

# Group $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ Cordial Labeling of Some Shadow Graphs

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**Abstract:** Let  $G$  be a  $(p,q)$  graph and  $A$  be a group. Let  $f: V(G) \rightarrow A$  be a function. The order of  $u \in A$  is the least positive integer  $n$  such that  $u^n = e$ . We denote the order of  $u$  by  $o(u)$ . For each edge  $uv$  assign the label 1 if  $(o(f(u)), o(f(v))) = 1$  or 0 otherwise. The function  $f$  is called a group  $A$  Cordial labeling if  $|vf(a) - vf(b)| \leq 1$  and  $|ef(0) - ef(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $vf(x)$  and  $ef(n)$  respectively denote the number of vertices labeled with an element  $x$  and number of edges labeled with  $n(n=0, 1)$ . A graph which admits a group  $A$  Cordial labeling is called a group  $A$  Cordial graph. The Shadow graph  $D_2(G)$  of a connected graph  $G$  is constructed by taking two copies of  $G$ ,  $G'$  and  $G''$  and joining each vertex  $u'$  in  $G'$  to the neighbours of the corresponding vertex  $u''$  in  $G''$ . In this paper we define group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial graphs and prove that the Shadow graphs of Path  $P_n$  and Cycle  $C_n$  are group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial. We also characterize shadow graph of Complete graph  $K_n$  that are group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial.

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## 1. Introduction

Graphs considered here are finite, undirected and simple. Let  $A$  be a group.

The order of  $a \in A$  is the least positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = e$ . We denote the order of  $a$  by  $o(a)$ . Cahit [3] introduced the concept of Cordial labeling. Motivated by this, we define group  $A$  cordial labeling and investigate some of its properties. We also define group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling and discuss that labeling for some standard graphs [1, 2]. The Shadow graph  $D_2(G)$  of a connected graph  $G$  is constructed by taking two copies of  $G$ ,  $G'$  and  $G''$  and joining each vertex  $u'$  in  $G'$  to the neighbours of the corresponding vertex  $u''$  in  $G''$ . In this paper we define group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$

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The greatest common divisor of two integers  $m$  and  $n$  is denoted by  $(m, n)$  and  $m$  and  $n$  are said to be relatively prime if  $(m, n) = 1$ . For any real number  $x$ , we denote by  $[x]$ , the greatest integer smaller than or equal to  $x$  and by  $\lceil x \rceil$ , we mean the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ .

A path is an alternating sequence of vertices and edges,  $v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}, v_n$ , which are distinct, such that  $e_i$  is an

edge joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . A path on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $P_n$ . A path  $v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}, v_n, e_n, v_1$  is called a cycle and a cycle on  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $C_n$ . If  $G$  is a graph on  $n$  vertices in which every vertex is adjacent to every other vertex, then  $G$  is called a complete graph and is denoted by  $K_n$ .

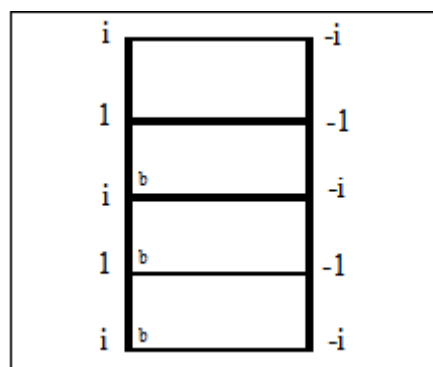


Figure 2.1

## 2. Group $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ Cordial graphs

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a  $(p,q)$  graph and consider the group  $A = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  with multiplication. Let  $f: V(G) \rightarrow A$  be a function. For each edge  $uv$  assign the label 1 if  $(o(f(u)), o(f(v))) = 1$  or 0 otherwise. The function  $f$  is called a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial labeling if  $|vf(a) - vf(b)| \leq 1$  and  $|ef(0) - ef(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $vf(x)$  and  $ef(n)$  respectively denote the number of vertices labeled with an element  $x$  and number of edges with  $n(n=0,1)$ . A graph which admits a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  Cordial labeling is called a group  $\{1, -1,$

$i, -i$  Cordial graph.

**Example 2.2:** A simple example of a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  given in Fig. 2.1.

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**Definition 2.3.** The Shadow graph  $D_2(G)$  of a connected graph  $G$  is constructed by taking two copies of  $G$ ,  $G'$  and  $G''$  and joining each vertex  $u'$  in  $G'$  to the neighbours of the corresponding vertex  $u''$  in  $G''$ .

