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# Generalized Odd-Even Sum Labeling and Some $\alpha$ -Odd-Even Sum Graphs

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**Abstract:** A (p,q) graph G is said to be an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph if it admits an odd-even sum labeling f defined by Monika and Murugan [9] by adding an addition condition that there is a positive integer k(0 < k < 2q - 1) such that for every edge  $uv \in E(G)$ ,  $\min(f(u), f(v)) < k < \max(f(u), f(v))$ . In this paper, we study  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum labeling of  $C_n(n \equiv 0 \pmod{4})$ ,  $S(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$ ,  $K_{m,n}$   $(m, n \ge 2)$ ,  $P_n \Box P_m(m, n \ge 2)$ , step grid graph  $St_n(n \ge 3)$  and splitting graph of  $K_{1,n}$ . **MSC:** 05C78.

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## 1. Introduction

 $\alpha$ -labeling and  $\beta$ -valuation (graceful labeling) was introduced by Rosa [11] in 1967. Acharya and Gill[1] have investigated  $\alpha$ -labeling for the grid graph  $P_n \Box P_m$ . Makadia and Kaneria [7] introduced step grid graph  $St_n$  and proved that it is graceful  $(n \geq 3)$ . Harary [5] introduced a notation of sum graph. A (p,q) graph G is said to be an odd-even sum graph if it admits an injective function  $f : V(G) \longrightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm (2q - 1)\}$  such that its edge induced function  $f^* : E(G) \longrightarrow \{2, 4, 6, \dots, 2q\}$  define by  $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v), \forall uv \in E(G)$  is bijective, which introduced by Monika and and Murugan [9]. These results motivated us and we introduced here a new concept called  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum labeling which is an odd even sum labeling for a graph G and one additional condition that there is a positive integer k(0 < k < 2q - 1) such that  $\min\{f(u), f(v)\} < k < \max\{f(u), f(v)\}, \forall uv \in E(G)$ . Every  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph is always a bipartite graph.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Every cycle  $C_n (n \equiv 0 \pmod{4})$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.

*Proof.* Let  $V(C_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(C_n) = \{v_i v_{i+1}/1 \le i < n\} \cup \{v_n v_1\}$ . It is obvious that p = q = n for  $C_n$ .

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Define  $f: V(G) \longrightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm (2q-1)\}$  as follows.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3-i, & \forall i = 2, 4, 6..., n; \\ 2q-1, & \forall i = 1, 3, ..., \frac{n}{2} - 1; \\ 2q-(i+2), & \forall i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n}{2} + 3, ...n - 1 \end{cases}$$

Above defined labeling pattern give rise

$$A = \{f(v_i)/i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n\} = \{1, -1, -3, \dots, -(n-3)\},\$$
  

$$B = \{2q - i/i = 1, 3, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1\} = \{2n - 1, 2n - 3, \dots, \frac{3n}{2} + 1\},\$$
  

$$C = \{2q - (i+2)/i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n}{2} + 3, \dots, n-1\} = \{\frac{3n}{2} - 3, \frac{3n}{2} - 5, \dots, n-1)\}.$$

i.e. domain of f is  $AUBUC \subseteq \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm (2n-1)\}$ . Further we see that  $f^*(v_1v_n) = n+2$  and

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 2q - 2i + 2, & i < \frac{n}{2} \\ 2q - 2i, & \frac{n}{2} \le i < n. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $D = \{f(v_1v_n)\} = \{n+2\}$  and  $E = \{f^*(v_iv_{i+1})/1 \le i < \frac{n}{2}\} = \{n+4, n+6, n+8, \dots, 2n-2, 2n\}$  and  $F = \{f^*(v_iv_{i+1})/\frac{n}{2} \le i < n\} = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n\}$  i.e. domain of  $f^*$  is  $DUEUF = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, 2n\}$  = range of  $f^*$  and so,  $f^*$  is bijective map. Therefore, f is an odd-even sum labeling for  $C_n (n \equiv 0 \pmod{4})$ . By taking k equal to one of the integer from the set  $\{2, 3, \dots, n-2\}$ , it is observed that for every  $uv \in E(C_n)$ , we have  $\min\{f(u), f(v)\} < k < \max\{f(u), f(v)\}$ . Hence  $C_n (n \equiv 0 \pmod{4})$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sub graph.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.2.**  $K_{m,n}$   $(m, n \ge 2)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sub graph.

