Proyecciones Journal of Mathematics Vol. 42, N<sup>o</sup> 1, pp. 65-84, February 2023. Universidad Católica del Norte Antofagasta - Chile



# A note on *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of graphs

Harish Patodia Gauhati University, India and Helen K. Saikia Gauhati University, India Received : October 2021. Accepted : November 2022

#### Abstract

Let G = (V, E) be a graph. An m-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the graph G is defined by an injective function  $f: V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that there exists an induced function  $f^*: E \to \{0, 1\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) =$  $f(u) \cdot f(v)$  that satisfies the following conditions-

*i.* For every  $uv \in E$ ,

 $f^{*}(uv) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } f(u) \cdot f(v) \text{ is an } m\text{-}Zumkeller \text{ number} \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$ 

*ii.* 
$$|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| \le 1$$

where  $e_{f^*}(0)$  and  $e_{f^*}(1)$  denote the number of edges of the graph G having label 0 and 1 respectively under  $f^*$ .

In this paper we prove that there exist an m-Zumkeller cordial labeling of graphs in paths, cycles, comb graphs, ladder graphs, twig graphs, helm graphs, wheel graphs, crown graphs and star graphs.

**Key-Words:** *m-Zumkeller numbers, comb graphs, ladder graph,; twig graphs, helm graphs.* 

2010 Mathematics Subject Classification: 11Axx; 97F60; 05Cxx.

## 1. Introduction

exist or not.

A positive integer n is perfect if  $\sum_{d|n} d = 2n$ . 6,28,496 are the first few perfect numbers. Till now there are 51 known perfect numbers [9], all of which are even. It is unknown till now whether the odd perfect numbers

Many mathematician generalized the concept of perfect number time to time. One of such generalization is Zumkeller numbers. A positive integer n is Zumkeller [8] if we can partition the set of all the positive divisors of an integer n into two disjoint subsets such that sum of each partition subset is  $\frac{\sigma(n)}{2}$ , where  $\sigma(n)$  gives the sum of all the positive divisors of n.

In graph theory, a graph labeling is an assignment of labels by integers to the vertices or edges, or both of a graph subject to certain conditions. The first attempt of labeling of graphs was seen in [1] in mid 1960s. Various types of Zumkeller labeling of graphs are seen in the literature [2, 3, 6, 7].

Generalizing the concept of Zumkeller number H. Patodia and H. K. Saikia defined a new type of number as m-Zumkeller number in [5].

**Definition 1.1.** A positive integer n is an m-Zumkeller number if we can partition the set of all the positive divisors of n into two disjoint subsets of equal product.

In [4] *m*-Zumkeller labeling techniques of complete graphs and bipartite graphs are seen. In this paper, we discuss the cordial labeling of various graphs by *m*-Zumkeller numbers.

### 2. Properties of *m*-Zumkeller numbers

Various properties of m-Zumkeller numbers discussed in [5] are given below:

- 1. If n is an m-Zumkeller number, then  $\tau(n) \ge 4$ , where  $\tau(n)$  gives the number of positive divisors of n.
- 2. The integer  $n = \prod_{i=1}^{r} p_i^{\alpha_i}$  (where  $p_i^{\prime s}$  are distinct primes) is an *m*-Zumkeller number if and only if  $4|\alpha_i \tau(n), \forall i = 1, 2, ..., r$ .
- 3. The product of distinct prime numbers i.e.  $\prod_{i=1}^{r} p_i$  (where  $p_i^{'s}$  are distinct primes,  $r \ge 2$ ) are *m*-Zumkeller numbers.

4. The integers of the form  $2^k \prod_{i=1}^r p_i$  where k is any positive integer,  $r \ge 2$ and  $p_i^{'s}$  are distinct odd primes are *m*-Zumkeller numbers.

#### 3. Main Results

**Definition 3.1.** Let G = (V, E) be a graph. An *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the graph G is defined by an injective function  $f : V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that there exists an induced function  $f^* : E \to \{0, 1\}$  defined by

- $f^{*}(uv) = f(u) \cdot f(v)$  that satisfies the following conditions-
- i. For every  $uv \in E$ ,

 $f^{*}(uv) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } f(u) \cdot f(v) \text{ is an } m\text{-}Zumkeller \text{ number} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

ii.  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| \le 1$ 

where  $e_{f^*}(0)$  and  $e_{f^*}(1)$  denote the number of edges of the graph G having label 0 and 1 respectively under  $f^*$ .

