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# *Abstract*

## **A STUDY ON PRIME LABELING AND PRIME DISTANCE LABELING OF GRAPHS**

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“Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $V$  as non- empty set of vertices or nodes or points and  $E$  as the set of edges or lines or arcs. If the nodes or arcs or both of  $G$  are assigned labels (mostly integers) subject to certain constraints, then the graph  $G$  is said to have vertex labeling, edge labeling or total labeling, respectively. One of the important areas in graph theory is graph labeling used in many applications like coding theory,  $x$ -ray crystallography, cryptography, astronomy, circuit design, communication networking, data base management, etc. There are many types of graph labeling studied by many Mathematicians like prime labeling, prime distance labeling, vertex prime labeling, cordial labeling,  $k$ -equitable labeling, etc. Prime numbers have always fascinated Mathematicians and the concept of relatively prime numbers has also been extensively used in many areas of Mathematics. So, the prime labeling and prime distance labeling have also been extensively studied by many Mathematicians. But the origin of most of the graph labeling can be traced when  $\beta$ -valuation of a graph was introduced. A one-one function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m\}$  is said to be a  $\beta$ -valuation of a graph  $G(V, E)$ , where  $|E| = m$ , if each edge  $e = st$  is assigned the label  $|f(s) - f(t)|$  and all the labels are distinct. A bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V|\}$  is called a prime labeling of  $G$  if for each edge  $e = st$ ,  $GCD(f(s), f(t)) = 1$ , where  $GCD$  denotes the greatest common divisor.  $G$  is a prime graph if it admits a prime labeling. A graph  $G(V, E)$ , is a prime distance graph if there exists a one-one labeling of its vertices  $f : V(G) \rightarrow Z$  such that for any two adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , the integer  $|f(u) - f(v)|$  is a prime and  $f$  is called a prime distance labeling of  $G$ . So, a graph  $G$  is a prime distance graph if and only if there exists a prime distance labeling of  $G$ . Though a significant work has been done in the area of prime labeling and prime distance labeling, complete characterization of both these labeling is pending and have attracted many Mathematicians for research in this direction. In an effort to achieve complete characterization of both of these labeling, researchers across the globe have ingrained prime labeling and prime distance labeling for various classes and families of graphs. Moreover both of these labeling have been extensively studied in the context of various graph operations such as

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extension, duplication, join, disjoint union, barycentric subdivision, Cartesian product, vertex switching, etc.

In the present proposed work, an effort has been made to derive prime labeling and prime distance labeling of some classes and families of graphs.

Sufficient conditions for the degree splitting graph of a bipartite graph to exhibit prime distance labeling and barycentric subdivision of a graph to exhibit prime labeling have been obtained. The complete characterization of prime distance labeling in the context of barycentric subdivision has also been established.

Besides this some interesting conjectures and open problems have also been formulated for future work. Thus the thesis titled: **A Study on Prime Labeling and Prime Distance Labeling of Graphs** deals with the following objectives:

- 1 Deriving the prime labeling of some classes of graphs.
- 2 Establishing prime distance labeling of certain families of graphs.
- 3 Obtaining the prime and prime distance labeling in the context of extension of vertices of some graphs.
- 4 Obtaining the prime and prime distance labeling in the context of barycentric subdivision of some graphs.

The thesis *A Study on Prime Labeling and Prime Distance Labeling of Graphs* has been divided into five chapters of which the first is introduction. Apart from giving a historical background of graph theory, some basic notions of graph theory and graph labeling with some established results in prime labeling and prime distance labeling are also included in this introductory chapter to make this thesis self-contained. On the grounds of literature review, research gap has been identified and some realistic objectives are proposed.

In the second chapter '*Results on Prime Labeling*', prime labeling of some classes of graphs has been investigated. The constraints on the orders of two prime graphs so that their disjoint union exhibits prime labeling are also investigated. The prime labeling of path graphs and complete graphs in the context of degree splitting of a graph has been studied. Besides this, prime labeling of the complement of gear graph and middle graph of a path graph has also been studied.

In the third chapter, '*Prime Labeling in the context of Extension and Barycentric subdivision*', we study prime labeling of star, bistar and tree graphs in the context of barycentric subdivision besides giving the sufficient condition for a graph to exhibit prime labeling in the context of barycentric subdivision. Prime labeling of path and complete graphs in the context of extension of vertices has also been investigated.

In the fourth chapter, *‘Results on Prime Distance Labeling’*, the prime distance labeling of the non-commuting graphs of some non-abelian groups like dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  and Quaternions group  $Q_8$  are investigated. Prime distance labeling of the degree splitting graph of complete graph, complete bipartite graph, Jelly fish graph  $J(m, n)$ , Flower graph  $F(C_m, K_n)$ , Pizza graph, Diamond graph, Jewel graph, Super subdivision of a graph, one point union of 2-regular graphs and sufficient condition for the degree splitting graph of a bipartite graph to exhibit PDL, have been investigated. Besides this some general results on prime distance graphs have also been studied.

The last chapter, *‘Prime Distance Labeling in the context of Extension and Barycentric subdivision’* deals with obtaining complete characterization of prime distance labeling of simple graphs in the context of barycentric subdivision and prime distance labeling of path and complete graphs in the context of duplication and extension of vertices. The characterisation of family of graphs that exhibits PDL if Goldbach’s conjecture is true has also been obtained.

In the end, a detailed bibliography has been included to justify the present study”.

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# List of Symbols and Abbreviations

$R$ – The set of reals

$Z$ – The set of integers

$N$ – The set of naturals

$|V(G)|$ – Cardinality of vertex set of  $G$

$|E(G)|$ – Cardinality of Edge set of  $G$

$\delta(G)$ – Minimum degree of  $G$

$\Delta(G)$ – Maximum degree of  $G$

$\lceil x \rceil$ – Ceiling function of  $x$

$\lfloor x \rfloor$ – Floor function of  $x$

$G^2$ –Square graph of  $G$

$K_{m,n}$ – Complete bipartite graph

$K_n$ – Complete graph

$M(G)$ – Middle graph of  $G$

$DS(G)$ – Degree splitting graph of  $G$

$S(G)$ – Subdivision graph of  $G$

$\mu(G)$ – Mycelskian graph of  $G$

$N(v)$ – Neighborhood of a vertex  $v$

$N[v]$ – Closed neighborhood of a vertex  $v$

$PG$ – Prime graph

$PDG$ – Prime distance graph

$SS(G)$ – Super subdivision of a graph  $G$

$ASS(G)$ – Arbitrary Super subdivision of a graph  $G$

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

In this chapter an incisive introduction to graph theory and graph labeling has been given along with a few applications of graph labeling. Apart from these basic notions of graph theory and graph labeling, some established results in PL and PDL in this introductory chapter are given to make this dissertation self-contained. The aim of the thesis is presented along with the detailed review of literature. On the grounds of literature review, research gap has been identified and some realistic objectives of the present work are proposed.

### 1.1 Introduction to Graph Theory

In many different domains, graph theory is very significant. Graph theory first appeared in the 1700s, when Swiss mathematician L. Euler published a paper on the Königsberg bridge problem in 1736. Many people view this as the birth of the discipline of graph theory. After Euler's work, the area of graph theory virtually stagnated for the following 100 years. Euler's theories on graphs were initially intended to be used for puzzle-solving and entertainment. Later, around the middle of the 1800s, it was discovered that graphs can be used to model a variety of real-world issues that are very important to society. The fact is that practically every real-world issue involving a discrete arrangement of things may be represented as a graph, provided that only the relationships between the objects are considered and not their intrinsic attributes. G.R. Kirchoff introduced the "theory of trees" in 1847, and it was applied in electrical networks. Arthur Cayley made the discovery of trees in 1857 while attempting to enumerate the structural isomers of saturated hydrocarbons represented by the formula  $C_kH_{2k+2}$ . In 1852, *A. De Morgan* introduced the "*Four-Color Conjecture*", that defines 4 colors are sufficient to color any map on a plane such that the bordering regions are colored differently. The problem was

first published by Cayley in 1879. This famous problem in graph theory has stimulated a large volume of developments in “graph theory”. This result now has been established and requires the help of computer for verification and hence we call it now *Four-Color Theorem*. In the year 1859 Sir *W. R. Hamilton* invented a puzzle consisting of a wooden, regular dodecahedron. The goal of the task was to identify a path along the borders of the dodecahedron that starts from any city, travels through each city precisely once, and ends at the city from which it started. A dodecahedron has twenty corners, each of which was marked with the names of 20 cities. Hamiltonian circuits are what such pathways are known as in graph theory. Finding a characterisation theorem for a Hamiltonian circuit to exist in any given graph has not yet been resolved, even though this problem can be addressed quite quickly. The field of graph theory remained largely dormant for roughly 50 years. The interest in graphs again returned in the 1920s, and one of the most well-known graph theorists of the time, D. König, compiled both his own work and that of other mathematicians, publishing the first book in this field in 1936. Numerous books and thousands of papers have been written in the past 70 years as a result of the extensive study that has been done in graph theory. Graph theory has a wide range of applications in many different scientific domains, even though it was initially intended to solve amusing puzzles. A Computer network can be depicted as a graph with nodes denoting web pages and directed lines denoting links connecting those sites. Like how a graph is a natural depiction of a molecule in chemistry, where nodes stand in for atoms and lines for bonds, Computer-assisted molecular structure processing, which includes anything from chemical editors to database searches, benefits from this technology. It’s interesting to note that chemical graph theory [9], which uses graph theory to the mathematical modelling of chemical events, is given special attention even though mathematical modelling in Organic Chemistry stems from several fields of Mathematics. Graphs can also depict the dynamics of a physical process on those systems as well as the local relationships between interacting system components in statistical physics. The concept of graphs find application in describing micro-scale links in porous media, with nodes denoting holes and lines denoting the smaller links connecting pores [55]. The analysis of high symmetry graphs led to the development of algebraic graph theory [8]. It examines many classes of graphs with relation to specific characteristics of automorphism groups, including semi-symmetric graphs, line-transitive graphs, node-transitive graphs, and distance transitive graphs. Additionally, graph theory has plenty of applications in many fields of mathematics, science, engineering, & technology, as well as communication networks and practical issues [6, 10]. GT and GL, respectively denote graph theory and graph labeling.

“GL is a vital concept in GT that finds countless uses in different domains. GL is a map that allocates integers to the links or points, or both under a few restrictions. The

importance of GL can be witnessed by its variety of uses in many domains like circuit design, radar, etc". For a detailed study, see [7, 22, 36, 40, 74].

### 1.1.1 Preliminaries

In this subsection some basic ideas of "graph theory" and results relevant to the study undertaken have been recalled.

**Definition 1.1.1.** "A simple graph  $H$  consists of a non-null set  $V$  of finite number of points/nodes & a set  $E$  of links/lines in a way that each line of  $G$  is a pair  $\{y_i, y_j\}$  for some  $y_i, y_j$  in  $V$  with  $y_i \neq y_j$  (See Figure 1.1).

**Definition 1.1.2.** The degree of  $x \in V(H)$ , denoted by  $d_H(x)$ , is the count of lines of  $H$  incident with  $x$  (see Figure 1.1).

**Definition 1.1.3.** Two nodes are adjacent in  $G$  if they are joined by a line in  $G$ .

**Definition 1.1.4.** Two adjacent nodes of  $G_1=(V, E)$  are said to be neighbors. Open & closed neighborhood of  $x$  represented by  $N(x)$  or  $N[x]$  respectively(see Figure 1.1).

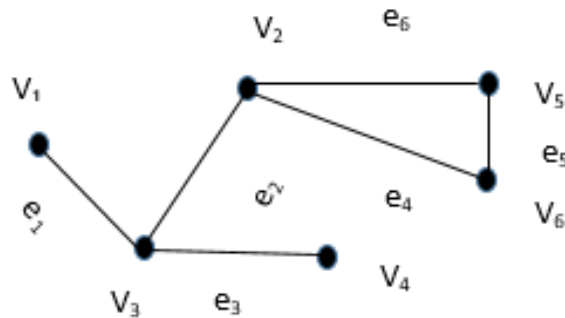


FIGURE 1.1: A simple graph  $H$

**Definition 1.1.5.** Two or more lines of  $G_1$  are known to be incident if they have a common node.

**Definition 1.1.6.** A *walk* in  $G$  is a finite alternating sequence of nodes & lines that begins and ends with nodes.

**Definition 1.1.7.** A walk in  $G$  without repetition of nodes is said to be a *path*, denoted by  $P_n$ .

**Definition 1.1.8.** A closed path in  $G=(V,E)$  is a *cycle*,  $C_n$ .

**Definition 1.1.9.**  $G_1$  is connected if  $\exists$  a  $P_n$  between each pair of nodes in  $G_1$ , otherwise disconnected.

**Definition 1.1.10.**  $G=(V,E)$  without any cycle is said to be *acyclic*.

**Definition 1.1.11.** A tree is connected & has no cycles (see Figure 1.2).

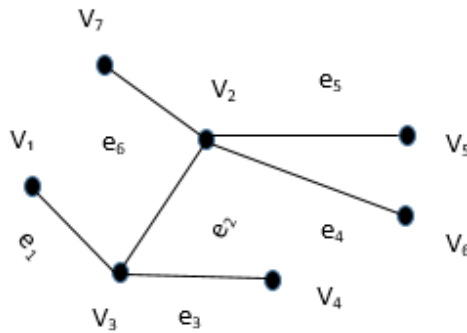


FIGURE 1.2: A tree

**Definition 1.1.12.** A graph denoted by  $K_n$  is said to be *complete* if every pair of nodes is connected by a line.

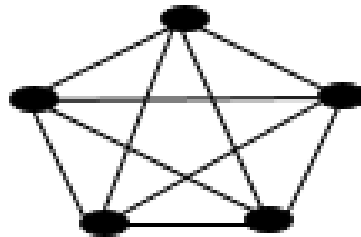
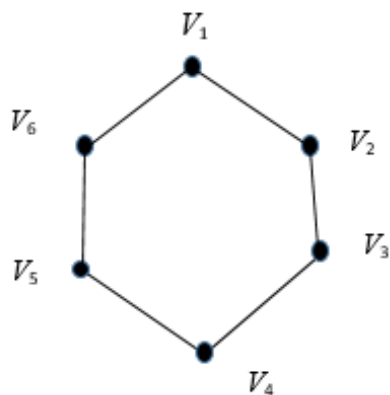


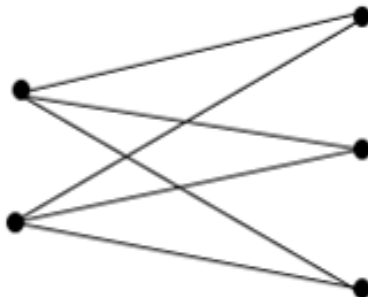
FIGURE 1.3:  $K_5$

**Definition 1.1.13.**  $H=(V ,E)$  is *bipartite* when  $V$  shall be divided into 2 sets  $Y_1$  &  $Y_2$  so that each line of  $H$  is having one end node in  $Y_1$  & the other in  $Y_2$ .



FIGURE 1.4:  $C_6$ 

**Definition 1.1.14.** A bipartite graph  $G_1$  with decomposition as  $V = Y_1 \cup Y_2$  is said to be *complete bipartite* whenever every node in  $Y_1$  is connected to every node in  $Y_2$ , denoted by  $K_{m,n}$  (see Figure 1.5).

FIGURE 1.5:  $K_{2,3}$ 

**Definition 1.1.15.** A star with  $n$  nodes is a complete bipartite graph  $K_{1,n-1}$ .

**Definition 1.1.16.** A *banana tree* is a family of stars with a new node adjoined to one end node of each star (see Figure 1.6).

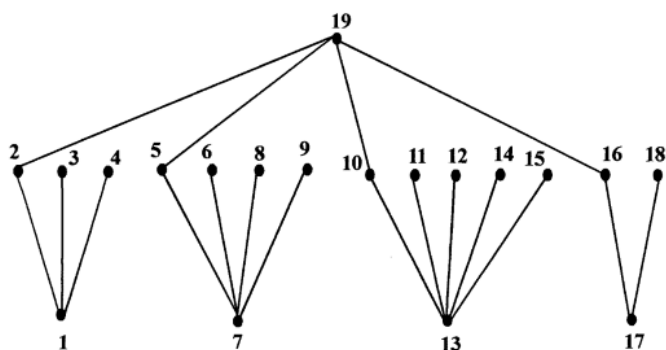


FIGURE 1.6: Banana tree

**Definition 1.1.17.** A *wheel graph* is  $W_n = C_n \wedge K_1$ . (see Figure 1.7).

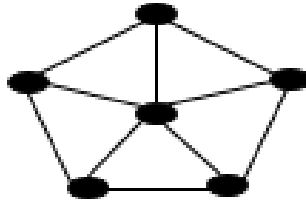


FIGURE 1.7:  $W_5$

**Definition 1.1.18.** The *helm*,  $H_n$  can be derived out of  $W_n$  by connecting a pendant point to every rim point (See Figure 1.8).

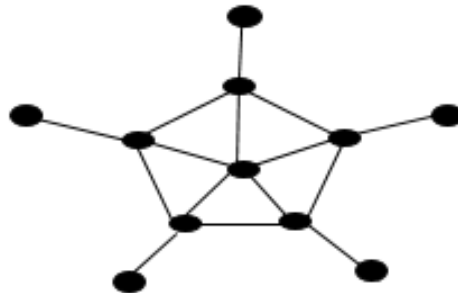


FIGURE 1.8:  $H_5$

**Definition 1.1.19.** The  $Fl_n$  is formed from  $H_n$  by connecting each pendant node to the centre of  $H_n$  (See Figure 1.9).

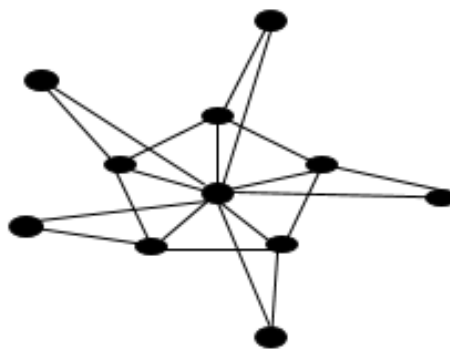
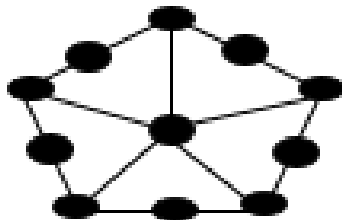
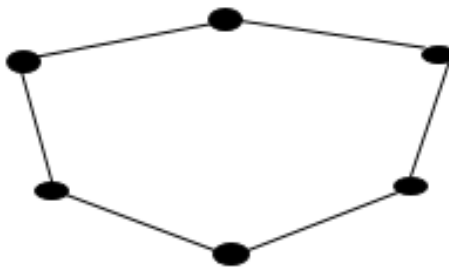


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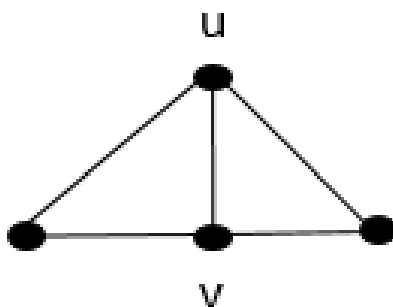
**Definition 1.1.20.** The *gear graph*  $G_n$  is formed by inserting a node between adjacent nodes on the perimeter of  $W_n$  (see Figure 1.10).