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_{m,n}) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m\} \cup \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(K_{m,n}) = \{u_i v_j / 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n\}$ . It is obvious that p = m + n, q = mn for  $K_{m,n}$ . Define  $f : V(K_{m,n}) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots, \pm (2q-1)\}$  as follows.

$$f(v_j) = 3 - 2j, \ \forall 1 \le j \le n;$$
  
 $f(u_i) = 2(q + n - ni) - 1, \ \forall 1 \le i \le m;$ 

Above defined labeling pattern shows that f is an injective map and  $f^*$  is a bijective map as

$$f^*(u_i u_j) = \begin{cases} 2q + 2n - ni - 1 + 3 - 2j\\ 2q + 2 - 2n(i - 1) - 2j, \end{cases}$$

 $\forall j = 1, 2, ..., n, \forall i = 1, 2, ..., m$  i.e. range of  $f^*$  is equal to domain of f. Therefore f is an odd-even sum labeling for  $K_{m,n}$ . By taking  $k \in \{2, 3, ..., 2n - 2\}$ , it is observed that for every  $uv \in E(K_{m,n})$ , we have  $\min\{f(u), f(v)\} < k < \max\{f(u), f(v)\}$ . Hence,  $K_{m,n}(m, n \ge 2)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.3.** Grid graph  $P_n \Box P_m(m, n \ge 2)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.

*Proof.* Let  $G = P_n \Box P_m$  and  $V(G) = \{u_{i,j}/1 \le i \le n, 1 \le j \le m\}$ . Take  $E(G) = \{u_{i,j}u_{i+1,j}/1 \le i \le n, 1 \le j \le m\} \cup \{u_{i,j}u_{i,j+1}/1 \le i \le n, 1 \le j \le m\}$ . In  $G = (P_n \Box P_m)$ , it is obvious that p = mn, q = 2mn - (m+n), where  $m, n \ge 2$ .

Kaneria, Makadia and Viradia [8] defined following labeling pattern f for a grid graph  $P_n \Box P_m$ , which is a graceful labeling for  $G = P_n \Box P_m$ .  $f: V(G) \to \{0, 1, 2, ..., q\}$  defined by

$$f(u_{i,1}) = \begin{cases} q - \left(\frac{i-1}{2}\right), & i = 2n - 1, n \in N; \\ \left(\frac{i-2}{2}\right) & i = 2n, n \in N; \\ \forall i = 1, 2, \dots n \\ (n-1) + \left(\frac{i-1}{2}\right), & i = 2n - 1, n \in N; \\ (q-n+1) - \left(\frac{i}{2}\right) & i = 2n, n \in N; \\ \forall i = 1, 2, \dots n \\ f(u_{i,j-2}) - (2n-1), & f(u_{i,j-2}) > \frac{q}{2}; \\ f(u_{i,j-2}) - (2n-1), & f(u_{i,j-2}) < \frac{q}{2}; \\ \forall j = 3, 4, \dots, m, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

Define  $g: V(G) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, ..., \pm (2q-1)\}$  as follows.

$$g(u_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2f(u_{i,j}), \text{ when } f(u_{i,j}) \leq \left\lceil \frac{q-2}{2} \right\rceil;\\ 2f(u_{i,j}) - 1, \text{ when } f(u_{i,j}) \geq \left\lceil \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil \end{cases}$$

Above defined labeling pattern give rise g is an injective map, as  $\{g(u_{i,j})/f(u_{i,j}) \ge \lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor\} \subseteq \{2q-1, 2q-3, \dots 2 \lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor - 1\}$  and

$$g(u_{i,j}) \le \left\lceil \frac{q-2}{2} \right\rceil \} \subseteq \{-2 \left\lceil \frac{q-2}{2} \right\rceil + 1, -2 \left\lceil \frac{q-2}{2} \right\rceil + 3, ..., -1, 1\}$$

Moreover  $g^* : E(G) \longrightarrow \{2, 4, \dots, 2q\}$  is a bijective map, as  $g^*(uv) = 2|f(u) - f(v)| = 2f^*(uv)$  and f is a bijection. Therefore, g is an odd-even sum labeling for G. By taking k from  $\{2, 3, \dots, 2\lceil \frac{q}{2}\rceil - 2\}$ . It is observed that for every  $uv \in E(G)$ , we have min  $\{g(u), g(v)\} < k < \max\{g(u), g(v)\}$  and so, G is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.

