



# Square Divisor Cordial Labeling in the Context of Vertex Switching

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**Abstract:** A square divisor cordial labeling of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G)$  is a bijection  $f$  from  $V(G)$  to  $\{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)|\}$  such that an edge  $e = uv$  is assigned the label 1 if  $[f(u)]^2|f(v)$  or  $[f(v)]^2|f(u)$  and the label 0 otherwise, then  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph which admits square divisor cordial labeling is called a square divisor cordial graph. In this research article we prove that the graphs obtained by switching of a vertex in bistar, comb graph, crown and armed crown are square divisor cordial. In addition to this we also prove that the graphs obtained by switching of a vertex except apex vertex in helm and gear graph are square divisor cordial.

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout this work, by a graph we mean finite, undirected, simple graph  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  of order  $|V(G)|$  and size  $|E(G)|$ . For any undefined notations and terminology we follow Gross and Yellen [4] while for number theory we follow Burton [1].

### 1.1. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.1.** If the vertices or edges or both are assigned numbers subject to certain condition(s) then it is known as graph labeling.

A dynamic survey on graph labeling is regularly updated by Gallian [3].

**Definition 1.2.** A mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is called binary vertex labeling of  $G$  and  $f(v)$  is called the label of the vertex  $v$  of  $G$  under  $f$ .

**Notation 1.3.** If for an edge  $e = uv$ , the induced edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is given by  $f^*(e = uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ .

Then

$v_f(i)$  = number of vertices of  $G$  having label  $i$  under  $f$ ,

$e_f(i)$  = number of edges of  $G$  having label  $i$  under  $f^*$

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**Definition 1.4.** A binary vertex labeling  $f$  of a graph  $G$  is called a cordial labeling if  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph which admits cordial labeling is called a cordial graph.

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a simple graph and  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)|\}$  be a bijection. For each edge  $e = uv$ , assign the label 1 if  $f(u)|f(v)$  or  $f(v)|f(u)$  and the label 0 otherwise. The function  $f$  is called a divisor cordial labeling if  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

A graph which admits divisor cordial labeling is called a divisor cordial graph.

The divisor cordial labeling was introduced by Varatharajan et al. [7]. Vaidya and Shah [6] proved that

- $H_n$  is a divisor cordial graph for every  $n$ .
- $G_n$  is a divisor cordial graph for every  $n$ .
- Switching of a vertex in cycle  $C_n$  admits divisor cordial labeling.
- Switching of a rim vertex in a wheel  $W_n$  admits divisor cordial labeling.
- Switching of the apex vertex in helm  $H_n$  admits divisor cordial labeling.

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a simple graph and  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V(G)|\}$  be a bijection. For each edge  $e = uv$ , assign the label 1 if  $[f(u)]^2|f(v)$  or  $[f(v)]^2|f(u)$  and the label 0 otherwise. The function  $f$  is called a square divisor cordial labeling if  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph which admits square divisor cordial labeling is called a square divisor cordial graph.

The square divisor cordial labeling was introduced by Murugesan et al. [5] and they proved the following results:

- The complete bipartite graph  $K_{2,n}$  is square divisor cordial.
- The complete bipartite graph  $K_{3,n}$  is square divisor cordial if and only if  $n = 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7$  or  $9$ .
- The complete graph  $K_n$  is square divisor cordial if and only if  $n = 1, 2, 3$  or  $5$ .

**Definition 1.7.** A vertex switching  $G_v$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph obtained by taking a vertex  $v$  of  $G$ , removing all the edges incident to  $v$  and adding edges joining  $v$  to every other vertex which are not adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$ .

**Definition 1.8.** Bistar  $B_{m,n}$  is the graph obtained by joining the center(apex) vertices of  $K_{1,m}$  and  $K_{1,n}$  by an edge.

**Definition 1.9.** Comb graph  $P_n \odot K_1$  is the graph obtained by joining a pendant edge to each vertex of path  $P_n$ .

**Definition 1.10.** Crown  $C_n \odot K_1$  is the graph obtained by joining a pendant edge to each vertex of cycle  $C_n$ .

**Definition 1.11.** Armed crown is the graph obtained by attaching a path  $P_2$  at each vertex of cycle  $C_n$ . It is denoted by  $AC_n$ , where  $n$  is the number of vertices in cycle  $C_n$ .

**Definition 1.12.** Helm  $H_n$  is the graph obtained from a wheel  $W_n$  by attaching a pendant edge to each rim vertex.