FIGURE 1.10: Gear graph  $G_5$ 

**Definition 1.1.21.** A line  $e = xy$  is known to be subdivided when  $xy$  is replaced by lines  $e_1 = xw$  &  $e_2 = wy$ . When every line of  $H$  is subdivided, the resulting graph is said to be *barycentric subdivision* of  $H$ . (see Figure 1.11).

FIGURE 1.11:  $S(C_3)$ 

**Definition 1.1.22.** The extension of any arbitrary node in  $G$ , say  $r$ , is obtained by introducing a new node  $u_1$  in  $G$  which produces a new graph  $G_1$  &  $N(u_1) = \{r\} \cup N(r)$ . (see Figure 1.12).

FIGURE 1.12: Extension of  $v$  by  $u$  in  $P_3$ 

**Definition 1.1.23.** “The shadow graph  $D_2(H)$  of  $H$  is formed by having 2 copies of  $H$ , say  $H'$  and  $H''$  and joining every node  $x' \in H'$  to the neighbors of the respective node  $y' \in H''$  (see Figure 1.13).

**Example 1.1.1.**  $G$  and  $D_2(G)$  (see Figure 1.13).

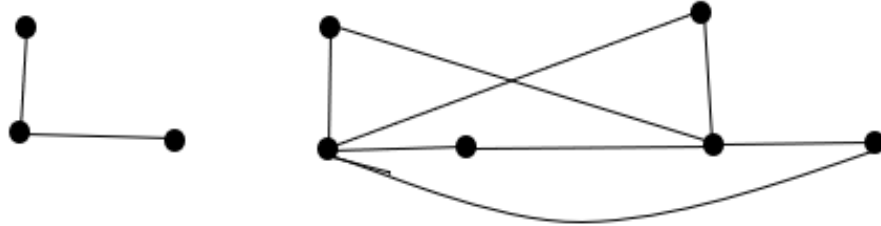


FIGURE 1.13:  $G$  and  $D_2(G)$

**Definition 1.1.24.** The web graph  $W_{n,r}$  can be obtained as a Cartesian product of  $C_n$  and  $P_r$ . Note that  $W_{n,1}$  is the same as  $C_n$ , and  $W_{n,2}$  is a prism.

**Definition 1.1.25.** [41] A triangular snake  $T_s$  is derived from  $P_s: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s$  by connecting  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$  to a new node  $u_i: 1 \leq i \leq s-1$ .

**Definition 1.1.26.** [41] A double triangular snake  $D(T_s)$  contains of 2  $T_s$  with a common  $P_s$ .

**Definition 1.1.27.** [41] The duplication of

- (i) a point  $x$  of  $G_1$  is obtained by adding a new point  $x'$  to  $G_1$  & placing links so that  $N(x) = N(x')$ .
- (ii) a node  $v_k$  of  $G_1$  by a line  $e = v_k'v_k''$  is formed by introducing 2 new nodes  $v_k', v_k''$  & a line  $e = v_k'v_k''$  so that  $N(v_k') = \{v_k, v_k''\}, N(v_k'') = \{v_k, v_k'\}$ .
- (iii)  $e_1 = cd \in G_1$  by a point  $w$  is obtained by introducing a new point  $w$  to  $G_1$  so that  $N(w) = \{c, d\}$ .
- (iv) a line  $e_1 = x_1y_1$  in  $G_1$  produces  $G_1'$  by introducing a line  $e' = x_1'y_1'$ , where  $x_1', y_1'$  are newly added points to  $G_1$  so that  $N(x_1') = N(x_1) \cup \{y_1'\} - \{y_1\}$  &  $N(y_1') = N(y_1) \cup \{x_1'\} - \{x_1\}$ .

**Definition 1.1.28.** [41] The total graph  $T(H)$  of  $H$  with node set,  $V(H) \cup E(H)$  and 2 nodes are adjacent when they are either adjacent or incident in  $H$ .

**Definition 1.1.29.** [41] “The  $k$ -th power  $G^k$  of  $G$  has the same node set as  $G$  and two distinct nodes  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$  are adjacent in  $G^k$  if and only if their distance in  $G$  is at most  $k$ . The graphs  $G^2$  and  $G^3$  are also known as square and cube of  $G$  respectively (Parthiban, 2018)”.

**Definition 1.1.30.** [44] “ $DW_n$  of size  $n$  is composed of  $2C_n + K_1$ .”

**Definition 1.1.31.** [44]  $F_{1,n}$  is defined as  $F_{1,n} = K_1 + P_n$ .

**Definition 1.1.32.** [44] Umbrella graph  $G = U(r, s)$  is defined as follows: The node set  $V(U(r, s)) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{r+s}\}$  &  $E(U(r, s)) = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3$ , where  $E_1 = \{v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq s-1\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{v_s v_{s+j} : 1 \leq j \leq r\}$ ,  $E_3 = \{v_k v_{k+1} : s+1 \leq k \leq r+s-1\}$ .

**Definition 1.1.33.** The join of two disjoint graphs  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ ,  $H_1 + H_2$  has node set  $V(H_1 + H_2) = V_1 \cup V_2$  and  $E(H_1 + H_2) = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \{uv : u \in V_1, v \in V_2\}$  (see Figure 1.14).

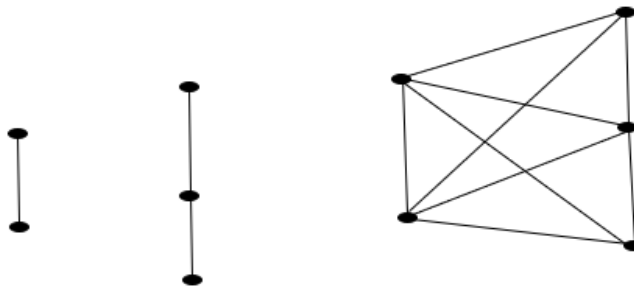


FIGURE 1.14:  $G_1, G_2$  and  $G_1 + G_2$

**Definition 1.1.34.** Two graphs  $H_1$  &  $H_2$  are known to be isomorphic if  $\exists$  a one-one correspondence between their nodes & lines such that the incidence relationship is preserved” (see Figures 1.15, 1.16).



FIGURE 1.15: Isomorphic Graphs



FIGURE 1.16: Non - isomorphic Graphs

## 1.2 Graph Labeling

“An allocation of numbers to  $V$  or  $E$  or both of  $H$  subject to a few restrictions is called a GL. There are many types of GL studied by many Mathematicians like PL, PDL, node PL, cordial labeling,  $k$ -equitable labeling, etc. Prime numbers have always fascinated mathematicians, and the concept of relatively prime numbers has also been extensively used in many areas of Mathematics. So, the PL and PDL have also been extensively studied by many mathematicians. But the origin of GL can be traced when Rosa [57] introduced  $\beta$ -valuation of a graph in 1967. A one-one function  $g: V(H) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m\}$  is a  $\beta$ -valuation of  $H(V, E)$ , where  $|E|=m$ , if each line  $e=st$  is given the label  $|g(s) - g(t)|$  and every label is unique”. The present study is focused on PL and PDL of simple and undirected graphs.

**Definition 1.2.1.** If the nodes or lines or both of  $G$  are assigned labels (mostly integers) subject to certain conditions, then the graph is said to have node labeling, line labeling or total labeling respectively.

**Definition 1.2.2.** “ $H = (m, n)$  is graceful when  $\exists$  a one-one mapping  $g: V(H) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  such that the resulting absolute difference of the node labels of all the lines is  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ” (see Figure 1.17).

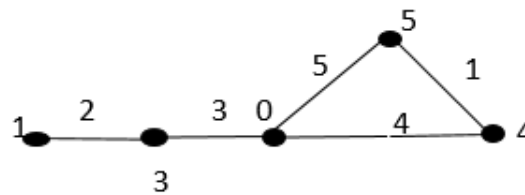


FIGURE 1.17: Graceful labeling of  $G$

## 1.3 Prime Labeling and Prime Distance Labeling

Some number theory results are recalled here:

**Conjecture 1.3.1.** “(*The Goldbach’s Conjecture (GC)*): Every  $2k > 2, 2k = p_1 + p_2, p_i \in P$  (Burton, 2011)”.

**Conjecture 1.3.2.** “(*The Twin Prime Conjecture (TPC)*)  $\exists$  infinitely many primes  $p_i, p_j$  such that  $|p_i - p_j| = 2$  (Burton, 2011)”.

**Conjecture 1.3.3.** “(de Polignac’s) For any positive integer  $2s$ ,  $\exists$  infinitely many pairs of consecutive primes that difference is  $2k$  (Burton, 2011)”.

**Theorem 1.3.1.** “(Ramare’s) Every  $2k$  is the sum of at most 6 primes (Burton, 2011)”.

**Theorem 1.3.2.** “(The Green-Tao) For any positive integer  $l$ ,  $\exists$  a prime A.P of length  $l$  (Burton, 2011)”.

**Theorem 1.3.3.** “Every sufficiently large odd number,  $2k+1, 2k+1 = p_1+p_2+p_3, p_i \in P$ . is the sum of three primes (Burton, 2011)”.

**Lemma 1.3.1. (Euclid’s Lemma)** When  $q$  is a prime and  $c, d$  are any two integers, then  $q|cd \Rightarrow q|c$  or  $q|d$ .

**Theorem 1.3.4.** Two integers  $c, d$  are co-prime if and only if  $\exists$  two integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $cx + dy = 1$ .

**Theorem 1.3.5.** If two integers  $r$  and  $s$  are co-prime, then  $r|sc \Rightarrow r|c$ .

**Theorem 1.3.6.** The number of positive primes is infinite.

**Definition 1.3.1.** The Euler  $\varphi$ - function is the function  $\varphi : Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  and defined as follows: (i) :  $\varphi(1) = 1$ , (ii) for  $k > 1, \varphi(k) =$  the count of positive integers  $< k$  and co-prime to  $k$ .

**Theorem 1.3.7.** If  $r$  and  $s$  are co-primes, then  $\varphi(rs) = \varphi(r)\varphi(s)$ .

**Theorem 1.3.8.** If  $q$  is a prime, then  $\varphi(q^n) = q^n - q^{n-1} = q^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)$ , where  $n$  is any positive integer.

**Theorem 1.3.9.** If  $n > 1$  and  $p_i; i = 1, 2, 3...m$  are the distinct prime factors of  $n$ , then  $\varphi(n) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_m}\right)$ .

**Theorem 1.3.10.** If  $q$  is a prime and  $x$  is any integer such that  $q$  is not a divisor of  $x$  so that  $(x, q) = 1$ , then  $x^{q-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ .

**Theorem 1.3.11.** If  $m$  is a positive integer &  $a$  is any integer such that  $(a, m) = 1$ , then  $a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

**Theorem 1.3.12.** If  $q$  is a prime, then  $(q-1)! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$  i.e.  $(q-1)! + 1$  is a multiple of  $q$ .

**Theorem 1.3.13. (Converse of Wilson’s Theorem)** If  $(p-1)! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , then  $p$  must be a prime.

**Definition 1.3.2.** A graph  $H$  with  $k$  nodes is said to allow prime labeling (PL) if  $\exists$  a bijective map  $g : V(H) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  so that for each  $e = kl$ ,  $GCD(g(k), g(l)) = 1$ . Any  $G$  admitting PL is a prime graph (PG) (see Figure 1.18).

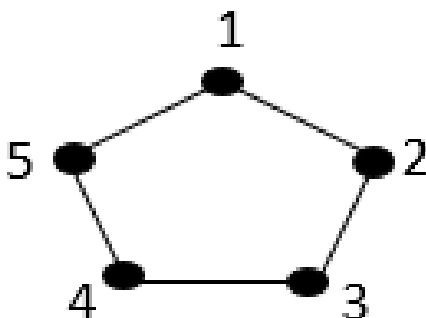


FIGURE 1.18: A prime graph

**Definition 1.3.3.**  $H$  is a PDG if  $\exists$  a one-one labeling  $h : V(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  so that given 2 adjacent nodes  $k$  &  $l$ , the integer  $|h(k) - h(l)|$  is prime. (see Figure 1.19).

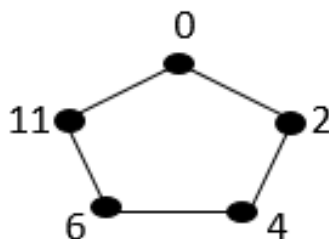


FIGURE 1.19: A PDG

Interestingly, the establishment of PDL of a few classes of graphs is very much related to some important results in Number Theory. In fact the PDL of bipartite graphs can be shown by using the Green-Tao theorem; the PDL of cycles can be done by using GC, TPC, etc”.

## 1.4 Review of Literature

### 1.4.1 Some Important Results on Prime Labeling

Some important results on PL are recalled in this subsection.



“In [26] the given results are established:

- If  $H$  is a prime graph of order  $s$ , then  $\alpha_0(H) \geq \lfloor \frac{s}{2} \rfloor$ , where  $\alpha_0(H)$  is the independence number of  $H$ .
- A complete bipartite graph  $G = (A, B)$  of order  $n$  with  $|A| \leq |B|$ , is prime iff  $|A| \leq |P(\frac{n}{2}, n)| + 1$ .
- If  $H = (A, B)$  is bipartite of order  $p$  with  $|A| \leq |B|$  &  $|A| \leq |P(\frac{p}{2}, p)| + 1$ , then  $H$  is prime.
- If  $T = (A, B)$  is a connected acyclic graph of order  $s$  with  $|A| \leq |B|$  &  $|A| \leq |P(\frac{s}{3}, s)| + 1$ . Then  $T$  is prime.
- All trees of order less than 16 admit PL.
- If  $\alpha_0(G) \geq n - |P(\frac{n}{2}, n)| - 1$ , then  $G$  is prime.

P. Haxell et al [25] established the following:

- $\exists k'$  such that every tree of order  $k$  with  $k \geq k'$  is prime.
- For every  $d \geq 1 \exists n''$  such that every  $s(n)$  – separable bipartite  $d$ – degenerate graph  $F$  of order  $n \geq n''$  is prime, where  $s(n) = n^{1 - \frac{10^6 \cdot d}{\ln \ln n}}$ .

“S. K. Patel and Jayesh Vasava [51] established the following:

- If  $n$  and  $m$  both are odd, then  $C_n^{(j)} \cup C_m^{(k)}$  is not a prime graph.
- $C_{2n}^{(j)} \cup C_m^{(k)}$  is prime  $\forall n$  and  $m$ .
- $C_{2n}^{(2)} \cup C_{2m}^{(2)} \cup C_k^{(2)}$  is prime  $\forall n, m$  and  $k$ .
- $C_{2n} \cup C_{2n} \cup C_{2n} \cup C_{2n} \cup C_{2m} \cup C_k$  is prime  $\forall n, m$  and  $k$ ”

“S. K. Vaidya et al. [72] proved the following:

The graph formed by performing duplication of

- $x \in P_k$  is a PG.
- a node by a line in  $P_k$  is a PG.
- every node by a line in  $P_k$  is not a PG.

- a line by a node in  $P_k$  is a PG.
- a line in  $P_k$  is a PG.
- every node by a line in  $C_k$  is not a PG.
- a line by a node in  $C_k$  is a PG.
- a line in  $C_k$  is a PG if  $k \geq 3$ .

S. Meena and P. Kavitha [37] proved the following:

The graph formed by performing duplication of

- each node by a line in subdivision of  $S_{1,n}$  does not admit PL.
- a node in subdivision of  $S_{1,n}$  admits PL.
- all pendant nodes in subdivision of  $S_{1,n}$  admits PL.
- nodes of degree 2 in subdivision of  $S_{1,n}$  admits PL.
- the nodes of the subdivision of  $S_{1,n}$  except the apex node admits PL.
- the lines by a node which are incident with pendant nodes in subdivision of  $S_{1,n}$  does not admit PL.

S. Meena and K. Vaithilingam [38] established the following:

The graph obtained by

- fusing any 2 consecutive nodes in  $H_n$  is a PG.
- duplicating a node  $v_k$  in the rim of  $H_n$  is a PG.
- switching of any node  $v_k$  in the rim of  $H_n$  is a PG.
- the path  $P_k$  union of 2 pieces of  $H_r$  is a PG if  $r \neq 5k + 1$ .
- $H_n$  admits PL.

S. Ashokkumar and S. Maragathavalli [37] proved the following:

- Flower graph  $Fl_n$  admits a PL.
- Splitting graph of star graph admits a PL.
- The bistar  $B_{n,n}$  admits a PL.

- The friendship graph  $F_n$  admits a PL.

The authors in [69] proved the following:

The graph obtained by

- identifying any 2 nodes  $x_i$  &  $x_j$  ( $d(x_i, x_j) \geq 3$ ) of  $C_k$  is a PG.
- duplicating arbitrary node of  $C_k$  is a PG.
- path union of finite copies of  $C_r$  is a PG except for odd  $r$ .
- joining two copies of  $C_r$  by  $P_s$  is a PG except  $r$  &  $s$  both odd”.

### 1.4.2 Some Important Results on Prime Distance Labeling

Joshua D. Laison, Colin Starr, Andrea Walker [33] proved the following:

- “Every bipartite graph is PDG.
- If GC is true, then each  $C_n$  is PDG.
- Every cycle is a PDG.
- All Dutch windmill graphs are PDG iff the TPC is true.

A. Parthiban and N. Gnanamalar David [45] established the following:

- “ $\mu(G)$  of any non-PDG  $G$  is again a non-PDG.
- Any  $k$ -th power  $k \geq 2$  of  $\mu(P_n)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , does not admit a PDL.
- Any  $k$ -th power ( $k \geq 2$ ) of  $\mu(C_n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , does not admit a PDL.
- The shadow graph  $D_2(P_n)$  of  $P_n$  admits a PDL.
- The middle graph  $M(P_n)$  of  $P_n$  admits a PDL.
- The total graph  $T(P_n)$  of  $P_n$  admits a PDL.
- The double triangular snake  $D(T_n)$  admits a PDL.
- The triangular snake  $T_n$  admits a PDL”.

A. Parthiban and N. Gnanamalar David [41] established the following:

“The graphs formed by

- (i) switching a pendant node in  $P_k$ , (ii) switching a neighbor of a pendant node in  $P_n$  and (iii) switching a middle node in  $P_n$  admit no PDL for  $n \geq 14$ .
- switching a central node in  $W_n$  admits a PDL for  $n \geq 4$ .
- performing duplication of a point by a line at all points in  $P_n$  admit a PDL for  $n \geq 1$ .
- performing (i) duplication of a node in  $P_n$  or (ii) duplication of a node by an line in  $P_n$  admits PDL for  $n \geq 1$ .
- performing duplication of a line by a node at all lines in  $P_n$  admits PDL.
- performing extension at all nodes in  $P_n$  admits PDL.
- taking union of  $k$ -copies of PDG  $H$  admits PDL.
- gluing at each node of a PDG  $H$  finite number of node disjoint paths permits PDL.
- gluing 2 copies of  $C_k$  by  $P_l$  admits PDL.

A. Parthiban et al. [44] proved the following:

- “ $G_1 = H_1 \times K_2$  admits PDL”.
- “ $W_n = C_{n-1} + K_1$ ,  $n \geq 10$  admits no PDL”.
- “ $H_n$ ,  $n \geq 10$  admits no PDL”.
- “ $DW_n$ ,  $n \geq 5$  admits no PDL”.
- “ $F_{1,n}$ ,  $n \geq 11$  admits no PDL”.
- “ $U(m, n)$ ,  $m \geq 11$  admits no PDL”.

