

## 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  $2n$ .

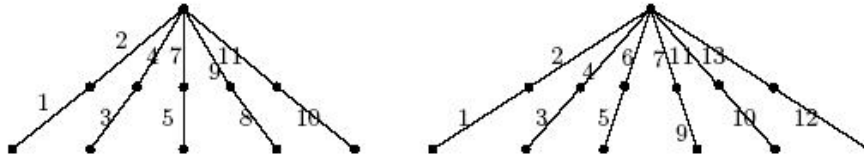


FIGURE 1.  $V$ -mean labeling of  $S(K_{1,5})$  and  $S(K_{1,6})$

**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.

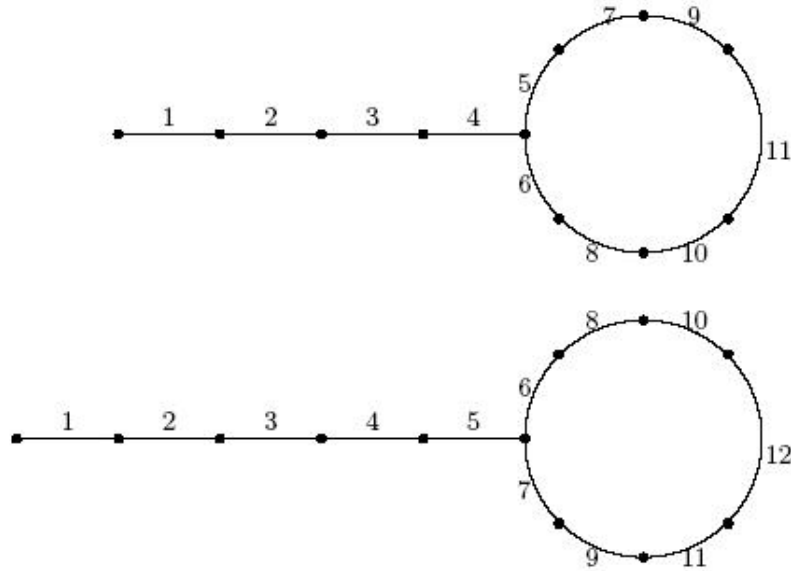


FIGURE 2.  $V$ -mean labelings of dragons

**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.

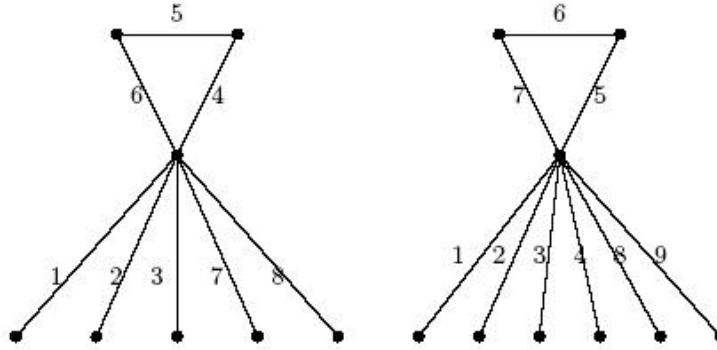


FIGURE 3.  $V$ -mean labeling of  $G$  obtained from  $K_{1,5}$  and  $K_{1,6}$

**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  $\alpha_k$  is assigned to  $v_{k+2}v_{k+3}$ , and  $\beta_k$  is assigned to  $v_{n-k}v_{n-k+1}$ .

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

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.

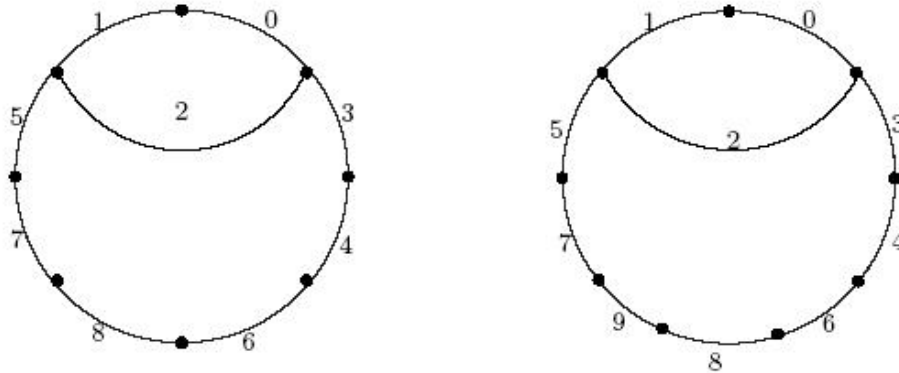


FIGURE 4.  $V$ -mean labeling of  $C_n(3, 1)$  for  $n = 8, 9$ .