**Definition 1.13.** Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be a graph. Let  $e = uv$  be an edge of  $G$  and  $w$  is not a vertex of  $G$ . The edge  $e$  is subdivided when it is replaced by the edges  $e' = uw$  and  $e'' = wv$ .

**Definition 1.14.** Gear graph  $G_n$  is the graph obtained from a wheel  $W_n$  by subdividing each of its rim edge.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** *The graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex in the bistar  $B_{m,n}$  is square divisor cordial.*

*Proof.* Let  $G = B_{m,n}$  be the bistar with the vertex set  $\{u_0, v_0, u_j, v_i : 1 \leq j \leq m, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $u_0, v_0$  are the apex vertices and  $u_j, v_i$  are pendant vertices for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Without loss of generality we are assuming that  $m \leq n$  because  $B_{m,n}$  and  $B_{n,m}$  are isomorphic graphs. Let  $G_v$  be the graph obtained by switching of a vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . The proof is divided into following three cases:

**Case 1:** Switching of the pendant vertex.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched pendant vertex is  $v_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = m + n + 2$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 2m + 2n$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m + n + 2\}$  as follows:

Let  $p$  be the largest prime number such that  $p_1 \leq m + n + 2$  and  $p_2$  be the second largest prime number such that  $p_2 < p_1 \leq m + n + 2$ .  $f(v_1) = 1, f(v_0) = p_1, f(u_0) = p_2$ . Now, label the vertices  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  from the set  $\{2, 3, 4, \dots, m + n + 2\} - \{p_1, p_2\}$ . In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = m + n$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Case 2:** Switching of the vertex of degree  $m$ .

Here, switched vertex is  $u_0$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = m + n + 2$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 2n$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m + n + 2\}$  as follows:

Let  $p$  be the largest prime number such that  $p \leq m + n + 2$ .  $f(v_0) = 1, f(u_0) = p$ . Now, label the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  from the set  $\{2, 3, 4, \dots, m + n + 2\} - \{p\}$ . In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

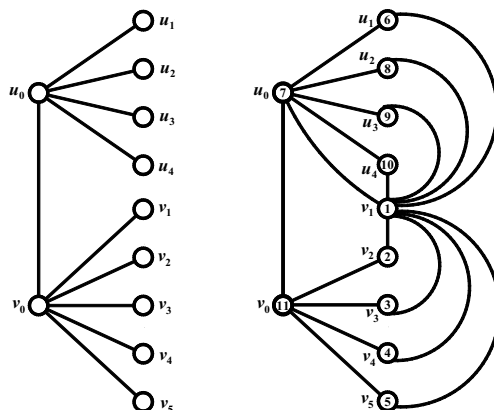
**Case 3:** Switching of the vertex of degree  $n$ .

Here, switched vertex is  $v_0$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = m + n + 2$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 2m$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m + n + 2\}$  as follows:

Let  $p$  be the largest prime number such that  $p \leq m + n + 2$ .  $f(v_0) = 1, f(u_0) = p$ . Now, label the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  from the set  $\{2, 3, 4, \dots, m + n + 2\} - \{p\}$ . In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = m$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

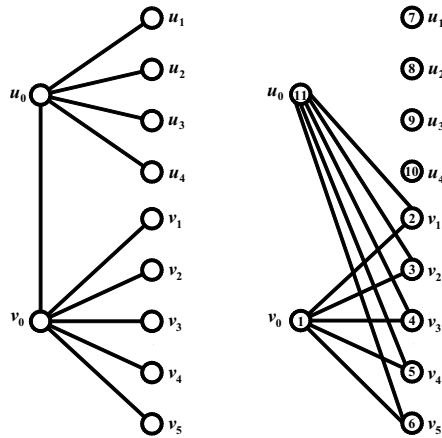
Hence, the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex in the bistar  $B_{m,n}$  is square divisor cordial. □

**Illustration 2.2.** *The bistar  $G = B_{4,5}$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $v_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 1.*



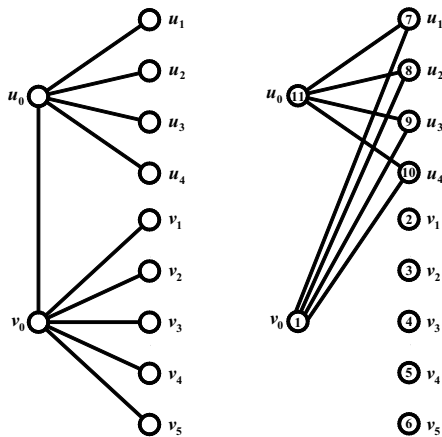
**Figure 1.** The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Illustration 2.3.** The bistar  $G = B_{4,5}$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $u_0$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Illustration 2.4.** The bistar  $G = B_{4,5}$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $v_0$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 3.