A. Parthiban & N. Gnanamalar David [42] proved the following:

- “ $W_{n,r}$  for any  $n$ ,  $r \geq 3$  admits a PDL”.
- “ $DSG(P_n)$  does not admit a PDL  $\forall n \geq 13$ ”.
- “ $DSG(K_n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$  does not admit a PDL”.
- “The braid graph  $B(n)$  permits PDL  $\forall n \geq 3$ ”.
- “The triangular ladder  $TL_n$  admits a PDL  $\forall n \geq 2$ ”.

## 1.5 Research Gap and Objectives

Though plenty of study has been pursued in the section of PL and PDL of graphs, still there are many interesting conjectures and open problems to work on. For instance, Entringer-Tout Conjecture: Every tree is prime graph has not been settled till date, though a partial success has been achieved wherein it has been proved that all large trees are prime. Complete characterizations of prime graphs and PDGs are still pending. Researchers across the globe have done an enormous amount of work in this direction. Moreover both of these labeling have been studied by many mathematicians for many classes and “families of graphs” in the context of many “graph operations” like barycentric sub-division, extension of nodes, join, Cartesian product, corona, duplication, node switching, etc. But there are many families and classes of graphs for which the exhibition of these labeling in the context of barycentric sub-division and extension of nodes is pending. Moreover an attempt has been made to narrow the gap of establishing the complete characterization of these labeling. Based on these research gaps, the following objectives are framed:

1. Deriving the PL of some classes of graphs.
2. Establishing PDL of certain families of graphs.
3. Obtaining the prime and PDL in the context of extension of nodes of some graphs.
4. Obtaining the prime and PDL in the context of barycentric subdivision of some graphs.

## 1.6 Contributions of the thesis

The present research study enriches the field of graph theory, specifically the area of PL and PDL of graphs. The contributions advance the possibility of attaining the complete characterizations of PL and PDL. The study also provides the future directions for the readers and research community.

## 1.7 Conclusion

In this chapter, an introduction to GT and GL has been given for references in the exposition. In addition to PL and PDL, a few other graph labeling techniques have also been recalled. Finally, a comprehensive review of literature along with research gap followed by the proposed objectives are also presented.

## Chapter 2

# Results on Prime Labeling

### 2.1 Introduction

In this chapter PL of some classes of graphs has been studied. The constraints on the orders of two prime graphs so that their disjoint union exhibits PL have been investigated. Also studied PL of  $P_n$  and  $K_n$  in the context of degree splitting graph of given graph. Besides this, prime labeling of the complement of gear graph & middle graph of a path have also been derived.

### 2.2 Certain Results on PL of Graphs

First we recall some established results:

**Theorem 2.2.1.** *“Assume that  $T_k$  is a connected acyclic graph on  $k$  nodes, where  $k \geq 3$ . Let  $A = \{x \in V | \deg(x) \neq 1\}$  and  $B = \{y \in A | y \text{ is adjacent to pendant vertices}\}$ . If  $|A| \leq |P(1, k)| + 1$  and  $|B| \leq |P(\frac{k}{2}, k)| + 1$ , then  $T_k$  has PL, where  $P(x, y)$  is the set of all primes  $t$  such that  $x < t \leq y$ ”.*

Example to illustrate the above theorem: Consider  $T$  in Figure 2.1. See that  $n = 31$ , “ $A = \{v_i : i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ ,  $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_6, v_7\}$ ”,  $|A| = 7$ ,  $|B| = 5$ . Also,  $|P(1, 31)| = 11$ ,  $|P(15.5, 31)| = 5$ . Since theorem 2.2.1 is satisfied,  $T$  has PL as shown in the Figure 2.1.

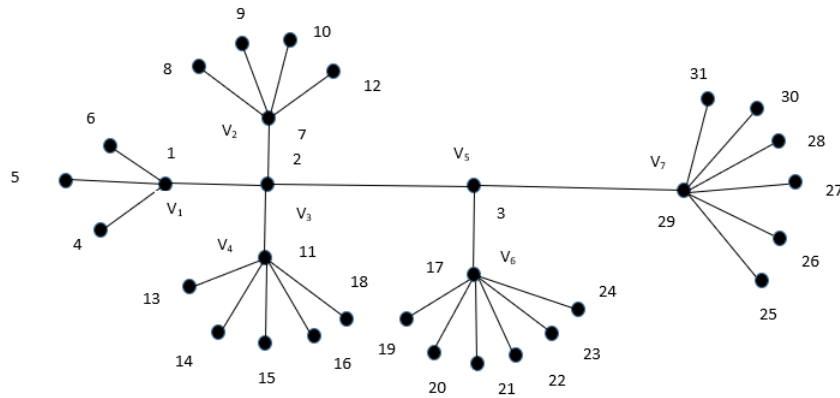


FIGURE 2.1: PL of a tree with 31 nodes

**Theorem 2.2.2.** [35] “ $W_{2n}$  is switching invariant.

**Theorem 2.2.3.** [39]  $U(m, n)$  is a PG.

**Theorem 2.2.4.** [39] Shell graphs are prime graphs for  $n \geq 5$ .

**Theorem 2.2.5.** [39] 2 copies of  $C_k$  sharing a common node is prime graph  $k \geq 3$ , where  $k$  is any positive integer.

**Theorem 2.2.6.** [38] A graph  $G$  obtained by the path union of two pieces of  $H_n$  is a PG if  $n \neq 5k + 1$ .

**Definition 2.2.1.** The Jahangir graph  $J_{c,d}$ ,  $c \geq 1$ ,  $d \geq 3$ , is on  $cd + 1$  nodes consisting of  $C_{cd}$  with an extra central node  $u$  which is adjacent to cyclically labeled nodes  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_d$  such that  $d(u_i, u_{i+1}) = c, 1 \leq i \leq d - 1$  in  $C_{cd}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.7.** [1] If  $cd$  is even, then the  $J_{c,d}$  for  $c \geq 2$ ,  $d \geq 3$  is prime.

**Theorem 2.2.8.** [1] When  $nm$  is an odd number then  $J_{n,m}$  ceases to be a PG.

**Theorem 2.2.9.** [1] Lilly graph  $I_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  admits PL.

**Theorem 2.2.10.** If  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are two prime graphs with orders  $m$  &  $n$  respectively ( $m$ , an odd positive integer  $\geq 3$  and  $n = 2 * \text{LCM}[1, 3, 5, \dots, m - 2]$ ), then the disjoint union of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  admits PL.

*Proof.* If  $G_1$  be a prime graph with  $m$ -nodes and  $V(G_1) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$ ,  $m$  is an odd  $\geq 3$ , then  $\exists$  a bijective map  $h : V(G_1) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$  so that if  $e = w_i w_j \in E(G_1)$  then  $\text{GCD}(h(w_i), h(w_j)) = 1$ . Similarly, let  $G_2$  be a PG with  $n$ -points &  $V(G_2) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , where  $n = 2 * \text{LCM}[1, 3, 5, \dots, m - 2]$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $\exists$  a bijective map  $g : V(G_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  so that if  $e' = v_i v_j \in E(G_2)$  then  $\text{GCD}(g(v_i), g(v_j)) = 1$ . Obtain  $G$  as  $G_1 \cup G_2$  and consider a new function

$h : \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_r, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, r, r+1, r+2, \dots, r+s\}$  defined as follows:  $h(x) = \begin{cases} g(x), & x = v_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, s \\ s + f(x), & x = w_j, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, r \end{cases}$ .

Claim:  $h$  is one-one.

Let  $x, y \in V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$ . Then three cases arise:

Case 1: Let  $x, y \in V(G_1)$

Take  $h(x) = h(y)$ . This implies that  $n + f(x) = n + f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$  as  $f$  is one-one.

Case 2: Let  $x, y \in V(G_2)$

Take  $h(x) = h(y)$ . This again implies  $g(x) = g(y) \Rightarrow x = y$  as  $g$  is one-one.

Case 3: Let  $x$  in  $V(G_1)$  &  $y$  in  $V(G_2)$  or  $x \in V(G_2)$  and  $y \in V(G_1)$

Let  $x$  in  $V(G_1)$  &  $y$  in  $V(G_2)$ . Then clearly  $x \neq y$ . Here  $n + 1 \leq h(x) \leq n + m$ ,  $1 \leq h(y) \leq n$  implies  $h(x) \neq h(y)$  showing that  $h$  is one-one. The other possibilities can be dealt in a similar manner.

Further, if  $e = v_i v_j \in E(G_2)$ , then  $GCD(h(v_i), h(v_j)) = GCD(g(v_i), g(v_j)) = 1$ . If  $e' = w_i w_j \in E(G_1)$ , then let  $GCD(h(w_i), h(w_j)) = d$  implies  $GCD(n + f(w_i), n + f(w_j)) = d$ . Then since  $GCD(f(w_i), f(w_j)) = 1$ , therefore one of  $f(w_i)$  or  $f(w_j)$  is odd. Also  $n$  is even implies one of  $n + f(w_i)$  or  $n + f(w_j)$  is odd which implies  $d$  is odd. As  $d \mid n + f(w_i)$  and  $d \mid n + f(w_j)$  implies  $d \mid f(w_i) - f(w_j)$  i.e.,  $d \mid |f(w_i) - f(w_j)|$ . But possible values of  $|f(w_i) - f(w_j)|$  are  $1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 1$  as  $w_i \neq w_j$ . Now  $m \geq 3$  is odd implies  $m - 1$  is even and  $m - 2$  is odd. As  $d$  is odd, therefore,  $d = 1, 3, 5, \dots, m - 2$ . If  $d = 3$ , then  $3 \mid n + f(w_i)$  and  $3 \mid n + f(w_j)$ . Also  $3 \mid n$  implies  $3 \mid f(w_i)$  and  $3 \mid f(w_j)$ , which is impossible as  $GCD(f(w_i), f(w_j)) = 1$ . Similarly, one can get a contradiction if  $d = 5, 7, \dots, m - 2$ . Therefore,  $d = 1$  which proves that the disjoint union of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  admits PL".  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.11.** *The complement graph  $\overline{G_n}$  of  $G_n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , does not admit PL.*

*Proof.* For  $n = 3$ , one can see that  $\alpha_0(\overline{G_3}) < \lfloor \frac{|V(\overline{G_3})|}{2} \rfloor$  and so by lemma 2.2.2,  $\overline{G_3}$  is not a PG. Note that  $|V(G_n)| = |V(\overline{G_n})| = 2n + 1$ . For  $n > 3$ ,  $(2n - 3) \geq 5$  and one can easily see that every rim node of  $\overline{G_n}$  is adjacent to  $(2n - 3)$  other rim nodes. Further, there are  $2n + 1$  labels out of which  $\lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor$  are even labels, where  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  denotes the greatest integer function. Thus, there are  $\lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor$  even labels for  $2n + 1$  nodes. Without loss of generality, label any rim node of  $\overline{G_n}$  with an even number and other  $(2n - 3)$  rim nodes cannot be assigned the even label. Moreover, the remaining two rim nodes are adjacent



in  $\overline{G_n}$  which implies that only one of them can be assigned the even label. The apex node can also be assigned the even label. Thus, at the most only three nodes can be assigned even labels in  $\overline{G_n}$ . But for  $n > 3$ , there are even labels greater than or equal to 4. Hence,  $\overline{G_n}$  is not a PG  $\forall n > 3$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.12.**  $DS(P_n)$  of  $P_n$ ,  $n > 1$  (an odd integer) admits PL.

*Proof.* If  $P_n$  be the given path on  $n$ -nodes with  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ,  $n > 1$  is an odd positive integer, then  $V = S_1 \cup S_2$ , where  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_n\}$  and  $S_2 = \{v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ . Let  $V(DS(P_n)) - V(P_n) = \{w_1, w_2\}$ . Here,  $|V(DS(P_n))| = n + 2$ . A function  $f : \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, w_1, w_2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n + 2\}$  is given as below: “ $f(w_1) = 2$ ,  $f(w_2) = 1$ ,  $f(v_k) = 2 + k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Then, clearly  $f$  is a bijective function and also  $E(DS(P_n)) = \bigcup E_i : 1 \leq i \leq 3$ , where  $E_1 = \{v_i v_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{w_1 v_1, w_1 v_n\}$ ,  $E_3 = \{w_2 v_i : 2 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ . Now  $GCD(f(v_i), f(v_{i+1})) = GCD(2 + i, 3 + i) = 1$ , being consecutive integer,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Also  $GCD(f(w_1), f(v_1)) = GCD(2, 3) = 1$ ,  $GCD(f(w_1), f(v_n)) = GCD(2, 2 + n) = 1$ , as  $n$  an odd,  $GCD(f(w_2), f(v_k)) = GCD(1, 2 + k) = 1$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n - 1$ . Hence,  $f$  induces PL of  $DS(P_n)$ , for an odd  $n > 1$  (see Figure 2.2 for the illustration when  $n = 11$ ).

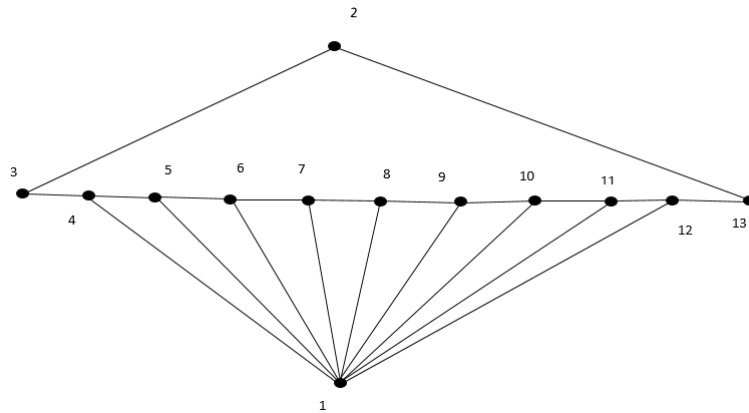


FIGURE 2.2: A PL of  $DS(P_{11})$

$\square$

**Conjecture 2.2.1.**  $DS(P_n)$  of  $P_n$  (n an even integer  $\geq 4$ ) does not admit PL.

**Theorem 2.2.13.** [35]  $K_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$  does not admit PL.

**Lemma 2.2.1.** [42]  $DS(K_n) = K_{n+1}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.14.**  $DS(K_n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$  does not admit PL.

*Proof.* The result is direct from Lemma 2.2.1 and Theorem 2.2.13.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.15.** “ $M(P_n)$  admits PL.

*Proof.* If  $P_n$  is on  $n \geq 2$  nodes  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  and  $n - 1$  lines  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{n-1}$ , then  $M(P_n)$  having  $2n - 1$  nodes and  $3n - 4$  lines is defined as follows:  $V(M(P_n)) = V(P_n) \cup E(P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{2n-1}\}$  where the nodes  $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  correspond to  $s_i$ 's and  $u_{n+j}, 1 \leq j \leq n - 1$  correspond to  $t_j$ 's and  $E(M(P_n)) = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3$ , where  $E_1 = \{u_a u_{n+a}, 1 \leq a \leq n - 1\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{u_{b+1} u_{n+b}, 1 \leq b \leq n - 1\}$  and  $E_3 = \{u_{n+c} u_{n+c+1}, 1 \leq c \leq n - 2\}$ . For  $n = 2$ , the case becomes trivial, so take  $n \geq 3$ . Now  $h : V(M(P_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n - 1\}$  is given as below:  $h(u_1) = 1, h(u_2) = 3, h(u_n) = 4, h(u_{n+1}) = 2, h(u_{n+2}) = 5, h(u_k) = 2k, 3 \leq k \leq n - 1, h(u_{n+k}) = h(u_{n+k-1}) + 2, 3 \leq k \leq n - 1$ . Then  $f$  induces PL for  $M(P_n)$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.2.1.** The PL of  $M(P_{12})$  is shown below in Figure 2.3.

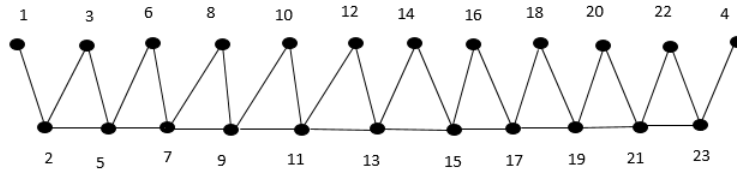


FIGURE 2.3: The PL of  $M(P_{12})$

**Definition 2.2.2.** “A graph  $H$  of order  $k$  with  $V(H) = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is a maximal PG if and only if for any two adjacent nodes  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $\text{GCD}(i, j) = 1$ ”.

**Example 2.2.2.** A maximal prime graph of order 6 is shown in Figure 2.4.

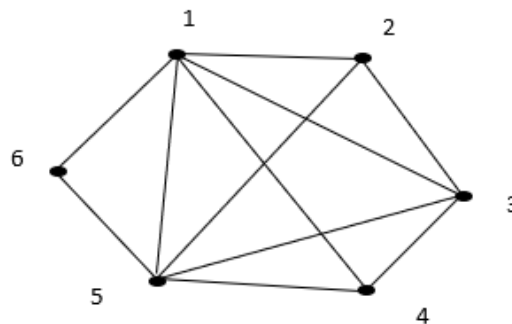


FIGURE 2.4: A maximal prime graph of order 6

**Theorem 2.2.16.** If  $H_\alpha$  is a maximal PG on  $k$  nodes, then  $\alpha_0(H_\alpha) = \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor$ .

*Proof.* Consider the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$  of first  $m$  natural numbers, then see that number of even natural numbers is equal to  $\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$ . Moreover, in a maximal prime graph

the nodes labeled with even integers form a maximal independent set which proves that  $\alpha_0(H_\alpha) = \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.2.** [26] *If  $\alpha_0(H) < \lfloor \frac{|V(H)|}{2} \rfloor$ , then  $H$  is not a prime.*

**Theorem 2.2.17.** *Let  $H$  be a maximal PG with order  $k$  and  $C_m$  be a cycle of order  $m$ , where  $m, k$  being odd. Then their disjoint union is not prime.*

*Proof.* Since  $G$  is a maximal prime graph and therefore in view of Theorem 2.2.16,  $\alpha_0(G) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \frac{n-1}{2}$  as  $n$  is odd. Also  $\alpha_0(C_m) = \frac{m-1}{2}$  as  $m$  being odd. Therefore,  $\alpha_0(G \cup C_m) = \frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{m-1}{2} = \frac{m+n}{2} - 1 < \lfloor \frac{|V(G \cup C_m)|}{2} \rfloor$ . Hence according to Lemma 2.2.2, the result follows.  $\square$

**Definition 2.2.3.** [51] " $C_m^{(k)}$  is obtained by identifying only one node of every  $k$  copies of  $C_m$ . Clearly,  $|V(C_m^{(k)})| = k(m-1) + 1$  and  $|E(C_m^{(k)})| = km$ ".

For example,  $C_3^{(4)}$  is shown in Figure 2.5.

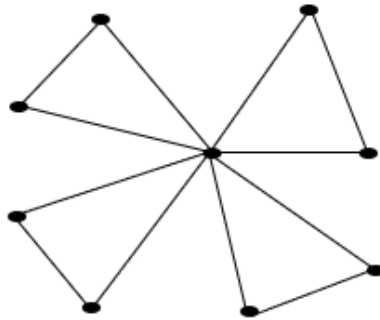


FIGURE 2.5:  $C_3^{(4)}$

**Note:** If  $\lceil x \rceil$  denotes the ceiling function and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the floor function, then  $\lceil x \rceil = -\lfloor -x \rfloor$ .