**Definition 3.2.** If a graph G(V, E) admits an-*m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling then the graph G is known as *m*-Zumkeller cordial graph.

Example 3.1. Figure 1 gives an example of m-Zumkeller cordial graph.



Figure 1: *m*-Zumkeller cordial graph.

**Proposition 3.1.** A subgraph of an *m*-Zumkeller cordial graph need not be an *m*-Zumkeller cordial graph.

**Proof.** The proof is obvious.

**Proposition 3.2.** The path  $P_n$  with n vertices admits an m-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{v_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertex set and  $E = \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n-1\}$  be the edge set of the path  $P_n$ .

Define a 1-1 function  $f: V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that for i = 1, 3, 5, ...

$$f(v_i) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}}$$
$$f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}}p$$

where p is an odd prime and is less than 10.

Now the edge labels of  $P_n$  are given below,

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = f(v_i) \cdot f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p = 2^{i+2} p, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller}$$
  
number.

$$f^*(v_{i+1}v_{i+2}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(v_{i+2}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} = 2^{i+3} p, \text{ not an}$$
  
*m*-Zumkeller number.

Thus alternate edges of the path  $P_n$  have *m*-Zumkeller numbers.

Therefore,  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 0$  if *n* is odd.

and  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 1$  if *n* is even.

Hence, we can conclude that  $P_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.  $\Box$ 

**Example 3.2.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of path  $P_8$  and  $P_9$  for p = 5 are shown in figure 2 and figure 3 respectively.



Figure 2: 2-m-Zumkeller labeling of  $P_8$ .



Figure 3: 2-m-Zumkeller labeling of P<sub>9</sub>.

**Proposition 3.3.** The odd cycle  $C_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{v_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertex set and

 $E = \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{v_n v_1\} \text{ be the edge set of the odd}$ cycle  $C_n$ .

Now define an injective function  $f:V\to {\bf N}$  similarly as proposition 3.2 we get

$$f^* (v_i v_{i+1}) = 2^{i+2} p$$
$$f^* (v_{i+1} v_{i+2}) = 2^{i+3} p$$

Also

$$f^*(v_n v_1) = f(v_n) \cdot f(v_1) = 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \cdot 2 = 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}},$$

which may or may not be an m-Zumkeller number.

Hence, we can conclude that

$$|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 1.$$

Thus, the odd cycle  $C_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Example 3.3.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the odd cycle  $C_9$  for p = 5 is shown in figure 4.



Figure 4: *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the odd cycle  $C_9$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** The even cycle  $C_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling for  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{v_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertex set and

 $E = \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_n v_1\} \text{ be the edge set of the even cycle } C_n.$ 

Now define an injective function  $f:V\to {\bf N}$  similarly as proposition 3.2 we get,

$$f^* (v_i v_{i+1}) = 2^{i+2} p$$
$$f^* (v_{i+1} v_{i+2}) = 2^{i+3} p.$$

Thus till now we get  $\frac{n}{2}$  number of *m*-Zumkeller numbers and  $\frac{n}{2} - 1$  number of non *m*-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $C_n$ .

Now

$$f^*(v_n v_1) = f(v_n) \cdot f(v_1) = 2^{\frac{n+2}{2}} p \cdot 2 = 2^{\frac{n+4}{2}} p.$$

Therefore  $C_n$  is an *m*-Zumkeller cordial graph if  $2^{\frac{n+4}{2}}p$  is a non *m*-Zumkeller number i.e. if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Thus, we can conclude that even cycle  $C_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Example 3.4.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the even cycle  $C_8$  is shown in figure 5.



Figure 5: *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the even cycle  $C_8$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A comb graph is obtained by joining a single pendent edge to each vertex of a path. It is denoted by  $P_n \odot K_1$  and it contains 2n number of vertices and 2n - 1 number edges.