**Figure 3.** The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** The graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex in the comb graph  $P_n \odot K_1$  is square divisor cordial.

*Proof.* Let  $G = P_n \odot K_1$  be the comb graph with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_i, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $v_i$  and  $u_i$  are pendant and path vertices respectively for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $G_v$  be the graph obtained by switching of a vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . The proof is divided into following three cases:

**Case 1:** Switching of the pendant vertex.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched pendant vertex is  $v_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 4n - 4$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_1) = 1, f(u_1) = 2n.$$

$$f(u_i) = 2(n - i) + 3; 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = f(u_i) - 1; 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n - 2$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Case 2:** Switching of the vertex of degree two.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched vertex is  $u_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 4n - 6$ .

Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 1, f(v_1) = 2n. \\ f(u_i) &= 2(n - i) + 3; 2 \leq i \leq n. \\ f(v_i) &= f(u_i) - 1; 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n - 3$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Case 3:** Switching of the vertex of degree three.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched vertex is  $u_2$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 4n - 8$ .

Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_2) &= 1, f(u_1) = 2n - 1. \\ f(u_i) &= 2(n - i) + 3; 3 \leq i \leq n. \\ f(v_i) &= f(u_i) + 1; 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n - 4$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence, the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex in the comb graph  $P_n \odot K_1$  is square divisor cordial. □

**Illustration 2.6.** The comb graph  $G = P_5 \odot K_1$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $v_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 4.

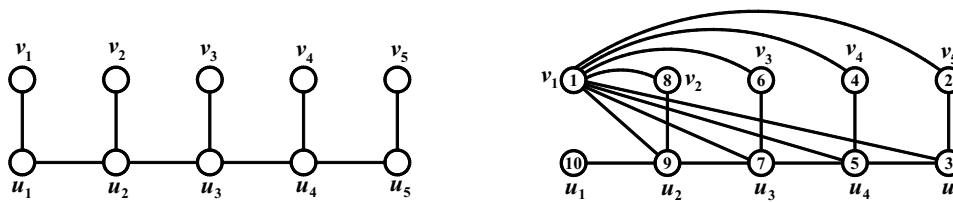


Figure 4. The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Illustration 2.7.** The comb graph  $G = P_5 \odot K_1$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $u_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 5.

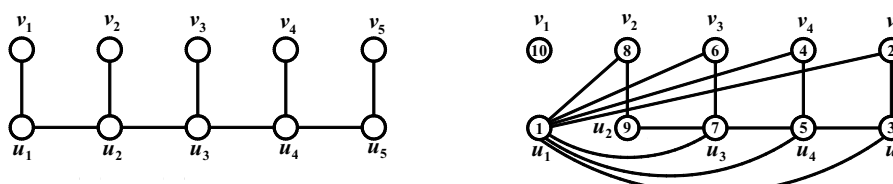
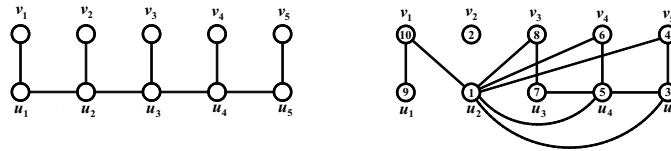


Figure 5. The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Illustration 2.8.** The comb graph  $G = P_5 \odot K_1$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $u_2$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 6.



**Figure 6.** The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *The graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex in the crown  $C_n \odot K_1$  is square divisor cordial.*

*Proof.* Let  $G = C_n \odot K_1$  be the crown with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_i, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $v_i$  and  $u_i$  are vertices of degree one and three for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $G_v$  be the graph obtained by switching of a vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . The proof is divided into following two cases:

**Case 1:** Switching of the vertex of degree one.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched pendant vertex is  $v_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 4n - 3$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_1) &= 1 \\
 f(u_i) &= \begin{cases} 2i; & 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ 2n-1; & i = n \end{cases} \\
 f(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 2i-1; & 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ 2n; & i = n \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = 2n - 2$ ,  $e_f(1) = 2n - 1$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Case 2:** Switching of the vertex of degree three.