**Theorem 2.2.18.** *Let  $G = \left( \bigcup_{k=1}^n C_{n_k}^{(2)} \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^m C_{m_j}^{(2)} \right)$ , where both  $m, n$  being odd, each  $n_k$  an odd integer and each  $m_j$  is an even integer. If  $n > m$ , then  $G$  is not prime.*

*Proof.* Since each  $n_k$  is an odd integer and each  $m_j$  is an even integer, therefore  $\alpha(C_{n_k}^{(2)}) = n_k - 1$  and  $\alpha(C_{m_j}^{(2)}) = m_j$ . Now  $\alpha(G) = \sum_{k=1}^n (n_k - 1) + \sum_{j=1}^m m_j = \sum_{k=1}^n n_k + \sum_{j=1}^m m_j - n$ .

Further  $|V(G)| = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n 2n_k \right) - n + \left( \sum_{j=1}^m 2m_j \right) - m = 2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^n n_k \right) + 2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^m m_j \right) - (n+m)$ .

Now  $\left\lfloor \frac{|V(G)|}{2} \right\rfloor = \sum_{k=1}^n n_k + \sum_{j=1}^m m_j - \left\lceil \frac{n+m}{2} \right\rceil = \sum_{k=1}^n n_k + \sum_{j=1}^m m_j - \frac{n+m}{2}$  as  $n, m$  being odd. Also, it is given that  $n > m$ , therefore  $2n > n+m$ , i.e.,  $\frac{n+m}{2} < n$  implies  $-n < -\frac{n+m}{2}$ . This further implies that  $\alpha_0(G) < \left\lfloor \frac{|V(G)|}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Hence by Lemma 2.2.2,  $G$  is not a PG.  $\square$

### 2.3 Conclusion

In this chapter, the sufficient condition for the existence of PL of disjoint union of prime graphs has been established. Further, prime labeling of  $P_n$  and  $K_n$  in the context of degree splitting graph and complement of gear graph have been investigated. Also, PL of middle graph of path graph & disjoint union of graphs has been established in addition to formulating some interesting conjectures.

## Chapter 3

# PL in the Context of Extension and Barycentric Sub-division

### 3.1 Introduction

In this chapter, the sufficient condition for PL of barycentric subdivision of a graph has been obtained. Also PL of star graph, bistar graph and tree in the context of barycentric sub-division have been investigated. Further, the PL of complete graph and path graph in the context of extension of nodes besides formulating some open problems have also been investigated.

### 3.2 Certain Results on PL of Graphs in the Context of Extension and Barycentric Sub-division

Recall some important results.

A.N. Kansagara et al. [31] showed the following:

**Theorem 3.2.1.** “ $S(W_n)$  is a prime graph  $\forall n \geq 3$ ”.

**Example 3.2.1.** *PL of  $S(W_9)$  is shown in Figure 3.1.*

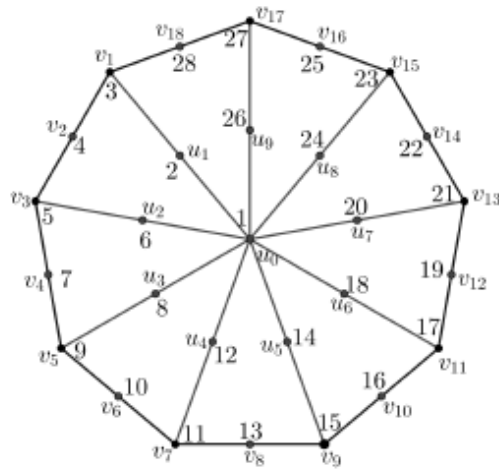


FIGURE 3.1: PL of  $S(W_9)$

**Theorem 3.2.2.** “ $S(Fl_n)$  is a prime graph  $\forall n \geq 3$ ”.

**Example 3.2.2.** PL of  $S(Fl_6)$  is given in Figure 3.2.

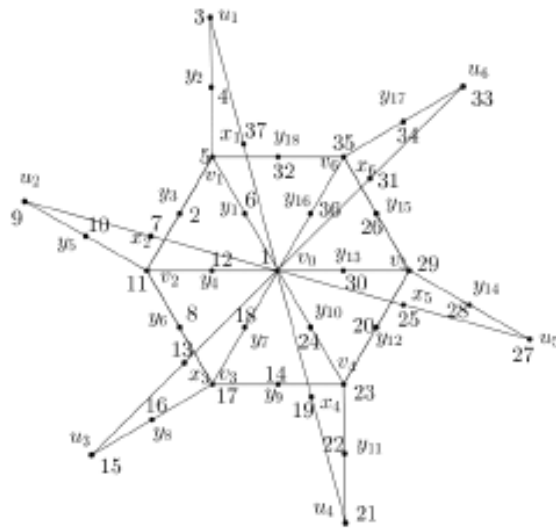


FIGURE 3.2: PL of  $S(Fl_6)$

**Theorem 3.2.3.** “ $S((C_8 \odot K_n) \cup (C_8 \odot K_n))$  is a prime graph  $\forall n$ ”.

**Example 3.2.3.** PL of  $S((C_8 \odot K_1) \cup (C_8 \odot K_1))$  is shown in Figure 3.3.

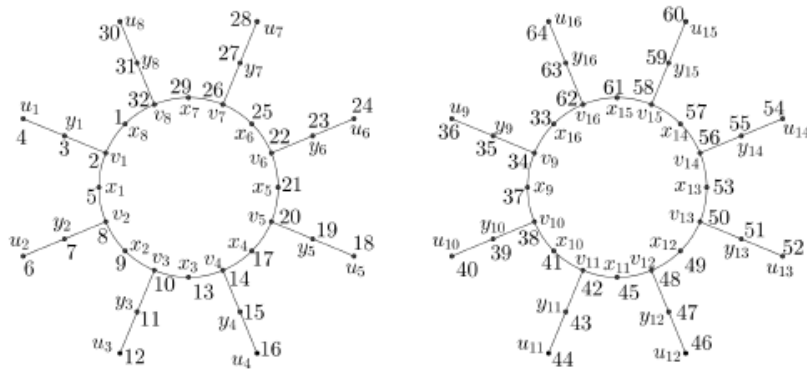


FIGURE 3.3: PL of  $S((C_8 \odot K_1) \cup (C_8 \odot K_1))$

**Theorem 3.2.4.** “ $S(K_{1,n})$  admits PL.

*Proof.* If  $G_1 = K_{1,n}$  is a star &  $S(G_1)$  is its barycentric subdivision. Let  $V(G_1) = \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  and  $V(S(G_1)) = \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ .  $|V(S(G_1))| = 2n + 1$ . Now,  $g : V(S(G_1)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n, n + 1, \dots, 2n, 2n + 1\}$  is defined as  $g(y_0) = 1, g(w_r) = 2r, 1 \leq r \leq n, g(y_j) = 2j + 1, 1 \leq j \leq n$ . Then  $f$  induces PL of  $S(G_1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.5.**  $S(B_{n,n})$  admits PL if  $4n + 3$  is a prime number.

*Proof.* Let  $G = B_{n,n}$  be a bistar and  $S(G)$  be its barycentric subdivision. Let  $V(G) = \{u_0, v_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $V(S(G)) = \{u_0, v_0, w_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  where  $w_0$  is obtained by subdividing  $u_0v_0, w_i$  by subdividing  $u_0u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $t_i$  by subdividing  $v_0v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $|V(S(G))| = 4n + 3$ . Now  $f : V(S(G)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4n + 3\}$  is given by  $f(u_0) = 1, f(v_0) = 4n + 3, f(w_0) = 4n + 2, f(w_i) = 2i, 1 \leq i \leq n, f(u_j) = 2j + 1, 1 \leq j \leq n, f(t_k) = 2(n + k), 1 \leq k \leq n, f(v_l) = 2(n + l) + 1, 1 \leq l \leq n$ . Then  $f$  induces PL of  $S(G)$ .  $\square$

**Conjecture 3.2.1. (Entringer-Tout Conjecture) [68]** Every tree is a prime graph.

**Theorem 3.2.6.** The barycentric subdivision of a tree is prime if Prime Tree Conjecture is true.

*Proof.* Since the barycentric subdivision of a tree results in a tree, therefore it is a PG if conjecture 3.2.1 is true.  $\square$

**Notation:**  $P(x, y) = \{t : t \text{ is a prime and } x < t \leq y\}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.7. [26]** If  $G = (V_1, V_2)$  is bipartite with  $|V_1| \leq |V_2|$  &  $|V_1| \leq |P(\frac{n}{2}, n)| + 1$ , where  $n = |V(G)|$ , then  $G$  is prime.

**Theorem 3.2.8.** *Barycentric sub-division of all simple graphs is bipartite.*

*Proof.* Since the barycentric sub-division makes all the odd cycles, if any, even and hence a bipartite graph.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.9.** *If  $S(G) = (V_1, V_2)$  is the barycentric sub-division of  $G$  with  $|V_1| \leq |V_2|$  and  $|V_1| \leq |P(\frac{n}{2}, n)| + 1$ , then  $S(G)$  is prime.*

*Proof.* Proof follows from Theorem 3.2.7 and Theorem 3.2.8.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.10.** [35]  *$K_n$  does not have PL for  $n \geq 4$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.11.** *The graph obtained by taking extension of any arbitrary node in  $K_n$  is not a PG.*

*Proof.* Since the extension of a node in  $K_n$  gives rise to  $K_{n+1}$  and therefore in view of Theorem 2.2.14 the graph formed by taking extension of any arbitrary node in  $K_n$ ,  $n \geq 3$  is not a PG.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.12.** *Graph formed by taking extension of any arbitrary node of  $P_n$  is prime.*

*Proof.* If  $P_n$  is on  $n$ -nodes, say  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  and extension of  $x_k$  in  $P_n$  is obtained by adding new node  $x'_k$  such that  $N(x'_k) = N[x_k]$ , then the node set of new graph having  $(n + 1)$ -nodes, namely, is  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k, x'_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n\}$ . “ $y : \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k, x'_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, k-1, k, k+1, \dots, n-1, n, n+1\}$  is given by  $y(x'_k) = 1$  and  $y(x_l) = l + 1$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq n$ ”. Then  $y$  induces the required PL.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.13.** *The graph obtained by taking extension of pendant nodes of  $P_n$ , is prime  $\forall$  odd  $n \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $P_n$  be on  $n$ -nodes, say  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  and extensions of the pendant nodes  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  are respectively taken by adding new nodes  $v'_1$  and  $v'_n$  so that “ $N(v'_1) = N[v_1]$  and  $N(v'_n) = N[v_n]$ ”. Then the node set of new graph having  $(n + 2)$ -nodes is  $\{v_1, v'_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v'_n\}$ . A function “ $y : \{v_1, v'_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v'_n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n-1, n, n+1, n+2\}$  is defined as  $y(v'_1) = 1$ ,  $y(v'_n) = n + 2$  &  $y(v_k) = k + 1$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ”. Then  $y$  induces the required PL.  $\square$



### 3.3 Open Problems

**Open Problems 3.3.1.** Is theorem 3.2.13 true if  $n$  is even?

**Open Problem 3.3.2.** Is the graph formed by taking extension of all the nodes of  $P_n$  a prime graph?

### 3.4 Conclusion

In this chapter, the PL of barycentric sub-division of star graph, bistar graph and sufficient condition for PL of barycentric sub-division of a graph have been established. Further PL of path graph and complete graph in the context of extension of nodes has been investigated besides formulating some open problems. Similarly, one can study the PL for barycentric subdivision of some other subclasses of trees; this is the future work.

## Chapter 4

# Results on Prime Distance Labeling

### 4.1 Introduction

In this chapter, the PDL of the non-commuting graphs of some non-abelian groups like dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  and Quaternion group  $Q_8$  has been investigated. PDL of the degree splitting graph of complete graph, complete bipartite graph, Jellyfish graph  $J(m, n)$ , Flower graph  $F(C_m, K_n)$ , super subdivision of a graph, one point union of 2-regular graphs and sufficient condition for the degree splitting graph of a bipartite graph to exhibit PDL, have been investigated. Besides this, some general results on PDG have also been studied. By W.L.G, it means that “without loss of generality”.

### 4.2 Some Results on Prime Distance Graphs

The PDL of some named graphs like diamond, bull, net, dart, house, house x, R, cricket, banner, paw, kite, and butterfly graphs are given along with definition (see Figures 4.1 to 4.14).

**Definition 4.2.1.** “ A flower  $F(C_s, K_t)$  is constructed by having a copy of  $C_s$  &  $s$  copies of  $K_t$  & connecting the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $K_t$  at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  lines of  $C_s$ ”.

“If  $s$  &  $t$  be two positive integers where  $s \geq 3$  &  $t \geq 3$ , then the node set & the line set of  $F(C_s, K_t)$  are defined as given below.

$$\begin{aligned} V(F(C_s, K_t)) &= \{u_i \mid i \text{ in } [1, s]\} \cup \{u_j^{i, i+1} \mid i \text{ in } [1, s], j \in [1, t-2], u_j^{s, s+1} = u_j^{s, 1}\}. \\ E(F(C_s, K_t)) &= \{u_i u_{i+1} \mid i \in [1, s], u_{s+1} = u_1\} \cup \{u_i u_j^{i, i+1} \mid i \in [1, s], j \in [1, t-2]\}. \end{aligned}$$

$[1, t - 2], u_j^{s,s+1} = u_j^{s,1} \} \cup \{u_{i+1}u_j^{i,i+1} \mid i \text{ in } [1, s], j \text{ in } [1, t - 2], u_{s+1} = u_1, u_j^{s,s+1} = u_j^{s,1} \} \cup \{u_j^{i,i+1}u_k^{i,i+1} \mid i \text{ in } [1, s], j \text{ in } [1, t - 2], k \text{ in } [1, t - 2], j \neq k, u_j^{s,s+1} = u_j^{s,1}, u_k^{s,s+1} = u_k^{s,1} \}$ ”.

**Definition 4.2.2.** The  $n$ -pan graph is formed by connecting  $C_n$  to  $K_1$  with a cut edge.

**Definition 4.2.3.** The bull graph is a graph on 5 nodes and 5 lines as given in figure 4.3).

**Definition 4.2.4.** The butterfly graph is with 5 nodes and 6 lines and formed by connecting two copies of  $C_3$  with a common node.(see Figure 4.13).

**Definition 4.2.5.** The cricket graph is the 5 -node graph (see Figure 4.10).

**Definition 4.2.6.** “The diamond graph is a planar graph with 4 nodes and 5 lines. It consists of  $K_4$  minus one lines” (see Figure 4.2).

**Definition 4.2.7.** “ $H$  is a  $(k, s)$ –dart if every node of  $H$  of degree  $\geq k + 2$  is a central node of some  $(k, i)$ –diamond  $D$  as an induced subgraph of  $H$  with  $2 \leq i \leq s$ , for which (1)  $d_D(x) \geq d_H(x) - 1$  for each  $x$  in  $V(D)$ ;(2) no 2 nodes of  $C(D)$  have a common neighbor in  $H - D$ ” (see Figure 4.5).

**Definition 4.2.8.** The house graph is on 5 nodes and 6 lines as given in figure 4.6.

**Definition 4.2.9.** “The house  $X$ -graph is the house graph plus the two lines connecting diagonally opposite nodes of the square base”.(see Figure 4.7).

**Definition 4.2.10.** The net graph is the graph on 6-nodes (see Figure 4.4).

**Definition 4.2.11.** “The Jelly fish graph  $J(a, b)$ (see Figure 4.1) is derived from a  $C_4$ - $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  by connecting  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  with a line & joining  $a$  pendent lines to  $x_2$  and  $b$  pendent lines to  $x_4$ ”.

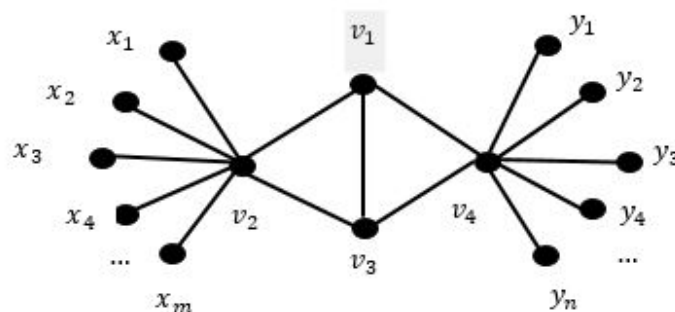


FIGURE 4.1:  $J(m, n)$

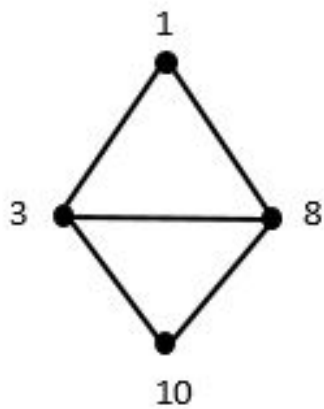


FIGURE 4.2: Diamond graph

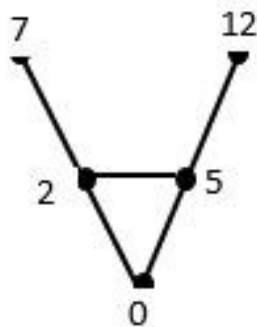


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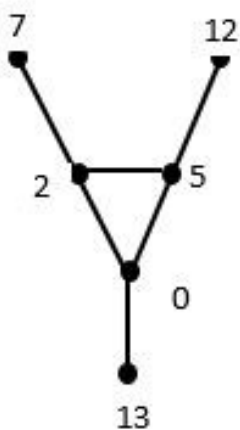


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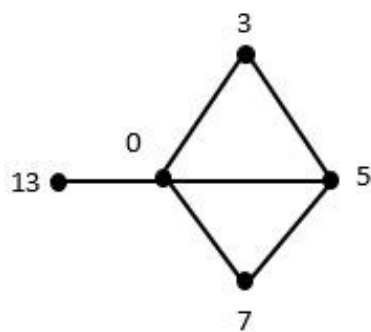


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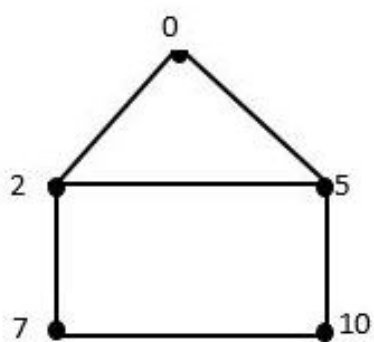
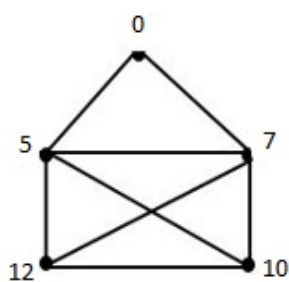


FIGURE 4.6: House graph

FIGURE 4.7: House  $X$  graph

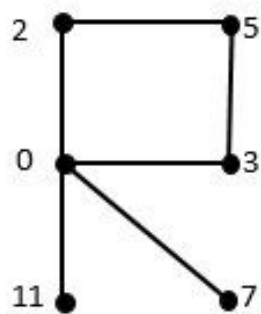
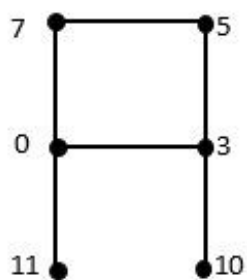
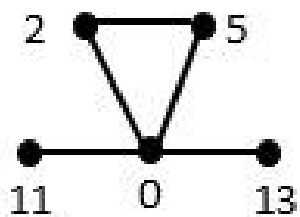
FIGURE 4.8: *R* graphFIGURE 4.9: *A* graph

