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Some new classes of vertex-mean graphs

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Abstract

A vertex-mean labeling of a (p, q) graph $G = (V, E)$ is defined as an injective function $f : E \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q_*\}$, $q_* = \max(p, q)$ such that the function $f^V : V \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ defined by the rule

$$f^V(v) = \text{Round} \left(\frac{\sum_{e \in E_v} f(e)}{d(v)} \right) \text{ satisfies the property that}$$

$f^V(V) = \{f^V(u) : u \in V\} = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$, where E_v denotes the set of edges in G that are incident at v , \mathbf{N} denotes the set of all natural numbers and *Round* is the nearest integer function. A graph that has a vertex-mean labeling is called vertex-mean graph or V -mean graph. In this paper, we study V -mean behaviour of certain new classes of graphs and present a method to construct disconnected V -mean graphs.

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1. Introduction

A vertex labeling of a graph G is an assignment f of labels to the vertices of G that induces a label for each edge xy depending on the vertex labels. An *edge labeling* of a graph G is an assignment f of labels to the edges of G that induces a label for each vertex v depending on the labels of the edges incident on it. Vertex labelings such as *graceful labeling*, *harmonious labeling* and *mean labeling* and edge labelings such as *edge-magic labeling*, *(a,d)-anti magic labeling* and *vertex-graceful labeling* are some of the interesting labelings found in the dynamic survey of graph labeling by Gallian[2]. In fact Acharya and Germina [1] has introduced *vertex-graceful graphs*, as an edge-analogue of *graceful graphs*.

A *mean labeling* f is an injective function from V to the set $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, q\}$ such that the set of edge labels defined by the rule $\left\lceil \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \right\rceil$ for each edge uv is $\{1, 2, \dots, q\}$. The *mean labeling* was introduced by Somasundaram and Ponraj [4]. Observe that, in a variety of practical problems, the arithmetic mean, X , of a finite set of real numbers $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ serves as a better estimate for it, in the sense that $\sum(x_i - X)$ is zero and $\sum(x_i - X)^2$ is the minimum. If it is required to use a single integer in the place of X then $Round(X)$ does this best, in the sense that $\sum(x_i - Round(X))$ and $\sum(x_i - Round(X))^2$ are minimum, where $Round(Y)$, *nearest integer function* of a real number, gives the integer closest to Y ; to avoid ambiguity, it is defined to be the nearest integer greater than Y if the fraction of y is 0.5. Motivated by this and the concept of *vertex-graceful graphs*, Lourdusamy and Seenivasan [3] introduced *vertex-mean labeling* as an edge analogue of *mean labeling* as follows:

A *vertex-mean labeling* of a (p, q) graph $G = (V, E)$ is defined as an injective function $f : E \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q_*\}$, $q_* = \max(p, q)$ such that the function $f^V : V \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ defined by the rule $f^V(v) = Round\left(\frac{\sum_{e \in E_v} f(e)}{d(v)}\right)$

satisfies the property that $f^V(V) = \{f^V(u) : u \in V\} = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$, where E_v denotes the set of edges in G that are incident at v and \mathbf{N} denotes the set of all natural numbers. A graph that has a vertex-mean labeling is called *vertex-mean graph* or *V-mean graph*. They, obtained necessary conditions for a graph to be a V -mean graph, and proved that any 3-regular graph of order $2m$, $m \geq 4$ is not a V -mean graph. They also proved that the path P_n , where $n \geq 3$ and the cycle C_n , the Corona $P_n \odot K_m^C$, where $n \geq 2$ and $m \geq 1$, the star graph $K_{1,n}$ if and only if $n \equiv 0(mod 2)$, and the crown