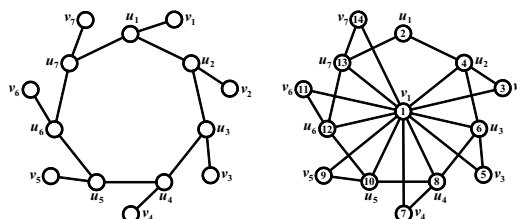
Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched vertex is  $u_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 4n - 7$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u_1) &= 1, \quad f(u_i) = 2i; \quad 2 \leq i \leq n. \\
 f(v_1) &= 2, \quad f(v_i) = 2i - 1; \quad 2 \leq i \leq n.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = 2n - 3$  and  $e_f(1) = 2n - 4$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

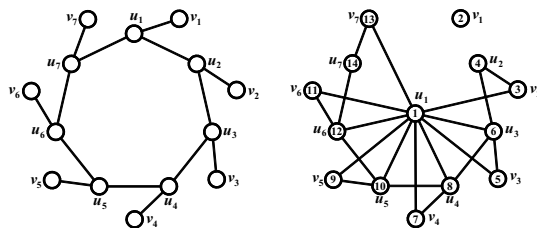
Hence, the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex in the crown  $C_n \odot K_1$  is square divisor cordial. □

**Illustration 2.10.** *The crown  $G = C_7 \odot K_1$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $v_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 7.*



**Figure 7.** The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Illustration 2.11.** The crown  $G = C_7 \odot K_1$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $u_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 8.



**Figure 8.** The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Theorem 2.12.** The graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex in the armed crown  $AC_n$  is square divisor cordial.

*Proof.* Let  $G = AC_n$  be the armed crown with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_i, w_i, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $v_i, w_i$  and  $u_i$  are vertices of degree one, two and three respectively for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $G_v$  be the graph obtained by switching of a vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . The proof is divided into following three cases.

**Case 1:** Switching of the vertex of degree one.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched pendant vertex is  $v_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 3n$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 6n - 3$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1) &= 1. \\ f(u_i) &= 3i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= f(u_i) - 2; \quad 2 \leq i \leq n \\ f(w_i) &= f(u_i) - 1; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = 3n - 2, e_f(1) = 3n - 1$  if  $3n \equiv 0 \pmod 9$  and  $e_f(0) = 3n - 1, e_f(1) = 3n - 2$  if  $3n \not\equiv 0 \pmod 9$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Case 2:** Switching of the vertex of degree two.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched vertex is  $w_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 3n$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 6n - 5$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(w_1) &= 1, \quad f(u_i) = 3i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_1) &= 2, \quad f(v_i) = f(u_i) - 2; \quad 2 \leq i \leq n \\ f(w_i) &= f(u_i) - 1; \quad 2 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = 3n - 3, e_f(1) = 3n - 2$  if  $3n \equiv 0 \pmod 9$  and  $e_f(0) = 3n - 2, e_f(1) = 3n - 3$  if  $3n \not\equiv 0 \pmod 9$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Case 3:** Switching of the vertex of degree three.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched vertex is  $u_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 3n$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 6n - 7$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n\}$  as follows:

$$f(u_1) = 1, \quad f(w_1) = 2, \quad f(v_1) = 3$$

$$f(u_i) = 3i; 2 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i) = f(u_i) - 2; 2 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_i) = f(u_i) - 1; 2 \leq i \leq n$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = 3n - 3$  and  $e_f(1) = 3n - 4$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence, the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex in the armed crown  $AC_n$  is square divisor cordial. □

**Illustration 2.13.** The armed crown  $G = AC_5$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $v_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 9.

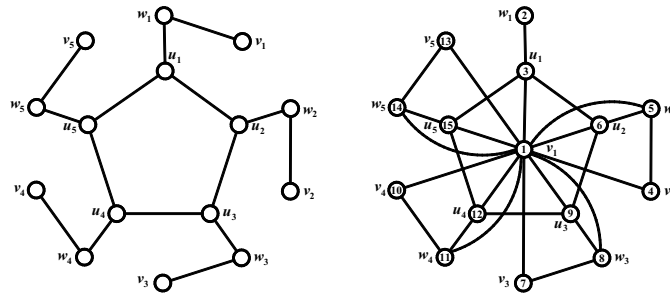


Figure 9. The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Illustration 2.14.** The armed crown  $G = AC_5$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $w_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 10.