**Theorem 2.4.** Step Grid graph  $St_n (n \ge 3)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.

*Proof.* Kaneria and Makadia [7] defined step grid graph  $St_n (n \ge 3)$  and they have proved that it is a bipartite graceful graph with the following graceful labeling f for  $St_n$ . They have defined  $St_n$  by taking  $u_{1,j} (1 \le j \le n)$  vertices of  $n^{th}$  column,  $u_{2,j} (1 \le j \le n)$  vertices of  $(n-1)^{th}$  column,  $u_{3,j} (1 \le j \le n-1)$  vertices of  $(n-2)^{th}$  column,  $u_{4,j} (1 \le j \le n-2)$  vertices of  $(n-3)^{th}$  column and so on. In this manner,  $u_{n,j} (j = 1, 2)$  are the vertices of first column of  $St_n$ . It is obvious that  $p = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 + 3n - 2), q = n^2 + n - 2$  in  $St_n$ , where  $n \ge 3$ . The graceful labeling function  $f : V(St_n) \to \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, q\}$  defined as follows.

$$\begin{split} f(u_{i,j}) &= \frac{q}{2} - \frac{1}{8} + (-1)^{j+1} \left[ \frac{j^2}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \right], \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, n; \\ f(u_{i,j}) &= f(u_{i-1,j-1}) + (-1)^j, \qquad \forall i = 2, 3, \dots \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor, \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, n + i - 1; \\ f(u_{i,1}) &= (n - i + 1)^2 + 1, \qquad \forall i = n, n - 1, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil; \\ f(u_{i,2}) &= q - (n - i + 1)(n - i), \qquad \forall i = n, n - 1, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil; \\ f(u_{i,j}) &= f(u_{i+1,j-2}) + (-1)^{j-1} \qquad \forall i = n - 1, n - 2, \dots 2, \forall j = 3, 4, \dots n + 2 - i \end{split}$$

Now define  $g: V(St_n) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm (2q-1)\}$  as follows.

$$g(u_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} 3 - 2f(u_{i,j}), \ when f(u_{i,j}) < \frac{q}{2}; \\ 2f(u_{i,j}) - 3, \ when f(u_{i,j}) \ge \frac{q}{2}; \end{cases}$$

Above defined labeling pattern give rise g is an injective map, as  $\{g(u)/f(u) < \frac{q}{2}\} \subseteq \{3, 1, -1, -3, ..., -(q-4)\}$  and  $\{g(u)/f(u) \ge \frac{q}{2}\} \subseteq \{2q-3, 2q-5, ...q-3\}$ . Moreover

$$g^{*}(uv) = \begin{cases} g(u) + g(v) \\ 2 |f(u) - f(v)| \\ 2f^{*}(uv) \end{cases}$$

Which gives g is bijective map, as f is a bijection. Therefore, g is an odd-even sum labeling for  $St_n$ . By taking positive integer k from  $\{4, 5, \ldots, q-4\}$ , it is observed that for any  $uv \in E(St_n)$ ,  $\min\{g(u), g(v)\} < k < \max\{g(u), g(v)\}$ . Therefore,  $St_n (n \ge 3)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.

**Theorem 2.5.** Splitting graph of  $K_{1,n}$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.

*Proof.* For each vertex v of a graph G, take a new vertex u and join u to all the vertices of G, which are adjacent to v. Thus, obtained new graph is called the splitting graph of G. Let G be the splitting graph of  $K_{1,n}$  and  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v, v_1, v_2, v_3, \ldots, v_n\}$ . It is obvious that p = |V(G)| = 2n + 2, q = |E(G)| = 3n. Take  $V(G) = V(K_{1,n}) \cup \{u, u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n\}$ , where  $u, u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$  be the added vertices corresponding to  $v, v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$  to obtained the splitting graph G of  $K_{1,n}$ . It is observed that  $E(G) = E(K_{1,n}) \cup \{(uv_i, vu_i)/1 \le i \le n\}$ . Define  $f: V(G) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \ldots, \pm (2q - 1)\}$  as follows.