$C_n \odot K_1$ are V -mean graphs. A *dragon* is a graph obtained by identifying an end point of a path P_m with a vertex of the cycle C_n and mP_n denotes the disjoint union of m copies of the path P_n . For $3 \leq p \leq n - r$, $C_n(p, r)$ denotes the graph obtained from the cycle C_n with consecutive vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n by adding the r chords $v_1v_p, v_1v_{p+1}, \dots, v_1v_{p+r-1}$. In this paper we present the V -mean labeling of the following graphs:

1. The graph $S(K_{1,n})$, obtained by subdividing every edge of $K_{1,n}$,
2. Dragon graph,
3. The graph obtained by identifying one vertex of the cycle C_3 with the central vertex of $K_{1,n}$,
4. The graph $C_n(3, 1)$,
5. The graph obtained from the two cycles C_n and C_m by adding a new edge joining a vertex of C_n and C_m where $m \in \{n, n + 1, n + 2\}$,
6. The graph $C_n \cup C_m$,
7. The graph obtained by identifying one vertex of the cycle C_m with a vertex of C_n when $m = 3$ or 4 .

We also explain a method to obtain disconnected V -mean graphs from V -mean graphs. Following are some of the graphs so obtained: the graph $\bigcup_{i=1}^k P_{n_i}$, where $n_i \geq 3$, the graph mP_n where $m \geq 1$ and $n \geq 3$, the graph $C_n \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k P_{n_i}\right)$, where $n_i \geq 3$, the graph $C_n \cup kP_m$ where $m \geq 3$, the graph $C_n \cup C_m \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k P_{n_i}\right)$, where $n_i \geq 3$, the graph $C_n \cup C_m \cup kP_t$ where $t \geq 3$.

2. New classes of V -mean graphs

Theorem 2.1. *The graph $S(K_{1,n})$, obtained by subdividing every edge of $K_{1,n}$, exactly once, is a V -mean graph.*

Proof. Let $V = \{u, v_i, w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $E = \{uv_i, v_iw_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ be the vertex set and edge set of $S(K_{1,n})$ respectively. Then G has order $2n + 1$ and size $2n$.

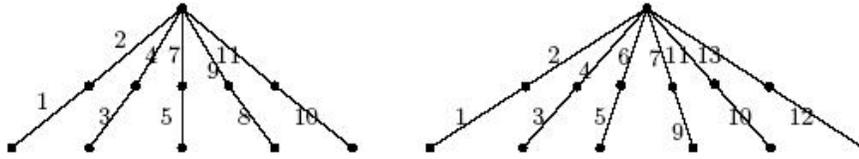


FIGURE 1. V -mean labeling of $S(K_{1,5})$ and $S(K_{1,6})$

case 1: n is odd.

Let $n = 2m + 1$. Define $f : E \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 4m + 3\}$ as follows:

$$f(uv_i) = \begin{cases} 2i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m \\ 2i + 1 & \text{if } m + 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}, \text{ and}$$

$$f(u_iv_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m + 1 \\ 2i & \text{if } m + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}.$$

Then it is easy to verify that

$$f^V(u) = 2m + 3,$$

$$f^V(u_i) = \begin{cases} 2i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m + 1 \\ 2i + 1 & \text{if } m + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}, \text{ and}$$

$$f^V(w_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m + 1 \\ 2i & \text{if } m + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}.$$

Hence

$$f^V(V) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4m + 3\}.$$

case 2: n is even.

Let $n = 2m$. Define $f : E \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 4m + 1\}$ as follows:

$$f(uv_i) = \begin{cases} 2i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m \\ 2i - 1 & \text{if } i = m + 1 \\ 2i + 1 & \text{if } m + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}, \text{ and}$$

$$f(u_iw_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m \\ 2i + 1 & \text{if } i = m + 1 \\ 2i & \text{if } m + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

Then, it is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^V(u) &= 2m + 1, \\
 f^V(u_i) &= \begin{cases} 2i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m + 1 \\ 2i + 1 & \text{if } m + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}, \text{ and} \\
 f^V(w_i) &= \begin{cases} 2i - 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m + 1 \\ 2i + 1 & \text{if } i = m + 1 \\ 2i & \text{if } m + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$f^V(V) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 4m + 1\}.$$

Thus, $S(K_{1,n})$ is V -mean. \square V -mean labeling of $S(K_{1,5})$ and $S(K_{1,6})$ are shown in Figure 1.

