

## Odd harmonious labeling of some cycle related graphs

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### Abstract

*A graph  $G(p, q)$  is said to be odd harmonious if there exists an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2q - 1\}$  such that the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 3, \dots, 2q - 1\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$  is a bijection. A graph that admits odd harmonious labeling is called odd harmonious graph. In this paper we prove that any two even cycles sharing a common vertex and a common edge are odd harmonious graphs.*

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper by a graph we mean a finite, simple and undirected one. For standard terminology and notation we follow Harary [6]. A graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges is called a  $(p, q)$  – graph. The graph labeling is an assignment of integers to the set of vertices or edges or both, subject to certain conditions. An extensive survey of various graph labeling problems is available in [3]. Labeled graphs serves as useful mathematical models for many applications such as coding theory, including the design of good radar type codes, synch-set codes, missile guidance codes and convolution codes with optimal autocorrelation properties. They facilitate the optimal nonstandard encoding of integers. Graham and Sloane [4] introduced harmonious labeling during their study of modular versions of additive bases problems stemming from error correcting codes. A graph  $G$  is said to be harmonious if there exists an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow Z_q$  such that the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow Z_q$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = (f(u) + f(v)) \pmod{q}$  is a bijection and  $f$  is called harmonious labeling of  $G$ . The concept of odd harmonious labeling was due to Liang and Bai [7]. A graph  $G$  is said to be odd harmonious if there exists an injection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2q - 1\}$  such that the induced function  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 3, \dots, 2q - 1\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$  is a bijection. A graph that admits odd harmonious labeling is called odd harmonious graph. The odd harmoniousness of graph is useful for the solution of undetermined equations. Several results have been published on odd harmonious labeling see [1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11]. Motivated by these results, in [8] we proved that the shadow and splitting of the graphs  $K_{2,n}$ ,  $C_n$  for  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , the graph  $H_{n,n}$  and double quadrilateral snakes  $DQ(n)$ ,  $n \geq 2$  are odd harmonious. In this paper we prove that any two even cycles sharing a common vertex and a common edge are odd harmonious graphs. We use the following results and definitions in the subsequent section.

**Lemma 1.1.** [2] *If  $G$  is an odd harmonious Eulerian graph with  $q$  edges, then  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .*

**Lemma 1.2.** [2] *Two copies of even cycles sharing a common edge is an odd harmonious graph and two copies of even cycles sharing a common vertex is also an odd harmonious graph, when  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .*

**Lemma 1.3.** [7] *If  $G$  is an odd harmonious graph, then  $G$  is a bipartite graph. Hence any graph that contains an odd cycle is not an odd harmonious.*

**Lemma 1.4.** [7] If a  $(p, q)$ -graph  $G$  is odd harmonious, then  $2\sqrt{q} \leq p \leq 2q - 1$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** The graph  $C_n$  is strongly odd harmonious if and only if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Definition 1.** A function  $f$  is said to be a strongly odd harmonious labeling of a graph  $G$  with  $q$  edges if  $f$  is an injection from the vertices of  $G$  to the integers from 0 to  $q$  such that the induced mapping  $f^*(uv) = f(u) + f(v)$  from the edges of  $G$  to the odd integers between 1 to  $2q - 1$  is a bijection.

**Definition 2.** Let  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  be two even cycles where  $m$  and  $n$  are even integers. Then the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is a bicyclic graph that share a common vertex of  $C_m$  and  $C_n$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  be two even cycles with  $m$  and  $n$  are even integers. Then the graph  $C(m @ n)$  is a graph obtained by sharing a common edge of  $C_m$  and  $C_n$ .

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $G_1(p_1, q_1)$  be a strongly odd harmonious graph and  $G_2(p_2, q_2)$  be any odd harmonious graph. Let  $e = xy$  be an edge of  $G_1$  with  $q_1$  and  $q_1 - 1$  are the vertex labels of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively and  $e^1 = uv$  be an edge of  $G_2$  with 0 and 1 are labels of  $u$  and  $v$  respectively. Then the graph  $G$  obtained by identifying the edges  $e$  and  $e^1$  is a strongly odd harmonious graph.