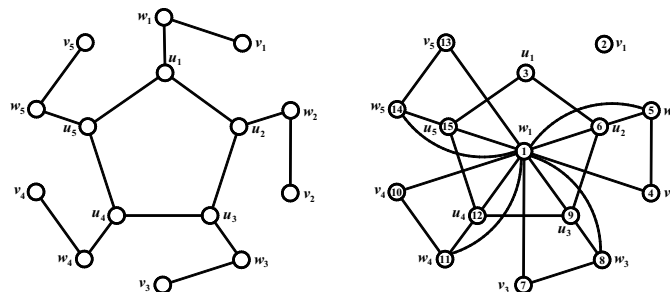


Figure 10. The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Illustration 2.15.** The armed crown  $G = AC_5$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $u_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 11.

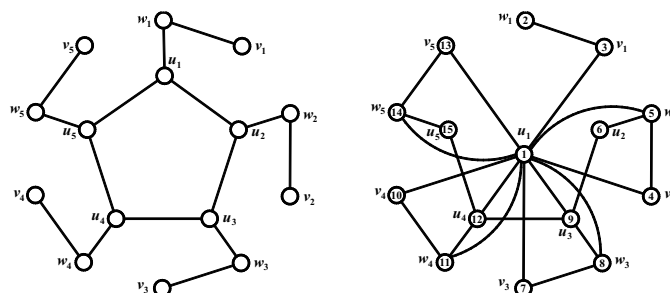


Figure 11. The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .



**Theorem 2.16.** *The graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex except apex vertex in the helm  $H_n$  is square divisor cordial.*

*Proof.* Let  $G = H_n$  be the helm with the vertex set  $\{u_0, u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $u_0$  is the apex vertex,  $u_i$  is pendant vertex and  $v_i$  is vertex of degree four for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $G_v$  be the graph obtained by switching of a vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . The proof is divided into following two cases.

**Case 1:** Switching of the pendant vertex.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched pendant vertex is  $v_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 5n - 2$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1) &= 1, f(u_1) = 2n + 1 \\ f(u_i) &= 2i; 2 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= f(u_i) - 1; 2 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = \lceil \frac{5n-2}{2} \rceil$  and  $e_f(1) = \lfloor \frac{5n-2}{2} \rfloor$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Case 2:** Switching of the vertex of the degree four.

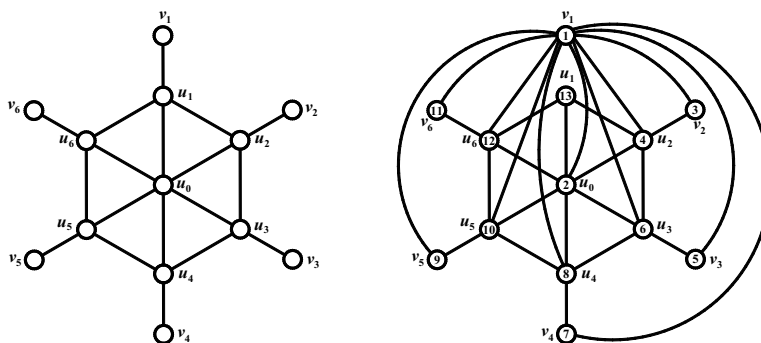
Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched pendant vertex is  $u_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 5n - 8$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 1, f(v_1) = 2n + 1 \\ f(u_i) &= 2i; 2 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= f(u_i) - 1; 2 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = \lceil \frac{5n-8}{2} \rceil$  and  $e_f(1) = \lfloor \frac{5n-8}{2} \rfloor$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

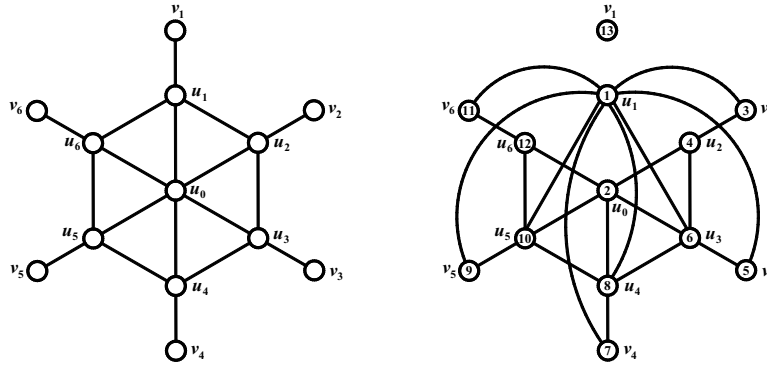
Hence, the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex except apex vertex in the helm  $H_n$  is square divisor cordial. □