Theorem 2.2. *A dragon graph is V -mean.*

Proof. Let G be a dragon consisting of the path $P_m : v_1v_2\dots v_m$ and the cycle $C_n : u_1u_2\dots u_n$. Let v_m be identified with u_n and $r = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$. Let $e_i = v_iv_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq m - 1, e'_{i+1} = u_iu_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ and $e'_1 = u_nu_1$ be the edges of G . Observe that G has order and size both equal to $m + n - 1$. The edges of G are labeled as follows:

For $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$, the integer i is assigned to the edge e_i . The odd and even integers from 1 to n are respectively arranged in increasing sequences $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{n-r}$ and $m - 1 + \alpha_k$ is assigned to e'_k and $m - 1 + \beta_k$ is assigned to e'_{n-k+1} .

vertex	induced edge label
$v_i, 1 \leq i \leq m - 1$	i
$u_k, 1 \leq k \leq n - r$	$m - 1 + \beta_k$
$u_{n-k+1}, 1 \leq i \leq r$	$m - 1 + \alpha_k$

Table 1. Induced vertex labels

Clearly the edges of G receive distinct labels from $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, m + n - 1\}$ and the vertex labels induced are $1, 2, \dots, m + n - 1$ as illustrated in Table 1. Thus G is V -mean. \square

For example V -mean labelings of dragons obtained from P_5 and C_7 and P_6 and C_7 are shown in Figure 2.

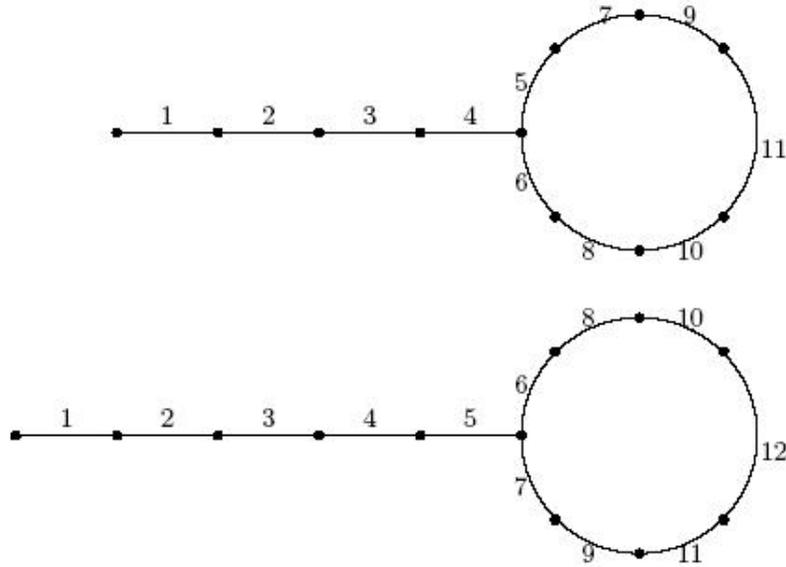


FIGURE 2. V -mean labelings of dragons

Theorem 2.3. Let G be a graph obtained by identifying one vertex of the cycle C_3 with the central vertex of $K_{1,n}$. Then G is V -mean.

