiv 3(\text{mod } 4)$ , there are three lines in the last group,  $|v_0 - v_1| = 0$  in  $J_n$ .

Except the vertices in the last line, each vertex in other lines is adjacent to two vertices in the next line in  $J_n$ , based on the previous rules and definition 1.1, it is obtained that edge labeled with 0 and 1 which are got between each vertex in each line and adjacent vertices in the next line appear in pairs, so  $|e_0 - e_1| = 0$ , therefore,  $J_n$  is cordial.

**Theorem 2.2.**  $J_n$  is total product cordial graph.

In the follow discussion,  $J_n$  is divided into two part, one is  $J_{n-2}$ , another is the last two lines in  $J_n$ , used the vertex labelings in the last two lines and the total product cordial property of  $J_{n-2}$ , to discuss  $J_n$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** if  $n$  is even, then  $J_n$  is total product cordial graph.

**Proof** First, the rules are defined as follows:

1. the vertex labelings of the first  $(n-2)$  lines in  $J_n$  are the vertex labelings in  $J_{n-2}$ ;

2. in  $J_n$ , the vertex labelings in the odd lines are  $0, 1, 0, 1, \dots, 0, 1, 0$ ;

3. when  $n \geq 10$ , successive six graphs from one group;

4. in  $J_{2(6k-1)}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k-1)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k-1)$  in the last line;

5. in  $J_{2(6k)}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k-1)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+1)$  in the last line;

6. in  $J_{2(6k+1)}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k+2)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k)$  in the last line;

7. in  $J_{2(6k+2)}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k+3)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+1)$  in the last line;

8. in  $J_{2(6k+3)}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k+5)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+1)$  in the last line;

9. in  $J_{2(6k+4)}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are

$0, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k + 6)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k + 2)$  in the last line.

The vertex labelings in  $J_8$  are illustrated in Fig.2, according to the rule 1, we obtain that  $J_2, J_4, J_6, J_8$  are total product cordial too.

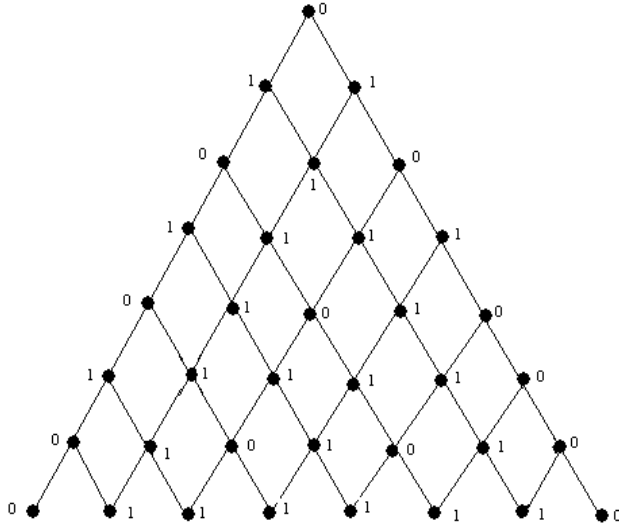


Figure 2. The vertex labelings in  $J_8$

$J_{10}, J_{12}, J_{14}, J_{16}, J_{18}, J_{20}$  of the first group are discussed as follows. The followings are got by calculation:

$$\text{in } J_{10}, \quad v_1 \cup e_1 = 73, \quad v_0 \cup e_0 = 72; \quad \text{in } J_{12},$$

$$v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0 = 105;$$

$$\text{in } J_{14}, \quad v_1 \cup e_1 = 144, \quad v_0 \cup e_0 = 143; \quad \text{in } J_{16},$$

$$v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0 = 188;$$

$$\text{in } J_{18}, \quad v_1 \cup e_1 = 239, \quad v_0 \cup e_0 = 238; \quad \text{in } J_{20},$$

$$v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0 = 295,$$

so  $J_{10}, J_{12}, J_{14}, J_{16}, J_{18}, J_{20}$  are total product cordial,

Suppose,  $J_{2(6k-1)}, J_{2(6k)}, J_{2(6k+1)}, J_{2(6k+2)}, J_{2(6k+3)}, J_{2(6k+4)}$  in the  $(k)$ th  $(k > 1)$  group are total product cordial, the labelings of every graph in the  $(k+1)$ th group are discussed.