**Proposition 3.5.** The comb graph  $P_n \odot K_1$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{v_i, u_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertex set and

 $E = \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{v_i u_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the edge set of the comb graph  $P_n \odot K_1$ .

Define a 1-1 function  $f: V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that for i = 1, 3, 5, ...

$$f(v_i) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}}$$
$$f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}}p_1$$
$$f(u_i) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}}p_1$$
$$f(u_{i+1}) = p_2$$

where  $p_1, p_2$  are distinct odd primes and are less than 10. Now

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = f(v_i) \cdot f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_1 = 2^{i+2} p_1$$
, an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(v_{i+1}v_{i+2}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(v_{i+2}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_1 \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} = 2^{i+3} p_1, \text{ not an}$$
  
*m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^{*}(v_{i}u_{i}) = f(v_{i}) \cdot f(u_{i}) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} p_{1} = 2^{i+1} p_{1}$$
, not an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(v_{i+1}u_{i+1}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(u_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}}p_1 \cdot p_2 = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}}p_1 p_2$$
, an *m*-Zumkeller number.

Now, if n is even then we get total n number of m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $P_n \odot K_1$  and n-1 number of non-m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $P_n \odot K_1$ .

Hence, in this case  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 1$ .

Again if n is odd then we get total n-1 number of m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $P_n \odot K_1$  and n number of non-m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $P_n \odot K_1$ .

Thus, in this case also  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 1$ .

Hence,  $P_n \odot K_1$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Example 3.5.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the comb graphs  $P_7 \odot K_1$  and  $P_8 \odot K_1$  for  $p_1 = 3$ ,  $p_2 = 7$  are shown in figure 6 and figure 7 respectively.



**Figure 6:** *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of  $P_7 \odot K_1$ .



**Figure 7:** *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of  $P_8 \odot K_1$ .

**Definition 3.4.** The Ladder graph  $L_n$   $(n \ge 2)$  is defined as the product of two path graphs  $P_n$  and  $P_2$  i.e.  $L_n = P_n \times P_2$ . Ladder graph  $L_n$  contains 2n number of vertices and 3n - 2 number of edges.

**Proposition 3.6.** The ladder graph  $L_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{v_i, u_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertex set and  $E = \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{v_i u_i | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{u_j u_{j+1} | 1 \le j \le n-1\}$  be the edge set of the ladder graph  $L_n$ .

Define a 1-1 function  $f: V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that for  $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ 

$$f(v_i) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}}$$
$$f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}}p_1$$
$$f(u_i) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}}p_2$$
$$f(u_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}}$$

where  $p_1, p_2$  are distinct odd primes and are less than 10. Now

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = f(v_i) \cdot f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_1 = 2^{i+3} p_1$$
, not an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(v_{i+1}v_{i+2}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(v_{i+2}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_1 \cdot 2^{\frac{i+5}{2}} = 2^{i+4} p_1$$
, an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(v_i u_i) = f(v_i) \cdot f(u_i) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} p_2 = 2^{i+2} p_2, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$
$$f^*(v_{i+1} u_{i+1}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(u_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_1 \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} = 2^{i+3} p_1, \text{ not an}$$
$$m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = f(u_i) \cdot f(u_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} p_2 \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} = 2^{i+2} p_2$$
, an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(u_{i+1}u_{i+2}) = f(u_{i+1}) \cdot f(u_{i+2}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_2 = 2^{i+3} p_2, \text{ not an}$$
  
*m*-Zumkeller number.

Now, if n is even then we get total  $(\frac{n}{2}-1) + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} = \frac{3n}{2} - 1$  number of m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $L_n$  and  $\frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + (\frac{n}{2}-1) = \frac{3n}{2} - 1$ number of non m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $L_n$ .

Hence, in this case  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 0$ .

Again, if n is odd then we get total  $\frac{n-1}{2} + \left(\frac{n-1}{2} + 1\right) + \frac{n-1}{2} = \frac{3n-1}{2}$ number of m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $L_n$  and  $\frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2} = \frac{3(n-1)}{2}$  number of non m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of  $L_n$ .

Thus, in this case we have  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 1$ .

Hence, we can conclude that ladder graph  $L_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Example 3.6.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the ladder graph  $L_7$  and  $L_8$  for  $p_1 = 3$ ,  $p_2 = 5$  are shown in figure 8 and figure 9 respectively.