Proof. Let u_1, u_2, u_3 be the consecutive vertices of C_3 . Let $V(K_{1,n}) = \{w, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ with $\deg w = n$ and u_1 be identified with w . Then G is of order and size both equal to $n + 3$. Let $r = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$. Define $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n + 3\}$ as follows:

$$f(wu_2) = r + 2, \quad f(wu_3) = r + 4, \quad f(u_2u_3) = r + 3, \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(ww_i) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq r + 1 \\ i + 3 & \text{if } r + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}.$$

Then, it follows easily that

$$f^V(w) = r + 2, \quad f^V(u_2) = r + 3, \quad f^V(u_3) = r + 4, \quad \text{and}$$

$$f^V(w_i) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq r + 1 \\ i + 3 & \text{if } r + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}.$$

Hence $f^V(V(G)) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n + 3\}$. Thus G is a V -mean graph. \square
 V -mean labeling of the graphs obtained from $K_{1,5}$ and $K_{1,6}$ by identifying the central vertex of each with a vertex of C_3 as shown in Figure 3.

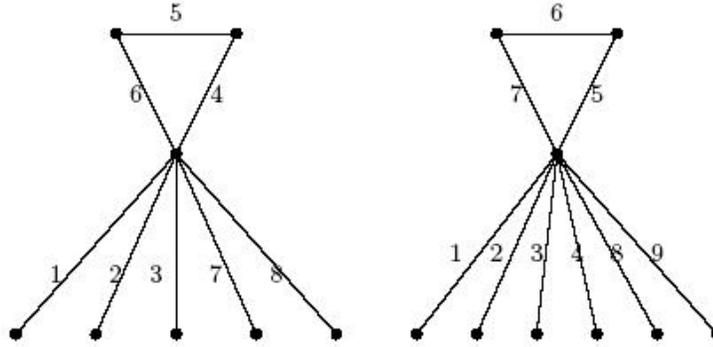


FIGURE 3. V -mean labeling of G obtained from $K_{1,5}$ and $K_{1,6}$

Theorem 2.4. *The graph $C_n(3, 1)$ is a V -mean graph.*

Proof. Let $G = C_n(3, 1)$. Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $E(G) = \{v_1v_3, v_nv_1, v_iv_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$. Then G has order n and size $n + 1$. Let $r = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$. The edges of G are assigned labels as follows: Define $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$ as follows : The integers 0, 1, 2, 3 are respectively assigned to the edges v_1v_2, v_2v_3, v_1v_3 , and v_nv_1 . The odd and even integers of $\{4, 5, 6, \dots, n\}$ are respectively arranged in increasing sequences $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{r-2}$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{n-r-1}$ and α_k is assigned to $v_{k+2}v_{k+3}$, and β_k is assigned to $v_{n-k}v_{n-k+1}$.

Vertex	Induced edge label
v_1	2
v_2	1
v_3	3
v_n	$\beta_1 = 4$
$v_{k+3}, 1 \leq k \leq n - r - 2$	β_{k+1}
$v_{n-k}, 1 \leq k \leq r - 2$	α_k

Table 2. Induced vertex labels

Clearly the assignment is an injective function and the set of induced vertex labels is $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, as illustrated in Table 2. Thus G is a V -mean graph. \square V -mean labeling of $C_8(3, 1)$ and $C_9(3, 1)$ are shown in Figure 4.

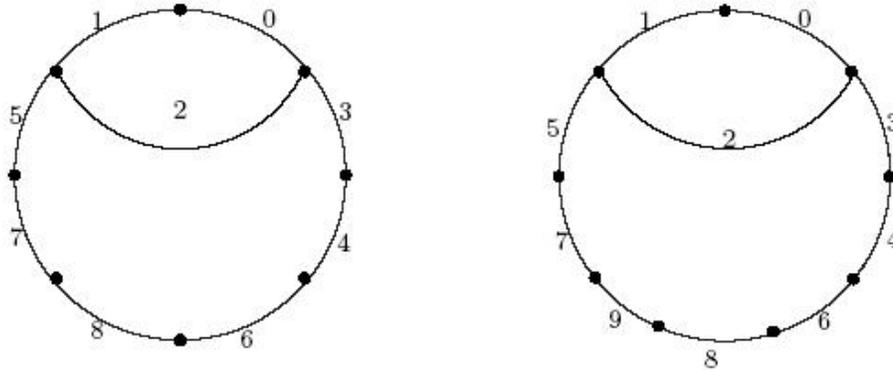


FIGURE 4. V -mean labeling of $C_n(3, 1)$ for $n = 8, 9$.