**Proof.** Add the number  $q_1 - 1$  to all the vertex labels of  $G_2$  (except for  $u$  and  $v$ ) and keep the vertex labels of  $G_1$  fixed. Then the edge labels of  $G_1$  are remain fixed and the edge labels of  $G_2$  are increased by  $2q_1 - 2$ . Hence the edge labels of  $G_2$  are  $\{2q_1 - 1, 2q_1 + 1, 2q_1 + 3, \dots, 2q_1 + 2q_2 - 3\}$ . Thus the induced edge labels of a new graph  $G$  is  $\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2q_1 - 1, 2q_1 + 1, 2q_1 + 3, \dots, 2q_1 + 2q_2 - 3\}$ . Therefore  $G$  is a strongly odd harmonious graph.  $\square$

In [2], it was proved that two copies of an even cycle  $C_n$  sharing a common edge is an odd harmonious graph. Now we prove that any two even cycles sharing a common edge is also an odd harmonious graph.

**Lemma 2.2.** The graph  $C(m @ n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m, n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 1.5 and by Theorem 2.1, the graph  $C(m@n)$  is odd harmonious.  $\square$

**Illustration 1.** The odd harmonious labeling of the graph  $C(8@12)$  is given in Figure 1.

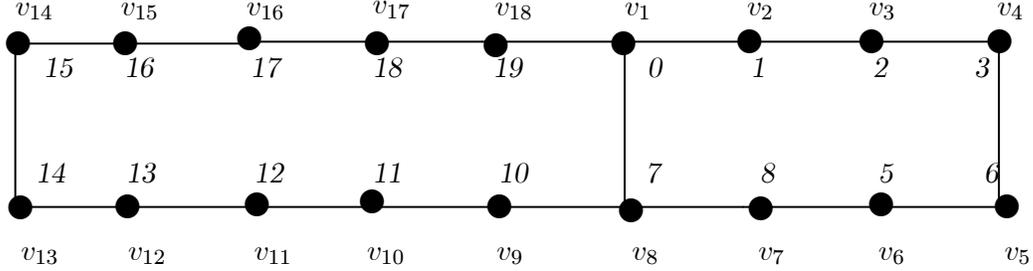


Figure 1: The odd harmonious labeling of  $C(8@12)$

**Lemma 2.3.** The graph  $C(m@n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m, n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$ .

**Proof.** Consider the cycles  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  with  $m, n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$ , and take  $m = 4l + 2$  and  $n = 4k + 2$ . Hence, the graph  $C(m@n)$  has  $4l + 4k + 2$  vertices and  $4l + 4k + 3$  edges. Without loss of generality we assume that  $m < n$ .

Define a labeling  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2(4l + 4k + 3) - 1\}$  as follows:

$$f(v_i) = i - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq (2k + 2).$$

$$\text{For } 2k + 3 \leq i \leq 2l + 2k, f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i + 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ i - 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \text{ possible only} \\ \text{if } l \neq 1.$$

$$\text{For } 2l + 2k + 1 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k + 2, f(v_i) = i + 1.$$

The induced edge labels are

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2i - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq (2k + 1),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^*(v_1v_{4k+2}) &= 4k + 3, \\
 f^*(v_iv_{i+1}) &= 2i + 1, \quad 2k + 2 \leq i \leq 2l + 2k, \\
 f^*(v_1v_{4l+4k+2}) &= 4k + 4l + 3, \\
 f^*(v_iv_{i+1}) &= 2i + 3, \quad 2l + 2k + 1 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k + 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

The induced edge labels are  $\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 4k + 1, 4k + 3, \dots, 8k + 8l + 5\}$ . Hence the graph  $C(m@n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m, n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$ .  $\square$