Figure 8: m-Zumkeller cordial labeling of  $L_7$ .



Figure 9: m-Zumkeller cordial labeling of  $L_8$ .

**Definition 3.5.** A twig graph [2] is a graph obtained from a path of n vertices  $P_n$  by attaching exactly two pendent edges to each internal vertex of  $P_n$ . If the number of vertices in the path  $P_n$  is even then the twig is called an even twig, otherwise its called an odd twig.

**Proposition 3.7.** The twig graph admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{u_j | 1 \le j \le n-2\} \cup \{v_i | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{w_k | 1 \le k \le n-2\}$ be the vertex set and  $E = \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{v_2 u_1\} \cup \{v_2 w_1\} \cup \{v_i u_{j+1} | 3 \le i \le n-1, 1 \le j \le n-3, i = j+2\} \cup \{v_i w_{k+1} | 3 \le i \le n-1, 1 \le k \le n-3, i = k+2\}$ be the edge set of the twig graph.

Now define an injective function  $f: V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that for  $i, j, k = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ 

$$f(u_j) = p_1$$
  

$$f(u_{j+1}) = 2^{\frac{j+3}{2}}p_2,$$
  

$$f(v_i) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}},$$
  

$$f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}}p_2,$$
  

$$f(w_k) = 2^{\frac{k+3}{2}},$$
  

$$f(w_{k+1}) = 2^{\frac{k+5}{2}}p_1$$

where  $p_1, p_2$  are distinct odd primes and are less than 10. Now,

$$f^*(v_i v_{i+1}) = f(v_i) \cdot f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_2 = 2^{i+2} p_2, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

$$f^*(v_{i+1} v_{i+2}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(v_{i+2}) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_2 \cdot 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} = 2^{i+3} p_2, \text{ not an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

$$f^*(v_2 u_1) = f(v_2) \cdot f(u_1) = 2^2 p_2 \cdot p_1 = 2^2 p_1 p_2, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

 $f^*(v_2w_1) = f(v_2) \cdot f(w_1) = 2^2 p_2 \cdot 2^2 = 2^4 p_2, \text{ an } m \text{ Zumkeller number.}$   $f^*(v_2w_1) = f(v_2) \cdot f(w_1) = 2^2 p_2 \cdot 2^2 = 2^4 p_2, \text{ not an } m \text{-Zumkeller number.}$   $f^*(v_iu_{j+1}) = f(v_i) \cdot f(u_{j+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{j+3}{2}} p_2 \text{ for } i \ge 3, j \ge 1 \text{ and } i = j+2$   $= 2^{j+3} p_2, \text{ not an } m \text{-Zumkeller number.}$ 

$$f^*(v_i w_{k+1}) = f(v_i) \cdot f(w_{k+1}) = 2^{\frac{i+1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{k+5}{2}} p_1 \text{ for } i \ge 3, k \ge 1 \text{ and } i = k+2$$
$$= 2^{k+4} p_1, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$
$$f^*(v_{i+1} u_j) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(u_j) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_2 \cdot p_1 \text{ for } i \ge 3, j \ge 3 \text{ and } i = j$$
$$= 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_1 p_2, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$
$$f^*(v_{i+1} w_k) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(w_k) = 2^{\frac{i+3}{2}} p_2 \cdot 2^{\frac{k+3}{2}} \text{ for } i \ge 3, k \ge 3 \text{ and } i = k$$
$$= 2^{i+3} p_2, \text{ not an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

Hence, we can see that if n is even the difference between the total number of Zumkeller labeling edges and non-Zumkeller labeling edges is 1 whereas if n is odd the difference is 0.

Thus, we can conclude that the twig graph admits an m-Zumkeller cordial labeling.  $\Box$ 





Figure 10: *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of an even twig graph.

**Example 3.8.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the odd twig graph for  $n = 9, p_1 = 3, p_2 = 7$  is shown in figure 11.



Figure 11: *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of an odd twig graph.

**Definition 3.6.** A wheel graph denoted by  $W_n$  is a graph formed by connecting a single universal vertex  $v_0$  to all the vertices of a cycle  $C_n$  i.e.  $W_n = K_1 + C_n$ .