**Example 2.4.** The Shadow graph  $D_2(P_3)$  is given in Fig. 2.2.

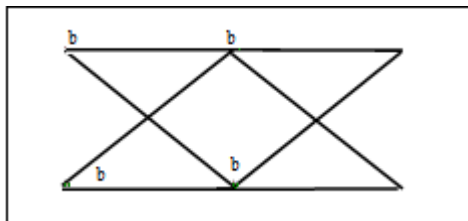


Figure 2.2

**Remark 2.5.** If  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph then  $D_2(G)$  is a  $(2p, 4q)$  graph.

**Theorem 2.6.** For every  $n > 1$ ,  $D_2(P_n)$  is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of one copy of  $P_n$  and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the corresponding vertices of the other copy of  $P_n$ . Number of vertices in  $D_2(P_n)$  is  $2n$  and number of edges is  $4(n-1)$ . Let  $f$  be a labeling defined on  $V(D_2(P_n))$  as follows:

$$\text{Define } f(u_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \text{ is even,} \\ -1 & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(v_j) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j \text{ is even,} \\ -i & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

If  $n$  is even, say  $n = 2k$ , then number of edges receiving label 1 is  $(k-1)4+2 = 4k-2$ . If  $n$  is odd, say  $n = 2k+1$ , then number of edges induced with label 1 is  $4k$ . Table 1 shows that  $f$  is a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling.

**Theorem 2.7.** For every  $n$ ,  $D_2(C_n)$  is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of one copy of  $C_n$  and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the other copy of  $C_n$ . Number of vertices in  $D_2(C_n)$  is  $2n$  and number of edges in  $D_2(C_n)$  is  $4n$ .

Table 1

n	vf(1)	vf(-1)	vf(i)	vf(-i)	ef(0)	ef(1)
$2k, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$	k	k	k	k	$4k-2$	$4k-2$
$2k+1, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$	k	$k+1$	k	$k+1$	4k	4k

**Case (1):**  $n$  is even.

Let  $n = 2k, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $f$  be a labeling defined on the vertices as follows:

$$\text{Define } f(u_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \text{ is even,} \\ -1 & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(v_j) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j \text{ is even,} \\ -i & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Number of edges with label 1 =  $4k$ .

**Case (2):**  $n$  is odd.

Let  $n = 2k+1, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $f$  be a labeling defined on the vertices as follows:

$$\text{Define } f(u_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \text{ is even,} \\ -1 & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_3) = 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(v_j) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j \text{ is even,} \\ -i & \text{if } j \text{ is odd and } j \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

Number of edges with label 1 =  $4k+2$ .

Table 2: Shows that  $f$  is a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling

n	vf(1)	vf(-1)	vf(i)	vf(-i)	ef(0)	ef(1)
$2k, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$	k	k	k	k	4k	4k
$2k+1, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$	$k+1$	$k+1$	k	k	$4k+2$	$4k+2$

**Theorem 2.8.**  $D_2(K_n)$  is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial iff  $n = 4, 7$  or  $9$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of one copy of  $K_n$  and let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of another copy of  $K_n$ . Note that  $D_2(K_n) = K_{2n} - X$  where  $X$  is a perfect matching. Number of vertices in  $D_2(K_n)$  is  $2n$  and number of edges is  $4nC_2 = 4n(n-1)/2 = 2n(n-1)$ . Suppose  $D_2(K_n)$  is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial and let  $f$  be a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling of  $D_2(K_n)$ . So each vertex label appears  $n/2$  times and each edge label appears  $n(n-1)$  times.

**Case (1):**  $n$  is even.

Let  $n = 2k, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Degree of each vertex is  $2(2k-1)$ . We need to give label 1 to  $k$  vertices and get  $2k(2k-1)$  edges with label 1. But it is possible to take only 2 vertices so that each choice gives edge label 1 to  $2(2k-1)$  edges. Thus  $k = 2$  and so  $n = 4$ .

**Case (2):**  $n$  is odd.

Let  $n = 2k+1, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Degree of each vertex is  $4k$ . If we give label 1 to  $k$  vertices then at most  $k \cdot 4k = 4k^2$  edges can receive label 1. But we need to give label 1 to  $k(4k+2) = 4k^2 + 2k$  vertices. So  $k+1$  vertices have to be given label 1. If the choice of  $k+1$  vertices is among  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  or among  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , then we have  $4k + (4k-1) + \dots + (4k-k) = 2k(2k+1)$  which on simplification gives  $k^2 - 3k = 0$ . So  $k = 3$  and hence  $n = 7$ .