**Illustration 2.** The odd harmonious labeling of the graph  $C(6@10)$  is given in Figure 2.

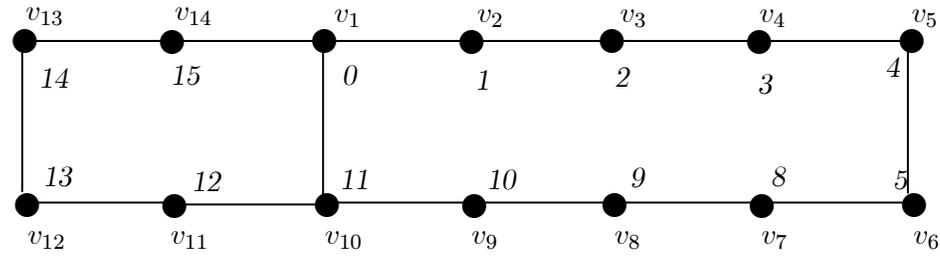


Figure 2: The odd harmonious labeling of  $C(6@10)$

**Lemma 2.4.** The graph  $C(m@n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$ , and  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$ .

**Proof.** Consider the graphs  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  with  $m \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$ , and  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$ , and take  $m = 4l$  and  $n = 4k + 2$ . Here, the graph  $C(m@n)$  has  $4l + 4k$  vertices and  $4l + 4k + 1$  edges.

We define a labeling  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2(4l + 4k + 1) - 1\}$  by considering the following two cases:

Case (i):  $m < n$ .

$$f(v_i) = i - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq (2k + 3).$$

$$\text{For } 2k + 4 \leq i \leq 2l + 2k + 1, f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i - 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ i + 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \text{ possible only if } l \neq 1.$$

$$\text{For } 2l + 2k + 2 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k. f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i - 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ i + 3 & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

The induced edge labels are

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq (2k + 2), \\ f^*(v_1 v_{4k+2}) &= 4k + 5, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 1, 2k + 3 \leq i \leq 2l + 2k, \\ f^*(v_1 v_{4l+4k}) &= 4k + 4l + 3, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 3, 2l + 2k + 1 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Case (ii):  $m > n$ .

$$f(v_1) = 0 \text{ and } f(v_i) = 4k + 4l + 3 - i, 2 \leq i \leq (2l + 2k + 2).$$

For  $2l + 2k + 3 \leq i \leq 2l + 4k$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 4k + 4l + 1 - i & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ 4k + 4l + 3 - i & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \text{ possible only if } k \neq 1.$$

$$\text{For } 2l + 4k + 1 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k., f(v_i) = 4l + 4k + 1 - i.$$

The induced edge labels are

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_1 v_{4k+4l}) &= 1, \\ f^*(v_{i-1} v_i) &= 2(4k + 4l + 1 - i) + 1, 4k + 2l + 2 \leq i \leq 4k + 4l - 1, \\ f^*(v_1 v_{4k+2}) &= 4l + 1, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i-1}) &= 2(4k + 4l + 1 - i) + 3, 4k + 2l + 1 \leq i \leq 2l + 2k + 3, \\ f^*(v_1 v_2) &= 4k + 4l + 1, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i-1}) &= 2(4k + 4l + 3 - i) + 1, 2l + 2k + 2 \leq i \leq 2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the graph  $C(m@n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$  and  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$ .  $\square$