**Definition 3.7.** The helm graph  $H_n$  is obtained by joining a pendent edge to each vertex of the wheel graph  $W_n$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** The helm graph  $H_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{v_0\} \cup \{v_i | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{u_j | 1 \le j \le n\}$  be the vertex set and  $E = \{ v_0 v_i | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{v_n v_1\} \cup \{v_i u_j | 1 \le i \le n, 1 \le j \le n\}$ 

be the edge set of the helm graph  $H_n$ .

Now define an injective function  $f: V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that for i, j = 3, 5, ...

$$\begin{array}{ll} f\left(v_{0}\right)=6, \qquad f\left(v_{1}\right)=9, \qquad f\left(v_{2}\right)=5, \qquad f\left(u_{1}\right)=3, \qquad f\left(u_{2}\right)=4\\ \qquad f\left(u_{j}\right)=2^{j}p_{1}\\ \qquad f\left(u_{j+1}\right)=2^{j+1}\\ \qquad f\left(v_{i}\right)=2^{i+1}\\ \qquad f\left(v_{i+1}\right)=2^{i+1}p_{2} \end{array}$$

where  $p_1, p_2$  are distinct odd primes and  $p_2 > 3$ .

Case 1. For the spokes  $f^*(v_0v_i)$  of  $H_n$  we have,

 $f^*(v_0v_1) = f(v_0) \cdot f(v_1) = 6 \times 9 = 54, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$   $f^*(v_0v_2) = f(v_0) \cdot f(v_2) = 6 \times 5 = 30, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$   $f^*(v_0v_i) = f(v_0) \cdot f(v_i) \text{ for } i \ge 3 = 6 \times 2^{i+1} = 2^{i+2} \times 3, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$   $f^*(v_0v_{i+1}) = f(v_0) \cdot f(v_{i+1}) \text{ for } i \ge 3 = 6 \times 2^{i+1}p_2 = 2^{i+2} \times 3p_2, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$ 

Hence, all the edges of the spokes of  $H_n$  have *m*-Zumkeller numbers. Thus we get *n* number of *m*-Zumkeller numbers for the spokes of  $H_n$ .

Case 2. For the edges on the cycle  $C_n$  of  $H_n$  we have,

$$f^{*}(v_{1}v_{2}) = f(v_{1}) \cdot f(v_{2}) = 9 \times 5 = 45, \text{ not an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

$$f^{*}(v_{2}v_{3}) = f(v_{2}) \cdot f(v_{3}) = 5 \times 2^{4}, \text{ not an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

$$f^{*}(v_{i}v_{i+1}) = f(v_{i}) \cdot f(v_{i+1}) \text{ for } i \geq 3 = 2^{i+1} \cdot 2^{i+1}p_{2} = 2^{2(i+1)}p_{2}, \text{ not }$$

$$an m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

$$f^{*}(w_{i}, w_{i}, v_{i}) = f(w_{i}, v_{i}) \quad f(w_{i}, v_{i}) \text{ for } i \geq 3 = 2^{i+1}m_{2} \cdot 2^{i+3} = 2^{2(i+2)}m_{2}$$

$$f^*(v_{i+1}v_{i+2}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(v_{i+2}) \text{ for } i \ge 3 = 2^{i+1}p_2 \cdot 2^{i+3} = 2^{2(i+2)}p_2,$$
  
not an *m*-Zumkeller number.

#### If n is odd then

$$f^*(v_n v_1) = f(v_n) \cdot f(v_1) = 2^{n+1} \times 9$$
, not an *m*-Zumkeller number.

If n is even then

 $f^*(v_n v_1) = f(v_n) \cdot f(v_1) = 2^n p_2 \times 9$ , not an *m*-Zumkeller number.

So, we get total n number of non m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of the cycle  $C_n$  of  $H_n$ .