FIGURE 4.10: Cricket graph

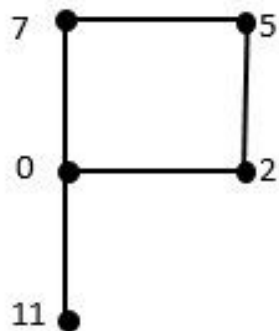


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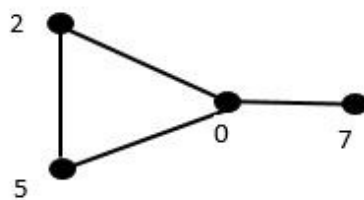


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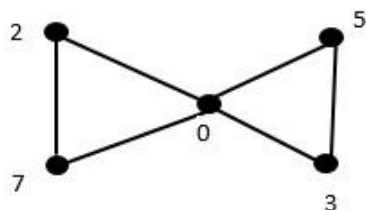


FIGURE 4.13: Butterfly graph

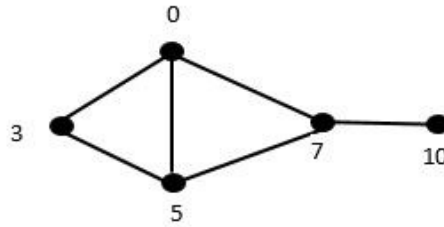


FIGURE 4.14: A kite graph

**Theorem 4.2.1.** [33] Every bipartite graph admits PDL.

**Theorem 4.2.2.**  $G$  with  $\Delta(G) > 2$  cannot have PDL with all its nodes labeled odd (even).

*Proof.* Since  $\Delta(G) > 2$ , therefore  $\exists v \in V$  such that  $d(v) > 2$ . If possible, let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow Z$  be PDL of  $G$ . W.L.G, let  $f(v) = m$ , where  $m$  is an odd integer. Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  be adjacent to  $v$ . Then  $|f(v_1) - m| = p_1, |f(v_2) - m| = p_2, |f(v_3) - m| = p_3$ , where  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  are primes. Now one can observe that  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  are all even primes and hence equal to 2. But there can be at most two odd numbers at a distance 2 from one odd number, a contradiction. So, therefore any graph  $G$  with  $\Delta(G) > 2$  cannot have a prime distance labeling with all its nodes labelled odd. Similar argument holds good for other nodes of  $G$ . The possibility of assigning even labels to all the nodes of  $G$  is ruled out in a similar fashion.  $\square$

**Observations 1:** Only  $P_n$  can have PDL with all its nodes labelled odd or even.

**Example 4.2.1.** The PDL of  $P_n$  is given in Figure 4.15.

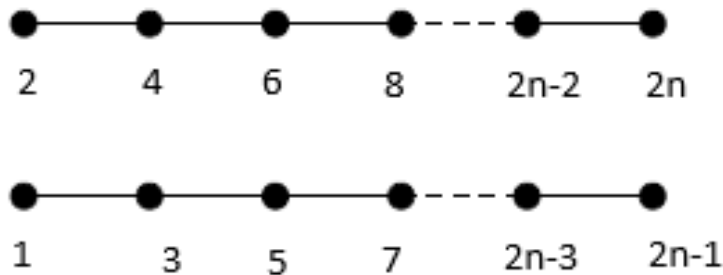


FIGURE 4.15: Prime distance labeling of  $P_n$

**Observation 2:**  $C_n$  cannot have PDL with all its nodes labeled only odd (even).

**Definition 4.2.12.** [28] “The super subdivision of  $H_1$ ,  $SS(H_1)$  is constructed from  $H_1$  by replacing each link of  $H_1$  by  $K_{2,m}$ ,  $m$  a positive integer.



(For example see figure 4.16)

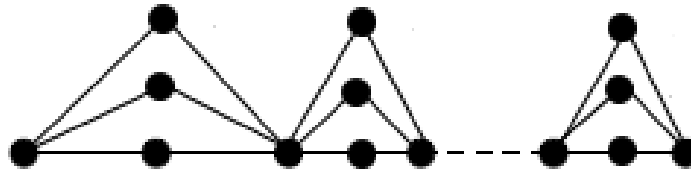


FIGURE 4.16:  $SS(P_n)$  by  $K_{2,3}$

**Definition 4.2.13.** [28] Arbitrary super division  $ASS(H_1)$  is derived from  $H_1$  by replacing each line  $kl$  of  $H_1$  by  $K_{2,m_i}$  ( $m_i$  is any positive integer) by identifying  $k$  and  $l$  with the nodes  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, where  $\{x, y\}$  is a partition of  $K_{2,m_i}$ ” (see Figure 4.17).

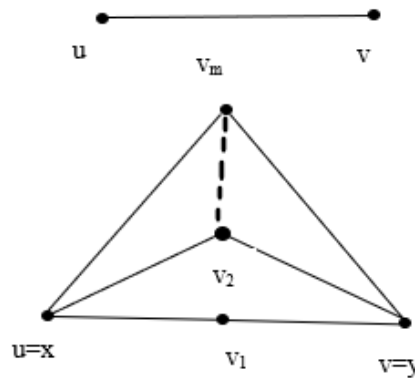


FIGURE 4.17:  $ASS(P_2)$

**Lemma 4.2.1.**  $SS(G)$  is bipartite.

*Proof.* “Let the super subdivision of  $G$  is constructed by replacing each lines of  $G$  by  $K_{2,m}$  and  $H_1 = SS(G)$ . Now, let  $V(G) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p\}$  &  $\{w_i^1, w_i^2, \dots, w_i^m\}$  be the nodes of  $H_1$  corresponding to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  lines of  $G$ . Then  $|V(H_1)| = p + mq$  &  $|E(H_1)| = 2mq$ . Further, if  $W_1 = V(G), W_2 = \{w_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq q, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ , then  $V(H) = W_1 \cup W_2$  is the required bipartition”  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.3.**  $SS(G)$  is a PDG.

*Proof.* The result follows from Lemma 4.2.1.and Theorem 4.2.1  $\square$

*Remark 4.1.* Theorem 4.2.3 is true for arbitrary super subdivision of  $G$  also.

**Plane Coloring Problem (PCP):** “PCP looks for the least number of colours required to colour the plane (P) so that no 2 points at a unit distance from each other get the same colour. The answer to this problem is not known but  $\chi(P)$  has been narrowed down to either one of 5, 6 or 7.”

**Theorem 4.2.4.** [45]  $G$  with  $V(G) \subseteq Z$  and  $\chi(G) \geq 5$  does not admit PDL.

**Theorem 4.2.5.** [45] The graph  $G$  whose node set consists of all points in the plane and there exists a line between two points if they are at a unit distance, cannot have PDL.

*Proof.* The proof follows from the truth that  $5 \leq \chi(G) \leq 7$  and Theorem 4.2.4.  $\square$

*Remark 4.2.* There may be some finite subgraphs of  $G$  defined in Theorem 4.2.5 which may or not admit PDL whose  $\chi \leq 4$ .

**Theorem 4.2.6.**  $G$  obtained from taking a finite copies of a PDG,  $H$  and joining  $i^{\text{th}}$ -node of each copy of  $H$  by a line admits PDL.

*Proof.* Since  $H$  is a PDG, there exists PDL  $f : V(H) \rightarrow Z$  of  $H$ . Obtain  $G$  by taking  $m$  copies of  $H$  and connecting  $i^{\text{th}}$ -node of each copy of  $H$  by an lines. “Define a map  $h_1 : V(G) \rightarrow Z$  as given below:  $h_1(H_1) = f(H)$ ”. Let  $k$  be the greatest label assigned by  $h_1$  to  $H_1$  and  $p_1$  be a prime such that  $p_1 > k$ . Now assign labels to nodes of  $H_2$  by adding  $p_1$  to the labels of corresponding nodes of  $H_1$ . Let  $l$  be the greatest label assigned to  $H_2$  and  $p_2$  be a prime such that  $p_2 > l$ . Again, assign labels to nodes of  $H_3$  by adding  $p_2$  to the labels of corresponding nodes of  $H_2$ . Continuing in this way, one can get primes  $p_3, p_4, \dots, p_{m-1}$  such that each succeeding copy  $H_r$  of  $H$  is assigned the labels by adding  $p_{r-1}$  to the labels of corresponding nodes of preceding  $H_{r-1}$  of  $H$ . This induces PDL of  $G$  (see Figure 4.18).

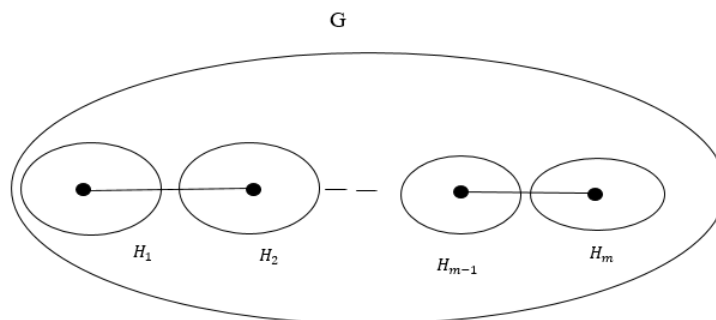


FIGURE 4.18: A graph obtained from taking a finite copies of  $H$  & connecting  $i^{\text{th}}$ -node of every copy of  $H$  by an lines

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**Lemma 4.2.2.** *“One vertex union of finite copies of bipartite graph results in bipartite.”*

*Proof.* Since the graphs are bipartite, therefore they do not contain any odd cycle. Moreover, one point union of these graphs again does not give rise to any odd cycle in them and so a bipartite graph.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.7.**  *$G$  formed by applying one point union of two 2-regular graphs admits PDL if Goldbach’s Conjecture is true.*

*Proof.* If  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are two 2-regular graphs, then there are three cases:

Case (1): When  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  both are bipartite.

The result follows from Lemma 4.2.2 and Theorem 4.2.1.

Case (2): When none of  $G_1$  or  $G_2$  is bipartite.

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the given 2-regular graphs with node sets  $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  &  $V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , respectively &  $G$  be the one point union of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . W.L.G, let the nodes  $v_1$  and  $u_1$  be identified to obtain  $G$ . Since  $G_1$  is a 2-regular graph and by using Theorem 4.2.1, there exists PDL, say  $f$ . Similarly, since  $G_2$  is also a 2-regular graph, there exists PDL, say  $g$ . “A 1-1 map  $h : V(G) \rightarrow Z$  is defined as below: W.L.G, let  $h(u_1) = h(v_1) = 0$ . Then  $h(u_k) = 2(k - 1)$ , for  $2 \leq k \leq m - 1$ ”. Now by using GC,  $h(u_{m-1}) = p_1 + p_2$  and  $h(u_m) = p_1$ . Similarly, let  $h(v_j) = -2(j - 1)$ , for  $2 \leq j \leq n - 1$ . Now again by Goldbach’s Conjecture,  $h(v_{n-1}) = -2(n - 1) = -(p_3 + p_4)$  and  $h(v_n) = -p_3$ . Clearly,  $h$  is the PDL of  $G$ .

Case (3): When either  $G_1$  or  $G_2$  is not bipartite.

This case can be dealt with that of case 2.  $\square$

**Definition 4.2.14.** A unicyclic graph is a graph containing only one cycle.

**Conjecture 4.2.1.** *Any unicyclic graph admits PDL.*

**Conjecture 4.2.2.** *The flower graph  $F(C_m, K_n)$  admits PDL for  $m \geq 3$  and  $n = 3$ .*

**Conjecture 4.2.3.** *The flower graph  $F(C_m, K_n)$  does not admit PDL for  $m \geq 3$  and  $n = 4$ .*

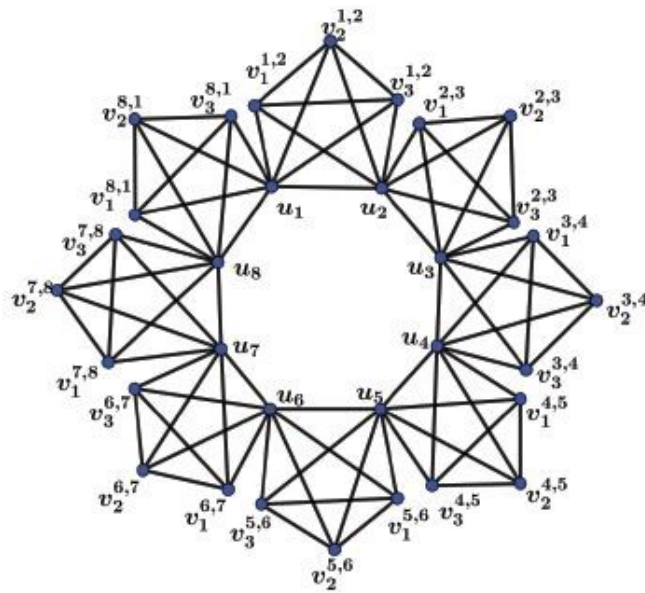


FIGURE 4.19:  $F(C_8, K_5)$

**Theorem 4.2.8.** [44] “If a subgraph  $H_1$  of  $G_1$  does not admit PDL, then so does  $G_1$ ”.

**Theorem 4.2.9.** [44]  $K_n$ ,  $n \geq 5$  does not permit PDL.

**Theorem 4.2.10.** The flower graph  $F(C_m, K_n)$  does not admit PDL for  $n \geq 5$  and  $m \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* The result is clearly from Theorem 4.2.8 and Theorem 4.2.9. □

The PDL of  $F(C_m, K_3)$  is given in support of Conjecture 4.2.2 (see Figure 4.20).

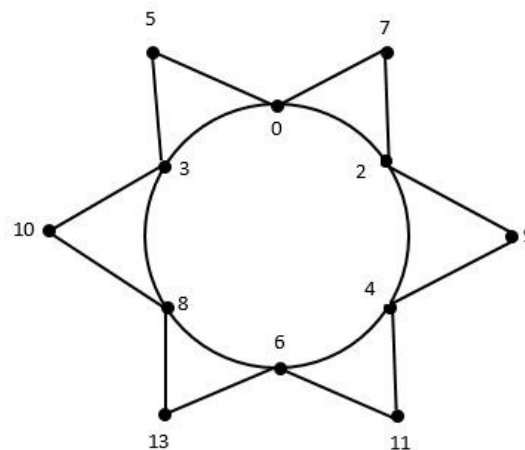


FIGURE 4.20: PDL of  $F(C_6, K_3)$

**Theorem 4.2.11.** [44] “ $J(m, n)$  admits PDL for any  $m, n \geq 1$ ”.

*Proof.* Let  $J(m, n)$  be on  $m$  pendent lines joining to  $v_2$  and  $n$  pendent lines joining to  $v_4$ . “A 1-1 map  $f : V(J(m, n)) \rightarrow Z$ , is defined as given below: W.L.G, let  $f(v_1) = -3$ ,  $f(v_2) = 0$ ,  $f(v_3) = 2$  and  $f(v_4) = -1$ ”. Let  $x_i$  be the pendant nodes of  $v_2$  and  $y_i$  be the pendant nodes of  $v_4$ . Let  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_m$  be the distinct prime numbers other than the used primes. Label the pendant nodes which are joined with the node  $v_2$  with those prime numbers. One can easily see that  $|f(x_i) - f(v_2)| = p \in P$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Similarly, label the pendant nodes which are joined to the node  $v_4$ . Label the nodes  $y_i$ , with sufficiently suitable even number such that  $|f(y_i) - f(v_4)| = p_i \in P$ . This is possible as there are infinitely many even numbers whose difference with  $-1$  is a prime number. Clearly  $f$  is the required PDL of  $J(m, n)$  (see Figure 4.21).

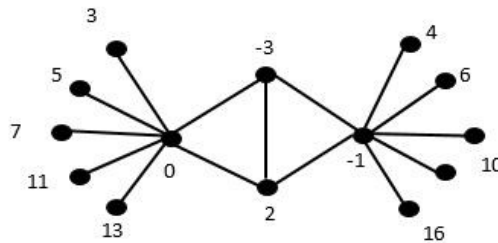


FIGURE 4.21: PDL of  $J(5, 4)$

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**Definition 4.2.15.** A Theta graph having 7- nodes and 8-lines is a block with 2 non-adjacent nodes of degree 3 and the remaining nodes of degree 2 (see Figure 4.22).

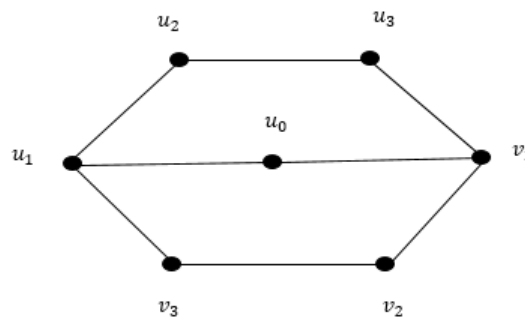


FIGURE 4.22: Theta graph

**Theorem 4.2.12.** The Theta graph admits PDL.

*Proof.* Let  $V = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3, v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  denote the node set of Theta graph with  $d(v_1) = d(u_1) = 3$  and  $d(v_i) = d(u_j) = 2$ ,  $i = 2, 3$  and  $j = 0, 2, 3$ . “ $g : V \rightarrow Z$  is defined as below:  $g(v_i) = 2i + 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $g(u_j) = 2j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$ ”. Then  $f$  induces PDL of Theta graph.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.13.** *The sufficient condition for  $DS(G)$  of a bipartite graph  $G$  to admit PDL is that there exists no pair of nodes  $x_i, y_j$  such that  $d_G(x_i) \neq d_G(y_j)$ , where  $V = X_1 \cup X_2$  is the decomposition of  $V$  &  $x_i \in X_1$ ,  $y_j \in X_2$ .*

*Proof.* Take a bipartite graph  $G$  with two partitions  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  of its node set. Take  $W = V(DS(G)) - V(G) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t\}$ . Since  $d_G(x_i) \neq d_G(y_j)$ ,  $\forall x_i \in V_1$ ,  $y_j \in V_2$ , therefore it is obvious that no node from  $W$  is adjacent to nodes both from  $V_1$  &  $V_2$ . Thus, assume that nodes from the set  $W_1 = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_s\}$  are adjacent to nodes in  $V_1$  and nodes from the set  $W_2 = \{w_{s+1}, w_{s+2}, \dots, w_t\}$  are adjacent to nodes in  $V_2$ . This shows that  $DS(G)$  is bipartite with bipartition  $(V_1 \cup W_1, V_2 \cup W_2)$ . Hence in view of Theorem 4.2.1,  $DS(G)$  admits PDL.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.1.** *If  $m \neq n$ , then  $DS(K_{m,n})$  is a PDG.*

*Proof.* Since  $m \neq n$ , therefore applying Theorem 4.2.13, one can find that  $DS(K_{m,n})$  is bipartite & hence the proof from Theorem 4.2.1.  $\square$

### 4.3 PDL of Non-Commuting Graphs of Some Finite Non-Abelian Groups

Recall some important definitions and results to make this sub-section self explanatory.

**Definition 4.3.1.** “The centre of  $(G, *)$ ,  $Z(G) = \{a \in G : a * b = b * a, \forall b \in G\}$ .”

**Definition 4.3.2.** The non-commuting graph of  $(G, *)$ ,  $\Gamma(G)$  having  $V = G - Z(G)$  &  $E = \{e : e \text{ is lines between node pair } (l, m) \text{ so that } l * m \neq m * l, \text{ for } l, m \in V\}$ .