**Illustration 3.** The odd harmonious labeling of the graphs  $C(8@10)$  and  $C(12@6)$  are given in Figures 3 and 4.

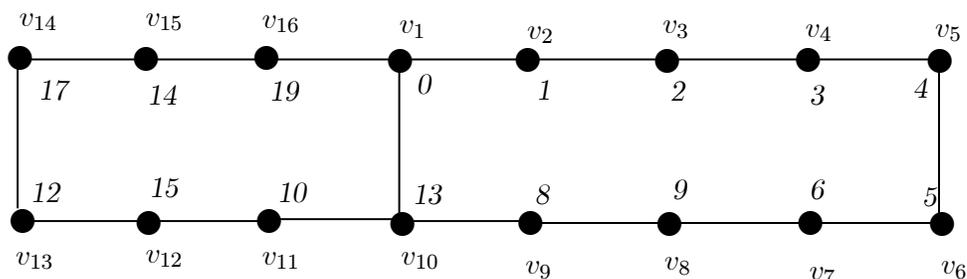


Figure 3: The odd harmonious labeling of  $C(8@10)$

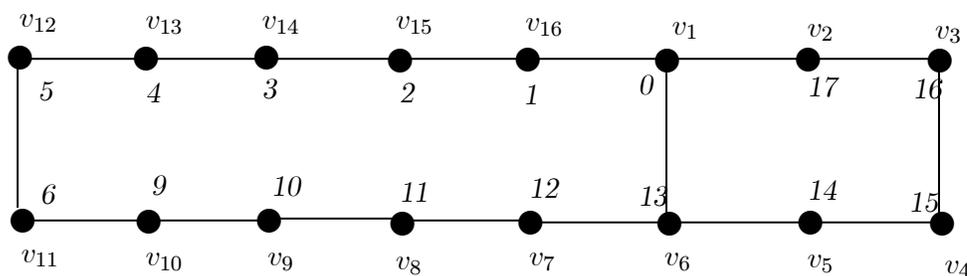


Figure 4: The odd harmonious labeling of  $C(12@6)$

**Theorem 2.5.** *The graph  $C(m@n)$  is an odd harmonious graph if and only if both  $m$  and  $n$  are even integers.*

**Proof.** *By Lemmas 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 , the graph  $C(m@n)$  is an odd harmonious graph if both  $m$  and  $n$  are even integers.*

*Conversely, if either  $m$  or  $n$  is an odd integer, then the graph  $C(m@n)$  has an odd cycle. By Lemma 1.3, a graph which has an odd cycle is not odd harmonious.  $\square$*

In [2], it was proved that two copies of an even cycle  $C_n$  sharing a common vertex is an odd harmonious graph. Now we prove that any two even cycles sharing a common vertex is also an odd harmonious graph.

**Lemma 2.6.** *The graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m, n \equiv 2(mod 4)$  .*

**Proof.** Consider the graphs  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  with  $m, n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and take  $m = 4k + 2$  and  $n = 4l + 2$ . Here the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  has  $4l + 4k + 3$  vertices and  $4l + 4k + 4$  edges. We define a labeling  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2(4l + 4k + 4) - 1\}$  by considering the following two cases:

Case (i):  $k \leq l \leq 2k - 2$ .

$$f(v_i) = i, 1 \leq i \leq 2l + 1.$$

$$\text{For } 2l + 2 \leq i \leq 2l + 2k, f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i + 2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \\ i & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Also } f(v_i) = i + 2, 2l + 2k + 1 \leq i \leq 4l + 1.$$

$$f(v_i) = 0, \text{ if } i = 4l + 2 \text{ and } f(v_i) = 8l + 7, \text{ if } i = 4l + 3.$$

$$f(v_i) = i, 4l + 4 \leq i \leq 6l + 5.$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i + 2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \\ i & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}, 6l + 6 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k + 3.$$

The induced edge labelings are

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_{4l+2}v_1) &= 1, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 1, 1 \leq i \leq 2l, \\ f^*(v_n v_{n-1}) &= 4l + 3, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 3, 2l + 1 \leq i \leq 2l + 2k - 3, \\ f^*(v_n v_{4k+4l+3}) &= 4k + 4l + 3, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 5, 2l + 2k \leq i \leq 4l, \\ f^*(v_n v_{n+1}) &= 2n + 3, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 1, 4l + 4 \leq i \leq 3l + 3k + 7, \\ f^*(v_{4l+3} v_{4l+4}) &= 8l + 4k + 15, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 3, 3l + 3k + 8 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k + 2. \end{aligned}$$

Case (ii):  $l \geq 2k - 1$ .

$$f(v_i) = i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq 2l + 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i + 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \\ i - 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}, 2l + 3 \leq i \leq 3l + 2.$$

For  $3l + 3 \leq i \leq 2k + 3l$ .

$$f(v_i) = i + 1, \text{ if } l \text{ is odd and } f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i - 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ i + 3 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd,} \end{cases} \text{ if } l \text{ is even,}$$

possible only if  $k \neq 1$ .