**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.

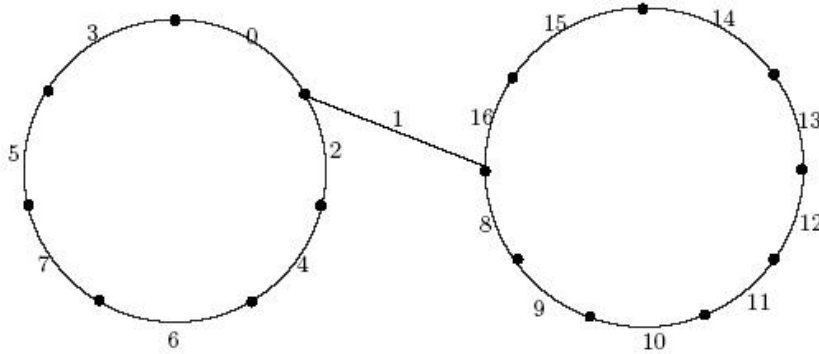


FIGURE 5. A  $V$ -mean labeling of a graph obtained from  $C_7$  and  $C_9$

**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:

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

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

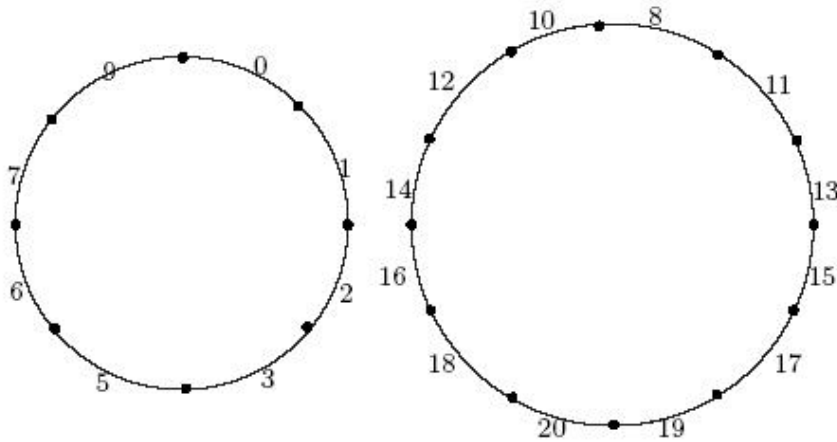
Then

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

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

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  $\alpha_k$  is assigned to  $v_{k+3}v_{k+4}$ , and  $\beta_k$  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
$v_4$	$\alpha_1 (= 5)$
$v_{k+4}, 1 \leq k \leq n - r - 1$	$\beta_k$
$v_{n-k+2}, 1 \leq k \leq r - 2$	$\alpha_{k+1}$

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
$v_6$	$\alpha_1 (= 7)$
$v_{k+6}, 1 \leq k \leq n - r - 2$	$\beta_k$
$v_{n-k+3}, 1 \leq k \leq r - 2$	$\alpha_{k+1}$

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  $\alpha_k$  is assigned to  $v_{k+5}v_{k+6}$ , and  $\beta_k$  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.

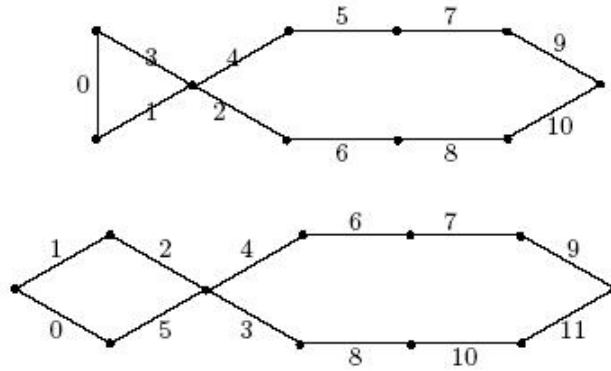


FIGURE 7.

### 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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