Theorem 2.5. *If $m \in \{n, n + 1, n + 2\}$, the graph obtained from the two cycles C_n and C_m by adding a new edge joining a vertex of C_n and C_m is a V -mean graph.*

Proof. Let G be the graph consisting of two cycles $C_n : v_1v_2\dots v_n$ and $C_m : u_1u_2\dots u_m$ and $e_0 = v_nu_1$ be the bridge connecting them. Then G has

order $m+n$ and size $m+n+1$. Let $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ and $e_n = v_n v_1$ and $e'_i = u_i u_{i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq m-1$, and $e'_m = u_m u_1$. Let $r = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$. Define $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n+1\}$ as follows:

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ 2i + 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq r - 1 \\ 2(n - i) & \text{if } r \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$f(e'_i) = n + i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

Then

$$f^V(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq r - 1 \\ 2(n - i) + 1 & \text{if } r + 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 2(n - i) & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } i = r \\ 2(n - i) + 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd and } i = r \end{cases}$$

$$f^V(u_i) = n + i \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

Clearly f is an injective function and the set of induced vertex labels is $\{1, 2, \dots, n+m\}$. Hence the theorem. \square

A V -mean labeling of the graph obtained from C_7 and C_9 is shown in Figure 5.

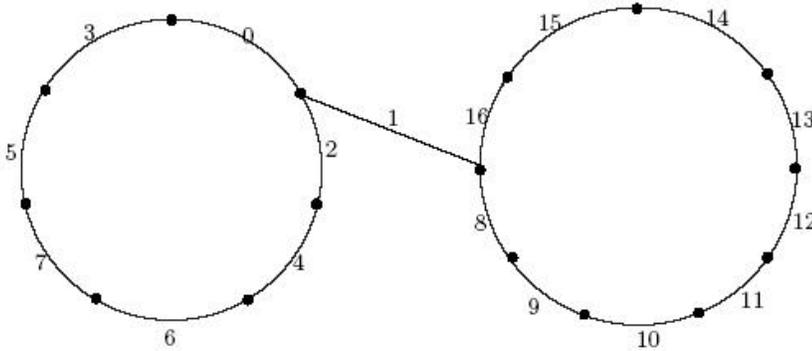


FIGURE 5. A V -mean labeling of a graph obtained from C_7 and C_9

Theorem 2.6. *The graph $C_n \cup C_m$ is a V -mean graph.*

Proof. Let $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ be the edge set of C_n such that $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, $e_n = v_n v_1$ and $\{e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_m\}$ be the edge set of C_m such that $e'_i = u_i u_{i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq m-1$, $e'_m = u_m u_1$. Then the graph $G = C_n \cup C_m$ has order and size both equal to $m+n$. Let $m \geq n$. Define $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n\}$ as follows:

$$f(e_i) = \begin{cases} i-1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \\ i & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ n+1 & \text{if } i = n \end{cases},$$

$$f(e'_i) = \begin{cases} n+2i+1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil - 1 \\ n+2(m-i) & \text{if } \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil \leq i \leq m \end{cases}.$$

Then

$$f^V(v_i) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 & \text{if } i = 1 \\ i-1 & \text{if } 2 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1, \\ i & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases},$$

$$f^V(u_i) = \begin{cases} n+2i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor \\ n+2(m-i)+1 & \text{if } \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq m \end{cases}.$$

Clearly f is an injective function and the set of induced vertex labels is $\{1, 2, \dots, n+m\}$. Hence the theorem. \square

A V -mean labeling of $C_8 \cup C_{12}$ is shown in Figure 6.