For  $2k + 3l + 1 \leq i \leq 4k + 4l + 2$ .

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i + 3 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ i + 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_{4k+4l+2}) = 2l + 2.$$

The induced edge labels are

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq 2l + 1,$$

$$f^*(v_1 v_{4l+2}) = 4l + 3,$$

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2i + 1, 2l + 2 \leq i \leq 3l + 1,$$

$$f^*(v_{4l+2} v_{4k+4l+3}) = \begin{cases} 4l + 4k + 5 & \text{if } l \text{ is even} \\ 4l + 4k + 3 & \text{if } l \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2i + 3, 3l + 2k \leq i \leq 2k + 3l,$$

$$f^*(v_{4k+4l+2} v_{4k+4l+3}) = 4k + 6l + 5,$$

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = 2i + 5, 2k + 3l + 1 \leq i \leq 4k + 4l + 1.$$

Hence the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m, n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .  $\square$

**Illustration 4.** The odd harmonious labeling of the graphs  $C(14 \circ 18)$  and  $C(10 \circ 14)$  are given in Figures 5 and 6.

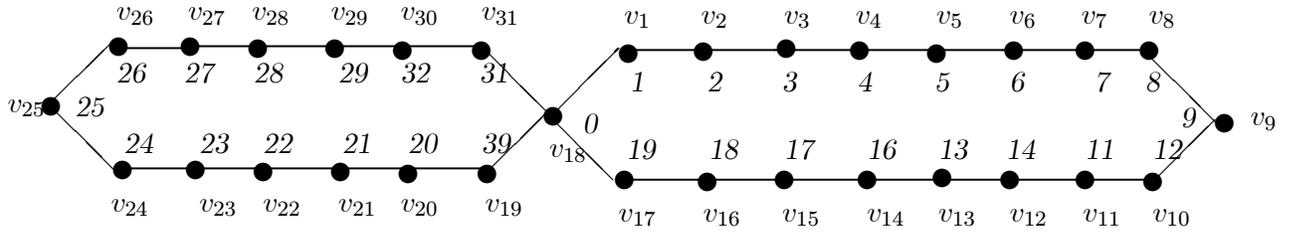


Figure 5: The odd harmonious labeling of  $C(14@18)$

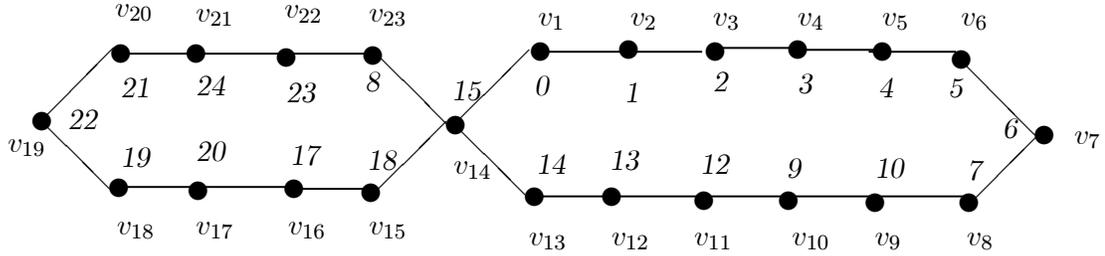


Figure 6: The odd harmonious labeling of  $C(10@14)$

**Lemma 2.7.** The graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m, n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Proof.** Consider the graphs  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  with  $m, n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and take  $m = 4k$  and  $n = 4l$ . Here the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  has  $4l + 4k - 1$  vertices and  $4l + 4k$  edges.