**Definition 4.3.3.** Let  $Q_8 = \{1, -1, i, -i, j, -j, k, -k\}$ . Define product on  $Q_8$  by usual multiplication together with  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$ ,  $ij = -ji = k$ ,  $jk = -kj = i$ ,  $ki = -ik = j$ . Then  $Q_8$  forms a non-abelian group called the Quaternion group.

**Lemma 4.3.1.** [46] *No triangular graph can possess PDL with all nodes labeled either odd integers or even integers.*

**Definition 4.3.4.** The set of all permutations on finite set  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ ,  $n \in N$  forms a group with respect to operation ‘ $\circ$ ’ of composition of functions, known as symmetric group and denoted by  $(S_n, \circ)$ , for  $n \in N$ .

**Theorem 4.3.1.** [46]  $\Gamma(S_3)$  of  $(S_3, o)$  does not permit PDL.

**Theorem 4.3.2.** [46]  $\Gamma(S_n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$  of  $(S_n, o)$  does not permit PDL.

**Definition 4.3.5.**  $D_{2n}$ ,  $n \in N$  is the group of symmetries of polygon of  $n$ -sides and is defined as  $D_{2n} = \{ \langle x, y \rangle : x^n = e = y^2, xy = yx^{-1} \}$ , where  $e$  is the identity element.

**Corollary 4.3.1.** PDL of non-commuting graph of  $D_6$  of order 6 does not exist.

*Proof.* It is known that Dihedral group  $D_6$  can be represented by:  $D_6 = \{ \langle x, y \rangle : x^3 = e = y^2, xy = yx^{-1} \}$ , and  $D_6$  is isomorphic to symmetric group  $(S_3, o)$ . So,  $\Gamma(D_6)$  is same as that of  $S_3$ . Hence, Theorem 4.3.1 implies that  $\Gamma(D_6)$  does not admit PDL.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.3.** PDL of  $\Gamma(D_8)$  does not exist.

*Proof.* " $D_8$  is also known as Octic group, which is represented by:  $D_8 = \{ \langle x, y \rangle : x^4 = e = y^2, xy = yx^{-1} \}$ , where  $e$  is the identity element of  $D_8 = \{ e, x, x^2, x^3, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y \}$  and the centre of  $D_8$ ,  $Z(D_8) = \{ e, x^2 \}$  which imply that  $e$  and  $x^2$  commute with each of the remaining elements of group  $D_8$ . Firstly, construct  $\Gamma(D_8)$ . Now, the node set  $V$  of graph  $\Gamma(D_8)$  is given by  $V = D_8 - Z(D_8) = \{ x, x^3, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y \}$ . Taking  $v_1 = x, v_2 = x^3, v_3 = y, v_4 = xy, v_5 = x^2y, v_6 = x^3y, V = \{ v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6 \}$ . To find the lines set  $E$  of  $\Gamma(D_8)$ , one needs to find the pair of elements of  $V$  which don't commute with each other. Since,  $ea = ae, \forall a \in D_8, xy = yx^{-1} \neq yx \Rightarrow xy \neq yx, x^3y = yx^{-3} = yx^{-1} = xy \Rightarrow x^3y \neq yx^3, x(xy) = x^2y$  and  $(xy)x = yx^{-1}x = y \neq x^2y \Rightarrow x(xy) \neq (xy)x, x^3(xy) = x^4y = ey = y$  and  $(xy)x^3 = yx^{-1}x^3 = yx^2 = x^2y \neq y \Rightarrow x^3(xy) \neq (xy)x^3, x(x^2y) = x^3y$  and  $(x^2y)x = yx^{-2}x = yx^{-1} = xy \neq x^3y \Rightarrow x(x^2y) \neq (x^2y)x, x^3(x^2y) = x^5y = exy = xy$  and  $(x^2y)x^3 = yx^{-2}x^3 = yx = x^{-1}y \neq xy \Rightarrow x^3(x^2y) \neq (x^2y)x^3, x(x^3y) = x^4y = ey = y$  and  $(x^3y)x = yx^{-3}x = yx^{-2} = x^2y \neq y \Rightarrow x(x^3y) \neq (x^3y)x, x^3(x^3y) = x^6y = ex^2y = x^2y$  and  $(x^3y)x^3 = yx^{-3}x^3 = ye = y \neq x^2y \Rightarrow x^3(x^3y) \neq (x^3y)x^3$ . Hence, the following are the pair of adjacent nodes:  $(x, y), (x, xy), (x, x^2y), (x, x^3y), (x^3, y), (x^3, xy), (x^3, x^2y), (x^3, x^3y), (xy, y), (x^3y, y), (x^2y, xy),$  and  $(x^3y, x^2y)$ . Hence,  $\Gamma(D_8)$  is shown in Figure 4.23:

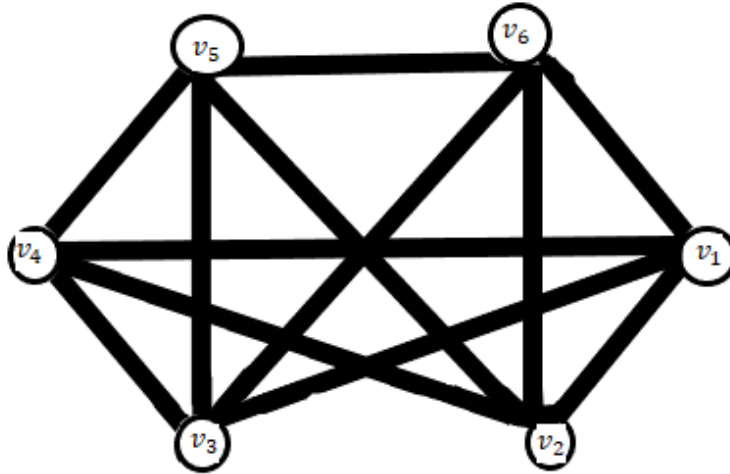


FIGURE 4.23: The Non-Commuting Graph

Suppose that there exists a function  $\varphi : V(\Gamma(D_8)) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  which determines PDL of  $\Gamma(D_8)$ , i.e.  $|\varphi(u) - \varphi(v)|$  is prime for each pair of adjacent nodes  $(u, v)$  in  $\Gamma(D_8)$ . Applying Lemma 4.2.1 on  $\Delta v_1 v_2 v_6$ , if  $\varphi(v_1), \varphi(v_2)$  is even, then  $\varphi(v_6)$  must be odd. Say,  $\varphi(v_1) = 2m$ ,  $\varphi(v_6) = 2n + 1$ , for  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \dots$ (I). Then,  $\varphi(v_2) = 2m + 2 \dots$ (II).

Also,  $\Delta v_1 v_2 v_4$  implies that  $\varphi(v_4)$  must be an odd integer, say  $\varphi(v_4) = 2r + 1$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Now in  $\Delta v_5 v_2 v_4$ ,  $\varphi(v_4)$  is odd and  $\varphi(v_2)$  is even. So by Lemma 4.2.1,  $\varphi(v_5)$  can be either even or odd. Thus the following 2 cases arise:

### Case 1: When $\varphi(v_5)$ an even

Since  $(v_5, v_2)$  is a pair of adjacent nodes and  $\varphi(v_2) = 2m + 2$ , so,  $\varphi(v_5) = 2m + 4 \dots$ (III)

Now as  $v_3$  is the common node of  $\Delta v_3 v_4 v_5$ ,  $\Delta v_1 v_3 v_6$ , and  $\Delta v_5 v_3 v_6$ , it is obvious that  $\varphi(v_3)$  can either be odd or even. If  $\varphi(v_3)$  is even and from Figure 4.23, it is clear that the pairs of nodes  $(v_3, v_5)$

and  $(v_3, v_1)$  are connected by an lines. Since,  $\varphi(v_5) = 2m + 4$  and  $\varphi(v_1) = 2m$ , then  $\varphi(v_3)$  must be selected in such a way that both terms  $|\varphi(v_3) - \varphi(v_5)|$  and  $|\varphi(v_3) - \varphi(v_1)|$  are prime numbers, in particular, the even prime 2. So, if  $\varphi(v_5) = 2m + 4$ , then  $\varphi(v_3)$  should be the consecutive even integer i.e.  $\varphi(v_3) = 2m + 2$  or  $2m + 6$ , but equation (II) implies that  $\varphi(v_3) = 2m + 2$  and the PDL of nodes with integers is unique. So  $\varphi(v_3) = 2m + 6$ , which implies  $|\varphi(v_3) - \varphi(v_1)| = 6$ , which is not a prime. So,  $\varphi(v_3)$  cannot be even and hence, it must be an odd integer. Also Figure 4.23 clears that  $(v_3, v_4)$  and  $(v_3, v_6)$  are pair of adjacent nodes. Combining the fact that  $|\varphi(v_3) - \varphi(v_6)|$  and  $|\varphi(v_3) - \varphi(v_4)|$  are primes, particularly even primes with the assumption that  $\varphi(v_3)$ ,  $\varphi(v_6)$  and  $\varphi(v_4)$  all are odd numbers. So  $(\varphi(v_3), \varphi(v_6))$  and  $(\varphi(v_3), \varphi(v_4))$  must



be pair of consecutive odd numbers as the difference of any two consecutive odd integers is 2. So, one can re-write their values as  $\phi(v_6) = 2n + 1$ ,  $\phi(v_3) = 2n + 3$ , and  $\phi(v_4) = 2n + 5$ . Hence, the following labeling is attained in this case:  $\phi(v_1) = 2m$ ,  $\phi(v_2) = 2m + 2$ ,  $\phi(v_3) = 2n + 3$ ,  $\phi(v_4) = 2n + 5$ ,  $\phi(v_5) = 2m + 4$  and  $\phi(v_6) = 2n + 1$ . Since  $\varphi : V(\Gamma(D_8)) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  determines PDL on graph shown in Figure 4.23, so the following interpretations can be made:

$(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) \rightarrow$	$(v_1, v_3)$	$(v_1, v_4)$	$(v_1, v_6)$	$(v_2, v_4)$
$ \varphi(\mathbf{v}_i) - \varphi(\mathbf{v}_j) $	$P_1 =  2(m - n) - 3 $	$P_2 =  2(m - n) - 5 $	$P_3 =  2(m - n) - 1 $	$P_1 =  2(m - n) - 3 $
$(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) \rightarrow$	$(v_2, v_6)$	$(v_5, v_3)$	$(v_5, v_4)$	$(v_5, v_6)$
$ \varphi(\mathbf{v}_i) - \varphi(\mathbf{v}_j) $	$P_4 =  2(m - n) + 1 $	$P_4 =  2(m - n) + 1 $	$P_3 =  2(m - n) - 1 $	$P_5 =  2(m - n) + 3 $

Here, each  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ) is an odd prime. Let  $2(m - n) = x \Rightarrow x$  is an even integer. So, the purpose is to find the even integer  $x$  for which each of  $P_1 = |x - 3|$ ,  $P_2 = |x - 5|$ ,  $P_3 = |x - 1|$ ,  $P_4 = |x + 1|$ ,  $P_5 = |x + 3|$  is an odd prime ..... (IV) It is obvious that  $x \neq \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6$  otherwise at least one of  $P_i = 1$  as defined in equation (IV), which contradicts the fact that each  $P_i$  is an odd prime. So, either  $x > 6$  or  $x < -6$ . W.L.G, assume that  $x > 6$ , so the equation (IV) reduces to  $P_1 = x - 3$ ,  $P_2 = x - 5$ ,  $P_3 = x - 1$ ,  $P_4 = x + 1$ ,  $P_5 = x + 3$  ..... (V)

Firstly, the claim is that none of  $P_i$  can be 3 ..... (VI).

If  $P_1 = 3$ , then  $x = 6$ , which is a contradiction as  $x > 6$ . If  $P_2 = 3$ , then  $x = 8 \Rightarrow P_4 = 9$ , which is not a prime number. If  $P_3 = 3$ , then  $x = 4$ , which is a contradiction as  $x > 6$ . If  $P_4 = 3$ , then  $x = 2$ , which is again a contradiction as  $x > 6$ . If  $P_5 = 3$ , then  $x = 0$  which implies that  $P_4 = 1$ , which is not a prime. So, it is clear that none of the  $P_i$  is 3. Further, equation (V) implies that  $P_1 - P_2 = 2$ ,  $P_3 - P_1 = 2$ ,  $P_4 - P_3 = 2$ ,  $P_5 - P_4 = 2$  which means that the pairs  $(P_1, P_2), (P_1, P_3)$  are twin odd primes with  $P_1$  as common and same way  $(P_4, P_3), (P_4, P_5)$  are twin odd primes with  $P_4$  as common. It is known that each odd prime is of the form either  $4k + 1$  or  $4k + 3$ ,  $k$  being a natural number. So, if  $P_1 = 4k + 1$ , then  $P_2 = 4k - 1$ ,  $P_3 = 4k + 3$ ,  $P_4 = 4k + 1$ ,  $P_5 = 4k + 3$  or if  $P_1 = 4k + 3$ , then  $P_2 = 4k + 1$ ,  $P_3 = 4k + 5$ ,  $P_4 = 4k + 7$ ,  $P_5 = 4k + 9$ , for a fixed natural number  $k$ . So, either  $P_2, P_1, P_3$  or  $P_2, P_1, P_3, P_4, P_5$  will be the consecutive twin odd primes. Since every third odd number is divisible by 3, which means that no three successive odd numbers can be prime unless one of them is 3, which is impossible

by assertion (VI). Hence, the supposition is wrong. So,  $\varphi(v_5)$  cannot be an even integer and this case is rejected.

**Case 2: When  $\varphi(v_5)$  is odd**

Assume that  $\varphi(v_5)$  is an odd integer. Since  $(v_6, v_5)$  and  $(v_4, v_5)$  are adjacent nodes in Figure 4.23, so as proved in Case 1,  $(\varphi(v_5), \varphi(v_6))$  and  $(\varphi(v_5), \varphi(v_4))$  must be pair of consecutive odd numbers as the difference of any two consecutive odd integers is 2. So, one can write their values as  $\varphi(v_6) = 2n + 1$ ,  $\varphi(v_5) = 2n + 3$  and  $\varphi(v_4) = 2n + 5$ , where  $n$  is any integer. Hence,  $\Delta v_5 v_4 v_3$  implies that  $\varphi(v_3)$  must be an even integer by Lemma 4.2.1. But  $(v_3, v_1)$  is an adjacent pair of nodes and  $\varphi(v_1) = 2m$ . So,  $\varphi(v_3) = 2m - 2$ . Hence, the labeling of graph in Figure 4.23 is as follows:  $\varphi(v_1) = 2m$ ,  $\varphi(v_2) = 2m + 2$ ,  $\varphi(v_3) = 2m - 2$ ,  $\varphi(v_4) = 2n + 5$ ,  $\varphi(v_5) = 2n + 3$ , and  $\varphi(v_6) = 2n + 1$  since  $\varphi : V(\Gamma(D_8)) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  determines the PDL on graph shown in Figure 4.23. So, the following interpretations are made:

$(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) \rightarrow$	$(v_1, v_4)$	$(v_1, v_6)$	$(v_2, v_4)$	$(v_2, v_5)$
$ \varphi(\mathbf{v}_i) - \varphi(\mathbf{v}_j) $	$P_1 =  2(m - n) - 5 $	$P_2 =  2(m - n) - 1 $	$P_3 =  2(m - n) - 3 $	$P_1 =  2(m - n) - 1 $
$(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) \rightarrow$	$(v_2, v_6)$	$(v_3, v_4)$	$(v_3, v_5)$	$(v_3, v_6)$
$ \varphi(\mathbf{v}_i) - \varphi(\mathbf{v}_j) $	$P_4 =  2(m - n) + 1 $	$P_4 =  2(m - n) - 7 $	$P_3 =  2(m - n) - 5 $	$P_5 =  2(m - n) - 3 $

Here, each  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ) is an odd prime. Let  $2(m - n) = x \Rightarrow x$  be an even integer. So, the purpose is to find that even integer  $x$  for which each of  $P_1 = |x - 5|$ ,  $P_2 = |x - 1|$ ,  $P_3 = |x - 3|$ ,  $P_4 = |x + 1|$ ,  $P_5 = |x - 7|$  is an odd prime. It is obvious that  $x \neq \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8$  otherwise at least one of  $P_i = 1$  as defined in equation (IV), which contradicts the fact that each  $P_i$  is an odd prime. So, either  $x > 8$  or  $x < -8$ . W.L.G, assume that  $x > 8$ . So the equation (IV) reduces to  $P_1 = x - 5$ ,  $P_2 = x - 1$ ,  $P_3 = x - 3$ ,  $P_4 = x + 1$ ,  $P_5 = x - 7$ ... (VII)

Again the claim is that none of  $P_i$  can be 3 or 5... (VIII)

If  $P_1 = 3$ , then  $x = 8$ , which is a contradiction as  $x > 8$ . Also, if  $P_1 = 5$ , then  $x = 10$  and so  $P_2 = 9$ , which is not a prime. If  $P_2 = 3$  or 5, then  $x = 4$  or 6 which is impossible as  $x > 8$ . If  $P_3 = 3$  or 5, then  $x = 6$  or 8, which is a contradiction as  $x > 8$ . If  $P_4 = 3$  or 5, then  $x = 2$  or 4, which is again a contradiction as  $x > 8$ . If  $P_5 = 3$ , then  $x = 10$  or 12 which implies that  $P_2 = 9$  or  $P_3 = 9$ , which is not a prime. So, it is clear that none of  $P_i$

can be 3 or 5. Further, the equation (VII) implies that  $P_1 - P_5 = 2$ ,  $P_3 - P_1 = 2$ ,  $P_2 - P_3 = 2$ ,  $P_4 - P_2 = 2$  which further imply that  $(P_1, P_5)$ ,  $(P_1, P_3)$  and  $(P_2, P_3)$ ,  $(P_4, P_2)$  are pair of twin odd primes with  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  as common odd primes, respectively. This condition is to the one obtained in Case 1. So, by the same argument as applied in Case 1, this case is also rejected. Hence,  $\varphi(v_5)$  can neither be an odd nor an even integer. Hence, the supposition is wrong and so the conclusion is that the PDL of  $\Gamma(D_8)$  does not exist".  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.4.**  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$  does not permit PDL for  $n \geq 5$ .