Suppose some vertices in the choice of  $k + 1$  vertices is among  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  and some are in  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . As  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are alone non-adjacent, a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling is possible only by taking  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  in pairs. Any other choice produces less edges with label 1.

**Subcase (1):**  $k + 1$  is even.

We need to have  $2(4k) + 2(4k - 2) + \dots + 2(4k - 2(\frac{k+1}{2} - 1)) = 2k(2k + 1)$  which on simplification gives  $k^2 - 4k - 1 = 0$  on simplification gives  $k^2 - 4k - 1 = 0$  and so  $k = 2 \pm \sqrt{5}$  which is impossible as  $k$  is an integer.

**Subcase(2):**  $k + 1$  is odd.

In this case, we need to have,  $2(4k) + 2(4k - 2) + \dots + 2(4k - 2(\frac{k}{2} - 1)) + (4k - 2k/2) = 2k(2k + 1)$  which on simplification gives  $k^2 - 4k = 0$ . So  $k = 4$  and hence  $n = 9$ . Thus  $n = 4, 7$  or  $9$ .

Conversely, for  $n = 4$ , the function  $f$  defined by  $f(u_1) = f(v_1) = 1, f(u_2) = f(v_2) = -1, f(u_3) = f(v_3) = i, f(u_4) = f(v_4) = -i$  is a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling. For  $n = 7$ , the function  $g$  defined by,  $g(u_j) = 1$  for  $1 \leq j \leq 4, g(u_j) = -1$  for  $5 \leq j \leq 7, g(v_j) = i$  for  $1 \leq j \leq 4, g(v_j) = -i$  for  $5 \leq j \leq 7$  is a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling. For  $n = 9$ , the function  $h$  defined by,  $h(u_1) = h(v_1) = h(u_2) = h(v_2) = h(v_3) = 1, h(u_j) = -1$  for  $4 \leq j \leq 8, h(u_9) = h(v_3) = h(v_4) = h(v_5) = i, h(v_j) = -i$  for  $6 \leq j \leq 9$  is a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling.

**Theorem 2.9.**  $D_2(J_n)$  is group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial if and only if  $n \in \{2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19\}$ .

**Proof.**  $D_2(J_n)$  has  $2n + 8$  vertices and  $4(2n + 5)$  edges. Let the vertices of one copy of  $D_2(J_n)$  be labeled as  $u, v, x, y, u_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$  of the other copy be labeled as  $u', v', x', y', v_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$ .

**Case (1):**  $n$  is even.

Let  $n = 2k, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $f$  be a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling of  $D_2(J_n)$ . Each vertex label should appear  $k + 2$  times and each edge label should appear  $8k + 10$  times. Any choice of  $k + 2$  vertices without vertices from  $\{u, v, u', v'\}$  or with more than 1 vertex from  $\{u, v, u', v'\}$  is not a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling. Without loss of generality choose  $u$  and let  $f(u) = 1$ . This induces  $4k + 4$  edges with label 1. If  $f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = f(y') = 1$ , then we need to have  $5 + 5 + 4 + 4 + 3(k-3) = 4k + 6$  which on simplification gives  $k = 6$ . If  $f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = 1, f(y') = -1$ , then we need to have  $5 + 5 + 4 + 3(2) = 4k + 6$  which gives  $k = 2$ . If  $f(x) = f(x') = 1, f(y) = f(y') = -1$ , then  $5 + 5 + (k - 1)3 = 4k + 6$  which gives  $k = 1$ . If  $f(x) = f(y) = 1, f(x') = f(y') = -1$ , then  $5 + 4 + (k - 1)3 = 4k + 6$  which gives  $k = 0$ . All other possibilities give negative values for  $k$ . Thus  $k = 1, 2, 6$  so that  $n = 2, 4, 12$ .