$$f(v) = 1, \quad f(v_i) = -1 + 4i, \qquad \forall 1 \le i \le n;$$
  
$$f(u) = -1, \quad f(u_i) = 4n - 1 + 2i, \quad \forall 1 \le i \le n.$$

Above defined labeling pattern gives rise f is an injective map. Moreover,  $f^*(uv_i) = 4i-2$ ,  $f^*(vu_i) = 2(2n+i)$ ,  $f^*(vv_i) = 4i$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots n$ . i.e.  $\{f^*(uv_i/1 \le i \le n)\} \cup \{f^*(vu_i)/1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{f^*(vv_i)/1 \le i \le n\} = \{2, 6, 10, \dots, 4n-2\} \cup \{4n+2, 4n+4, \dots, 6n\} \cup \{4, 8, 12, \dots, 4n\}$ . Thus,  $f^*$  is a bijective map and so, G admits an odd-even sum labeling. By taking k = 2, it is observed that for each  $w_1w_2 \in E(G)$ , we have  $\min\{f(w_1), f(w_2)\} < k < \max\{f(w_1), f(w_2)\}$ . Therefore, G is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.6.** Caterpillar  $S(x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph, where n > 2.

*Proof.* Let  $G = S(x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n)$ , where n > 2 and  $x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n$  all are non-negative integers. It is obvious that  $p = x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n + n$  and q = p - 1 in the caterpillar G. Let  $V(G) = \{u_i/1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{u_{i,j}/1 \le j \le x_i, 1 \le i \le n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{u_i u_{i+1}/1 \le i < n\} \cup \{u_i u_{i,j}/1 \le j \le x_i, 1 \le i \le n\}$ . Define  $f : V(G) \to \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, ..., \pm (2q - 1)\}$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 2q - 1, \\ f(u_{2i-1}) &= f(u_1) - 2(x_2 + x_4 + \dots + x_{2i-2} + i - 1), \ 2 \le i \le \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil; \\ f(u_{2i}) &= 1 - 2(x_1 + x_3 + \dots + x_{2i-1} + i - 1), \qquad 1 \le i \le \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor; \\ f(u_{1,j}) &= 3 - 2j \qquad \qquad 1 \le j \le x_1; \\ f(u_{i,j}) &= f(u_{i-1}) - 2j \qquad \qquad 1 \le j \le x_i; \qquad 2 \le i \le n. \end{aligned}$$

Above defined labeling pattern give rise f is an injective map and  $f^*$  is a bijective map, as  $f(u_i, u_{i+1}) = 2q - 2(x_1 + x_3 + \dots + x_{i-1} + i - 1), \forall 1 \le i \le n - 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{i}, u_{i,j}) &= f(u_{i}) + f(u_{i,j}) \\ &= f(u_{i}) + f(u_{i-1}) - 2j \\ &= f^{*}(u_{i}, u_{i-1}) - 2j \\ &= 2q - 2(x_{1} + \dots + x_{i-2} + i - 2) - 2j, \ \forall 1 \le j \le x_{1} \ \forall 1 \le i \le n. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, f is an odd-even sum labeling for G and so, G is an odd-even sum graph. By taking k equal to one of integer from  $\{2, 3, \ldots, max\{f(u_{n-1}, f(u_n) - 1\}, it is observed that for every <math>uv \in E(G)$ , we have  $\min\{f(u), f(v)\} < k < \max\{f(u), f(v)\}$ . Hence, G is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.

#### Corollary 2.7.

- (1).  $P_n(n \ge 3)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.
- (2). Star  $K_{1,n} = S(0, n-1, 0)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph, when  $n \geq 2$
- (3). Bistar  $B_{m,n} = S(0, m-1, n)$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.
- (4). The graph  $B(m, n, k) = S(m, 0, 0, ..., 0, n \text{ is an } \alpha\text{-odd-even sum graph.}$
- (5). Coconut tree is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.
- (6). comb  $(S(1,1,1,\ldots,1))$  is an  $\alpha$ -odd-even sum graph.

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