**Illustration 2.17.** *The helm  $G = H_6$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $v_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 12.*



**Figure 12.** The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Illustration 2.18.** *The helm  $G = H_6$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $u_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 13.*



**Figure 13.** The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

**Theorem 2.19.** *The graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex except apex vertex in the gear graph  $G_n$  is square divisor cordial.*

*Proof.* Let  $G = G_n$  be the gear graph with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{u_0, u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $u_0$  is the apex vertex,  $v_i$  and  $u_i$  are vertices of degree two and three respectively for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $G_v$  be the graph obtained by switching of a vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . The proof is divided into following two cases.

**Case 1:** Switching of the vertex of degree two.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched vertex is  $v_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 5n - 4$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1) &= 1 \\ f(u_0) &= 2, \quad f(u_1) = 2n + 1 \\ f(u_i) &= 2i; \quad 2 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= 2i - 1; \quad 2 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = \left\lceil \frac{5n-4}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $e_f(1) = \left\lfloor \frac{5n-4}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Case 2:** Switching of the vertex of degree three.

Without loss of generality we are assuming that the switched vertex is  $u_1$ . We note that  $|V(G_v)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(G_v)| = 5n - 6$ . Define vertex labeling  $f : V(G_v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1) &= 1, \quad f(u_0) = 2 \\ f(u_i) &= 2i; \quad 2 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v_i) &= 2i + 1; \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above defined labeling pattern we have  $e_f(0) = \left\lceil \frac{5n-6}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $e_f(1) = \left\lfloor \frac{5n-6}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Thus,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence, the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of a vertex except apex vertex in the gear graph  $G_n$  is square divisor cordial.  $\square$

**Illustration 2.20.** *The gear graph  $G = G_6$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $v_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 14.*

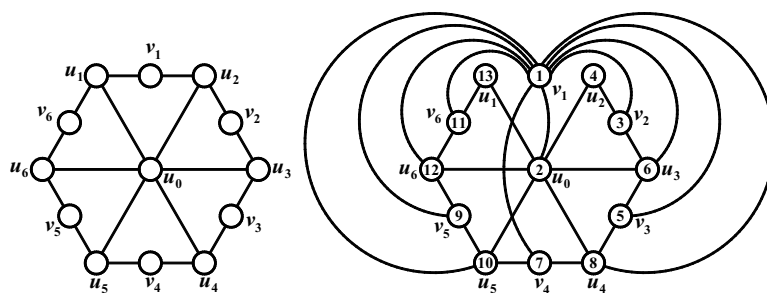


Figure 14. The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

Illustration 2.21. The gear graph  $G = G_6$  and the graph  $G_v$  obtained by switching of vertex  $u_1$  with its square divisor cordial labeling are shown in the Figure 15.

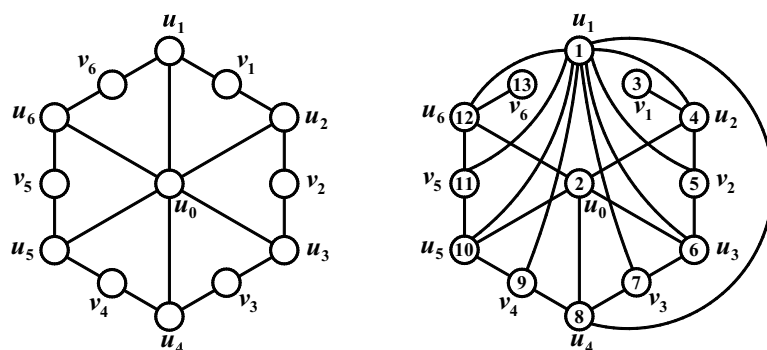


Figure 15. The graph  $G$  and square divisor cordial labeling of graph  $G_v$ .

### 3. Concluding Remark

Here, we have derived six new results related to the graph operation vertex switching for the square divisor cordial labeling technique. To explore some new square divisor cordial graphs with respect to other graph operations is an open problem.

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