**Case (2):**  $n$  is odd.

Let  $n = 2k + 1, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $f$  be a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial labeling of  $D_2(J_n)$ . Two vertex labels should appear

$k + 2$  times and two other labels should appear  $k + 3$  times. Number of edge labels with label 1 is  $8k + 9$ . As in Case(1), we need to have  $f(u) = 1$ . This induces edge label 1 to  $4k + 6$  edges. If  $f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = f(y') = 1$ , then either  $5 + 5 + 4 + 4 + (k - 3)3 = 4k + 3$  or  $5 + 5 + 4 + 4 + (k - 2)3 = 4k + 3$  and so  $k = 6$  or  $9$ . If  $f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = 1, f(y') = -1$ , then either  $k = 5$  or  $k = 8$ . If  $f(x) = f(x') = 1, f(y) = f(y') = -1$ , then either  $k = 3$  or  $k = 6$ . If  $f(x) = 1, f(x') = -1, f(y) = f(y') = 1$ , then either  $k = 2$  or  $k = 5$ . If  $f(x) \neq 1, f(y) \neq 1, f(x') \neq 1, f(y') \neq 1$ , then  $k = 0$  or  $k = 3$ . Thus  $k \in \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  and so  $n = 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19$ .

Conversely, suppose  $n \in \{2, 4, 12, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19\}$ .

If  $n = 2$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(x') = 1; f(v) = f(y) = f(y') = -1; f(u') = f(v') = f(v) = i; f(u_2) = f(v_1) = f(v_2) = -i$ .

If  $n = 4$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = 1; f(v) = f(y') = f(u') = f(v') = -1; f(u_i) (1 \leq i \leq 4) = i; f(v_i) (1 \leq i \leq 4) = -i$ .

If  $n = 12$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = f(y') = 1; f(u_i) (1 \leq i \leq 3) = 1; f(v) = f(u') = f(v') = f(u_i) (4 \leq i \leq 12); f(v_i) = -i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 8, i \leq 8) = -1; f(u_i) = f(v_i) = i (9 \leq i \leq 12)$ .

If  $n = 5$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(u_i) (1 \leq i \leq 2) = 1; f(v) = f(y) = f(u_i) (3 \leq i \leq 4) = -1; f(u') = f(v') = f(x') = f(y') = f(u_5) = i; f(v_j) (1 \leq j \leq 5) = -i$ .

If  $n = 7$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(y) = f(u_1) = f(u_2) = 1; f(v) = f(u_3) = f(u_4) = f(u_5) = f(u_6) = -1; f(u_7) = f(u') = f(v') = f(x') = f(y') = f(v_1) = i; f(v_j) (2 \leq j \leq 7) = -i$ .

If  $n = 9$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(x') = f(u_i) (1 \leq i \leq 3) = 1; f(v) = f(y) = f(y') = f(u') = f(v_6) = f(u_4) = -1; f(u_j) (5 \leq j \leq 9) = f(v_1) = f(v_2) = i; f(v_j) (3 \leq j \leq 9) = -i$ .

If  $n = 11$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(u_j) (1 \leq j \leq 6) = 1; f(v) = f(y) = f(u_j) (7 \leq j \leq 11) = f(x') = -1; f(y') = f(u') = f(v') = f(v_j) (1 \leq j \leq 4) = i; f(v_j) (5 \leq j \leq 11) = -i$ .

If  $n = 13$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = f(y') = f(u_j) (1 \leq j \leq 3) = 1; f(v) = f(u') = f(v') = f(u_j) (4 \leq j \leq 8) = -1; f(u_j) (9 \leq j \leq 13) = f(v_j) (1 \leq j \leq 4) = i; f(v_j) (5 \leq j \leq 13) = -i$ .

If  $n = 15$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(x') = f(u_j) (1 \leq j \leq 7) = 1; f(v) = f(y) = f(y') = f(u') = f(v') = f(u_j) (8 \leq j \leq 12) = -1; f(u_j) (13 \leq j \leq 15) = f(v_j) (1 \leq j \leq 6) = i; f(v_j) (7 \leq j \leq 15) = -i$ .

If  $n = 17$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = f(u_j) (1 \leq j \leq 7) = 1; f(v) = f(y') = f(u') = f(v') = f(u_j) (8 \leq j \leq 14) = -1; f(u_j) (15 \leq j \leq 17) = f(v_j) (1 \leq j \leq 7) = i; f(v_j) (8 \leq j \leq 17) = -i$ .

If  $n = 19$ , define  $f$  by  $f(u) = f(x) = f(x') = f(y) = f(y') = f(u_j) (1 \leq j \leq 7) = 1; f(v) = f(u') = f(v') = f(u_j) (8 \leq j \leq 16) = -1; f(u_j) (17 \leq j \leq 19) = f(v_j) (1 \leq j \leq 8) = i; f(v_j) (9 \leq j \leq 19) = -i$ .

In all the cases, the  $f$  defined is a group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  cordial

labeling.

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