In  $J_{2(6k+5)}$ , according to rule 4, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k + 9)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k + 1)$  in the last line; according to rule 2, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(6k + 4)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(6k + 5)$  in the second line from the bottom. The numbers of edges

labeled with 1 and with 0 in the last two lines are discussed, because the vertex labelings are alternating 0 and 1 in the second line from the bottom, the vertex labelings in the third line from the bottom are the vertex labelings in the last line in  $J_{2(6k+4)}$ , in edges that between the vertices in the third line from the bottom and the vertices in the second line from the bottom, the number of edges labeled with 1 is  $10k + 6$ , the number of edges labeled with 0 is  $10k + 6 + 2(2k + 2) = 14k + 10$ ; in edges that between the vertices in the second line from the bottom and the vertices in the last line, the number of edges labeled with 1 is  $(10k + 8)$ , the number of edges labeled with 0 is  $1 + 10k + 8 + 2(2k + 1) - 1 = 14k + 10$ , so the number of vertices and edges labeled with 1 in the last two lines of  $J_{2(6k+5)}$  is  $6k + 4 + 10k + 9 + 10k + 6 + 10k + 8 = 36k + 27$ , the number of vertices and edges labeled with 0 is  $6k + 5 + 2k + 1 + 14k + 10 + 14k + 10 = 36k + 26$ , because  $v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0$  in  $J_{2(6k+4)}$ , so  $v_1 \cup e_1 - v_0 \cup e_0 = 1$  in  $J_{2(6k+5)}$ .

In  $J_{2(6k+6)}$ , according to rule 5, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k + 9)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k + 3)$  in the last line; according to rule 2, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(6k + 5)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(6k + 6)$  in the second line from the bottom, the vertex labelings in the third line from the bottom are the vertex labelings in the last line in  $J_{2(6k+5)}$ , in edges that between the vertices in the third line from the bottom and the vertices in the second line from the bottom, the number of edges labeled with 1 is  $10k + 9$ , the number of edges labeled with 0 is  $10k + 9 + 2(2k + 1) = 14k + 11$ , similarly, the number of the edges in the last two lines labeled with 1 is  $(10k + 9)$ , the number of edges in the last two lines labeled with 0 is  $10k + 9 + 1 + 2(2k + 1) + 1 = 14k + 13$ , so the number of vertices and edges labeled with 1 in the last two lines of  $J_{2(6k+6)}$  is  $16k + 14 + 10k + 9 + 10k + 9 = 36k + 32$ , the number of vertices and edges labeled with 0 in the last two lines is  $8k + 9 + 14k + 11 + 14k + 13 = 36k + 33$ , because  $v_1 \cup e_1 - v_0 \cup e_0 = 1$  in  $J_{2(6k+5)}$ , so  $v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0$  in  $J_{2(6k+6)}$ .

The discussions of labeling number in the next part are similar to the above ones, therefore the number of the labelings of vertices and edges in the last two lines are given as follows.

In  $J_{2(6k+7)}$ , according to rule 2 and 6, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(16k+18)$ , the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(8k+9)$ , the number of edges labeled with 1 is  $(20k+21)$ , the number of edges labeled with 0 is  $(28k+29)$ ;

In  $J_{2(6k+8)}$ , according to rule 2 and 7, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(16k+20)$ , the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(8k+11)$ , the number of edges labeled with 1 is  $(20k+24)$ , the number of edges labeled with 0 is  $(28k+34)$ ;

In  $J_{2(6k+9)}$ , according to rule 2 and 8, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(16k+23)$ , the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(8k+12)$ , the number of edges labeled with 1 is  $(20k+28)$ , the number of edges labeled with 0 is  $(28k+38)$ ;

In  $J_{2(6k+10)}$ , according to rule 2 and 9, the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(16k+25)$ , the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(8k+14)$ , the number of edges labeled with 1 is  $(20k+31)$ , the number of edges labeled with 0 is  $(28k+43)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** if  $n$  is odd, then  $J_n$  is total product cordial graph.