Case 3. For the pendent edges  $f^*(v_i u_j)$  of  $H_n$  we have,

$$f^*(v_1u_1) = f(v_1) \cdot f(u_1) = 9 \times 3 = 27$$
, an *m*-Zumkeller number.  
 $f^*(v_2u_2) = f(v_2) \cdot f(u_2) = 5 \times 4 = 20$ , not an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(v_i u_j) = f(v_i) \cdot f(u_j) = 2^{i+1} \cdot 2^j p_1$$
, for  $i, j \ge 3, i = j$   
=  $2^{2i+1} p_1$ , an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(v_{i+1}u_{j+1}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(u_{j+1}) = 2^{i+1}p_2 \cdot 2^{j+1}, \text{ for } i, j \ge 3, i = j$$
$$= 2^{2(i+1)}p_2, \text{ not an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

Hence, for the pendent edges of  $H_n$  if n is odd we get total  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  number of non m-Zumkeller numbers and  $\frac{n-1}{2} + 1$  number of m-Zumkeller numbers. And if n is even then we get total  $\frac{n}{2}$  number of m-Zumkeller numbers and  $\frac{n}{2}$  number of non m-Zumkeller numbers on the pendent edges of  $H_n$ .

Thus, from the above three cases we can conclude that if n is odd then

$$|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 1$$

and if n even then

$$|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 0.$$

Hence, the helm graph  $H_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.  $\Box$ 

**Example 3.9.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the helm graph  $H_8$  and  $H_9$  for  $p_1 = 5$  and  $p_2 = 7$  are shown in figure 12 and figure 13 respectively.



Figure 12: *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the helm graph  $H_8$ .



Figure 13: m-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the helm graph  $H_9$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** The wheel graph  $W_n$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** If we remove the pendent edges from the helm graph  $H_n$ , then the proof follows from the proposition 3.8.

**Example 3.10.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the wheel graph  $W_7$  is shown in figure 14.



Figure 14: m-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the wheel graph  $W_7$ .

**Definition 3.8.** The crown graph  $C_n \odot K_1$  is obtained by joining a pendent edge to each vertex of cycle  $C_n$ .

**Proposition 3.10.** The crown graph  $C_n \odot K_1$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{v_i | 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{u_j | 1 \le j \le n\}$  be the vertex set and  $= \{v_i v_{i+1} | 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{v_n v_1\} \cup \{v_i u_j | 1 \le i \le n, 1 \le j \le n\}$ 

be the edge set of the crown graph  $C_n \odot K_1$ .

Now define an injective function  $f: V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that for i, j = 3, 5, ...

$$f(v_1) = 9, \qquad f(v_2) = 5, \qquad f(u_1) = 3, \qquad f(u_2) = 6$$
$$f(u_j) = 2^j p_1$$
$$f(u_{j+1}) = p_1$$
$$f(v_i) = 2^{i+1}$$
$$f(v_{i+1}) = 2^{i+1} p_2$$

where  $p_1, p_2$  are distinct odd primes and  $p_2 > 3$ .

Now, we have from the case 2 of the proposition 3.8 all the edges on the cycle  $C_n$  of  $C_n \odot K_1$  has non-Zumkeller number on it. Thus, we get total n number of non m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of the cycle  $C_n$ .

Again for the pendent edges  $f^*(v_i u_j)$  of the crown graph we have,

- $f^*(v_1u_1) = f(v_1) \cdot f(u_1) = 9 \times 3 = 27$ , an *m*-Zumkeller number.
- $f^{*}(v_{2}u_{2}) = f(v_{2}) \cdot f(u_{2}) = 5 \times 6 = 30$ , an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(v_i u_j) = f(v_i) \cdot f(u_j) = 2^{i+1} \cdot 2^j p_1$$
, for  $i, j \ge 3, i = j$ 

 $=2^{2i+1}p_1$ , an *m*-Zumkeller number.

$$f^*(v_{i+1}u_{j+1}) = f(v_{i+1}) \cdot f(u_{j+1}) = 2^{i+1}p_2 \cdot p_1, \text{ for } i, j \ge 3, i = j$$
$$= 2^{i+1}p_1p_2, \text{ an } m\text{-Zumkeller number.}$$

Thus, all the pendent edges of the crown graph has m-Zumkeller number on it. Therefore there are n number of m-Zumkeller numbers on the edges of the crown graph.