*Proof.* "Consider  $D_{2n}$ , where  $n \geq 5$  given by:  $D_{2n} = \langle x, y \rangle : x^n = e = y^2, xy = yx^{-1} \rangle$  &  $Z(D_{2n}) = \begin{cases} \{e\} & , \text{ if } n \text{ is odd natural number} \\ \{e, x^{\frac{n}{2}}\} & , \text{ if } n \text{ is even natural number} \end{cases}$

So if  $V$  denote the node set for  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$ , then  $V = D_{2n} - Z(D_{2n})$ , then  $V$  consists of non-commuting elements of group  $D_{2n}$ . Consider  $S = \{x, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y\}$ . Note that order of  $x = n$  is atleast 5. So,  $xy = yx^{-1} \neq yx$

$$x(xy) = x^2y, (xy)x = yxx^{-1} = ye = y \Rightarrow x(xy) \neq (xy)x$$

$$x(x^2y) = x^3y \text{ and } (x^2y)x = yx^{-2}x = yx^{-1} = xy \neq x^3y \Rightarrow x(x^2y) \neq (x^2y)x$$

$$x(x^3y) = x^4y \text{ and } (x^3y)x = yx^{-3}x = yx^{-2} = x^2y \neq x^4y \Rightarrow x(x^3y) \neq (x^3y)x$$

$$y(xy) = x^{-1}yy = x^{-1}e = x^{-1} \text{ and } (xy)y = x \neq x^{-1} \Rightarrow y(xy) \neq (xy)y$$

$$y(x^2y) = yyx^{-2} = y^2x^{-2} = ex^{-2} = x^{-2} \text{ and } (x^2y)y = x^2y^2 = x^2e = x^2 \neq x^{-2} \\ \Rightarrow y(x^2y) \neq (x^2y)y$$

$$(xy)(x^2y) = x(yy)x^{-2} = xex^{-2} = x^{-1} \text{ and } (x^2y)(xy) = x^2yyx^{-1} = x \neq x^{-1} \Rightarrow \\ (xy)(x^2y) \neq (x^2y)(xy)$$

$$(xy)(x^3y) = xyyx^{-3} = x^{-2} \text{ and } (x^3y)(xy) = x^3yyx^{-1} = x^2 \neq x^{-2} \Rightarrow (xy)(x^3y) \neq \\ (x^3y)(xy)$$

$$(x^2y)(x^3y) = x^2yyx^{-3} = x^{-1} \text{ and } (x^3y)(x^2y) = x^3yyx^{-2} = x \neq x^{-1} \Rightarrow (x^2y)(x^3y) \neq \\ (x^3y)(x^2y)$$

$$\text{But } y(x^3y) = yyx^{-3} = y^2x^{-3} = ex^{-3} = x^{-3} \text{ and } (x^3y)y = x^3y^2 = x^3e = x^3 = \\ x^{-3} \text{ if } n = 6 \dots \text{(I)}$$

So,  $(x^3y)$  commute with  $y$   $D_{12}$  whereas the above equations show that the pairs  $(x, y)$ ,  $(x, xy)$ ,  $(x, x^2y)$ ,  $(x, x^3y)$ ,  $(y, xy)$ ,  $(y, x^2y)$ ,  $(xy, x^2y)$ ,  $(xy, x^3y)$ ,  $(x^2y, x^3y)$  are non-commuting in each  $D_{2n}$ , for  $n \geq 5$ . The proof is divided into the following two cases:

**Case 1: When  $n$  an odd**

Since  $n \geq 5$  &  $n$  is odd, so  $n \neq 6$ . By (I),  $x^3 \neq x^{-3}$  and  $(x^3y)$  does not commute with  $y$ .

So, in  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$ , the following are the minimum pairs of adjacent nodes:

$(x, y), (x, xy), (x, x^2y), (x, x^3y), (y, xy), (y, x^2y), (xy, x^2y), (xy, x^3y), (x^2y, x^3y), (y, x^3y)$ .

And  $S = \{x, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y\} \subseteq V$ . Set  $x = v_1, y = v_2, xy = v_3, x^2y = v_4, x^3y = v_5$ .

Hence, in this case  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$  has the following form:

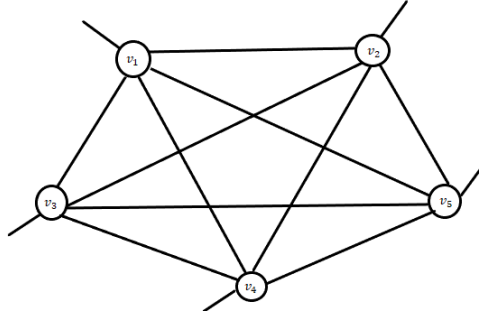


FIGURE 4.24: Subgraph of Non-Commuting graph  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$

Clearly, the  $\chi$  of the graph shown in Figure 4.24 is 5. Since it is subgraph of  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$ , it implies that  $\chi(\Gamma(D_{2n}))$  is  $\geq 5$ . As it is known that, the PDL of any graph with chromatic number 5 is not possible, the conclusion is that for any odd number  $n \geq 5$ , the PDL of non-commuting graph of  $D_{2n}$ , is not possible.

### Case 2: When $n$ an even

Since  $n \geq 5$  & even, so  $n$  is at least 6. Also, equation (I) implies that  $x^3 = x^{-3}$  if  $n = 6$ , so  $(x^3y)$  commutes with  $y$  in group  $D_{12}$ . So, the prove is for  $D_{12}$  separately. It is known that,  $D_{12} = \{e, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y, x^4y, x^5y\}$ . Consider  $S = \{x, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y, x^4y, x^5y\} \subseteq V$ , where  $V$  is set of nodes of  $\Gamma(D_{12})$ . Then,  $x(x^4y) = x^5y$  and  $(x^4y)x = x^4x^{-1}y = x^3y \neq x^5y \Rightarrow x(x^4y) \neq (x^4y)x$

$$x(x^5y) = x^6y = ey = y \text{ and } (x^5y)x = x^5x^{-1}y = x^4y \neq y \Rightarrow x(x^5y) \neq (x^5y)x$$

$$y(x^4y) = x^{-4}yy = x^{-4} = x^2 \text{ and } (x^4y)y = x^4 \neq x^2 \Rightarrow y(x^4y) \neq (x^4y)y$$

$$y(x^5y) = x^{-5}yy = x^{-5}e = x^{-5} = x \text{ and } (x^5y)y = x^5 \neq x \Rightarrow y(x^5y) \neq (x^5y)y$$

$$(x^2y)(x^4y) = x^2yyx^{-4} = x^{-2} = x^4 \text{ and } (x^4y)(x^2y) = x^4yyx^{-2} = x^2 \neq x^4 \Rightarrow (x^2y)(x^4y) \neq (x^4y)(x^2y)$$

$$(xy)(x^5y) = xyyx^{-5} = x^{-4} = x^2 \text{ and } (x^5y)(xy) = x^5yyx^{-1} = x^4 \neq x^2 \Rightarrow (xy)(x^5y) \neq (x^5y)(xy)$$

$$(x^5y)(x^4y) = x^5yyx^{-4} = x \text{ and } (x^4y)(x^5y) = x^4yyx^{-5} = x^{-1} = x^5 \neq x \Rightarrow (x^5y)(x^4y) \neq (x^4y)(x^5y).$$

Hence, in  $\Gamma(D_{12})$ , the following are minimum pairs of adjacent nodes: “ $(x, y), (x, xy), (x, x^2y), (x, x^4y), (x, x^5y), (y, xy), (y, x^2y), (y, x^4y), (y, x^5y), (xy, x^2y), (xy, x^5y), (x^2y, x^4y), (x^5y, x^4y)$ ”. By setting  $x = v_1, y = v_2, xy = v_3, x^2y = v_4, x^4y = v_5, x^5y = v_6$ , the following graph is obtained as a subgraph of  $\Gamma(D_{12})$ .

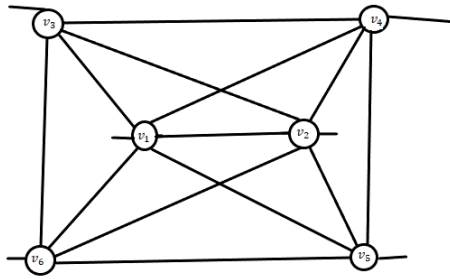


FIGURE 4.25: A subgraph of non-Commmuting graph  $\Gamma(D_{12})$

Suppose that there exist  $\varphi : V(\Gamma(D_{12})) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  which determines PDL so that  $|\varphi(u) - \varphi(v)|$  is an odd prime for each pair  $(u, v)$  of adjacent nodes in  $\Gamma(D_{12})$ . Then it is clear from Figure 4.25 and by Lemma 4.2.1, that in  $\Delta v_1v_2v_3$ , for any two of three nodes should be labeled with either an odd or even integer. Assuming  $\varphi(v_1) = 2n, \varphi(v_2) = 2n + 2, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\varphi(v_3)$  must be odd integer, say  $\varphi(v_3) = 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z} \dots$  (II)

So, from  $\Delta v_1v_2v_4$ , one can get that  $\varphi(v_4)$  must be an odd integer and also  $(v_3, v_4)$  are adjacent nodes which imply that  $\varphi(v_4) = 2m + 3 \dots$  (III)

Proceeding in a similar way, from  $\Delta v_1v_2v_6$  and  $\Delta v_1v_2v_5$ , using the fact that  $(v_3, v_6), (v_5, v_4)$  are adjacent nodes, one can get  $\varphi(v_6)$  and  $\varphi(v_5)$  must be odd integers and so,  $|\varphi(v_6) - \varphi(v_3)|$  and  $|\varphi(v_4) - \varphi(v_5)|$  are even primes. It implies that  $(\varphi(v_6), \varphi(v_3))$  and  $(\varphi(v_4), \varphi(v_5))$  must be pair of consecutive odd integers ... (IV)

But  $(v_5, v_6)$  is a pair of adjacent nodes and  $|\varphi(v_6) - \varphi(v_5)|$  is an even prime (difference of any two odd integers is even) if and only if  $\varphi(v_6)$  and  $\varphi(v_5)$  are consecutive odd integers ... (V)

Combining statements (II), (III), (IV) and (V), one can see that  $(\varphi(v_6), \varphi(v_3)), (\varphi(v_4), \varphi(v_5)), ((\varphi(v_6), \varphi(v_5)))$  are pairs of consecutive odd integers. Again (II) and (III) imply that,  $\varphi(v_5) = 2m + 5, \varphi(v_6) = 2m - 1$  or  $2m + 7$ . So,  $|\varphi(v_6) - \varphi(v_5)| = 6$  or  $|\varphi(v_6) - \varphi(v_3)| = 6$ , a contradiction. Hence, it is not possible to label the subgraph as shown in Figure 4.25 with  $\varphi : V(\Gamma(D_{12})) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  so that  $|\varphi(u) - \varphi(v)|$  is an odd prime for each pair  $(u, v)$

of adjacent vertices in Figure 4.25. So, if a subgraph of  $\Gamma(D_{12})$  does not admit PDL, then  $\Gamma(D_{12})$  does not possess PDL. Hence, the PDL of the non-commuting graph of  $D_{2n}$ , for  $n = 6$  is not possible. Further, the left thing is to prove the statement for even integers  $n > 6$ . Thus  $n \geq 10$  and  $n$  is even integer. So equation (I) implies that  $y(x^3y) = yyx^{-3} = y^2x^{-3} = ex^{-3} = x^{-3}$  and  $(x^3y)y = x^3y^2 = x^3e = x^3 \neq x^{-3}$  “for  $n = 10, 12 \dots$ . So,  $(x^3y)$  commute with  $y$  in  $D_{2n}$  for even integers  $n \geq 10$ . Hence,  $(x, y), (x, xy), (x, x^2y), (x, x^3y), (y, xy), (y, x^2y), (xy, x^2y), (xy, x^3y), (x^2y, x^3y), (y, x^3y)$  are non-commuting in each  $D_{2n}$ , for even integers  $n \geq 10$ ” and  $S = \{x, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y\} \subseteq V$ . Set  $x = v_1, y = v_2, xy = v_3, x^2y = v_4, x^3y = v_5$ . Hence, in this case the non-commuting graph  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$  for even integers  $n \geq 10$  has the following form (see Figure 4.26):

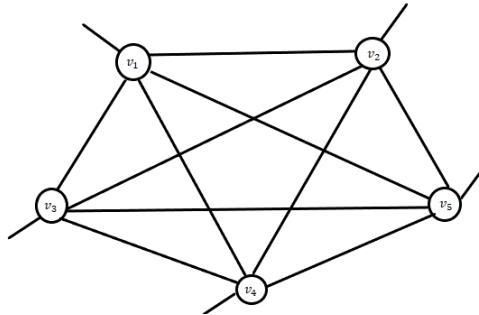


FIGURE 4.26: A subgraph of  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$  for even integers  $n \geq 10$

This is similar to Case 1. As stated in Case 1, the chromatic number of the graph shown in Figure 4.26 is 5. Since it is a subgraph of  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$ , for even integers  $n \geq 10$ , it implies that  $\chi(\Gamma(D_{2n}))$  is  $\geq 5$ . As it is known that, the PDL of any graph with chromatic number 5 is not possible. So, one can conclude that for any even integers  $n \geq 10$ , the PDL of  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$ , is not possible. Hence, combining both Cases 1 and 2, one can conclude the PDL of the  $\Gamma(D_{2n})$ , for  $n \geq 5$ , does not exist”.  $\square$

**Definition 4.3.6.** Define product on  $Q_8$  by usual multiplication together with  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1, ij = -ji = k, jk = -kj = i, ki = -ik = j$ . Then  $Q_8$  forms a non-abelian group called the Quaternion group.

**Lemma 4.3.2.**  $\Gamma(D_8)$  and  $\Gamma(Q_8)$  are isomorphic.

*Proof.*  $D_8 = \{ \langle x, y \rangle : x^4 = e = y^2, xy = yx^{-1} \}$ , where “ $e$  is the identity element” of  $D_8$  i.e.  $D_8 = \{e, x, x^2, x^3, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y\}$  and centre of  $D_8$  is  $Z(D_8) = \{e, x^2\}$ . Therefore  $V(\Gamma(D_8)) = \{x, x^3, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y\}$ . Let  $v_1 = x, v_2 = x^3, v_3 = y, v_4 = xy, v_5 = x^2y, v_6 = x^3y$  so that  $\Gamma(D_8) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ . It is easy to check that  $(v_1, v_2), (v_1, v_6), (v_1, v_3), (v_1, v_4), (v_2, v_6),$

$(v_2, v_4), (v_2, v_5), (v_3, v_4), (v_3, v_5), (v_3, v_6), (v_4, v_5), (v_5, v_6)$  are the pairs of adjacent nodes. Therefore,  $\Gamma(D_8)$  is as given below (see Figure 4.27):

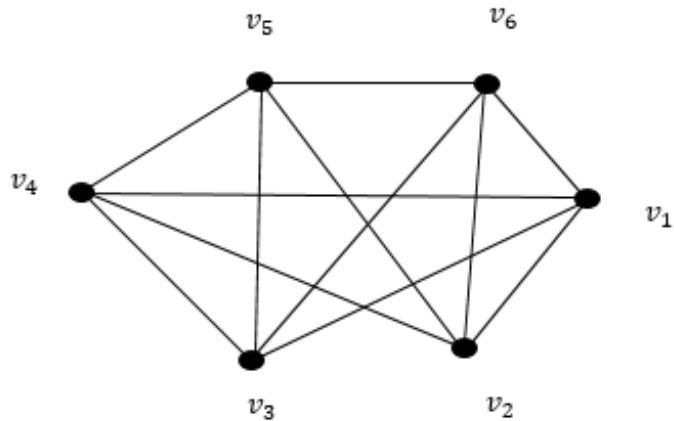


FIGURE 4.27:  $\Gamma(D_8)$

Now the Quaternion group is given by  $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$  and  $Z(Q_8) = \{1, -1\}$ . Therefore,  $V(\Gamma(Q_8)) = \{i, -i, j, -j, k, -k\}$ . Let  $u_1 = i, u_2 = j, u_3 = -j, u_4 = k, u_5 = -i, u_6 = -k$  so that " $V(\Gamma(Q_8)) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6\}$ . Then  $(u_1, u_2), (u_1, u_3), (u_1, u_4), (u_1, u_6), (u_2, u_4), (u_2, u_5), (u_2, u_6), (u_3, u_4), (u_3, u_5), (u_3, u_6), (u_4, u_5), (u_5, u_4)$  are the pairs of adjacent nodes". Therefore, the non-commuting graph of  $Q_8$  is as given below (see Figure 4.28):

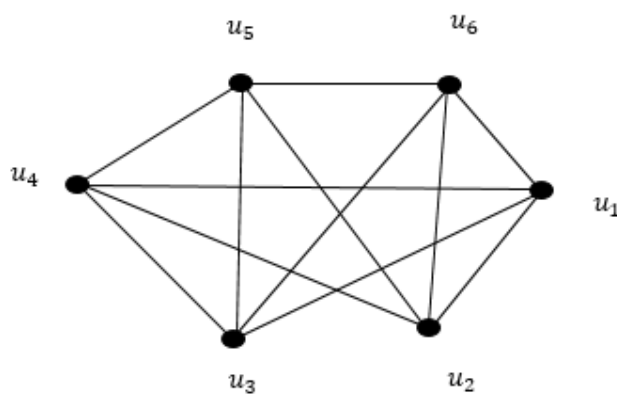


FIGURE 4.28:  $\Gamma(Q_8)$

Now, the correspondence  $\Psi(v_i) = u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  induces an isomorphism between  $\Gamma(D_8)$  and  $\Gamma(Q_8)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.5.** *PDL of  $\Gamma(Q_8)$  does not exist.*

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma(D_8)$  and  $\Gamma(Q_8)$  are isomorphic by Lemma 4.3.2 and the PDL of  $\Gamma(D_8)$  does not exist in view of the Theorem 4.3.3. So one can conclude that the PDL of  $\Gamma(Q_8)$  also does not exist.  $\square$

**Definition 4.3.7.** A pizza graph on  $2n+1$  nodes,  $Pz_n$ , is formed from a  $S(W_n)$  in each of its spokes.

The PDL of  $Pz_{11}$  is given in Figure 4.29.

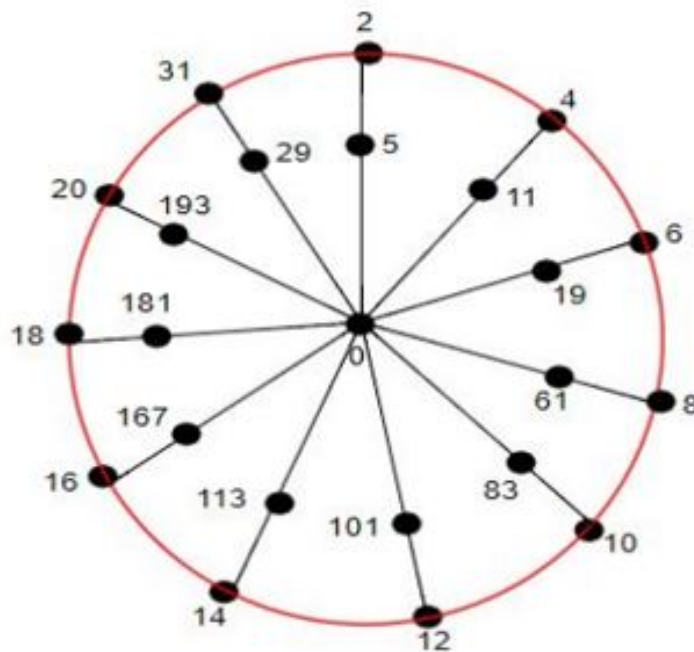


FIGURE 4.29: PDL of pizza graph  $Pz_{11}$

**Definition 4.3.8.** The jewel graph  $J_k$  is defined by  $V(J_k) = \{x, y, s, t, w_j : 1 \leq j \leq k\}$  and  $E(J_k) = \{xy_i, yy_i, xs, ys, yt, xt, st : 1 \leq j \leq k\}$  (see Figure 4.30).