In the proof of lemma 2.2, the discussion is similar to that in lemma 2.1, therefore only the rules and some of results in different cases are given.

**Proof** First, the rules are given as follows:

1. the vertex labelings in the first  $(n-2)$  lines in  $J_n$  are the vertex labelings in  $J_{n-2}$ ;

2. in  $J_n$ , the vertex labelings in the even lines are  $1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0$ ;

3. when  $n \geq 15$ , successive six graphs from one group;

4. in  $J_{2(6k+1)+1}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 1, \dots, 1$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k+2)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+1)$  in the last line;

5. in  $J_{2(2k+2)+1}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 1, \dots, 1$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k+4)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+1)$  in the last line;

6. in  $J_{2(6k+3)+1}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 1, \dots, 1$ , the number of vertices labeled with

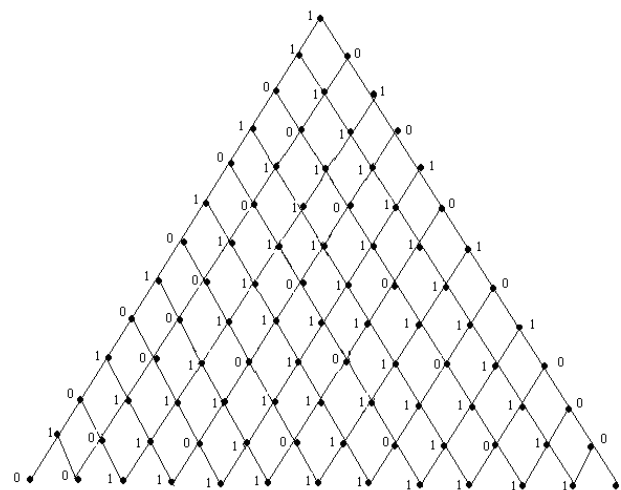
1 is  $(10k+6)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+1)$  in the last line;

7. in  $J_{2(6k+4)+1}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 0$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k+7)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+2)$  in the last line;

8. in  $J_{2(6k+5)+1}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 1, \dots, 1$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k+9)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+2)$  in the last line;

9. in  $J_{2(6k+6)+1}$ , the vertex labelings in the last line are  $0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 1, \dots, 1$ , the number of vertices labeled with 1 is  $(10k+11)$  and the number of vertices labeled with 0 is  $(2k+2)$  in the last line.

The vertex labelings in  $J_{13}$  are illustrated in Fig.3. According to rule 1,  $J_3, J_5, J_7, J_9, J_{11}, J_{13}$  are total product cordial.



**Figure 3.** The vertex labelings in  $J_{13}$

$J_{15}, J_{17}, J_{19}, J_{21}, J_{23}, J_{25}$  of the first group are discussed as follows. The followings are got by calculation:

in  $J_{15}$ ,  $v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0 = 165$ ; in  $J_{17}$ ,  $v_0 \cup e_0 = 213$ ,  $v_1 \cup e_1 = 212$ ;

in  $J_{19}$ ,  $v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0 = 266$ ; in  $J_{21}$ ,  $v_1 \cup e_1 = 326$ ,  $v_0 \cup e_0 = 325$ ;

in  $J_{23}$ ,  $v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0 = 391$ ; in  $J_{25}$ ,  $v_1 \cup e_1 = 463$ ,  $v_0 \cup e_0 = 462$ .

In  $J_{2(6k+1)+1}$ ,  $v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0$ ; in  $J_{2(6k+2)+1}$ ,

$$v_0 \cup e_0 - v_1 \cup e_1 = 1;$$

$$\text{in } J_{2(6k+3)+1}, \quad v_1 \cup e_1 = v_0 \cup e_0; \text{ in } J_{2(6k+4)+1},$$

$$v_1 \cup e_1 - v_0 \cup e_0 = 1; \text{ in } J_{2(6k+5)+1}, \quad v_1 \cup e_1 =$$

$$v_0 \cup e_0; \text{ in } J_{2(6k+6)+1}, \quad v_1 \cup e_1 - v_0 \cup e_0 = 1.$$

Overall,  $J_n$  is total product cordial.

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