Hence, we can conclude that the crown graph  $C_n \odot K_1$  admits an *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Example 3.11.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the crown graph  $C_8 \odot K_1$  for  $p_1 = 5$  and  $p_2 = 7$  is shown in figure 15.



**Figure 15:** *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the crown graph  $C_8 \odot K_1$ .

**Definition 3.9.** A star graph  $S_n$  is a complete bipartite graph  $K_{1,n}$ .

**Proposition 3.11.** The star graph  $S_n$  admits an *m*-Zummkeller cordial labeling.

**Proof.** Let,  $V = \{v_0\} \cup \{v_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertex set and  $E = \{v_0v_i | 1 \le i \le n\}$  be the edge set of the star graph  $S_n$ .

Now define an injective function  $f: V \to \mathbf{N}$  such that for i = 1, 3, 5, ...

$$f(v_0) = p_1, f(v_i) = 2^{i+1}, f(v_{i+1}) = p_2$$

where  $p_1, p_2$  are distinct odd primes and are less than 10.

Now,

 $f^*(v_0v_i) = f(v_0) \cdot f(v_i) = p_1 \cdot 2^{i+1} = 2^{i+1}p_1$ , not an *m*-Zumkeller number.  $f^*(v_0v_{i+1}) = f(v_0) \cdot f(v_{i+1}) = p_1 \cdot p_2 = p_1p_2$ , an *m*-Zumkeller number. Therefore,  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 1$  if *n* is odd.

and  $|e_{f^*}(0) - e_{f^*}(1)| = 0$  if *n* is even.

Hence, we can conclude that the star graph  $S_n$  admits an m-Zumkeller cordial labeling.

**Example 3.12.** The *m*-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the star graph  $S_7$  for  $p_1 = 5$  and  $p_2 = 7$  is shown in figure 16.



Figure 16: m-Zumkeller cordial labeling of the star graph  $S_7$ .

## References

- [1] A. Rosa, *On certain valuations of the vertices of a graph, Theory of graphs* (International symposium, Rome, July 1966). New York: Gordon and Breach, 1967.
- [2] B. J. Balamurugan, K. Thirusangu, D. G. Thomas, "k-Zumkeller Labeling for Twig Graphs", *Electronic Notes in Discrete Mathematics*, vol. 48, pp. 119-126, 2015. doi: 10.1016/j.endm.2015.05.017
- [3] B. J. Murali, K. Thirusangu, B. J. Balamurugan, "Zumkeller Cordial Labeling of Cycle Related Graphs", *International journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics*, vol. 116 no. 3, pp. 617-627, 2017.

- [4] H. Patodia and H. K. Saikia, "m-Zumkeller Graphs", *Advances in Mathematics: Scientific Journal*, vol. 9, no. 7, pp. 4687-4694, 2020. doi: 10.37418/amsj.9.7.35
- [5] H. Patodia and H. K. Saikia, "On m-Zumkeller Numbers", *Bulletin of Calcutta Mathematical Society*, vol. 113, no. 1, pp. 53-60, 2021.
- [6] M. Basher, "k-Zumkeller labeling of super subdivision of some graphs", *Journal of the Egyptian Mathematical Society*, vol. 29, no. 12, 2021. doi: 10.1186/s42787-021-00121-y
- [7] M. Basher, "k-Zumkeller labeling of the cartesian and tensor product of paths and cycles", *Journal of Intelligent and Fuzzy Systems*, vol. 40, no. 3, pp. 5061-5070, 2021. doi: 10.3233/jifs-201765
- [8] Yuejian Peng, K.P.S. Bhaskara Rao, "On Zumkeller Numbers", Journal of Number Theory, vol. 133, pp. 1135-1155, 2013. doi: 10.1016/j.jnt.2012.09.020
- [9] Wikipedia, *List of perfect numbers.* [On line]. Available: https://en.m. Wikipedia.org/wiki/List of perfect numbers

#### Harish Patodia

Department of Mathematics, Gauhati University, Guwahati-781014 e-mail: harishp956@gmail.com Corresponding author

and

Helen K. Saikia Department of Mathematics, Gauhati University, Guwahati-781014 e-mail: hsaikia@yahoo.com orcid id: orcid.org/0000-0001-9052-3638 orcid.org/0000-0003-1971-9472