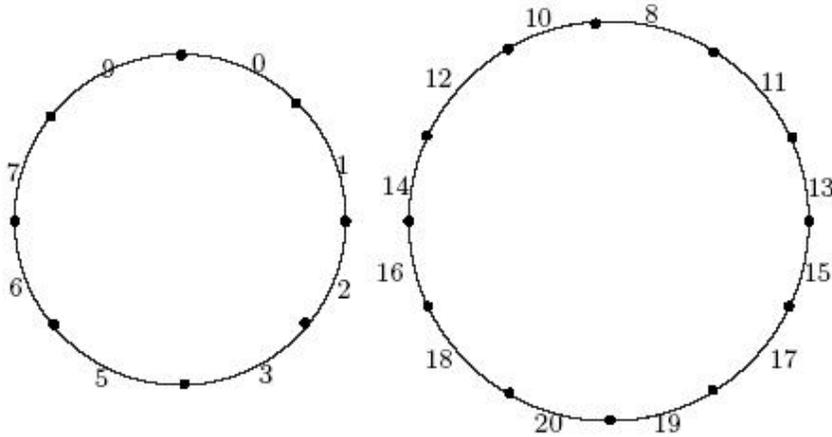


FIGURE 6. A V -mean labeling of $C_8 \cup C_{12}$

Theorem 2.7. *If $m \in \{3, 4\}$, the graph G obtained by identifying one vertex of the cycle C_m with a vertex of C_n is a V -mean graph.*

Proof.

case 1 $m = 3$.

Let G be the graph consisting of two cycles $C_3 : v_1v_2v_3v_1$ and $C_n : v_3v_4 \dots v_{n+2}v_3$. Let $r = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$. Define $f : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n+3\}$ as follows: The integers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 are assigned respectively to the edges $v_1v_2, v_3v_1, v_{n+2}v_3, v_2v_3, v_3v_4$. The odd and even integers of $\{5, 6, 7, \dots, n+2\}$ are arranged respectively in increasing sequences $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{r-1}$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{n-r-1}$ and α_k is assigned to $v_{k+3}v_{k+4}$, and β_k is assigned to $v_{n+2-k}v_{n+3-k}$.

Vertex	vertex label
$v_k, k = 1, 2, 3$	k
v_{n+2}	4
v_4	$\alpha_1 (= 5)$
$v_{k+4}, 1 \leq k \leq n - r - 1$	β_k
$v_{n-k+2}, 1 \leq k \leq r - 2$	α_{k+1}

Table 3. Induced vertex labels

Vertex	vertex label
v_1	3
v_2	1
v_3	2
v_4	4
v_5	5
v_{n+3}	6
v_6	$\alpha_1 (= 7)$
$v_{k+6}, 1 \leq k \leq n - r - 2$	β_k
$v_{n-k+3}, 1 \leq k \leq r - 2$	α_{k+1}

Table 4. Induced vertex labels

Clearly the assignment is an injective function and the set of induced vertex labels is $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 2\}$, as illustrated in Table 3. Thus G is a V -mean graph.

case 2 $m = 4$.

Let G be the graph consisting of two cycles $C_4 : v_1v_2v_3v_4v_1$ and $C_n : v_4v_5 \dots v_{n+3}v_4$. Let $r = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$. Define $f : E(G) \longrightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n + 4\}$ as follows: The integers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are assigned respectively to the edges $v_1v_2, v_2v_3, v_3v_4, v_{n+3}v_4, v_4v_5, v_4v_1, v_5v_6$. The odd and even integers of $\{7, 8, \dots, n + 3\}$ are arranged respectively in increasing sequences $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{r-1}$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{n-r-2}$ and α_k is assigned to $v_{k+5}v_{k+6}$, and β_k is assigned to $v_{n+3-k}v_{n+4-k}$.

Clearly the assignment is an injective function and the set of induced vertex labels is $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 3\}$, as illustrated in Table 4. Thus G is a V -mean graph.