We define a labeling  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2(4l + 4k) - 1\}$  as follows.

$$f(v_i) = i - 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2l.$$

$$\text{For } 2l + 1 \leq i \leq 4l + 2k - 2.$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} i + 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \\ i - 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 4l + 2k - 1 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k - 1, \quad f(v_i) = i + 1.$$

The induced edge labels are

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i - 1, 1 \leq i \leq 2l - 1, \\ f^*(v_1 v_n) &= n - 1, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 1, 2l \leq i \leq 4l + 2k - 2, \\ f^*(v_n v_{4k+4l-1}) &= 4k + 8l - 1, \\ f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) &= 2i + 1, 4l + 2k - 1 \leq i \leq 4l + 4k - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is odd harmonious if  $m, n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .  $\square$

**Illustration 5.** The odd harmonious labeling of the graph  $C(4 \circ 8)$  is given in Figure 7.

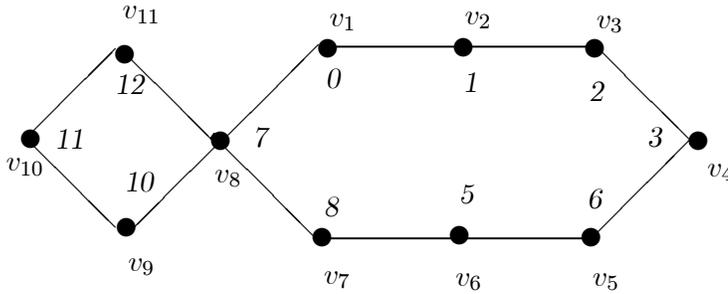


Figure 7: The odd harmonious labeling of  $C(4 \circ 8)$

**Lemma 2.8.** If  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  or vice versa, then the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is not an odd harmonious graph.

**Proof.** Without loss of generality we assume that  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Take  $m = 4k$  and  $n = 4l + 2$ . Then the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  has  $4k + 4l + 1$  vertices and  $4k + 4l + 2$  edges. Let the vertex set  $V = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{4l+1}\} \cup \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{4k-1}\} \cup \{u\}$ .

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j) + 4f(u) = q^2 = (m + n)^2 = (4l + 2 + 4k)^2 = 4(2l + 2k + 1)^2.$$

Hence  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j) + 2f(u) = 2(2l + 2k + 1)^2.$

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j) = \text{even} \dots \dots (1).$$

Case (i):  $f(u)$  is even.

In  $C_n$  there are  $2l + 1$  even labels and  $2l + 1$  odd labels. Hence  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i)$  is the sum of  $2l$  even integers and  $2l + 1$  odd integers. Therefore  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i)$  is odd.

Also  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j)$  is the sum of  $2k - 1$  even integers and  $2k$  odd integers.

Therefore  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j)$  is even. Hence  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j)$  is odd, which is a contradiction to (1).

Case (ii):  $f(u)$  is odd.

$2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i)$  is the sum of  $2l$  odd integers and  $2l + 1$  even integers. Therefore

$2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i)$  is even.

Also  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j)$  is the sum of  $2k - 1$  odd integers and  $2k$  even integers.

Therefore  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j)$  is odd. Hence  $2 \sum_{i=1}^{4l+1} f(u_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{4k-1} f(v_j)$  is odd, which is a contradiction to (1).

Therefore the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is not an odd harmonious graph if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** The graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is an odd harmonious graph if and only if either both  $m, n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  or both  $m, n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Proof.** By Lemmas 2.5 and 2.6 the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is an odd harmonious graph if and only if either both  $m, n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  or both  $m, n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Conversely, by Lemma 2.7, if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  or vice versa, then the graph  $C(m \circ n)$  is not an odd harmonious graph. Therefore,  $C(m \circ n)$  is an odd harmonious graph if and only if either both  $m, n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  or both  $m, n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .  $\square$

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