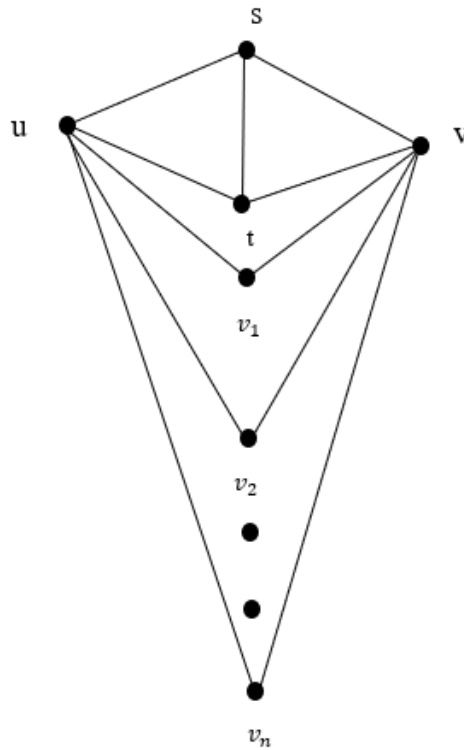


FIGURE 4.30: Jewel graph  $J_k$

**Definition 4.3.9.** “A fan  $F_{(1,k)} = K_1 \wedge P_k$ .”

**Definition 4.3.10.** “If  $L_r$  is a ladder with  $V(L_r) = \{v_j, u_j : j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, r\}$  and one can add links  $u_i v_{i+1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, r - 1$  to  $L_r$  & delete  $u_r$  which is incident to both links  $u_{r-1} u_r$  and  $u_r v_r$ , then by deleting the node, one gets a  $TL_r$ . The diamond graph,  $Br_k$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , is formed by connecting a single point  $y$  to all the points  $v_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$  of  $TL_k$ ”.

**Example 4.3.1.**  $Br_5$  is given in Figure 4.31.

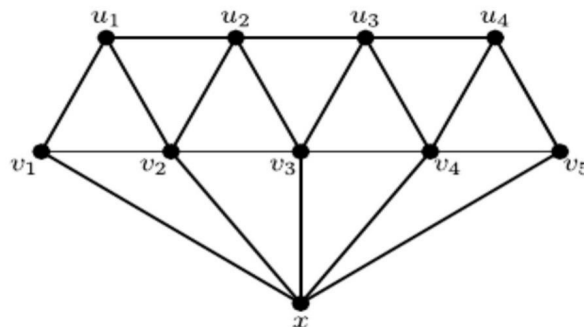


FIGURE 4.31: Diamond graph  $Br_5$

**Theorem 4.3.6.** The pizza graph  $Pz_n$  permits PDL  $\forall n \geq 3$  if TPC is true.

*Proof.* Take  $Pz_n$  be with  $V(Pz_n) = \{u, v_k, w_k : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ , and  $E(Pz_n) = \{uv_k, v_k w_k, w_k w_{k+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ , so  $V(Pz_n) = 2n+1$  and  $v_{n+1} = v_1, w_{n+1} = w_1$ . “A 1-1 function  $w : V(Pz_n) \rightarrow Z$  is defined as below: W.L.G, let  $w(u) = 0, w(w_i) = 2i; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ”. Now choose sufficiently large prime  $p_\alpha$  and twin primes  $(p_1, p_2)$  (with  $p_1 < p_2$ ) so that  $w(w_n) = w(w_{n-1}) + p_\alpha = p_2$  with a condition that  $|w(w_{n-1}) - w(w_n)|$  is a prime. Then  $w(v_n) = p_1$ . Also, let  $w(v_i) = w(w_i) + p_i$ , where  $p_i$ 's are sufficiently large primes. One can check that  $Pz_n$  permits PDL  $\forall n \geq 3$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.7.**  $J_n$  admits PDL,  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $J_n$  be on  $n + 4$  nodes with  $V(J_n) = \{u, v, s, t, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Let  $E(J_n) = E_1 \cup E_2$ , where  $E_1 = \{e_p, e_q, e_r, e_s, e_t\}$  and  $E_2 = \{e_{i1}, e_{i2} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Now define an injective function  $y : V(J_n) \rightarrow Z$  as follows: W.L.G, let  $(y(u) = 1, y(v) = -1, y(s) = y(u)+3, \text{ and } y(t) = y(u)+5$ . Next  $y(v_i) = 2r; 1 \leq i \leq n, r \in N, 2r > y(t)$  in such a way that  $|y(u) - y(v_i)| = p_{k+1}$  and  $|y(v) - y(v_i)| = p_{k+2}; 1 \leq i \leq n, p_{k+1}$  and  $p_{k+2}$  are twin primes. Similarly,  $y(v_i) = -y(v_i) : n + 1 \leq i \leq 2n$ . Clearly,  $y$  is PDL of  $J_n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.3.1.**  $F(1, n)$  for  $n \geq 11$  admits no PDL.

**Theorem 4.3.8.** The diamond graph  $Br_n$  does not admit PDL for  $n \geq 11$ .

*Proof.* The proof is obvious from Proposition 4.3.1.  $\square$

**Definition 4.3.11.** “ $B_k^{(3)}$  for  $k \geq 1$  is a planar graph on  $k + 2$  points  $x, y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k$  &  $2k + 1$  links obtained by  $k$  times  $C_3$ 's sharing a common link  $(y, x)$ ”

**Definition 4.3.12.** The triangular book with book marks is a triangular book  $B_n^{(3)}$  with a finite number of pendant lines attached at any one of the end nodes of the spine.

**Theorem 4.3.9.**  $B_n^{(3)}$  admits PDL for all  $n \in Z^+$  iff the TPC is true.

**Corollary 4.3.2.** The triangular book graph  $B_n^{(3)}$  with any finite number of book marks admits PDL iff TPC is true.

*Proof.* The labeling for the triangular book graph is done as it is given in Theorem 4.3.9. Now W.L.G, the book mark nodes, say  $w_i, i \geq 1$  are attached with  $u$ . The nodes  $w_i$  can be labeled with unused sufficiently large even numbers, say  $2t_i$  where  $t_i \in N$  such that  $2t_i - 1$  is a prime. Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 4.3.13.** [29] “The generalized Jahangir graph  $J_{m,k}$ , for  $m \geq 3, k \geq 1$ , consisting of  $C_{m(k+1)}$  with an extra node which is adjacent to  $m$  nodes of  $C_{m(k+1)}$  at distance  $k + 1$  on  $C_{m(k+1)}$ ”.

**Theorem 4.3.10.** *The Jahangir graph  $J_{m,k}$  permits PDL  $\forall m \geq 3, k \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.* If  $J_{m,k}$  is with  $V(J_{m,k}) = \{u\} \cup \{u_1, \dots, u_m\} \cup \{v_1^i, v_i^2, \dots, v_i^m; i = 1, \dots, m\}$ , then there arises two cases:

Case 1: If  $k$  an even.

Here  $J_{m,k}$  is bipartite and hence the proof.

Case 2: If  $k$  an odd.

A 1-1 map  $f : V(J_{m,k}) \rightarrow Z$  is given below: W.L.G, let  $f(u) = 0, f(u_1) = p_1, f(v_1^1) = f(u_1) + 2$  and  $f(v_j^1) = f(v_{j-1}^1) + 2$ , where  $2 \leq j \leq k - 1$  and  $p_1$  is a prime. Next,  $f(u_2) = p_2$  so that  $|f(v_{k-1}^1) - f(u_2)| = p$ , where  $p \in P$ . Again,  $f(u_2) = p_2, f(v_1^2) = f(u_2) + 2$  and  $f(v_j^2) = f(v_{j-1}^2) + 2$ , where  $2 \leq j \leq k - 1$  and  $p_2$  is prime. Next,  $f(u_3) = p_3$  such that  $|f(v_{k-1}^2) - f(u_3)| = p$ , where  $p \in P$ . Thus continuing the process up to the node  $u_m$  one can verify that  $f$  is the required PDL of  $J_{m,k}$ .

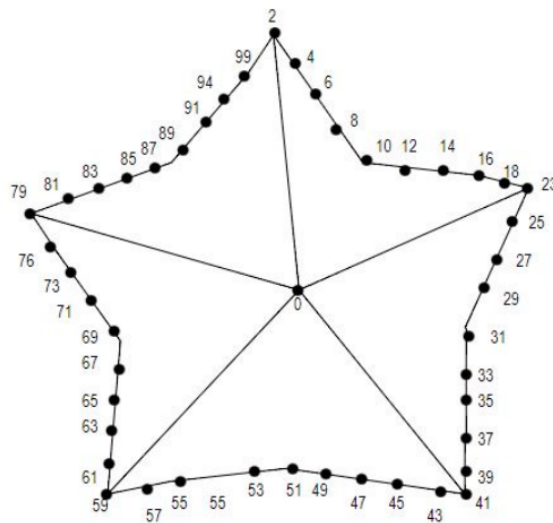


FIGURE 4.32: PDL of  $J_{5,9}$

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## 4.4 Conclusion

In this chapter some general results on PDL are obtained and the non-existence of PDL of non-commuting graphs of Dihedral groups  $D_{2n}$ ,  $n \geq 3$  and Quaternion group  $Q_8$  are

also established. Besides this, the sufficient condition for the existence of PDL of degree splitting graph of a bipartite graph has also been obtained.

## Chapter 5

# Prime Distance Labeling in the Context of Extension and Barycentric Subdivision

### 5.1 Introduction

In this chapter, certain results on PDL in the context of duplication and extension of nodes have been investigated. Further PDL of simple graphs in the context of barycentric sub-division has been completely characterized.

### 5.2 Results on PDL in the Context of Duplication and Extension Operations

**Theorem 5.2.1.** [43] *If  $G$  is obtained from  $C_n = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u_1\}$ ,  $n \geq 6$  by duplicating an arbitrary node by a node, then  $G$  admits PDL if  $GC$  is true.*

**Theorem 5.2.2.** *Let  $G_n$  be obtained from  $C_n$  by duplicating an arbitrary node by a node. Then  $G_n$  admits PDL for all  $n \geq 6$  if and only if  $GC$  is true.*

*Proof.* Let  $C_n$  be with  $V(C_n) = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $n \geq 6$ . Obtain  $G_n$  by performing duplication of node  $v_n$  by a node  $v'_n$  as given in Figure 5.1. So,  $V(G_n) = V(C_n) \cup \{v'_n\}$ , where  $N(v'_n) = N(v_n) = \{v_{n-1}, v_1\}$ . First assume that  $G_n$  has a PDL for a +ve integer  $n \geq 6$ , & take one such PDL of  $G_n$ . W.L.G, assume that  $v_r = 2(r-1)$  for  $1 \leq r \leq n-1$ . Note that the remaining nodes  $v_n$  and  $v'_n$  cannot

be of even labels (If  $v_n$  or  $v'_n$  is assigned -2, then it gives a contradiction). Moreover, one cannot give an arbitrary odd number to  $v_n$  or  $v'_n$  as they must be of odd primes only. So the labels of  $v_n$  and  $v'_n$  must be odd primes and whose sum is equal to the label of  $v_{n-1}$ . Therefore, if all  $G_n$ ,  $n \geq 6$  are PDGs, then the GC is true. Conversely, if the GC is true, then “define  $g : V(G_n) \rightarrow Z^+$  as given below:  $g(v_k) = 2(k-1)$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ ”. Now  $g(v_{n-1})$  can be expressed as  $g(v_{n-1}) = p_1 + p_2$ . Now letting  $g(v_n) = p_1$  and  $g(v'_n) = p_2$  implies that  $g$  is a PDL of  $G_n$ .

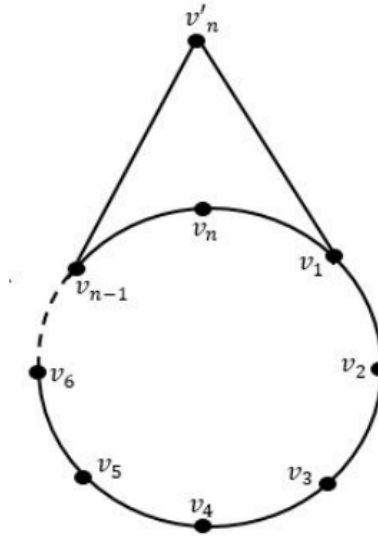


FIGURE 5.1:  $G$  derived from  $C_n$  by duplicating  $v_n$  by  $v'_n$ .

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**Theorem 5.2.3.** “The graph formed by applying duplication of a point by a line at all points in  $P_k$  allows PDL  $\forall n \geq 1$ .”

*Proof.* If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are the successive nodes of  $P_n$  &  $G$  is formed by performing duplication of  $v_k$  by  $v'_k v''_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then it is interesting to note that  $G$  has  $3n$  nodes and  $n$  node disjoint cycles each of length three. Thus  $V(G) = V_1 \cup V_2$ , where  $V_1 = V(P_n)$  and  $V_2 = \{v'_i, v''_i\}$  for all  $i$  and  $E(G) = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup E_4$ , where  $E_1 = E(P_n)$ ,  $E_2 = (v_i v'_i)$ ,  $E_3 = (v_i v''_i)$  and  $E_4 = (v'_i v''_i)$  for all  $i$ . Now define an injective map  $f : V(G) \rightarrow Z$  as given below: W.L.G,  $f(v_1) = 0$ ,  $f(v'_1) = f(v_1) + 2$  and  $f(v''_1) = f(v_1) + 5$ . Now let  $p_1$  be a prime larger than the utilized labels. Then  $f(v_2) = f(v_1) + p_1$ ,  $f(v'_2) = f(v_2) + 2$ , and  $f(v''_2) = f(v_2) + 5$ . Proceeding in this way, let  $p_n$  be a prime larger than the utilized labels. Then  $f(v_n) = f(v_{n-1}) + p_n$ ,  $f(v'_n) = f(v_n) + 2$ , and  $f(v''_n) = f(v_n) + 5$ .

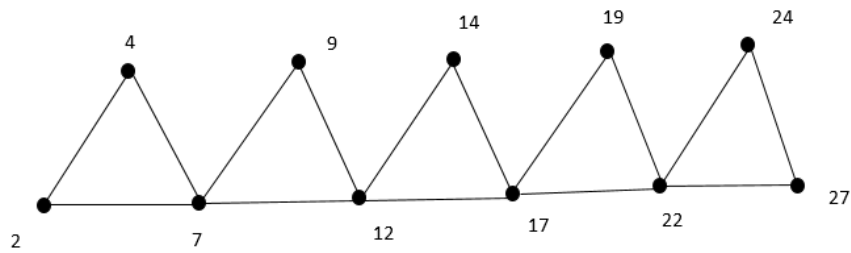


FIGURE 5.2: PDL of duplication of a line by a node at all lines in  $P_6$

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**Theorem 5.2.4.** *The graph formed by applying duplication of a link by a point at all links in  $P_n$  admits a PDL.*

*Proof.* Let  $P_n$  be on  $n$  nodes say  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $m$  lines. Then  $G_1$  is formed by applying duplication of a link by a node at all lines can be defined as below:  $V(G_1) = Y_1 \cup Y_2$ , where  $Y_1 = V(P_n)$  &  $Y_2 = \{u_j : 1 \leq j \leq m\}$  and  $E(G_1) = E_1 \cup E_2$ , where  $E_1 = E(P_n) = \{e_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  and  $E_2 = \{e_j : 1 \leq j \leq 2m\}$ . Now an injection is  $g_1 : V(G_1) \rightarrow Z$  is defined as below: W.L.G,  $g_1(v_1) = 2$  and  $g_1(u_1) = 4$ . Next  $g_1(v_l) = g_1(v_{l-1}) + 5, \forall 2 \leq l \leq n$  and  $g_1(u_j) = g_1(u_{j-1}) + 5$ , for  $2 \leq j \leq m$  (see Figure 5.2). □

**Theorem 5.2.5.** *The graph obtained by performing extension at all nodes in  $P_n$  admits a PDL.*

*Proof.* Let  $P_n$  be on  $n$ -nodes, where  $n \geq 3$ , say,  $u_k, 1 \leq k \leq n$  &  $E(P_n) = \{e_k : 1 \leq k \leq m\}$ . Let  $G$  be obtained by performing extension at all nodes in  $P_n$ . Then  $V(G) = V_1 \cup V_2$ , where  $V_1 = V(P_n), V_2 = \{v_k : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  &  $E(G) = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup E_4$ , where  $E_1 = E(P_n), E_2 = \{u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}, E_3 = \{u_{i+1} v_i\}$  and  $E_4 = \{u_i v_{i+1}\}$ . Define  $h : V(G) \rightarrow Z$  as  $h(u_1) = 0, h(v_1) = 2, h(u_k) = h(u_{k-1}) + 5, 2 \leq k \leq n$  &  $h(v_j) = h(v_{j-1}) + 5, 2 \leq j \leq n$ . Then  $h$  gives a PDL of  $G$  (see Figure 5.3).

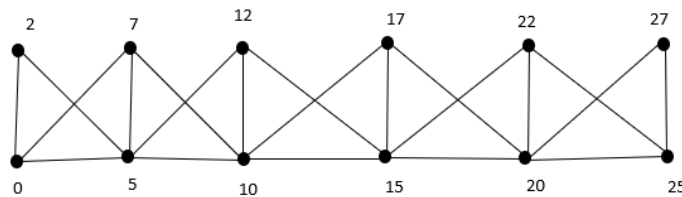


FIGURE 5.3: PDL of the graph obtained by performing extension at all the nodes of  $P_5$

□

**Theorem 5.2.6.**  *$G$  derived by taking extension of  $v \in K_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$  is not a PDG.*

*Proof.* Since  $G_1$  is a PDG iff all of its subgraphs are PDGs &  $G$  formed by taking extension of  $v \in K_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$  contains  $K_5$  as a subgraph. Therefore in view of theorem 4.2.4 the proof follows". □

### 5.3 The Characterization of PDL in the Context of Barycentric Subdivision(BS)

In this section, the proof of a result which completely characterizes PDL of simple graphs in the context of BS.

**Theorem 5.3.1.** *The barycentric subdivision of any simple graph  $G$  admits PDL.*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be any simple graph. There arises 2 possibilities.

Case 1.  $G$  a bipartite

Here  $G$  contains no odd cycles. The barycentric subdivision of  $G$  also a bipartite graph, which is by Theorem 4.2.1, admits PDL.

Case 2.  $G$  a non-bipartite

Here  $G$  contains at least an odd cycle. The barycentric subdivision of  $G$  becomes a bipartite graph as every odd  $C_n$  changes to even  $C_n$  and hence admits PDL by Theorem 4.2.10. □

### 5.4 Conclusion

In this chapter, the PDL in the context of duplication and extension operations of certain graphs has been investigated. Further, the complete characterization of PDL of simple graphs in the context of barycentric subdivision has also been done.



# Conclusion

In this thesis, prime PL and PDL of various graphs are discussed such as  $P_n$ ,  $K_n$ ,  $\Gamma(G)$ , pizza graph, diamond graph, jelly fish graph, flower graph, generalized Jahangir graph. The complete characterization of PDL of simple graphs in the context of BS has also been established. The sufficient condition for barycentric subdivision of graph to admit PL & sufficient condition for  $DS(G)$  of a bipartite graph  $G$  to admit PDL have also been established. Moreover, a few open problems and conjectures have also been formulated paving a way for furtherance of research in this direction. Both labeling have also been investigated for various classes of graphs in the context of extension of vertices, duplication and barycentric subdivision operations. A complete characterization of both the labeling is still unsettled but the present work may help to open a gateway to achieve the characterization of both labeling either fully or partially. One can investigate both of these labeling for some new families of graphs that are not studied in the present work as a future task. Though, GL is widely applicable in countless domains, exploring the immense uses of PL and PDL in various fields is a fascinating area of research.

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