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For example V -mean labeling of graphs obtained from C_3 and C_8 and C_4 and C_8 are shown in Figure 7.

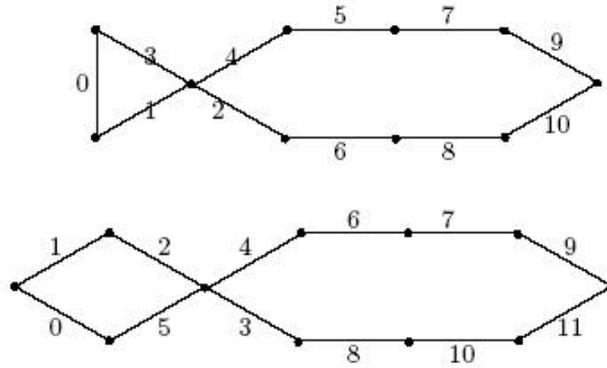


FIGURE 7.

3. Some disconnected V -mean graphs

In this section we present a method to construct disconnected V -mean graphs from V -mean graphs. The following observation is obvious from the definition of V -mean labeling.

Observation 3.1. If f is any V -mean labeling of a (p, q) graph G , then $f(e) \geq p$ for some edge $e \in E(G)$. In particular, if $p \geq q$ then $f(e) \leq p$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and hence $f(e) = p$ for some edge $e \in E(G)$.

Notation 3.2. We call a V -mean labeling f of a graph $G(p, q)$ as *type-A*, if $f(e) \leq p$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$, *type-B* if $f(e) \geq 1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$, and *type-AB* if $1 \leq f(e) \leq p$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$. For $S \in \{A, B, AB\}$, we call G as V -mean graph of *type-S* if it has a V -mean labeling f of type- S .

Remark 3.3. We observe that the V -mean graphs presented in [3] and Theorem 2.1 through Theorem 2.7 can be classified as given in Table 5.

S.NO	V-mean Graph	Type
1	C_n	A
2	$C_n \odot K_1^C$	A
3	$C_n(3, 1)$	A
4	The graph consisting of two cycles C_n and C_m connected by a bridge	A
5	The graph $C_n \cup C_m$ where $m \in \{n, n+1, n+2\}$	A
6	The graph obtained by identifying one vertex of the cycle C_m with a vertex of C_n when $m = 3$ or 4	A
7	P_n where $n \geq 3$	AB
8	$P_n \odot K_m^C$ where $n \geq 2$	AB
9	$K_{1,n}$ if and only if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$	AB
10	The graph $S(K_{1,n})$, obtained by subdividing every edge of $K_{1,n}$	AB
11	Dragon graph	AB
12	The graph obtained by identifying one vertex of cycle C_m with the central vertex of $K_{1,n}$ when $m = 3$ or 4	AB

Table 5. V-mean graphs

Let f be a V-mean labeling of $G(p_1, q_1)$ and g be a V-mean labeling of $H(p_2, q_2)$. Observe that the graph $G \cup H$ has order $p = p_1 + p_2$ and size $q = q_1 + q_2$. Define $h : E(G \cup H) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q_*\}$ as follows:

$$h(e) = \begin{cases} f(e) & \text{if } e \in E(G) \\ g(e) + p_1 & \text{if } e \in E(H) \end{cases} .$$

Suppose f is of type-A and g is of type-B. Then $f(e) \leq p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and $g(e) \geq 1$ for every edge $e \in E(H)$. As f and g are injective functions, $f(e) \leq p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and $g(e) + p_1 \geq p_1 + 1$ for every edge $e \in E(H)$, h is injective.

Suppose f is of type-A and g is of type-AB. Then $f(e) \leq p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and $1 \leq g(e) \leq p_2$ for every edge $e \in E(H)$. As f and g are injective functions, $f(e) \leq p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and $p_1 + 1 \leq g(e) + p_1 \leq p_1 + p_2$ for every edge $e \in E(H)$, h is injective and $h(e) \leq p$ for every edge $e \in E(G \cup H)$.

Suppose f is of type-AB and g is of type-B. Then $1 \leq f(e) \leq p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and $g(e) \geq 1$ for every edge $e \in E(H)$. As f and g are injective functions, $1 \leq f(e) \leq p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and

$p_1 + 1 \leq g(e) + p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(H)$, h is injective and $h(e) \geq 1$ for every edge $e \in E(G \cup H)$.

Suppose, both f and g are of type-AB. Then $1 \leq f(e) \leq p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and $1 \leq g(e) \leq p_2$ for every edge $e \in E(H)$. As, f and g are injective functions, $1 \leq f(e) \leq p_1$ for every edge $e \in E(G)$ and $p_1 + 1 \leq g(e) + p_1 \leq p_1 + p_2$ for every edge $e \in E(H)$, h is injective and $1 \leq h(e) \leq p$ for every edge $e \in E(G \cup H)$.

The set of induced vertex labels of $G \cup H$ in all four cases is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} h^V(V(G \cup H)) &= \{f^V(v) : v \in V(G)\} \cup \{p_1 + g^V(u) : u \in V(H)\} \\ &= \{1, 2, \dots, p_1\} \cup \{p_1 + 1, p_1 + 2, \dots, p_1 + p_2\} \\ &= \{1, 2, \dots, p_1 + p_2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the following four theorems.

Theorem 3.4. *If $G(p_1, q_1)$ is a V-mean graph of type-A and $H(p_2, q_2)$ is a V-mean graph of type-B, then $G \cup H$ is V-mean.*

Theorem 3.5. *If $G(p_1, q_1)$ is a V-mean graph of type-A and $H(p_2, q_2)$ is a V-mean graph of type-AB, then $G \cup H$ is V-mean graph of type-A.*

Theorem 3.6. *If $G(p_1, q_1)$ is a V-mean graph of type-AB and $H(p_2, q_2)$ is a V-mean graph of type-B, then $G \cup H$ is V-mean graph of type-B.*

Theorem 3.7. *If both $G(p_1, q_1)$ and $H(p_2, q_2)$ are V-mean graphs of type-AB then the graph $G \cup H$ is V-mean graph of type-AB.*

Corollary 3.8. *Let G be a tree or a unicyclic graph or a two regular graph. If G is V-mean and H is a V-mean graph of type-B, then $G \cup H$ is V-mean.*

Corollary 3.9. *If $G(p, q)$ is V-mean graph of type-AB then, the graph mG is V-mean graph type-AB.*

Corollary 3.10. *If both $G(p_1, q_1)$ and $H(p_2, q_2)$ are V-mean graphs of type-AB, then the graph $mG \cup nH$ is V-mean graph of type-AB.*

Corollary 3.11. *If $G(p_1, q_1)$ is a V-mean graph of type-A and $H(p_2, q_2)$ is a V-mean graph of type-AB, then $G \cup mH$ is V-mean graph of type-A.*

It is interesting to note that a number of disconnected V -mean graphs can be obtained by applying Theorem 3.4 through Corollary 3.11 on V -mean graphs listed in Table 5. For example, the graph $\bigcup_{i=1}^k P_{n_i}$, where $n_i \geq 3$, the graph mP_n where $n \geq 3$, the graph $C_n \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k P_{n_i}\right)$, where $n_i \geq 3$, the graph $C_n \cup kP_m$ where $m \geq 3$, the graph $C_n \cup C_m \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k P_{n_i}\right)$, where $n_i \geq 3$, the graph $C_n \cup C_m \cup kP_t$ where $t \geq 3$ are some of such graphs. To illustrate this a V -mean labeling of $C_{10} \cup P_4 \cup P_5$ and a V -mean labeling of $(C_8 \cup C_{12}) \cup K_{1,8}$ are given in Figure 8 and Figure 9 respectively.

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